# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) October 1, 2018

# **Matador Resources Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-35410 (Commission File Number) 27-4662601 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 75240 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 371-5200

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Dere-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

# Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

#### **Purchase Agreement**

On August 21, 2018, Matador Resources Company (the "Company") issued \$750 million in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5.875% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "Initial Notes"). On October 1, 2018, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries (the "Guarantors") entered into a purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch"), as representative of the several initial purchasers named therein (collectively, the "Initial Purchasers"), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell \$300,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5.875% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "Additional Notes" and, together with the Initial Notes, the "Notes"). The Initial Notes and the Additional Notes will be treated as a single class of debt securities. The Company expects to receive net proceeds from the issuance and sale of the Additional Notes (the "Offering") of approximately \$297.6 million, after deducting the Initial Purchasers' discounts and estimated offering expenses but excluding accrued interest from August 21, 2018 paid by the Initial Purchasers. The Offering closed on October 4, 2018.

The Purchase Agreement contains customary representations and warranties of the parties and indemnification and contribution provisions under which the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other, have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Company has also agreed not to offer or sell certain debt securities for a period of 45 days after October 1, 2018, without the prior consent of Merrill Lynch.

The Additional Notes were offered and sold in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act. The Initial Purchasers intend to resell the Additional Notes to qualified institutional buyers in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S. The Additional Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state laws.

# Relationships

Certain of the Initial Purchasers and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking, commercial banking, advisory and other services for the Company and its affiliates, for which they have received, and may in the future receive, customary fees and expense reimbursement. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering to repay outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes. Affiliates of certain of the Initial Purchasers are agents, arrangers and/or lenders under the Company's revolving credit facility and will receive a portion of the net proceeds from the Offering in connection with the repayment of the Company's revolving credit facility.

# Indenture

On August 21, 2018, the Company entered into an Indenture (the "Indenture") among the Company, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, governing the terms of the Notes.

#### Interest and Maturity

The Notes will mature on September 15, 2026, and interest is payable on the Notes semiannually in arrears on each March 15 and September 15, and the first interest payment date for the Notes will be March 15, 2019. The Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by the Guarantors.

#### **Optional Redemption**

At any time prior to September 15, 2021, the Company may redeem up to 35% in aggregate principal amount of Notes at a redemption price of 105.875% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, in an amount not greater than the net proceeds of certain equity offerings so long as the redemption occurs within 180 days of completing such equity offering and at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes remains outstanding after such redemption.

In addition, at any time prior to September 15, 2021, the Company may redeem all or part of the Notes for cash at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus an applicable make-whole premium and accrued and unpaid interest. On and after September 15, 2021, the Company may redeem all or a part of the Notes at redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) equal to (i) 104.406% for the twelve-month period beginning on September 15, 2021; (ii) 102.938% for the twelve-month period beginning on September 15, 2022; (iii) 101.469% for the twelve-month period beginning on September 15, 2023; and (iv) 100.000% on September 15, 2024 and at any time thereafter, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the applicable redemption date.

# Change of Control

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control (as defined in the Indenture), unless the Company has exercised its optional redemption right in respect of the Notes, the holders of the Notes will have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or a portion of the Notes at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of purchase.

### Certain Covenants

The Indenture restricts the Company's ability and the ability of certain of its subsidiaries to: (i) incur or guarantee additional debt or issue certain types of preferred stock; (ii) pay dividends on capital stock or redeem, repurchase or retire its capital stock or subordinated indebtedness; (iii) transfer or sell assets; (iv) make certain investments; (v) create certain liens; (vi) enter into agreements that restrict dividends or other payments from its Restricted Subsidiaries (as defined in the Indenture) to the Company; (vii) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of its assets; (viii) enter into transactions with affiliates; and (ix) create unrestricted subsidiaries. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. At any time when the Notes are rated investment grade by both Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and S&P Global Ratings, many of these covenants will terminate.

# Events of Default

The Indenture provides that each of the following is an Event of Default:

- default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the Notes;
- default in the payment when due of the principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes;
- failure by the Company to comply with its obligations to offer to purchase or purchase notes when required pursuant to the change of control
  or asset sale provisions of the Indenture or its failure to comply with the covenant relating to merger, consolidation or sale of assets;
- failure by the Company for 180 days after notice to comply with its reporting obligations under the Indenture;
- failure by the Company for 60 days after notice to comply with any of the other agreements in the Indenture;
- payment defaults and accelerations with respect to other indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the aggregate principal amount of \$50.0 million or more;
- failure by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary to pay certain final judgments aggregating in excess of \$50.0 million within 60 days;
- any subsidiary guarantee by a Guarantor ceases to be in full force and effect, is declared null and void in a judicial proceeding or is denied or disaffirmed by its maker; and
- certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a significant subsidiary or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a significant subsidiary.

#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

On October 4, 2018, in connection with the issuance and sale of the Additional Notes, the Company, the Guarantors and Merrill Lynch entered into a registration rights agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement"). Under the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company and the Guarantors have agreed to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") with respect to an offer to exchange the Additional Notes for substantially identical notes that are registered under the Securities Act. Under some circumstances, in lieu of, or in addition to, a registered exchange offer, the Company and the Guarantors have agreed to file a shelf registration statement with respect to the Additional Notes. The Company and the Guarantors are required to pay additional interest on the Additional Notes if they fail to comply with their obligations to consummate the offer to exchange within 365 days of October 4, 2018.

#### **Credit Agreement Amendment**

On September 28, 2012, the Company, as a guarantor, along with certain other guarantors thereto, MRC Energy Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company ("MRC"), as borrower, the lenders party thereto (the "Lenders") and Royal Bank of Canada, as administrative agent, entered into an amended and restated senior secured revolving credit agreement (as amended, the "Revolving Credit Agreement"). For a summary of key terms of the Revolving Credit Agreement, see the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the SEC on March 1, 2018, which description is

incorporated herein by reference. On October 1, 2018, MRC, as borrower, entered into an amendment (the "Amendment") to the Revolving Credit Agreement (as further amended, the "Credit Agreement"), and the Company reaffirmed its guaranty of MRC's obligations under the Credit Agreement. The Amendment amends the Revolving Credit Agreement to allow for the issuance of the Additional Notes.

The foregoing descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Purchase Agreement, the Indenture, the Registration Rights Agreement and the Amendment, copies of which are filed as Exhibits 10.1, 4.1, 4.2 and 10.2, respectively, to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information included, or incorporated by reference, in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

# Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 1, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Company upsized and priced the Offering. The Offering was upsized from the previously announced \$250,000,000 in aggregate principal amount. A copy of such press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

# (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
4.1	Indenture, dated as of August 21, 2018, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 21, 2018).
4.2	Registration Rights Agreement, dated October 4, 2018, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representative of the several initial purchasers named therein.
10.1	Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2018, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representative of the several initial purchasers named therein.
10.2	Twelfth Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October <u>1</u> , 2018, by and among MRC Energy Company, as Borrower, the Lenders party thereto and Royal Bank of Canada, as Administrative Agent.
99.1	Press Release, dated October 1, 2018.

SIGNATURE

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

Date: October 4, 2018

# MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

By: /s/ Craig N. Adams

Name:Craig N. AdamsTitle:Executive Vice President

Exhibit 4.2

**Execution Version** 

#### \$300,000,000

## MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

#### 5.875% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2026

# **REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

October 4, 2018

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED As Representative of the Initial Purchasers c/o Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Matador Resources Company, a Texas corporation (the "**Issuer**"), proposes to issue and sell to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and the other several Initial Purchasers named in Schedule A to the Purchase Agreement (as defined below) (collectively, the "**Initial Purchasers**"), upon the terms set forth in a purchase agreement dated October 1, 2018 (the "**Purchase Agreement**"), \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 5.875% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "**Initial Securities**") to be unconditionally guaranteed (the "**Guarantees**") by certain of the Issuer's subsidiaries who are signatories hereto as guarantors (collectively, the "**Guarantors**" and together with the Issuer, the "**Company**"). The Initial Securities will be issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of August 21, 2018 (the "**Indenture**"), by and among the Issuer, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the "**Trustee**").

As an inducement to the Initial Purchasers, the Company agrees with the Initial Purchasers, for the benefit of the holders of the Initial Securities (including, without limitation, the Initial Purchasers), the Exchange Securities (as defined below) and the Private Exchange Securities (as defined below) (collectively, the "**Holders**"), as follows:

1. *Registered Exchange Offer*. The Company shall, at its own cost, prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") a registration statement (the "**Exchange Offer Registration Statement**") on an appropriate form under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), with respect to a proposed offer (the "**Registered Exchange Offer**") to the Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities (as defined in <u>Section 6(d)</u> hereof), who are not prohibited by any law or policy of the Commission from participating in the Registered Exchange Offer, to issue and deliver to such Holders, in exchange for the Initial Securities, a like aggregate principal amount of debt securities (the "**Exchange Securities**") of the Company issued under the Indenture and identical in all material respects to the Initial Securities (except for the transfer restrictions relating to the Initial Securities and the provisions relating to

the matters described in <u>Section 6(d)</u> hereof) that would be registered under the Securities Act. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause such Exchange Offer Registration Statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act and shall keep the Registered Exchange Offer open for not less than 20 business days (or longer, if required by applicable law) after the date notice of the Registered Exchange Offer is mailed to the Holders.

If the Company commences the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company will be entitled to close the Registered Exchange Offer 30 days after the commencement thereof; *provided*, that the Company has accepted all the Initial Securities theretofore validly tendered, and not withdrawn, in accordance with the terms of the Registered Exchange Offer.

Following the declaration of the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly commence the Registered Exchange Offer, it being the objective of such Registered Exchange Offer to enable each Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities electing to exchange the Initial Securities for Exchange Securities (assuming that such Holder is not an affiliate of the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, acquires the Exchange Securities in the ordinary course of such Holder's business and has no arrangements or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the Exchange Securities from and after their receipt without any limitations or restrictions under the Securities Act and without material restrictions under the securities laws of the several states of the United States; *provided, however*, that the Exchanging Dealers (as defined below) will be required to deliver a prospectus in connection with resales of Exchange Securities.

The Company acknowledges that, pursuant to current interpretations by the Commission's staff of Section 5 of the Securities Act, in the absence of an applicable exemption therefrom, (i) each Holder which is a broker-dealer electing to exchange Initial Securities, acquired for its own account as a result of market making activities or other trading activities, for Exchange Securities (an "**Exchanging Dealer**"), is required to deliver a prospectus containing the information set forth in (a)<u>Annex A</u> hereto on the cover, (b)<u>Annex B</u> hereto in the "Exchange Offer Procedures" section and the "Purpose of the Exchange Offer" section, and (c)<u>Annex C</u> hereto in the "Plan of Distribution" section, of such prospectus in connection with a sale of any such Exchange Securities received by such Exchanging Dealer pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer and (ii) an Initial Purchaser that elects to sell Exchange Securities acquired in exchange for Initial Securities constituting any portion of an unsold allotment is required to deliver a prospectus containing the information required by Items 507 or 508 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, as applicable, in connection with such sale.

The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement effective and to amend and supplement the prospectus contained therein, in order to permit such prospectus to be lawfully delivered by all persons subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act for such period of time as such persons must comply with such requirements in order to resell the Exchange Securities; *provided, however*, that (i) in the case where such prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto must be delivered by an Exchanging Dealer or an Initial Purchaser, such period shall be the lesser of 180 days and the date on which all Exchanging Dealers and the Initial Purchasers have sold all Exchange Securities held

by them (unless such period is extended pursuant to <u>Section 3(j)</u> below) and (ii) the Company shall make such prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any resale of any Exchange Securities for a period of not less than 180 days after the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer.

If, upon consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer, any Initial Purchaser holds Initial Securities acquired by it as part of its initial distribution, the Company, simultaneously with the delivery of the Exchange Securities pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer, shall issue and deliver to such Initial Purchaser upon the written request of such Initial Purchaser, in exchange (the "**Private Exchange**") for the Initial Securities held by such Initial Purchaser, a like principal amount of debt securities of the Company issued under the Indenture and identical in all material respects (including the existence of restrictions on transfer under the Securities Act and the securities laws of the several states of the United States, but excluding provisions relating to the matters described in <u>Section 6</u> hereof) to the Initial Securities (the "**Private Exchange Securities**"). The Initial Securities, the Exchange Securities and the Private Exchange Securities are herein collectively called the "**Securities**."

In connection with the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

(a) deliver to each Holder a copy of the prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, together with an appropriate Letter of Transmittal and related documents;

(b) keep the Registered Exchange Offer open for not less than 20 business days (or longer, if required by applicable law) after the date notice thereof is mailed to the Holders;

(c) utilize the services of a depositary for the Registered Exchange Offer, which may be the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee;

(d) permit Holders to withdraw tendered Securities at any time prior to the close of business, New York time, on the last business day on which the Registered Exchange Offer shall remain open; and

(e) otherwise comply with all applicable laws.

As soon as practicable after the close of the Registered Exchange Offer or the Private Exchange, as the case may be, the Company shall:

(x) accept for exchange all Securities validly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer and the Private Exchange; and

(y) cause the Trustee to deliver promptly to each Holder of Initial Securities, Exchange Securities or Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be, equal in principal amount to the Initial Securities of such Holder so accepted for exchange.

The Indenture will provide that the Exchange Securities will not be subject to the transfer restrictions set forth in the Indenture and that all the Securities will vote and consent together on all matters as one class and that none of the Securities will have the right to vote or consent as a class separate from one another on any matter.

Interest on each Exchange Security and Private Exchange Security issued pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer and in the Private Exchange will accrue from the last interest payment date on which interest was paid on the Initial Securities surrendered in exchange therefor or, if no interest has been paid on the Initial Securities, from the date of original issue of the Initial Securities.

Each Holder participating in the Registered Exchange Offer shall be required to represent to the Company that at the time of the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer (i) any Exchange Securities received by such Holder will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business, (ii) such Holder has no arrangements or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the Initial Securities or the Exchange Securities within the meaning of the Securities Act, (iii) such Holder is not an "affiliate," as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act ("**Rule 405**"), of the Company or if it is an affiliate, such Holder will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to the extent applicable, (iv) if such Holder is not a broker-dealer, that it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, the distribution of the Exchange Securities and (v) if such Holder is a broker-dealer, that it will receive Exchange Securities for its own account in exchange for Initial Securities that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities and that it will be required to acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities.

Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, the Company will ensure that (i) any Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment thereto and any prospectus forming part thereof and any supplement thereto comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, (ii) any Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment thereto do not, when they become effective, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (iii) any prospectus forming part of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, and any supplement to such prospectus, do not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

2. *Shelf Registration*. If, (i) because of any change in law or in applicable interpretations thereof by the staff of the Commission, the Company is not permitted to effect a Registered Exchange Offer, as contemplated by <u>Section 1</u> hereof, (ii) the Registered Exchange Offer is not consummated within 365 days of October 4, 2018 (the "Issue Date"), (iii) any Initial Purchaser so requests with respect to the Initial Securities (or the Private Exchange Securities) not eligible to be exchanged for Exchange Securities in the Registered Exchange Offer and held by it following consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer or (iv) any Holder (other than an Exchanging Dealer) is not eligible to participate in the Registered Exchange Offer or, in the case of any Holder (other than an Exchanging Dealer) that participates in the Registered Exchange Offer, such Holder does not receive freely tradeable Exchange Securities on the date of the exchange, the Company shall take the following actions:

(a) The Company shall, at its cost, as promptly as practicable (but in no event more than 30 days after so required or requested pursuant to this <u>Section 2</u>) file with the Commission and thereafter shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause to be declared effective (unless it becomes effective automatically upon filing) a registration statement (the "**Shelf Registration Statement**" and, together with the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, a "**Registration Statement**") on an appropriate form under the Securities Act relating to the offer and sale of the Transfer Restricted Securities by the Holders thereof from time to time in accordance with the methods of distribution set forth in the Shelf Registration Statement and Rule 415 under the Securities Act (hereinafter, the "**Shelf Registration**") on or prior to the 365th day following the Issue Date in the case of clauses (i) or (ii) above and on or prior to the 180th day after the date on which the Shelf Registration Statement is required to be filed in the case of clauses (iii) and (iv) above; *provided, however*, that no Holder (other than an Initial Purchaser) shall be entitled to have the Securities held by it covered by such Shelf Registration Statement unless such Holder agrees in writing to be bound by all the provisions of this Agreement applicable to such Holder.

(b) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective, in order to permit the prospectus included therein to be lawfully delivered by the Holders of the relevant Securities, for a period of two years (or for such longer period if extended pursuant to <u>Section 3(j)</u> below) from the date of its effectiveness or such shorter period that will terminate when all the Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement (i) have been sold pursuant thereto or (ii) may be sold without any limitations by non-affiliates of the Company under clause (d)(1)(i) of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, or any successor rule thereof, *provided, however*, that the six month period shall be replaced with one year (the "**Shelf Registration Period**"). The Company shall be deemed not to have used its reasonable best efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement effective during the Shelf Registration Period if it voluntarily takes any action that would result in Holders of Securities covered thereby not being able to offer and sell such Securities during that period, unless such action is required by applicable law.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall cause (i) the Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment thereto and any related prospectus and any supplement thereto, as of the effective date of the Shelf Registration Statement, amendment or supplement, to comply in all material respects with the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, (ii) the Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment thereto not to contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading and (iii) the prospectus related to the Shelf Registration Statement, and any supplement to such prospectus, not to include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

3. *Registration Procedures*. In connection with any Shelf Registration contemplated by <u>Section 2</u> hereof and, to the extent applicable, any Registered Exchange Offer contemplated by <u>Section 1</u> hereof, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) The Company shall (i) furnish to each Initial Purchaser, prior to the filing thereof with the Commission, a copy of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereof and each supplement, if any, to the prospectus included therein and, in the event that an Initial Purchaser (with respect to any portion of an unsold allotment from the original offering) is participating in the Registered Exchange Offer or the Shelf Registration Statement, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to reflect in each such document, when so filed with the Commission, such comments as such Initial Purchaser reasonably may propose; (ii) include the information set forth in <u>Annex A</u> hereto on the cover, in <u>Annex</u> B hereto in the "Exchange Offer Procedures" section and the "Purpose of the Exchange Offer" section and in Annex C hereto in the "Plan of Distribution" section of the prospectus forming a part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and include the information set forth in Annex D hereto in the Letter of Transmittal delivered pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer; (iii) if requested by an Initial Purchaser, include the information required by Items 507 or 508 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, as applicable, in the prospectus forming a part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement; (iv) include within the prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement a section entitled "Plan of Distribution," reasonably acceptable to the Initial Purchasers, which shall contain a summary statement of the positions taken or policies made by the staff of the Commission with respect to the potential "underwriter" status of any broker-dealer that is the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) of Exchange Securities received by such broker-dealer in the Registered Exchange Offer (a "Participating Broker-Dealer"), whether such positions or policies have been publicly disseminated by the staff of the Commission or such positions or policies, in the reasonable judgment of the Initial Purchasers based upon advice of counsel (which may be in-house counsel), represent the prevailing views of the staff of the Commission; and (v) in the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, include in the prospectus included in the Shelf Registration Statement (or, if permitted by Rule 430B(b) under the Securities Act, in a prospectus supplement that becomes a part thereof pursuant to Rule 430B(f) under the Securities Act) that is delivered to any Holder pursuant to Section 3(d) and (f), the names of the Holders, who propose to sell Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, as selling securityholders.

(b) The Company shall give written notice to the Initial Purchasers, the Holders of the Securities proposed to be sold under the Shelf Registration Statement and any Participating Broker-Dealer from whom the Company has received prior written notice that it will be a Participating Broker-Dealer in the Registered Exchange Offer (which notice pursuant to clauses (ii)-(v) hereof shall be accompanied by an instruction to suspend the use of the prospectus until the requisite changes have been made):

(i) when the Registration Statement or any amendment thereto has been filed with the Commission and when the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has become effective;

(ii) of any request by the Commission for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the prospectus included therein or for additional information;

(iii) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose, of the issuance by the Commission of a notification of objection to the use of the form on which the Registration Statement has been filed, and of the happening of any event that causes the Company to become an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405;

(iv) of the receipt by the Company or its legal counsel of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; and

(v) of the happening of any event that requires the Company to make changes in the Registration Statement or the prospectus in order that the Registration Statement or the prospectus do not contain an untrue statement of a material fact nor omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein (in the case of the prospectus, in light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading.

(c) The Company shall make every reasonable effort to obtain the withdrawal at the earliest possible time, of any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement.

(d) The Company shall furnish to each Holder of Securities included within the coverage of the Shelf Registration, without charge, at least one copy of the Shelf Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment or supplement thereto, including financial statements and schedules, and, if the Holder so requests in writing, all exhibits thereto (including those, if any, incorporated by reference). The Company shall not, without the prior consent of the Initial Purchasers, make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute a "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405.

(e) The Company shall deliver to each Initial Purchaser, and to any other Holder who so requests, without charge, at least one copy of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules, and, if any Initial Purchaser or any such Holder requests, all exhibits thereto (including those incorporated by reference).

(f) The Company shall, during the Shelf Registration Period, deliver to each Holder of Securities included within the coverage of the Shelf Registration, without charge, as many copies of the prospectus (including each preliminary prospectus) included in the Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as such person may reasonably request. The Company consents, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, to the use of the prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders of the Securities in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities covered by the prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, included in the Shelf Registration Statement.

(g) The Company shall deliver to each Initial Purchaser, any Exchanging Dealer, any Participating Broker-Dealer and such other persons required to deliver a prospectus following the Registered Exchange Offer, without charge, as many copies of the final prospectus included in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and any amendment or supplement thereto as such persons may reasonably request. The Company consents, subject to the provisions of this Agreement, to the use of the prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by any Initial Purchaser, if necessary, any Participating Broker-Dealer and such other persons required to deliver a prospectus following the Registered Exchange Offer in connection with the offering and sale of the Exchange Securities covered by the prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, included in such Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

(h) Prior to any public offering of the Securities, pursuant to any Registration Statement, the Company shall register or qualify or cooperate with the Holders of the Securities included therein and their respective counsel in connection with the registration or qualification of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities or "blue sky" laws of such states of the United States as any Holder of the Securities reasonably requests in writing and do any and all other acts or things reasonably necessary or advisable to enable the offer and sale in such jurisdictions of the Securities covered by such Registration Statement; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be required to (i) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not then so qualified or (ii) take any action which would subject it to general service of process or to taxation in any jurisdiction where it is not then so subject.

(i) To the extent the Securities are not in book-entry form, the Company shall cooperate with the Holders of the Securities to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing the Securities to be sold pursuant to any Registration Statement free of any restrictive legends and in such denominations and registered in such names as the Holders may request a reasonable period of time prior to sales of the Securities pursuant to such Registration Statement.

(j) Upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by clauses (ii) through (v) of <u>Section 3(b)</u> above during the period for which the Company is required to maintain an effective Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly prepare and file a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or a supplement to the related prospectus and any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to Holders of the Securities or purchasers of Securities, the prospectus will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. If the Company notifies the Initial Purchasers, the Holders of the prospectus until the requisite changes to the prospectus have been made, then the Initial Purchasers, the Holders of the Securities and any such Participating Broker-Dealers shall suspend use of such prospectus, and the period of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement provided for in <u>Section 1</u> above shall each be extended by the number of days from and including the date of the giving of

such notice to and including the date when the Initial Purchasers, the Holders of the Securities and any known Participating Broker-Dealer shall have received such amended or supplemented prospectus pursuant to this <u>Section 3(j)</u>. During the period during which the Company is required to maintain an effective Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to this Agreement, the Company will prior to the three-year expiration of that Shelf Registration Statement file, and use its reasonable best efforts to cause to be declared effective (unless it becomes effective automatically upon filing) within a period that avoids any interruption in the ability of Holders of Securities covered by the expiring Shelf Registration Statement to make registered dispositions, a new registration statement relating to the Securities, which shall be deemed the "Shelf Registration Statement" for purposes of this Agreement.

(k) Not later than the effective date of the applicable Registration Statement, the Company will provide a CUSIP number for the Initial Securities, the Exchange Securities or the Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be, and provide the Trustee with certificates for the Initial Securities, the Exchange Securities or the Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be, in a form eligible for deposit with The Depository Trust Company.

(1) The Company will comply with all rules and regulations of the Commission to the extent and so long as they are applicable to the Registered Exchange Offer or the Shelf Registration and will make generally available to its security holders (or otherwise provide in accordance with Section 11(a) of the Securities Act) an earnings statement satisfying the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act, no later than 45 days after the end of a 12-month period (or 90 days, if such period is a fiscal year) beginning with the first month of the Company's first fiscal quarter commencing after the effective date of the Registration Statement, which statement shall cover such 12-month period.

(m) The Company shall cause the Indenture to be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, in a timely manner and containing such changes, if any, as shall be necessary for such qualification. In the event that such qualification would require the appointment of a new trustee under the Indenture, the Company shall appoint a new trustee thereunder pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Indenture.

(n) The Company may require each Holder of Securities to be sold pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement to furnish to the Company such information regarding the Holder and the distribution of the Securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably require for inclusion in the Shelf Registration Statement, and the Company may exclude from such registration the Securities of any Holder that unreasonably fails to furnish such information within a reasonable time after receiving such request.

(o) The Company shall enter into such customary agreements (including, if requested, an underwriting agreement in customary form) and take all such other action, if any, as any Holder of the Securities shall reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of the Securities pursuant to any Shelf Registration.

(p) In the case of any Shelf Registration, the Company shall (i) make reasonably available for inspection by the Holders of the Securities, any underwriter participating in any disposition pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by the Holders of the Securities or any such underwriter all relevant financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company and (ii) cause the Company's officers, directors, employees, accountants and auditors to supply all relevant information reasonably requested by the Holders of the Securities or any such underwriter, attorney, accountant or agent in connection with the Shelf Registration Statement, in each case, as shall be reasonably necessary to enable such persons, to conduct a reasonable investigation within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act; *provided, however*, that the foregoing inspection and information gathering shall be coordinated on behalf of the Initial Purchasers by you and on behalf of the other parties, by one counsel designated by and on behalf of such other parties as described in Section 4 hereof; *provided, further, however*, that any information that is designated in writing by the Company, in good faith, as confidential at the time of delivery of such information shall be kept confidential by the Holders or any such underwriter, attorney, accountant or other agent, unless such disclosure is made in connection with a court proceeding or required by law, or such information is or becomes available to the public generally or through a third party without, to the knowledge of any recipient of confidential information, an accompanying obligation of confidentiality or is independently developed.

(q) In the case of any Shelf Registration, the Company, if requested by any Holder of the Securities covered thereby, shall cause (i) its counsel to deliver an opinion and updates thereof relating to the Securities in customary form addressed to such Holders and the managing underwriters, if any, thereof and dated, in the case of the initial opinion, the effective date of such Shelf Registration Statement (it being agreed that the matters to be covered by such opinion shall include, without limitation, the good standing of the Company and its subsidiaries; the due authorization, execution and delivery of the relevant agreement of the type referred to in Section 3(0) hereof; the due authorization, execution, authentication and issuance, and the validity and enforceability, of the applicable Securities; the absence of governmental approvals required to be obtained in connection with the Shelf Registration Statement, the offering and sale of the applicable Securities, or any agreement of the type referred to in Section 3(o) hereof; the compliance as to form of such Shelf Registration Statement and any documents incorporated by reference therein and of the Indenture with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Trust Indenture Act, respectively; and (A) as of the date of the opinion and as of the effective date of the Shelf Registration Statement or most recent post-effective amendment thereto, as the case may be, the absence from such Shelf Registration Statement and the prospectus included therein, as then amended or supplemented, and from any documents incorporated by reference therein and (B) as of an applicable time identified by such Holders or managing underwriters, the absence from such prospectus taken together with any other documents identified by such Holders or managing underwriters, in the case of (A) and (B), of an untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading (in the case of any such incorporated documents, in the light of the circumstances existing at the time that such documents were filed with the Commission under the Exchange Act); (ii) its officers to execute and deliver all customary documents and certificates and updates

thereof requested by any underwriters of the applicable Securities and (iii) its independent public accountants and the independent public accountants with respect to any other entity for which financial information is provided in the Shelf Registration Statement to provide to the selling Holders of the applicable Securities and any underwriter therefor a comfort letter in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in comfort letters in connection with primary underwritten offerings, subject to receipt of appropriate documentation as contemplated, and only if permitted, by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 72.

(r) In the case of the Registered Exchange Offer, if requested by any Initial Purchaser or any known Participating Broker-Dealer, the Company shall cause (i) its counsel to deliver to such Initial Purchaser or such Participating Broker-Dealer signed opinions in the form set forth in Section 5(b) of the Purchase Agreement with such changes as are customary in connection with the preparation of a Registration Statement and (ii) its independent public accountants and the independent public accountants with respect to any other entity for which financial information is provided in the Registration Statement to deliver to such Initial Purchaser or such Participating Broker-Dealer a comfort letter, in customary form, meeting the requirements as to the substance thereof as set forth in Sections 5(a) and 5(b) of the Purchase Agreement, with appropriate date changes.

(s) If a Registered Exchange Offer or a Private Exchange is to be consummated, upon delivery of the Initial Securities by Holders to the Company (or to such other person as directed by the Company) in exchange for the Exchange Securities or the Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be, the Company shall mark, or cause to be marked, on the Initial Securities so exchanged that such Initial Securities are being canceled in exchange for the Exchange Securities or the Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be; in no event shall the Initial Securities be marked as paid or otherwise satisfied.

(t) The Company will use its reasonable best efforts to (a) if the Initial Securities have been rated prior to the initial sale of such Initial Securities, confirm such ratings will apply to the Securities covered by a Shelf Registration Statement, or (b) if the Initial Securities were not previously rated, cause the Securities covered by a Shelf Registration Statement to be rated with the appropriate rating agencies, but in each case only if so requested by Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Securities covered by such Registration Statement, or by the managing underwriters, if any.

(u) In the event that any broker-dealer registered under the Exchange Act shall underwrite any Securities or participate as a member of an underwriting syndicate or selling group or "assist in the distribution" (within the meaning of the Conduct Rules (the "**Rules**") of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("**FINRA**")) thereof, whether as a Holder of such Securities or as an underwriter, a placement or sales agent or a broker or dealer in respect thereof, or otherwise, the Company will assist such broker-dealer in complying with the requirements of such Rules, including, without limitation, by (i) if such Rules, including Rule 2720, shall so require, engaging a "qualified independent underwriter" (as defined in Rule 2720) to participate in the preparation of the Registration Statement relating to such Securities, to exercise usual standards of due diligence in respect thereto and, if any portion of the offering contemplated by such Registration Statement is an underwritten

offering or is made through a placement or sales agent, to recommend the yield of such Securities, (ii) indemnifying any such qualified independent underwriter to the extent of the indemnification of underwriters provided in <u>Section 5</u> hereof and (iii) providing such information to such broker-dealer as may be required in order for such broker-dealer to comply with the requirements of the Rules.

(v) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to take all other steps necessary to effect the registration of the Securities covered by a Registration Statement contemplated hereby.

4. *Registration Expenses*. The Company shall bear all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations under <u>Sections 1</u> through 3 hereof (including the reasonable fees and expenses, if any, of counsel for the Initial Purchasers incurred in connection with the Registered Exchange Offer), whether or not the Registered Exchange Offer or a Shelf Registration is filed or becomes effective, and, in the event of a Shelf Registration, shall bear or reimburse the Holders of the Securities covered thereby for the reasonable fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel designated by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Initial Securities covered thereby to act as counsel for the Holders of the Initial Securities in connection therewith. Each Holder shall be responsible for paying all underwriting discounts and commissions, if any, relating to the sale or disposition of such Holder's Securities pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement.

#### 5. Indemnification.

(a) The Company and each of the Guarantors, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder of the Securities, any Participating Broker-Dealer and each person, if any, who controls such Holder or such Participating Broker-Dealer within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act (each Holder, any Participating Broker-Dealer and such controlling persons are referred to collectively as the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, or any actions in respect thereof (including, but not limited to, any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or actions relating to purchases and sales of the Securities) to which each Indemnified Party may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or actions arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in a Registration Statement or prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus or "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433 under the Securities Act ("Issuer FWP"), relating to a Shelf Registration, or arise out of, or are based upon, the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and shall reimburse, as incurred, the Indemnified Parties for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action in respect thereof; provided, however, that the Company and each Guarantor will not be liable in any such case to the extent that such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in a Registration Statement or prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus or Issuer FWP relating to a Shelf Registration in reliance upon and in conformity with written information pertaining to such Holder and furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Holder specifically for inclusion therein.

(b) Each Holder of the Securities, severally and not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each Guarantor, their directors and officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company or such Guarantor within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act from and against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities or any actions in respect thereof, to which the Company or any such Guarantor, their directors and officers or any such controlling person may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or actions arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in a Registration Statement or prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus or Issuer FWP relating to a Shelf Registration, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or the alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but in each case only to the extent that the untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission was made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information pertaining to such Holder and furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Holder specifically for inclusion therein; and, subject to the limitation set forth immediately preceding this clause, shall reimburse, as incurred, the Company or any such Guarantor, their directors and officers or any such controlling person in connection with investigating or defending any loss, claim, damage, liability or action in respect thereof. This indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability that such Holder may otherwise have to the Company, any Guarantor, their directors and officers or any such controlling person.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this <u>Section 5</u> of notice of the commencement of any action or proceeding (including a governmental investigation), such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this <u>Section 5</u>, notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof; but the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability that it may have under subsection (a) or (b) above except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and *provided, further* that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an indemnified party otherwise than under subsection (a) or (b) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it may wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnifying party, be counsel to the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this <u>Section 5</u> for any legal or other expenses, other than reasonable costs of investigation, subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in

connection with the defense thereof. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened action in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party unless such settlement (i) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on any claims that are the subject matter of such action, and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 5 is unavailable or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsections (a) or (b) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to in subsection (a) or (b) above (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other from the exchange of the Securities, pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer, or (ii) if the allocation provided by the foregoing clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the parties shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company and the Guarantors on the one hand or such Holder or such other indemnified party, as the case may be, on the other, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to in the first sentence of this subsection (d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim which is the subject of this subsection (d). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 5(d), the Holders of the Securities shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the net proceeds received by such Holders from the sale of the Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement exceeds the amount of damages which such Holders have otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this subsection (d), each person, if any, who controls such indemnified party within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such indemnified party and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Guarantor within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company and the Guarantors.

(e) The agreements contained in this <u>Section 5</u> shall survive the sale of the Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement and shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any termination or cancellation of this Agreement or any investigation made by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

# 6. Additional Interest Under Certain Circumstances.

(a) Additional interest (the "Additional Interest") with respect to the Initial Securities shall be assessed as follows if any of the following events occur (each such event in clauses (i) through (iii) below a "Registration Default"):

(i) If obligated to file a Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to (A) <u>Sections 2(i)-(ii)</u> above, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been declared effective by the Commission (or become effective automatically) on or prior to the 365th day after the Issue Date, or (B) <u>Sections 2(iii)-(iv)</u> above, the Shelf Registration Statement has not been declared effective by the Commission (or become effective automatically) on or prior to the 180th day after the date on which the Shelf Registration Statement is required to be filed;

(ii) If the Registered Exchange Offer has not been consummated on or before the 365th day after the Issue Date; or

(iii) If after either the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or the Shelf Registration Statement is declared (or becomes automatically) effective (A) such Registration Statement thereafter ceases to be effective during the periods specified in <u>Sections 1</u> and <u>2</u>, as applicable; or (B) such Registration Statement or the related prospectus ceases to be usable (except as permitted in subsection (b)) in connection with resales of Transfer Restricted Securities during the periods specified herein because either (1) any event occurs as a result of which the related prospectus forming part of such Registration Statement would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading, (2) it shall be necessary to amend such Registration Statement or supplement the related prospectus, to comply with the Securities Act or the Exchange Act or the respective rules thereunder, or (3) such Registration Statement is a Shelf Registration Statement that has expired before a replacement Shelf Registration Statement has become effective.

Additional Interest shall accrue on the Initial Securities over and above the interest set forth in the title of the Securities from and including the date on which any such Registration Default shall occur to but excluding the date on which all such Registration Defaults have been cured. In the event such Registration Defaults are not previously cured, all Registration Defaults shall be cured on the date that each Security is no longer a Transfer Restricted Security. The rate of the Additional Interest will be 0.25% per year for the first 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of a Registration Default, and such rate will increase by an additional 0.25% per year with respect to each subsequent 90-day period until all Registration Defaults have been cured, up to a maximum Additional Interest rate of 1.00% per year. The Issuer will pay such Additional Interest on regular interest payment dates. Such Additional Interest will be in addition to any other interest payable

from time to time with respect to the Initial Securities and the Exchange Securities. The Company will not be required to pay Additional Interest for more than one Registration Default at any given time. Following the cure of all Registration Defaults, the accrual of Additional Interest will cease and the interest rate will revert to the original rate, 5.875%. The Additional Interest due pursuant to this <u>Section 6(a)</u> shall be the sole remedy for any Registration Default.

(b) A Registration Default referred to in <u>Section 6(a)(iii)(B)</u> hereof shall be deemed not to have occurred and be continuing in relation to a Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus if (i) such Registration Default has occurred solely as a result of (x) the filing of a post-effective amendment to such Shelf Registration Statement to incorporate annual audited financial information with respect to the Company where such post-effective amendment is not yet effective and needs to be declared effective to permit Holders to use the related prospectus or (y) other material events, with respect to the Company that would need to be described in such Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus and (ii) in the case of clause (y), the Company is proceeding promptly and in good faith to amend or supplement such Shelf Registration Statement and related prospectus to describe such events; *provided, however*, that in any case if such Registration Default occurs for a continuous period in excess of 60 days, Additional Interest shall be payable in accordance with the above paragraph from the day such Registration Default would have been deemed to occur but for this <u>Section 6(b)</u> until such Registration Default is cured.

(c) Any amounts of Additional Interest due pursuant to <u>Section 6(a)</u> above will be payable in cash on the regular interest payment dates with respect to the Initial Securities. The amount of Additional Interest will be determined by multiplying the applicable Additional Interest rate by the principal amount of the Initial Securities, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days such Additional Interest rate was applicable during such period (determined on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months), and the denominator of which is 360.

(d) "**Transfer Restricted Securities**" means each Security until (i) the date on which such Transfer Restricted Security has been exchanged by a person other than a broker-dealer for a freely transferable Exchange Security in the Registered Exchange Offer, (ii) following the exchange by a broker-dealer in the Registered Exchange Offer of an Initial Security for an Exchange Security, the date on which such Exchange Security is sold to a purchaser who receives from such broker-dealer on or prior to the date of such sale a copy of the prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, (iii) the date on which such Initial Security has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the Shelf Registration Statement or (iv) the date on which such Initial Securities are distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act or are saleable by non-affiliates of the Company pursuant to Rule 144(d)(l)(i) under the Securities Act, *provided*, *however*, that the six month period shall be replaced with one year.

7. *Rules 144 and 144A*. The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to file the reports required to be filed by it under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act in a timely manner and, if at any time the Company is not required to file such reports, it will, upon the request of any Holder of Initial Securities, make publicly available other information so long as necessary to permit sales of their securities pursuant to Rules 144 and 144A. The Company covenants that it will take such further action as any Holder of Initial Securities may reasonably request, all to the extent required from time to time to enable such Holder to sell Initial Securities without registration under the Securities Act within the limitation of the exemptions provided by Rules 144 and 144A (including the requirements of Rule 144A(d)(4)). The Company will provide a copy of this Agreement to prospective purchasers of Initial Securities identified to the Company by the Initial Purchasers upon request. Upon the requirements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Section 7 shall be deemed to require the Company to register any of its securities pursuant to the Exchange Act.

8. *Underwritten Registrations*. If any of the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by any Shelf Registration are to be sold in an underwritten offering, the investment banker or investment bankers and manager or managers that will administer the offering will be selected by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Transfer Restricted Securities to be included in such offering.

No person may participate in any underwritten registration hereunder unless such person (i) agrees to sell such person's Transfer Restricted Securities on the basis reasonably provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements and (ii) completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents reasonably required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

#### 9. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Amendments and Waivers*. The provisions of this Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given, except by the Company and the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of (or, in the case of any Additional Interest, all) the Securities affected by such amendment, modification, supplement, waiver or consent.

(b) *Notices*. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand delivery, first-class mail, facsimile transmission, electronic mail or air courier that guarantees overnight delivery:

- (i) if to a Holder of the Securities, at the most current address given by such Holder to the Company.
- (ii) if to the Initial Purchasers:

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park New York, NY 10036

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Latham & Watkins LLP 811 Main Street, Suite 3700 Houston, TX 77002 Fax No.: (713) 546-5401 Attention: Ryan Maierson Email: ryan.maierson@lw.com

(iii) if to the Company:

Matador Resources Company One Lincoln Centre 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240 Fax No.: (972) 371-5201 Attention: Craig N. Adams, Executive Vice President – Land, Legal and Administration Email: cadams@matadorresources.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP 2100 McKinney Avenue Dallas, Texas 75201 Fax No.: (214) 571-2948 Attention: Douglass M. Rayburn Email: drayburn@gibsondunn.com

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; three business days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when receipt is acknowledged by recipient's facsimile machine operator, if sent by facsimile transmission; and on the day delivered, if sent by electronic mail or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references herein to "days" are to calendar days.

(c) *No Inconsistent Agreements*. The Company has not, as of the date hereof, entered into, nor shall it, on or after the date hereof, enter into, any agreement with respect to its securities that is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders herein or otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof.

(d) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Issuer, the Guarantors and their respective successors and assigns.

(e) *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(f) *Headings*. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

(g) *Governing Law*. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS.

(h) *Severability*. If any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

(i) *Securities Held by the Company*. Whenever the consent or approval of Holders of a specified percentage of principal amount of Securities is required hereunder, Securities held by the Company or its affiliates (other than subsequent Holders of Securities if such subsequent Holders are deemed to be affiliates solely by reason of their holdings of such Securities) shall not be counted in determining whether such consent or approval was given by the Holders of such required percentage.

(j) *Submission to Jurisdiction*. By the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Issuer and each Guarantor submit to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of any competent federal or state court in the City and State of New York in any suit or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or brought under federal or state securities laws.

[Signature pages follow.]

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, please sign and return to the Issuer a counterpart hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts, will become a binding agreement among the several Initial Purchasers, the Issuer and the Guarantors in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

#### MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

By: /s/ Craig N. Adams

Craig N. Adams Executive Vice President – Land, Legal and Administration

DELAWARE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS GP, INC. LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM HOLDINGS, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTH TEXAS, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY MRC ENERGY COMPANY MRC DELAWARE RESOURCES, LLC MRC ENERGY SOUTHEAST COMPANY, LLC MRC ENERGY SOUTH TEXAS COMPANY, LLC MRC PERMIAN COMPANY MRC PERMIAN LKE COMPANY, LLC MRC ROCKIES COMPANY SOUTHEAST WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ Craig N. Adams

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LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, LP

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By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Craig N. Adams

Craig N. Adams Executive Vice President – Land, Legal and Administration

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The foregoing Registration Rights Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written.

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Acting on behalf of itself and as the Representative of the several Initial Purchasers

By: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

By: /s/ Alexander Kroner

Name: Title:

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Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Securities for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities. The Letter of Transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. This Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Securities received in exchange for Initial Securities where such Initial Securities were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer, it will make this Prospectus available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. See "Plan of Distribution."

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Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Securities for its own account in exchange for Securities, where such Initial Securities were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities. See "Plan of Distribution."

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Securities for its own account pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities. This Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Securities received in exchange for Initial Securities where such Initial Securities were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the effective date of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, it will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until , 20 (90 days after the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer), all dealers effecting transactions in the Exchange Securities may be required to deliver a prospectus.

The Company will not receive any proceeds from any sale of Exchange Securities by broker-dealers. Exchange Securities received by brokerdealers for their own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the Exchange Securities or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker dealer or the purchasers of any such Exchange Securities. Any broker-dealer that resells Exchange Securities that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such Exchange Securities may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit on any such resale of Exchange Securities and any commission or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The Letter of Transmittal states that, by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities

For a period of 180 days after the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company will promptly send additional copies of this Prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this Prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents as provided in the Letter of Transmittal. The Company has agreed to pay all expenses incident to the Exchange Offer (including the expenses of one counsel for the Holders of the Securities) other than commissions or concessions of any brokers or dealers and will indemnify the Holders of the Securities (including any brokerdealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Annex C - 1

□ CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE A BROKER-DEALER AND WISH TO RECEIVE 10 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PROSPECTUS AND 10 COPIES OF ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO.

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_

If the undersigned is not a broker-dealer, the undersigned represents that it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution of Exchange Securities. If the undersigned is a broker-dealer that will receive Exchange Securities for its own account in exchange for Initial Securities that were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, it acknowledges that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities; however, by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, the undersigned will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act.

Annex D - 1

Exhibit 10.1

**Execution Version** 

\$300,000,000 5.875% Senior Notes due 2026

#### PURCHASE AGREEMENT

October 1, 2018

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED As Representative of the Initial Purchasers

c/o Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated One Bryant Park

New York, New York 10036

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Introductory**. Matador Resources Company, a Texas corporation (the "**Company**"), proposes to issue and sell to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("**Merrill Lynch**") and the other several Initial Purchasers named in Schedule A hereto (the "**Initial Purchasers**"), acting severally and not jointly, the respective amounts set forth in such Schedule A of \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5.875% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "**Notes**"). Merrill Lynch has agreed to act as the representative of the several Initial Purchasers (the "**Representative**") in connection with the offering and sale of the Notes.

The Notes will be issued pursuant to that certain indenture, dated as of August 21, 2018 (the "**Indenture**"), among the Company, the Guarantors (as defined below) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "**Trustee**"). The Notes will be issued only in book-entry form in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (the "**Depositary**") pursuant to a letter of representations, to be dated on or before the Closing Date (as defined in Section 2 hereof) (the "**DTC Agreement**"), among the Company, the Trustee and the Depositary.

The Notes constitute "Additional Securities" (as such term is defined in the Indenture) and will be issued pursuant to and in compliance with the Indenture. The Company has previously issued \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Senior Notes due 2026 (the "**Initial Notes**") under the Indenture. The Notes and the Initial Notes will be treated as a single series of debt securities for all purposes under the Indenture and the Notes will have terms identical to the Initial Notes, other than the issue date and the issue price.

The holders of the Notes will be entitled to the benefits of a registration rights agreement, to be dated as of October 4, 2018 (the "**Registration Rights Agreement**"), among the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers, pursuant to which the Company and the Guarantors will be required to file with the Commission (as defined below), under the circumstances set forth therein, (i) a registration statement under the Securities Act (as defined below) relating to another series of debt securities of the Company with terms substantially identical to the Notes (the "**Exchange Notes**") to be offered in exchange for the Notes (the "**Exchange Offer**") and (ii) to the extent required by the Registration Rights Agreement, a shelf registration statement pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act relating to the resale by certain holders of the Notes, and in each case, to use its reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statements to be declared effective. All references herein to the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Offer are only applicable if the Company and the Guarantors are in fact required to consummate the Exchange Offer pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement.

The payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis, jointly and severally by (i) the entities listed on the signature pages hereof as "Guarantors" and (ii) any subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after the Closing Date that executes an additional guarantee in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, and their respective successors and assigns (collectively, the "**Guarantors**"), pursuant to their guarantees (the "**Guarantees**"). The Notes and the Guarantees attached thereto are herein collectively referred to as the "**Securities**"; and the Exchange Notes and the Guarantees attached thereto are herein collectively referred to as the "**Exchange Securities**."

This Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement, the Securities and the Exchange Securities are referred to herein as the **"Specified Transaction Documents."** The Specified Transaction Documents together with the Indenture are referred to herein as the **"Transaction Documents."** 

The Company understands that the Initial Purchasers propose to make an offering of the Securities on the terms and in the manner set forth herein and in the Pricing Disclosure Package (as defined below) and agrees that the Initial Purchasers may resell, subject to the conditions set forth herein, all or a portion of the Securities to purchasers (the "**Subsequent Purchasers**") on the terms set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package (the first time when sales of the Securities are made is referred to as the "**Time of Sale**"). The Securities are to be offered and sold to or through the Initial Purchasers without being registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") under the Securities Act of 1933 (as amended, the "**Securities Act**," which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder), in reliance upon exemptions therefrom. Pursuant to the terms of the Securities and the Indenture, investors who acquire Securities shall be deemed to have agreed that Securities may only be resold or otherwise transferred, after the date hereof, if such Securities are registered for sale under the Securities Act or if an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available (including the exemptions afforded by Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("**Rule 144A**") or Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**")).

The Company has prepared and delivered to each Initial Purchaser copies of a Preliminary Offering Memorandum, dated October 1, 2018 (the "**Preliminary Offering Memorandum**"), and has prepared and delivered to each Initial Purchaser copies of a Pricing Supplement, dated October 1, 2018 (the "**Pricing Supplement**"), describing the terms of the Securities, each for use by such Initial Purchaser in connection with its solicitation of offers to purchase the Securities. The Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Pricing Supplement are herein referred to as the "**Pricing Disclosure Package**." Promptly after this Agreement is executed and delivered, the Company will prepare and deliver to each Initial Purchaser a final offering memorandum dated the date hereof (the "**Final Offering Memorandum**").

All references herein to the terms "**Pricing Disclosure Package**" and "**Final Offering Memorandum**" shall be deemed to mean and include all information filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended, the "**Exchange Act,**" which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder) prior to the Time of Sale and incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package (including the Preliminary Offering Memorandum) or the Final Offering Memorandum, as the case may be, and all references herein to the terms "**amend**," "**amendment**" or "**supplement**" with respect to the Final Offering Memorandum shall be deemed to mean and include all information filed under the Exchange Act after the Time of Sale and incorporated by reference in the Final Offering Memorandum.

The Company hereby confirms its agreement with the Initial Purchasers as follows:

SECTION 1. **Representations and Warranties.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, hereby represents, warrants and covenants to each Initial Purchaser that, as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date (references in this Section 1 to the "**Offering Memorandum**" are to (x) the Pricing Disclosure Package in the case of representations and warranties made as of the date hereof and (y) the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum in the case of representations and warranties made as of the Closing Date):

(a) **No Registration Required.** Subject to compliance by the Initial Purchasers with the representations and warranties set forth in Section 2 hereof and with the procedures set forth in Section 7 hereof, it is not necessary in connection with the offer, sale and delivery of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers and to each Subsequent Purchaser in the manner contemplated by this Agreement and the Offering Memorandum to register the Securities under the Securities Act or, until such time as the Exchange Securities are issued pursuant to an effective registration statement, to qualify the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "**Trust Indenture Act,"** which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder).

(b) **No Integration of Offerings or General Solicitation.** None of the Company, its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501 under the Securities Act) (each, an "**Affiliate**"), or any person acting on its or any of their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company makes no representation or warranty) has, directly or indirectly, solicited any offer to buy or offered to sell, or will, directly or

indirectly, solicit any offer to buy or offer to sell, in the United States or to any United States citizen or resident, any security that is or would be integrated with the sale of the Securities in a manner that would require the Securities to be registered under the Securities Act. None of the Company, its Affiliates, or any person acting on its or any of their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company makes no representation or warranty) has engaged or will engage, in connection with the offering of the Securities, in any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502 under the Securities Act or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. With respect to those Securities sold in reliance upon Regulation S, (i) none of the Company, its Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company makes no representation or warranty) has engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts within the meaning of Regulation S and (ii) each of the Company and its Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company makes no representation or warranty) has complied and will comply with the offering restrictions set forth in Regulation S.

(c) **Eligibility for Resale under Rule 144A.** The Securities are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A and will not be, at the Closing Date, of the same class as securities listed on a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Exchange Act or quoted in a U.S. automated interdealer quotation system.

(d) **The Pricing Disclosure Package and Final Offering Memorandum.** Neither the Pricing Disclosure Package, as of the Time of Sale, nor the Final Offering Memorandum, as of its date or (as amended or supplemented in accordance with Section 3(a), as applicable) as of the Closing Date, contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that this representation, warranty and agreement shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Final Offering Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by or on behalf of any Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Final Offering Memorandum or amendment or supplement thereto, as the case may be. The Pricing Disclosure Package contains, and the Final Offering Memorandum will contain, all the information specified in, and meeting the requirements of, Rule 144A. The Company and the Guarantors have not distributed and will not distribute, prior to the later of the Closing Date and the completion of the Initial Purchasers' distribution of the Securities, any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum.

(e) **Company Additional Written Communications.** Neither the Company, the Guarantors, nor any of their agents and representatives has prepared, made, used, authorized, approved or distributed and will not prepare, make, use, authorize, approve or distribute any written communication that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities other than (i) the Pricing Disclosure Package, (ii) the Final Offering Memorandum and (iii) any electronic road show or other written

communications, in each case, used in accordance with Section 3(a). Each such communication by the Company, the Guarantors, or their agents and representatives pursuant to clause (iii) of the preceding sentence (each, a "**Company Additional Written Communication**"), when taken together with the Pricing Disclosure Package, did not as of the Time of Sale, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that this representation and warranty shall not apply to statements in or omissions from each such Company Additional Written Communication made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by or on behalf of any Initial Purchaser through the Representatives expressly for use in any Company Additional Written Communication.

(f) **Incorporated Documents.** The documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum at the time they were or hereafter are filed with the Commission (collectively, the "**Incorporated Documents**") complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act. Each such Incorporated Document, when taken together with the Pricing Disclosure Package, did not as of the Time of Sale, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(g) The Purchase Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantors.

(h) **The Registration Rights Agreement and DTC Agreement.** The Registration Rights Agreement has been duly authorized and, on the Closing Date, will have been duly executed and delivered by, and will constitute a valid and binding agreement of, the Company and the Guarantors, enforceable against the Company and the Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally or by general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) (the "Enforceability Exceptions") and (ii) public policy, applicable law relating to fiduciary duties and indemnification and contribution and an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing. The DTC Agreement has been duly authorized by the Company and, on the Closing Date, will have been duly executed and delivered by, and will constitute a valid and binding agreement of, the Company and the Guarantors, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions.

(i) Authorization of the Notes, the Guarantees and the Exchange Notes. The Notes to be purchased by the Initial Purchasers from the Company will on the Closing Date be in the form contemplated by the Indenture, have been duly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and the Indenture and, at

the Closing Date, will have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture. The Exchange Notes have been duly and validly authorized for issuance by the Company, and when issued and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Registration Rights Agreement and the Exchange Offer, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture. The Guarantees of the Notes on the Closing Date and the Guarantees of the Exchange Notes when issued will be in the respective forms contemplated by the Indenture and have been duly authorized by each of the Guarantors for issuance pursuant to this Agreement and the Indenture; the Guarantees of the Notes, at the Closing Date, will have been duly executed by each of the Guarantors and, when the Notes have been authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and issued and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor, the Guarantees of the Notes will constitute valid and binding agreements of the Guarantors; and, when the Exchange Notes have been authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and issued and cordance with the Registration Rights Agreement, the Guarantees of the Exchange Notes will constitute valid and binding agreements of the Guarantors; and, when the Exchange Notes have been authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and issued and delivered in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement, the Guarantees of the Exchang

(j) **Authorization of the Indenture.** The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantors and (assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the Trustee) constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company and the Guarantors, enforceable against the Company and the Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions.

(k) **Description of the Transaction Documents.** The Indenture conforms, and the Specified Transaction Documents will conform, in all material respects to the respective statements relating thereto contained in the Offering Memorandum.

(1) **Incorporation and Good Standing of the Company and its Subsidiaries.** The Company has been duly organized and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Texas with corporate power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in the Offering Memorandum. Each of the subsidiaries of the Company as listed in <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto (collectively, the "**Subsidiaries**"), has been duly incorporated, organized or formed, as applicable, and is validly existing as a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of Texas or Delaware, as applicable, with corporate, limited liability company or limited partnership power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as described in

Offering Memorandum and, in the case of the Company and the Guarantors, to enter into each of the Specified Transaction Documents to which it is a party and perform its obligations under each of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party. The Subsidiaries are the only subsidiaries, direct or indirect, of the Company. The Company and each of the Subsidiaries are duly qualified to transact business and are in good standing in all jurisdictions in which the conduct of their business requires such qualification; except where the failure to be so qualified or to be in good standing would not reasonably be expected (i) to have a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), properties, assets, operations, earnings, business or prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business or (ii) to prevent the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (clauses (i) and (ii) are referred to hereinafter as a "**Material Adverse Effect"**).

(m) **Capitalization.** The information set forth under the caption "Capitalization" in the Offering Memorandum is true and correct (other than for subsequent issuances of capital stock, if any, pursuant to employee benefit plans described in the Offering Memorandum or upon exercise of outstanding options or warrants described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum, as the case may be). The outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "**Common Stock**") have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and non-assessable. The outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity interests of each of the Subsidiaries have been duly authorized and validly issued, are fully paid (to the extent required under the applicable limited partnership agreement of such Subsidiary) and non-assessable (except as such non-assessability may be affected by Sections 153.102, 153.112, 153.202 or 153.210 of the Texas Business Organizations Code with respect to limited partnerships organized under the laws of Texas, Sections 101.114, 101.153 or 101.206 of the Texas Business Organizations Code with respect to limited liability companies organized under the laws of Texas and Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act with respect to limited liability companies organized under the laws of Delaware) and, except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum, are wholly owned by the Company or another Subsidiary free and clear of all liens, pledges, restrictions, encumbrances and equities and claims.

(n) **Preparation of the Financial Statements.** The consolidated financial statements of the Company and the Subsidiaries, together with related notes and schedules as included and incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum, present fairly in all material respects the consolidated financial position and the results of operations and cash flows of the Company and the Subsidiaries, at the indicated dates and for the indicated periods. Such financial statements and related schedules have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted principles of accounting, consistently applied throughout the periods involved ("GAAP"), except as disclosed therein, and all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of results for such periods have been made. The summary financial and statistical data included or incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum presents fairly in all material respects the information shown therein and such data has been compiled on a basis consistent with the financial statements presented therein and the books and records of the Company. The

interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language ("**XBRL**") incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum and the Pricing Disclosure Package (i) fairly present the information contained therein and (ii) have been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto, in each case of clauses (i) and (ii) in all material respects.

(o) **Statistical Data**. The statistical, industry-related and market-related data included in the Offering Memorandum are based on or derived from sources that the Company reasonably and in good faith believes are reliable and accurate.

(p) **Company's Accounting System**. The Company maintains a system of internal accounting controls ("**Internal Controls**") in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and is sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences; and (v) the interactive data in XBRL incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum and the Pricing Disclosure Package (i) fairly present the information contained therein and (ii) have been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto, in each case of clause (i) and (ii) in all material respects.

(q) **No Significant Deficiencies**. Since the date of the most recent balance sheet of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries reviewed or audited by KPMG LLP, and reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, (i) the Company has not been advised of (A) any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of Internal Controls that could adversely affect the ability of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries to record, process, summarize and report financial data, or any material weaknesses in Internal Controls and (B) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Internal Controls of the Company and each of its Subsidiaries, and (ii) since that date, there have been no significant changes in Internal Controls or in other factors that could significantly affect Internal Controls, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

(r) **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**. The Company has established and maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act); the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures" are reasonably designed to ensure that all information (both financial and non-financial) required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or furnishes under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and regulations of the Commission, and that all such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to make the certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company required under the Exchange Act with respect to such reports.

(s) **Independent Accountants.** KPMG LLP, which has delivered its opinion with respect to certain of the audited financial statements and schedules of the Company incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum and has reviewed certain unaudited financial statements incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum, is an independent registered public accounting firm with respect to the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

(t) **No Material Actions or Proceedings.** Except as set forth in the Offering Memorandum, there is no action, suit, claim or proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or the Guarantors, threatened against or affecting the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, before any court or administrative agency or which has as the subject thereof any property owned or leased by the Company or any of the Subsidiaries (i) that are required by the Securities Act to be disclosed on a registration statement on Form S-3 and which is not so disclosed in the Offering Memorandum or (ii) which, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or prevent the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby.

(u) **Title to Properties.** Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries has (i) good and defensible title to all of the oil and gas properties (including oil and gas wells, producing leasehold interests and appurtenant personal property) owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries, title investigations having been carried out by the Company or its Subsidiaries consistent with the reasonable practice in the oil and gas industry in the areas in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate and (ii) good title to all other real and personal property owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries, including but not limited to such other real and personal property reflected in the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries included and incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum, in each case free and clear of all restrictions, mortgages, pledges, security interests, claims, liens, encumbrances, charges and defects except such as (x) are described in the Offering Memorandum, (y) liens and encumbrances under operating agreements, unitization and pooling agreements, production sales contracts, farm-out agreements and other oil and gas exploration participation and production agreements, in each case that secure payment of amounts not yet due and payable for the performance of other unmatured obligations and are of a scope and nature customary in the oil and gas industry or arise in connection with drilling and production operations or (z) such as do not affect the value of the properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, with such exceptions as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. All of the leases and subleases under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries holds or uses properties described in the Offering Memorandum are in full force and effect, with such exceptions as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and neither the

Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has any notice of any material claim of any sort that has been asserted by anyone adverse to the rights of the Company or its Subsidiaries under any of the leases or subleases mentioned above, or affecting or questioning the rights of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof to the continued possession or use of the leased or subleased premises, in each case, with such exceptions as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The working interests in oil, gas and mineral leases or mineral interests which constitute a portion of the real property held by the Company reflect in all material respects the right of the Company to explore, develop or receive production from such real property, and the care taken by the Company and its Subsidiaries with respect to acquiring or otherwise procuring such leases or mineral interests was generally consistent with standard industry practices in the areas in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate for acquiring or procuring leases and interests therein to explore, develop or produce for hydrocarbons.

(v) **Rights-of-Way.** The Company and its Subsidiaries have such consents, easements, rights-of-way or licenses from any person ("**rights-of-way**") as are necessary to enable the Company and its Subsidiaries to conduct its business in the manner described in the Offering Memorandum, subject to such qualifications as may be set forth in the Offering Memorandum, and except for such rights-of-way the lack of which would not have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(w) **Tax Law Compliance.** The Company and the Subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns which have been required to be filed and have paid all taxes indicated by said returns and all assessments received by them or any of them to the extent that such taxes have become due and payable by them, except (in any case) (i) for such taxes and assessments that are being contested in good faith and for which an adequate reserve for accrual has been established in accordance with GAAP, (ii) for any such taxes or assessments that are currently payable without penalty or interest, (iii) where a failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (iv) to the extent described in the Offering Memorandum. Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors has knowledge of any actual or proposed additional material tax assessments. There are no transfer taxes or other similar fees or charges under U.S. federal law or the laws of any U.S. state, or any political subdivision thereof, required to be paid in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the issuance or sale by the Company of the Notes.

(x) **No Material Adverse Effect.** Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Offering Memorandum, exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto, (i) there has not occurred any Material Adverse Effect, whether or not occurring in the ordinary course of business, and there has not been any material transaction entered into or any material transaction that is probable of being entered into by the Company or the Subsidiaries, other than transactions in the ordinary course of business and transactions described in the Offering Memorandum, and (ii) none of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries has incurred any liability or obligation (financial or otherwise), direct or contingent, or entered into any transaction (including any off-balance sheet activity or transaction) that is material to the Company and the Subsidiaries, as a whole, and there has not been any material change in the capital stock

or partnership interests, as the case may be, or material increase in the short-term debt or long-term debt (including any off-balance sheet activity or transaction), of any of the Company or the Subsidiaries, or any Material Adverse Effect, or any development involving or which may reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, in each case, except as described in the Offering Memorandum. The Company and the Subsidiaries have no material liabilities or obligations, or indirect or direct contingent obligations, that are not disclosed in the Company's financial statements that are incorporated by reference in the Offering Memorandum.

(y) **Non-Contravention of Existing Instruments.** Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its Certificate of Formation or other formation document ("**Charter**") or bylaws, limited partnership agreement, limited liability company agreement or similar organizational documents, (ii) in violation of or default (or with the giving of notice or lapse of time or both, will be in default) under any agreement, lease, contract, indenture or other instrument or obligation to which it is a party or by which it, or any of its properties, is bound or (iii) in violation of any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, regulatory body, administrative agency, governmental body, arbitrator or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or such Subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, except, with respect to clauses (i) through (iii), for such violations or defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. The execution and delivery of the Transaction Documents and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated and the fulfillment of the terms hereof did not and will not, as applicable, conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under (1) the Charter or Bylaws of the Company, (2) any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is a party, or (3) any order, rule or regulation applicable to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries of any court or of any regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of the Subsidiaries of any court or of any regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of the Subsidiaries of any court or of any regulatory body or administrative agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of th

(z) **No Further Authorizations or Approvals Required.** No permit, consent, approval, authorization, order, registration, filing or qualification ("**Consents**") of or with any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of the Guarantors or any of their respective properties or assets is required in connection with the offering, issuance or sale by the Company of the Securities, the execution and delivery of the Specified Transaction Documents or the performance of the Transaction Documents by the Company and the Guarantors to the extent a party thereto, except (i) such Consents as may be required under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and state securities or "Blue Sky" laws of any jurisdiction, (ii) such Consents as have been obtained or will be obtained prior to the Closing Date, (iii) such Consents that, if not obtained, could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or materially impair the ability of the Company and the Guarantors to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (iv) such Consents as are disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum.

(aa) **All Necessary Permits, etc.** The Company and each of the Subsidiaries has all licenses, certifications, permits, franchises, approvals, clearances and other regulatory authorizations ("**Permits**") from governmental authorities as are necessary to conduct its businesses as currently conducted and to own, lease and operate its properties in the manner described in the Offering Memorandum except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no claim, proceeding or controversy, pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, threatened, involving the status of or sanctions under any of the Permits and no event has occurred that might allow for the revocation, termination, modification or other impairment of the rights of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries under such Permit, except, for such claims, proceedings, controversies or events as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(bb) **No Price Stabilization or Manipulation.** Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to cause or result in, or which has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(cc) **Company and Guarantors Not an "Investment Company".** Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors is, and after giving effect to the offering and the sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Offering Memorandum will be, an "investment company" within the meaning of such term under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (collectively, the "**Investment Company Act**").

(dd) **Insurance**. The Company and each of the Guarantors carry, or are covered by, insurance in such amounts and covering such risks as is commercially reasonable for the conduct of their respective businesses and the value of their respective properties and as is customary for companies engaged in similar industries. All policies of insurance insuring the Company or any Guarantor or any of their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect, and the Company and the Guarantors are in compliance with the terms of such policies in all material respects. There are no claims by the Company or any Guarantor under any such policy or instrument as to which an insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause. The Company has no reason to believe that it or any Guarantor will not be able (i) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (ii) to obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(ee) **Solvency.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors is, and immediately after the Closing Date will be, Solvent. As used herein, the term "Solvent" means, with respect to any person on a particular date, that on such date (i) the fair market value of the assets of such person is greater than the total amount of liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of such person, (ii) the present fair salable value of the assets of such person is

greater than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liabilities of such person on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (iii) such person is able to realize upon its assets and pay its debts and other liabilities, including contingent obligations, as they mature and (iv) such person does not have unreasonably small capital.

(ff) **ERISA Compliance.** The Company is in compliance in all material respects with all presently applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, including the regulations and published interpretations thereunder ("**ERISA**"); no "reportable event" (as defined in ERISA) has occurred with respect to any "pension plan" (as defined in ERISA) for which the Company would have any liability; the Company has not incurred and does not expect to incur liability under (i) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "pension plan" or (ii) Section 412 or 4971 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including the regulations and published interpretations thereunder (the "**Code**"); and each "pension plan" for which the Company would have any liability that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code is so qualified in all material respects and nothing has occurred, whether by action or by failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification.

(gg) **Compliance with and Liability Under Environmental Laws.** Neither the Company nor any Guarantor is in violation of any statute, rule, regulation, decision or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, relating to the use, disposal or release of hazardous chemicals, toxic substances or radioactive and biological materials or relating to the protection or restoration of the environment or human exposure to hazardous chemicals, toxic substances or radioactive and biological materials (collectively, "**Environmental Laws**"), except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor the Guarantors own or operate any real property contaminated with any substance that requires remedial action to be taken under any Environmental Laws, is liable for remedial action at any site where materials regulated under Environmental Laws were disposed by the Company or any Guarantor, or is subject to any claim relating to any Environmental Laws, which violation, contamination, liability or claim in each case would individually or in the aggregate have a Material Adverse Effect; and the Company is not aware of any pending investigation which might lead to such a claim. There are no costs or liabilities arising under any Environmental Laws with respect to the operations or properties, compliance with Environmental Laws, any permit, license or approval or any related legal constraints on operating activities, and any potential liabilities of third parties assumed under contract by the Company or its Subsidiaries) that would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(hh) **Periodic Review of Costs of Environmental Compliance.** In the ordinary course of its business, the Company conducts a periodic review of the effect of applicable Environmental Laws on the business, operations and properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries, in the course of which it identifies and evaluates material associated costs and liabilities (including, without limitation, any capital or operating

expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties). On the basis of such review and the amount of its established reserves and except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum, the Company has reasonably concluded that such identified associated costs and liabilities would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(ii) **No Unlawful Contributions or Other Payments.** Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, the Guarantors, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the FCPA, including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA, and the Company, its Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, their affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

"FCPA" means Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

(jj) **Intellectual Property Rights.** The Company and each of the Guarantors owns, licenses or otherwise has rights in all United States and foreign patents, trademarks, service marks, tradenames, copyrights, trade secrets and other proprietary rights necessary for the conduct of its respective business as currently carried on and as proposed to be carried on as described in the Offering Memorandum (collectively and together with any applications or registrations for the foregoing, the "**Intellectual Property**"), except where the failure to so own or possess would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its Guarantors has received any notice of infringement of or conflict with any asserted rights of others with respect to any of the foregoing which, individually or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(kk) **Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley.** As of the date hereof, the Company is, and on the Closing Date will be, in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "**Sarbanes-Oxley Act**," which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder) and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange that are then in effect and with which the Company is required to comply.

(ll) **Related Party Transactions.** No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any affiliate of the Company, on the one hand, and any director, officer, member, stockholder, customer or supplier of the Company or any affiliate of the Company, on the other hand, which is required by the Securities Act to be disclosed in a registration statement on Form S-3 which is not so disclosed in the Offering Memorandum. There are no outstanding loans, advances (except normal advances for business expenses in the ordinary course of business) or guarantees of indebtedness by the Company to or for the benefit of any of the officers or directors of the Company or any of their respective family members, except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum.

(mm) **Regulations T, U, X.** Neither the Company nor any Guarantor nor any agent thereof acting on their behalf has taken, and none of them will take, any action that might cause this Agreement or the issuance or sale of the Securities to violate Regulation T, Regulation U or Regulation X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

(nn) **Compliance with Labor Laws.** No labor problem or dispute with the employees of the Company or the Subsidiaries exists or, to the Company's or any of the Guarantor's knowledge, is threatened or imminent, and the Company and the Guarantors have no knowledge of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or its Subsidiaries' principal suppliers, contractors, consultants or customers, that would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(oo) **No Conflict with Money Laundering Laws.** The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and, to the knowledge of the Company and its Subsidiaries, are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), and of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where such entities conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "**Money Laundering Laws**"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company or the Guarantors, with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company or the Guarantors, threatened.

(pp) **No Conflict with Sanctions Laws.** Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (collectively, the "**Entity**"), nor any director or officer of the Entity nor, to the Entity's knowledge, any employee agent, affiliate, joint venture or representative of the Entity, is an individual or entity ("**Person**") that is, or is owned or controlled by, a Person that is (i) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("**OFAC**"), the United Nations Security Council ("**UNSC**"), the European Union ("**EU**"), Her Majesty's

Treasury ("**HMT**") or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor (ii) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Crimea, Burma/Myanmar, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria). The Entity represents and covenants that it will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person (A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or (B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise). The Entity represents and covenants that it has not knowingly engaged in, is not now knowingly engaged in, and will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.

(qq) **Royalties.** As of the date hereof, (i) all royalties, rentals, deposits and other amounts owed under the oil and gas leases constituting the oil and gas properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries have been properly and timely paid, other than amounts held in suspense accounts pending routine payments or related to disputes about the proper identification of royalty owners and except where the failure to timely pay such amounts would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; (ii) no material amount of proceeds from the sale or production attributable to the oil and gas properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries are currently being held in suspense by any purchaser thereof, except where such amounts due would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, and (iii) there are no claims under take or pay contracts pursuant to which natural gas purchasers have any make up rights affecting the interests of the Company or its Subsidiaries in their oil and gas properties, except where such claims would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(rr) Preparation of the Reserve Estimates. The oil and natural gas reserve estimates contained in the Offering Memorandum have been prepared by employees of the Company or the Guarantors and have been audited by an independent reserve engineer, in accordance with Commission guidelines applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, and the Company and the Guarantors have no reason to believe that such estimates do not fairly reflect the oil and natural gas reserves of the Company and the Guarantors as of the dates indicated. The information underlying the estimates of the Company's reserves that was supplied to Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. (the "Reserve Engineer"), for the purposes of auditing the reserve reports and estimates of the proved reserves of the Company disclosed in the Offering Memorandum, including production and costs of operation, was true and correct in all material respects on the dates such estimates were made, and such information was supplied and was prepared in accordance with customary industry practices. Other than normal production of the reserves, the impact of the changes in prices and costs, and fluctuations in demand for oil and natural gas and except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum, the Company and the Guarantors have no knowledge of any facts or circumstances that would in the aggregate result in a material adverse change in the aggregate net proved reserves, or the aggregate present value or the standardized measure

of the future net cash flows therefrom, as described in the Offering Memorandum and as reflected in the reports the Reserve Engineer prepared with regard to the proved reserves that the Company owns. The estimates of such proved reserves and standardized measure as described in the Offering Memorandum and reflected in the reports referenced therein have been prepared in a manner that complies, in all material respects, with the applicable requirements of the rules and regulations of the Commission with respect to such estimates.

(ss) **Independent Petroleum Engineers.** The Reserve Engineer is an independent petroleum engineer with respect to the Company and the Guarantors.

Any certificate signed by an officer of the Company or any Guarantor and delivered to the Initial Purchasers or to counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company or such Guarantor to each Initial Purchaser as to the matters set forth therein.

## SECTION 2. Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Securities.

(a) **The Securities.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors agrees to issue and sell to the Initial Purchasers, severally and not jointly, all of the Securities, and, subject to the conditions set forth herein, the Initial Purchasers agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company and the Guarantors the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite their names on Schedule A, at a purchase price of 99.50% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest from August 21, 2018 to the Closing Date, in each case, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms herein set forth.

(b) **The Closing Date**. Delivery of the Securities to be purchased by the Initial Purchasers and payment therefor shall be made at the offices of Latham & Watkins LLP, 811 Main Street, Suite 3700, Houston, TX 77002 (or such other place as may be agreed to by the Company and Merrill Lynch) at 10:00 a.m. New York City time, on October 4, 2018, or such other time and date as Merrill Lynch shall designate by notice to the Company (the time and date of such closing are called the "**Closing Date**"). The Company hereby acknowledges that circumstances under which Merrill Lynch may provide notice to postpone the Closing Date as originally scheduled include, but are in no way limited to, any determination by the Company or the Initial Purchasers to recirculate to investors copies of an amended or supplemented Offering Memorandum or a delay as contemplated by the provisions of Section 17 hereof.

(c) **Delivery of the Securities.** The Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Merrill Lynch for the accounts of the several Initial Purchasers the Securities at the Closing Date against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. The Securities shall be in such denominations and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depositary, pursuant to the DTC Agreement, and certificates for the Securities shall be made electronically available for inspection on the business day preceding the Closing Date. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified in this Agreement is a further condition to the obligations of the Initial Purchasers.

(d) **Initial Purchasers as Qualified Institutional Buyers.** Each Initial Purchaser severally and not jointly represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Company that:

(i) it will offer and sell Securities only to (a) persons who it reasonably believes are "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of Rule 144A ("**Qualified Institutional Buyers**") in transactions meeting the requirements of Rule 144A or (b) upon the terms and conditions set forth in <u>Annex I</u> to this Agreement;

(ii) it is an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act; and

(iii) it will not offer or sell Securities by, any form of general solicitation or general advertising, including but not limited to the methods described in Rule 502(c) under the Securities Act.

SECTION 3. Additional Covenants. Each of the Company and the Guarantors further covenants and agrees, jointly and severally, with each Initial Purchaser as follows:

(a) **Preparation of Final Offering Memorandum; Initial Purchasers' Review of Proposed Amendments and Supplements and Company Additional Written Communications.** As promptly as practicable following the Time of Sale and in any event not later than the second business day following the date hereof, the Company will prepare and deliver to the Initial Purchasers the Final Offering Memorandum, which shall consist of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum as modified only by the information contained in the Pricing Supplement. The Company will not amend or supplement the Preliminary Offering Memorandum or the Pricing Supplement. The Company will not amend or supplement the Final Offering Memorandum prior to the Closing Date unless the Representative shall previously have been furnished a copy of the proposed amendment or supplement at least two business days prior to the proposed use or filing, and shall not have objected to such amendment or supplement. Before making, preparing, using, authorizing, approving or distributing any Company Additional Written Communication, the Company will furnish to the Representative a copy of such written communication for review and will not make, prepare, use, authorize, approve or distribute any such written communication to which the Representative reasonably objects.

(b) **Amendments and Supplements to the Final Offering Memorandum and Other Securities Act Matters.** If at any time prior to the Closing Date (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which any of the Pricing Disclosure Package as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement any of the Pricing Disclosure Package to comply with law, the Company and the Guarantors will promptly notify the Initial Purchasers thereof and forthwith prepare and (subject to Section 3(a) hereof) furnish to the Initial Purchasers such amendments or supplements to any of the Pricing Disclosure Package as may be necessary so that the statements in any of the Pricing Disclosure

Package as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, be misleading or so that any of the Pricing Disclosure Package will comply with all applicable law. If, prior to the completion of the placement of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers with the Subsequent Purchasers, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Final Offering Memorandum, as then amended or supplemented, in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Final Offering Memorandum is delivered to a Subsequent Purchaser, not misleading, or if in the judgment of the Representative or counsel for the Initial Purchasers it is otherwise necessary to amend or supplement the Final Offering Memorandum to comply with law, the Company and the Guarantors agree to promptly prepare (subject to Section 3 hereof), file with the Commission and furnish at its own expense to the Initial Purchasers, amendments or supplements to the Final Offering Memorandum so that the statements in the Final Offering Memorandum as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances at the Closing Date and at the time of sale of Securities, be misleading or so that the Final Offering Memorandum, as amended or supplemented, will comply with all applicable law.

Following the consummation of the Exchange Offer or the effectiveness of an applicable shelf registration statement and for so long as the Securities are outstanding, if, in the judgment of the Representative, the Initial Purchasers or any of their affiliates (as such term is defined in the Securities Act) are required to deliver a prospectus in connection with sales of, or market-making activities with respect to, the Securities, the Company and the Guarantors agree to (i) periodically amend the applicable registration statement so that the information contained therein complies with the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act, (ii) amend the applicable registration statement or supplement the related prospectus or the documents incorporated therein when necessary to reflect any material changes in the information provided therein so that the registration statement and the prospectus will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing as of the date the prospectus is so delivered, not misleading and (iii) provide the Initial Purchasers with copies of each amendment or supplement filed and such other documents as the Initial Purchasers may reasonably request.

The Company hereby expressly acknowledges that the indemnification and contribution provisions of Sections 8 and 9 hereof are specifically applicable and relate to each offering memorandum, registration statement, prospectus, amendment or supplement referred to in this Section 3.

(c) **Copies of the Offering Memorandum.** The Company agrees to furnish the Initial Purchasers, without charge, as many copies of the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum and any amendments and supplements thereto as they shall reasonably request.

(d) **Blue Sky Compliance.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors shall cooperate with the Representative and counsel for the Initial Purchasers to qualify or register (or to obtain exemptions from qualifying or registering) all or any part of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities laws of the several states of the United States, the provinces of Canada or any other jurisdictions designated by the Representatives, shall comply with such laws and shall continue such qualifications, registrations and exemptions in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Securities. Neither the Company nor any of the Guarantors shall be required to qualify as a foreign corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not presently qualified or where it would be subject to taxation as a foreign corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership. The Company will advise the Representative promptly of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Securities for offering, sale or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose, and in the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification, registration or exemption, each of the Company and the Guarantors shall use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(e) **Use of Proceeds.** The Company shall apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities sold by it in the manner described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Pricing Disclosure Package.

(f) **The Depositary.** The Company will cooperate with the Initial Purchasers and use its reasonable best efforts to permit the Securities to be eligible for clearance and settlement through the facilities of the Depositary.

(g) Additional Issuer Information. Prior to the completion of the placement of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers with the Subsequent Purchasers, the Company shall file, on a timely basis, with the Commission and the NYSE all reports and documents required to be filed under Section 13 or 15 of the Exchange Act. Additionally, at any time when the Company is not subject to Section 13 or 15 of the Exchange Act, for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Securities, the Company shall furnish, at its expense, upon request, to holders and beneficial owners of Securities and prospective purchasers of Securities information satisfying the requirements of Rule 144A(d).

(h) **Agreement Not To Offer or Sell Additional Securities.** During the period of 45 days following the date hereof, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of Merrill Lynch (which consent may be withheld at the sole discretion of Merrill Lynch), directly or indirectly, sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or establish an open "put equivalent position" within the meaning of Rule 16a-1 under the Exchange Act, or otherwise dispose of or transfer, or announce the offering of, or file any registration statement under the Securities Act in respect of, any debt securities of the Company or securities exchangeable for or convertible into debt securities of the Company (other than as contemplated by this Agreement and to register the Exchange Securities).

(i) **No Integration.** The Company agrees that it will not and will cause its Affiliates not to make any offer or sale of securities of the Company of any class if, as a result of the doctrine of "integration" referred to in Rule 502 under the Securities Act, such offer or sale would render invalid (for the purpose of (i) the sale of the Securities by the Company to the Initial Purchasers, (ii) the resale of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers to Subsequent Purchasers or (iii) the resale of the Securities by such Subsequent Purchasers to others) the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 4(a)(2) thereof or by Rule 144A or by Regulation S thereunder or otherwise.

(j) **No General Solicitation or Directed Selling Efforts.** The Company agrees that it will not and will not permit any of its Affiliates or any other person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to which no covenant is given) to (i) solicit offers for, or offer or sell, the Securities by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502(c) of Regulation D or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act or (ii) engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to the Securities within the meaning of Regulation S, and the Company will and will cause all such persons to comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S with respect to the Securities.

(k) **No Restricted Resales.** During a period of one year after the Closing Date, the Company will not, and will not permit any of its affiliates (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) to resell any of the Notes that have been reacquired by any of them.

(l) **Legended Securities.** Each certificate for a Note will bear the legend contained in "Transfer Restrictions" in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum for the time period and upon the other terms stated in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum.

The Representative on behalf of the several Initial Purchasers, may, in its sole discretion, waive in writing the performance by the Company or any Guarantor of any one or more of the foregoing covenants or extend the time for their performance.

SECTION 4. **Payment of Expenses.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors agrees, jointly and severally, to pay all costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including, without limitation, (i) all expenses incident to the issuance and delivery of the Securities (including all printing and engraving costs), (ii) all necessary issue, transfer and other stamp taxes in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers, (iii) all fees and expenses of the Company's and the Guarantors' counsel, independent public or certified public accountants and other advisors, (iv) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, printing, filing, shipping and distribution (including any form of electronic distribution) of the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum (including financial statements and exhibits), and all amendments and supplements thereto, and the Transaction Documents, (v) all filing fees, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Company, the Guarantors or the Initial Purchasers in connection with qualifying or registering

(or obtaining exemptions from the qualification or registration of) all or any part of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities laws of the several states of the United States, the provinces of Canada or other jurisdictions designated by the Initial Purchasers (including, without limitation, the cost of preparing, printing and mailing preliminary and final blue sky or legal investment memoranda and any related supplements to the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum), (vi) the fees and expenses of the Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee in connection with the Indenture, the Securities and the Exchange Securities, (vii) any fees payable in connection with the rating of the Securities or the Exchange Securities with the ratings agencies, (viii) any filing fees incident to, and any reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Initial Purchasers in connection with the review by FINRA, if any, of the terms of the sale of the Securities or the Exchange Securities (in an amount not to exceed \$10,000), (ix) all fees and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) of the Company and the Guarantors in connection with approval of the Securities by the Depositary for "book-entry" transfer, and the performance by the Company and the Guarantors of their respective other obligations under this Agreement and (x) all expenses incident to the "road show" for the offering of the Securities, if any; provided, however, that the Initial Purchasers will pay for 50% of the cost of any chartered aircraft in connection with the road show, if any. Except as provided in this Section 4 and Sections 6, 8 and 9 hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

SECTION 5. **Conditions of the Obligations of the Initial Purchasers.** The obligations of the several Initial Purchasers to purchase and pay for the Securities as provided herein on the Closing Date shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Guarantors set forth in Section 1 hereof as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as though then made and to the timely performance by the Company and the Guarantors of their covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional conditions:

(a) **Accountants' Comfort Letter.** On the date hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall have received from KPMG, the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company, a "comfort letter" dated the date hereof addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, covering the financial information in the Pricing Disclosure Package and other customary matters. In addition, on the Closing Date, the Initial Purchaser shall have received from such accountants a "bring-down comfort letter" dated the Closing Date addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, in the form of the "comfort letter" delivered on the date hereof, except that (i) it shall cover the financial information in the Final Offering Memorandum and any amendment or supplement thereto and (ii) procedures shall be brought down to a date no more than 3 days prior to the Closing Date.

(b) **Reserve Engineer Letter.** On the date hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall have received from the Reserve Engineer, a letter dated the date hereof addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, containing statements and information ordinarily included in reserve engineers' "comfort letters" to Initial Purchasers with respect to the reserve reports and related information contained in the Offering Memorandum. In addition, on the Closing Date, the Initial Purchaser shall have received from the Reserve Engineer a bring-down letter dated the Closing Date

addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, in the form of the letter delivered on the date hereof, except that it shall cover the reserve reports and related information in the Final Offering Memorandum and any amendment or supplement thereto.

(c) **No Material Adverse Effect or Ratings Agency Change.** For the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date:

(i) in the judgment of the Representative there shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Effect; and

(ii) there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their securities or indebtedness by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" registered under Section15E of the Exchange Act.

(d) **Opinion of Counsel for the Company.** On the Closing Date the Initial Purchasers shall have received the favorable opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, counsel for the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, the form of which is attached as Exhibits A-1 and A-2.

(e) **Opinion of Counsel for the Initial Purchasers.** On the Closing Date the Initial Purchasers shall have received the favorable opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Initial Purchasers, dated as of such Closing Date, with respect to such matters as may be reasonably requested by the Initial Purchasers.

(f) **Officers' Certificate.** On the Closing Date the Initial Purchasers shall have received a written certificate executed by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or President of the Company and each Guarantor and the Chief Financial Officer or Chief Accounting Officer of the Company and each Guarantor, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect set forth in Section 5(c)(ii) hereof, and further to the effect that:

(i) for the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date there has not occurred any Material Adverse Effect;

(ii) the representations, warranties and covenants of the Company and the Guarantors set forth in Section 1 hereof were true and correct as of the date hereof and are true and correct as of the Closing Date with the same force and effect as though expressly made on and as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) each of the Company and the Guarantors has complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Date.

(g) **Registration Rights Agreement**. The Company and the Guarantors shall have executed and delivered the Registration Rights Agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers, and the Initial Purchasers shall have received such executed counterparts.

(h) **Depositary.** The Securities shall be eligible for clearance and settlement through the facilities of DTC.

(i) Additional Documents. On or before the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers and counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall have received such information, documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purposes of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as contemplated herein, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations and warranties, or the satisfaction of any of the conditions or agreements, herein contained.

If any condition specified in this Section 5 is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice to the Company at any time on or prior to the Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that Sections 4, 6, 8 and 9 hereof shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

SECTION 6. **Reimbursement of Initial Purchasers' Expenses.** If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative pursuant to Section 5 or clauses (i), (iv) or (v) of Section 10 hereof, including if the sale to the Initial Purchasers of the Securities on the Closing Date is not consummated because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to perform any agreement herein or to comply with any provision hereof, the Company agrees to reimburse the Initial Purchasers, severally, upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses that shall have been reasonably incurred by the Initial Purchasers in connection with the proposed purchase and the offering and sale of the Securities, including, without limitation, fees and disbursements of counsel, printing expenses, travel expenses, postage, facsimile and telephone charges.

SECTION 7. **Offer, Sale and Resale Procedures.** Each of the Initial Purchasers, on the one hand, and the Company and each of the Guarantors, on the other hand, hereby agree to observe the following procedures in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities:

(a) Offers and sales of the Securities will be made only by the Initial Purchasers or Affiliates thereof qualified to do so in the jurisdictions in which such offers or sales are made. Each such offer or sale shall only be made to persons whom the offeror or seller reasonably believes to be Qualified Institutional Buyers or non-U.S. persons outside the United States to whom the offeror or seller reasonably believes offers and sales of the Securities may be made in reliance upon Regulation S upon the terms and conditions set forth in Annex I hereto, which Annex I is hereby expressly made a part hereof.

(b) No general solicitation or general advertising (within the meaning of Rule 502 under the Securities Act) will be used in the United States in connection with the offering of the Securities.

(c) Upon original issuance by the Company, and until such time as the same is no longer required under the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, the Notes (and all securities issued in exchange therefor or in substitution thereof, other than the Exchange Notes) shall bear the following legend:

"THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1)(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A FOREIGN PERSON IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (c) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF APPLICABLE) OR (d) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT (AND BASED UPON AN OPINION OF COUNSEL ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY IF THE COMPANY SO REQUESTS), (2) TO THE COMPANY OR (3) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (A) ABOVE. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 FOR RESALE OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY."

Following the sale of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers to Subsequent Purchasers pursuant to the terms hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall not be liable or responsible to the Company for any losses, damages or liabilities suffered or incurred by the Company, including any losses, damages or liabilities under the Securities Act, arising from or relating to any resale or transfer of any Security.

### SECTION 8. Indemnification.

(a) Indemnification of the Initial Purchasers. Each of the Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Initial Purchaser, its affiliates, directors, officers and employees, and each person, if any, who controls any Initial Purchaser within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which such Initial Purchaser, affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, or at common law or otherwise (including in settlement of any litigation, if such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company), insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and to reimburse each Initial Purchaser and each such affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person for any and all expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by Merrill Lynch) as such expenses are reasonably incurred by such Initial Purchaser or such affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action; provided, however, that the foregoing indemnity agreement shall not apply, with respect to an Initial Purchaser, to any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense to the extent, but only to the extent, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto). The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(a) shall be in addition to any liabilities that the Company may otherwise have.

(b) **Indemnification of the Company and the Guarantors.** Each Initial Purchaser agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each Guarantor, each of their respective directors, officers and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Guarantor within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which the Company, any Guarantor or any such director, officer or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, or at common law or otherwise (including in settlement of any litigation, if such settlement is effected with the written consent of such Initial Purchaser), insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or

actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto), in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use therein; and to reimburse the Company, any Guarantor and each such director, officer or controlling person for any and all expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel) as such expenses are reasonably incurred by the Company, any Guarantor or such director, officer or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action. Each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby acknowledges that the only information that the Initial Purchasers through the Representative have furnished to the Company expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto) are the statements set forth in the sixth, tenth and eleventh paragraphs under the caption "Plan of Distribution" in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Final Offering Memorandum. The ind

(c) **Notifications and Other Indemnification Procedures.** Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against an indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; provided that the failure to so notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party under this Section 8 except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced by such failure (through the forfeiture of substantive rights and defenses) and shall not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability that the indemnifying party may have to an indemnified party other than under this Section 8. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and such indemnified party seeks or intends to seek indemnify from an indemnifying party, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in and, to the extent that it shall elect, jointly with all other indemnifying parties similarly notified, by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnified party in conducting the defense of any such action or that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assume such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the

indemnifying party to such indemnified party of such indemnifying party's election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the immediately preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (together with local counsel (in each applicable jurisdiction)), which shall be selected by Merrill Lynch (in the case of counsel representing the Initial Purchasers or their related persons), representing the indemnified party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action, in each of which cases the fees and expenses of counsel shall be at the expense of the indemnifying party.

(d) **Settlements.** The indemnifying party under this Section 8 shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense by reason of such settlement or judgment. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement, compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity was or could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such action, suit or proceeding and (ii) does not include any statements as to or any findings of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

SECTION 9. **Contribution.** If the indemnification provided for in Section 8 hereof is for any reason held to be unavailable to or otherwise insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount paid or payable by such indemnified party, as incurred, as a result of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers or omissions or inaccuracies in the representations and warranties herein which resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, and the total discount received by the Initial Purchasers bear to the aggregate initial offering

price of the Securities. The relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact or any such inaccurate or alleged inaccurate representation or warranty relates to information supplied by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, or the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission or inaccuracy.

The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 8 hereof, any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim. The provisions set forth in Section 8 hereof with respect to notice of commencement of any action shall apply if a claim for contribution is to be made under this Section 9; provided, however, that no additional notice shall be required with respect to any action for which notice has been given under Section 8 hereof for purposes of indemnification.

The Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 9 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Initial Purchasers were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 9.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9, no Initial Purchaser shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the discount received by such Initial Purchaser in connection with the Securities distributed by it. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Initial Purchasers' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 9 are several, and not joint, in proportion to their respective commitments as set forth opposite their names in Schedule A. For purposes of this Section 9, each affiliate, director, officer and employee of an Initial Purchaser and each person, if any, who controls an Initial Purchaser within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Initial Purchaser, and each director of the Company or any Guarantor, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Guarantor with the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company on any Guarantor with

SECTION 10. **Termination of this Agreement.** Prior to the Closing Date, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice given to the Company if at any time: (i) trading or quotation in any of the Company's securities shall have been suspended or limited by the Commission or by the New York Stock Exchange (the "**NYSE**"), or trading in securities generally on either the Nasdaq Stock Market or the NYSE shall have been suspended or limited, or minimum or maximum prices shall have been generally established on any of such quotation system or stock exchange by the Commission or FINRA; (ii) a general banking moratorium shall have been declared by any of federal, New York or Texas authorities; (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of national or international hostilities or any crisis or calamity, or any change in the United States or international financial markets, or any substantial change or development involving a prospective substantial change in United States'

or international political, financial or economic conditions, as in the judgment of the Representative is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering sale or delivery of the Securities in the manner and on the terms described in the Pricing Disclosure Package or to enforce contracts for the sale of securities; (iv) in the judgment of the Representative there shall have occurred any Material Adverse Effect; or (v) the Company shall have sustained a loss by strike, fire, flood, earthquake, accident or other calamity of such character as in the judgment of the Representative may interfere materially with the conduct of the business and operations of the Company regardless of whether or not such loss shall have been insured. Any termination pursuant to this Section 10 shall be without liability on the part of (i) the Company or any Guarantor to any Initial Purchaser, except that the Company and the Guarantors shall be obligated to reimburse the expenses of the Initial Purchasers pursuant to Sections 4 and 6 hereof, (ii) any Initial Purchaser to the Company, or (iii) any party hereto to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 hereof shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

SECTION 11. **Representations and Indemnities to Survive Delivery.** The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, the Guarantors, their respective officers and the several Initial Purchasers set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Initial Purchaser, the Company, any Guarantor or any of their partners, officers or directors or any controlling person, as the case may be, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities sold hereunder and any termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 12. **Notices.** All communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed, hand delivered, couriered or electronically mailed and confirmed to the parties hereto as follows:

If to the Initial Purchasers:

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated 50 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10020 Attention: High Yield Legal Department Fax: (212) 901-7897

with a copy to:

Latham & Watkins LLP 811 Main St., Suite 3700 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: Ryan Maierson Fax: (713) 546-5401

If to the Company or the Guarantors:

Matador Resources Company One Lincoln Centre 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500 Dallas, Texas 75240 Attention: Joseph Wm. Foran Chief Executive Officer Fax: (972) 371-5201

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP 2100 McKinney Avenue Dallas, Texas 75201 Attention: Douglass M. Rayburn Fax: (214) 571-2948

Any party hereto may change the address or facsimile number for receipt of communications by giving written notice to the others.

SECTION 13. **Successors.** This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, and to the benefit of the indemnified parties referred to in Sections 8 and 9 hereof, and in each case their respective successors, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder. The term "successors" shall not include any Subsequent Purchaser or other purchaser of the Securities as such from any of the Initial Purchasers merely by reason of such purchase.

SECTION 14. **Authority of the Representative.** Any action by the Initial Purchasers hereunder may be taken by Merrill Lynch on behalf of the Initial Purchasers, and any such action taken by Merrill Lynch shall be binding upon the Initial Purchasers.

SECTION 15. **Partial Unenforceability.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

SECTION 16. **Governing Law Provisions.** THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY, OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAW PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

SECTION 17. **Default of One or More of the Several Initial Purchasers.** If any one or more of the several Initial Purchasers shall fail or refuse to purchase Securities that it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on the Closing Date, and the aggregate number of Securities which such defaulting Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers agreed but failed or refused to

purchase does not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the Securities to be purchased on such date, the other Initial Purchasers shall be obligated, severally, in the proportions that the number of Securities set forth opposite their respective names on Schedule A bears to the aggregate number of Securities set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Initial Purchasers, or in such other proportions as may be specified by the Initial Purchasers with the consent of the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers, to purchase the Securities which such defaulting Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers agreed but failed or refused to purchase on the Closing Date. If any one or more of the Initial Purchasers shall fail or refuse to purchase Securities and the aggregate number of Securities with respect to which such default occurs exceeds 10% of the aggregate number of Securities are not made within 48 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 4, 6, 8 and 9 hereof shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. In any such case either the Initial Purchasers or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, as the case may be, but in no event for longer than seven days in order that the required changes, if any, to the Final Offering Memorandum or any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

As used in this Agreement, the term "**Initial Purchaser**" shall be deemed to include any person substituted for a defaulting Initial Purchaser under this Section 17. Any action taken under this Section 17 shall not relieve any defaulting Initial Purchaser from liability in respect of any default of such Initial Purchaser under this Agreement.

SECTION 18. **No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the several Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, and the Company and the Guarantors are capable of evaluating and understanding and understand and accept the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) in connection with each transaction contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction each Initial Purchaser is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company and the Guarantors or their respective affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other party; (iii) no Initial Purchaser has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company and the Guarantors with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Initial Purchaser has advised or is currently advising the Company and the Guarantors on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company and the Guarantors except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement; (iv) the several Initial Purchasers and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests by virtue of any fiduciary or advisory relationship; and (v) the Initial Purchasers have no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any fiduciary or advisory relationship; and (v) the Initial Purchasers have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby, and the Company and the Guarantors have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors t

This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company, the Guarantors and the several Initial Purchasers, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof. The Company and the Guarantors hereby waive and release, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company and the Guarantors may have against the several Initial Purchasers with respect to any breach or alleged breach of fiduciary duty.

SECTION 19. **Compliance With USA Patriot Act.** In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Initial Purchasers are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Initial Purchasers to properly identify their respective clients.

SECTION 20. **General Provisions.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement and supersedes all prior written or oral and all contemporaneous oral agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each one of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by telecopier, facsimile or other electronic transmission (i.e., a "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof. This Agreement may not be amended or modified unless in writing by all of the parties hereto, and no condition herein (express or implied) may be waived unless waived in writing by each party whom the condition is meant to benefit. The section headings herein are for the convenience of the parties only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to the Company the enclosed copies hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts hereof, shall become a binding agreement in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

ISSUER:

# MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY

By: /s/ Craig N. Adams

Craig N. Adams Executive Vice President - Land, Legal and Administration

#### **GUARANTORS**:

DELAWARE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS GP, INC. LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM HOLDINGS, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTH TEXAS, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY MRC ENERGY COMPANY MRC DELAWARE RESOURCES, LLC MRC ENERGY SOUTHEAST COMPANY, LLC MRC ENERGY SOUTH TEXAS COMPANY, LLC MRC PERMIAN COMPANY MRC PERMIAN LKE COMPANY, LLC MRC ROCKIES COMPANY SOUTHEAST WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

By: /s/ Craig N. Adams

Craig N. Adams Executive Vice President - Land, Legal and Administration

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LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, LP

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Craig N. Adams

Craig N. Adams Executive Vice President - Land, Legal and Administration

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The foregoing Purchase Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted by the Initial Purchasers as of the date first above written.

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

> Acting on behalf of itself and as the Representative of the several Initial Purchasers

By: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

By: /s/ Alex Kroner

Name: Alex Kroner Title: Managing Director

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# SCHEDULE A

Initial Purchasers	Aggregate Principal Amount of Securities to be Purchased
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	
Incorporated	\$ 97,500,000
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	45,000,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	39,000,000
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	30,000,000
BMO Capital Markets Corp.	27,000,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	27,000,000
Comerica Securities, Inc.	12,000,000
IBERIA Capital Partners L.L.C.	10,500,000
Imperial Capital, LLC	3,000,000
Northland Securities, Inc.	3,000,000
Stephens Inc.	3,000,000
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated	3,000,000
Total	\$ 300,000,000

#### FORM OF OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE COMPANY

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Company is a validly existing corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Texas.
- 2. Each Guarantor is a validly existing corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of the State of Texas.
- 3. The Company and each Guarantor has all requisite corporate, limited liability company or limited partnership power and authority to (i) own, lease and operate its respective properties and to conduct its respective business as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum and (ii) execute and deliver the Note Documents to which it is a party and to perform its obligations thereunder.
- 4. The execution and delivery by the Company and each Guarantor of the Note Documents to which it is a party and the performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, limited liability company or limited partnership action, as applicable. Each of the Closing Date Note Documents has been duly executed and delivered by the Company and each Guarantor party thereto.
- 5. Each of the Indenture and the Registration Rights Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company and each Guarantor party thereto, enforceable against the Company and each such Guarantor in accordance with its terms.
- 6. The Notes, when authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Initial Purchasers in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement, will be legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms. The Exchange Notes, when executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered in exchange for the Notes in accordance with the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement, will be legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.
- 7. When the Notes and the Guarantees endorsed thereon have been duly authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Initial Purchasers in accordance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the Guarantee of each Guarantor will be a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Guarantor, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against such Guarantor in accordance with its terms. When the Exchange Notes and the Exchange Note Guarantees endorsed thereon have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of

Exhibit A-1 1 the Indenture and delivered in exchange for the Notes and the Guarantees in accordance with the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement, the Exchange Note Guarantee of each Guarantor will be a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Guarantor, entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against such Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

8. The execution and delivery by the Company and the Guarantors of the Closing Date Note Documents to which it is a party, the performance of its obligations thereunder, and the issuance by the Company and the Guarantors of the Notes and the Guarantees to the Initial Purchasers:

(i) do not and will not violate the charter or bylaws or other constitutive documents of the Company or any of the Guarantors;

(ii) based solely upon review of such agreements, do not and will not result in a breach of or default under any agreement (other than employment agreements, stock option plans, stock election plans, stock incentive plans, officer and director indemnification agreements, change-in-control or severance agreements and deferred compensation plans, as to which we express no opinion) included in the list of exhibits in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed subsequent to such Annual Report; and

(iii) do not and will not violate, or require any filing or registration with or consent, approval, authorization or order of any governmental authority or regulatory body of the States of New York or Texas or the United States of America under, any law, statute, rule or regulation of the States of New York or Texas or the United States of America applicable to the Company or any of the Guarantors that, in our experience, is generally applicable to transactions in the nature of those contemplated by the Purchase Agreement.

- 9. Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers and compliance by them with their agreements contained in the Purchase Agreement, no registration of the Notes or Guarantees under the Securities Act, and no qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, is required for the sale and delivery of the Notes to the Initial Purchasers on the date hereof or for resales by the Initial Purchasers in the manner contemplated by the Purchase Agreement and the Offering Memorandum, dated October 1, 2018, issued in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes (the "<u>Offering Memorandum</u>"), it being understood that we express no opinion as to any subsequent resale of the Notes or Guarantees.
- 10. Insofar as the statements in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum under the captions "The Offering" and "Description of the Notes" purport to describe specific provisions of the Notes or the other Note Documents, such statements are accurate in all material respects.

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- 11. Insofar as the statements in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum under the caption "Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" purport to summarize matters of United States federal tax law and regulations, such statements are accurate in all material respects, subject to the limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth therein.
- 12. Each of the Company and the Guarantors is not and, after giving effect to the sale of the Notes and the use of proceeds therefrom as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Offering Memorandum, will not be an "investment company" that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"). For purposes of this paragraph 12, the term "investment company" has the meanings ascribed to such term in the Investment Company Act.

#### FORM OF 10B-5 LETTER OF COUNSEL TO THE COMPANY

We have participated in conferences with officers and other representatives of the Company, the Guarantors, representatives of the independent auditors and independent reserve engineers of the Company and your representatives and counsel at which the contents of the General Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum and related matters were discussed. Because the purpose of our professional engagement was not to establish or confirm factual matters and because we did not independently undertake to verify the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements set forth in the General Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum, we are not passing upon and do not assume any responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the General Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum except insofar as such statements specifically relate to us or as specifically addressed in paragraphs 10 and 11 of our legal opinion addressed to you of even date herewith. Our identification of information as constituting the General Disclosure Package is for the limited purpose of making the statements set forth in this letter. We express no opinion or belief as to the conveyance of the General Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum or the information contained therein to investors generally or to any particular investors at any particular time or in any particular manner.

On the basis of the foregoing, and except for (1) the financial statements and schedules and other information of an accounting or financial nature included or incorporated by reference therein and (2) the audit report of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. incorporated by reference therein and any information derived therefrom, as to all of which we express no opinion or belief, no facts have come to our attention that led us to believe that (i) the General Disclosure Package, at the Applicable Time, included an untrue statement of material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (ii) the Final Offering Memorandum, as of its date or as of the date hereof, included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

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### **Subsidiaries**

- Black River Water Management Company, LLC
- Delaware Water Management Company, LLC
- DLK Black River Midstream, LLC
- Fulcrum Delaware Water Resources, LLC
- Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc.
- Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems, LP
- Longwood Midstream Delaware, LLC
- Longwood Midstream Holdings, LLC
- Longwood Midstream Southeast, LLC
- Longwood Midstream South Texas, LLC
- Longwood RB Pipeline, LLC
- Longwood Wolf Pipeline, LLC
- Matador Production Company
- MRC Delaware Resources, LLC
- MRC Energy Company
- MRC Energy Southeast Company, LLC
- MRC Energy South Texas Company, LLC
- MRC Permian Company
- MRC Permian LKE Company, LLC
- MRC Rockies Company
- San Mateo Black River Oil Pipeline, LLC
- San Mateo Midstream, LLC
- Southeast Water Management Company, LLC
- WR Permian, LLC

Exhibit B

Resale Pursuant to Regulation S or Rule 144A. Each Initial Purchaser understands that:

Such Initial Purchaser agrees that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell the Securities in the United States or to, or for the benefit or account of, a U.S. person (other than a distributor), in each case, as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S (i) as part of its distribution at any time and (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering of the Securities pursuant hereto and the Closing Date, other than in accordance with Regulation S or another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Such Initial Purchaser agrees that, during such 40-day restricted period, it will not cause any advertisement with respect to the Securities (including any "tombstone" advertisement) to be published in any newspaper or periodical or posted in any public place and will not issue any circular relating to the Securities, except such advertisements as are permitted by and include the statements required by Regulation S.

Such Initial Purchaser agrees that, at or prior to confirmation of a sale of Securities by it to any distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration during the 40-day restricted period referred to in Rule 903 of Regulation S, it will send to such distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration a confirmation or notice to substantially the following effect:

"The Securities covered hereby have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and may not be offered and sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (i) as part of your distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the date the Securities were first offered to persons other than distributors in reliance upon Regulation S and the Closing Date, except in either case in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act (or in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act or to accredited investors in transactions that are exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act), and in connection with any subsequent sale by you of the Securities covered hereby in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act during the period referred to above to any distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration, you must deliver a notice to substantially the foregoing effect. Terms used above have the meanings assigned to them in Regulation S under the Securities Act."

Annex I-1

## LIMITED CONSENT AND TWELFTH AMENDMENT TO THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

This LIMITED CONSENT AND TWELFTH AMENDMENT TO THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Amendment</u>") is entered into as of October 1, 2018, by and among MRC ENERGY COMPANY, a Texas corporation (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the LENDERS party hereto and ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as Administrative Agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Agent</u>"). Unless otherwise expressly defined herein, capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement (as defined below).

## WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders have entered into that certain Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2012 (as the same has been and may hereafter be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower has advised the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that the Borrower intends to enter into a tack-on offering in respect of the existing Senior Notes which will require an amendment or similar modification to the existing Senior Note Documents to increase the maximum principal amount of the Senior Notes (the "Senior Note Increase"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower has requested that the Administrative Agent and the Lenders (i) amend the Credit Agreement in certain respects and (ii) consent to the Senior Notes Increase, in each case, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, and the Administrative Agent and the Lenders have agreed to such request on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and confessed, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders hereby agree as follows:

**SECTION 1. Amendments to Credit Agreement.** Subject to the satisfaction or waiver in writing of each condition precedent set forth in <u>Section 3</u> of this Amendment, and in reliance on the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Amendment, the Credit Agreement shall be amended in the manner provided in this <u>Section 1</u>.

**1.1 Senior Notes**. Section 8.1(q) of the Credit Agreement shall be and it hereby is amended by replacing "\$800,000,000" therein with "\$1,100,000,000".

**SECTION 2. Limited Consent to Senior Notes Increase**. Subject to the conditions described in this Amendment, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders hereby consent to the Senior Notes Increase and agree that, notwithstanding anything herein, or in the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document to the contrary, the transactions contemplated by the Senior Notes Increase shall not result in a violation of <u>Sections 8.13(b)</u> of the Credit Agreement; <u>provided</u> that, (i) the Borrower

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shall use any Net Cash Proceeds received by it or any other Credit Party in respect of all of the Senior Notes Increase to prepay the Loans to the extent required by <u>Section 2.10(c)</u> of the Credit Agreement and (ii) both before and immediately after giving effect to the Senior Notes Increase, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing. The consent set forth in this <u>Section 2</u> is expressly limited as follows: (A) such consent is limited solely to the Senior Notes Increase on and subject to the terms and conditions hereof and (B) such consent is a limited one-time consent, and nothing contained herein shall obligate the Administrative Agent or the Lenders to grant any additional or future consent, or to grant any waiver of <u>Section 8.13</u> of the Credit Agreement or any other provision of the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document other than as expressly provided in this Amendment.

**SECTION 3. Conditions.** The amendments to the Credit Agreement contained in <u>Section 1</u> of this Amendment and the limited consent contained in <u>Section 2</u> of this Amendment, in each case, shall be effective concurrently with the closing of the contemplated additional Senior Notes offering and upon the satisfaction of each of the conditions set forth in this <u>Section 3</u>.

**3.1 Execution and Delivery**. The Administrative Agent shall have received a duly executed counterpart of (a) this Amendment signed by the Borrower and the Required Lenders and (b) the Consent and Reaffirmation attached hereto signed by each Guarantor.

**3.2 No Default.** After giving effect to this Amendment, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

## **SECTION 4. Certain Post-Closing Covenants.**

**4.1 Additional Senior Notes**. Promptly after the issuance of the additional Senior Notes of the Parent, but in any event no later than the effective date of the Senior Notes Increase, the Administrative Agent shall have received copies of the material Senior Note Documents related to the Senior Notes Increase, certified by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower to be correct and complete copies of such Senior Note Documents unless such Senior Note Documents have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**SECTION 5. Representations and Warranties.** To induce the Lenders to enter into this Amendment, the Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Lenders as follows:

**5.1 Reaffirmation of Representations and Warranties.** After giving effect to the amendments herein, each representation and warranty of the Borrower, the Parent and each other Credit Party contained in the Credit Agreement and in each of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party is true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein), except to the extent any such representations and warranties are expressly limited to an earlier date, in which case, such representations and warranties shall continue to be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein) as of such specified earlier date.

**5.2 Corporate Authority; No Conflicts.** The execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of this Amendment and all documents, instruments and agreements contemplated herein are within the Borrower's corporate powers, have been duly authorized by necessary corporate action by the Borrower, require no action by or in respect of, or filing with, any court or

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agency of government (except for the recording and filing of Collateral Documents and financing statements) and (a) do not violate in any material respect any Requirement of Law, (b) are not in contravention of the terms of any material Contractual Obligation, indenture, agreement or undertaking to which the Borrower is a party or by which it or its properties are bound where such violation could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (c) do not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon any of the assets of the Borrower except for Liens permitted by Section 8.2 of the Credit Agreement and otherwise as permitted in the Credit Agreement.

**5.3 Enforceability.** This Amendment constitutes the valid and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditor's rights generally, and (ii) equitable principles of general application.

5.4 No Default. After giving effect to this Amendment, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

## **SECTION 6. Miscellaneous.**

**6.1 Reaffirmation of Loan Documents and Liens.** Any and all of the terms and provisions of the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents shall, except as amended and modified hereby, remain in full force and effect and are hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed by the Borrower. The Borrower hereby agrees that the amendments and modifications herein contained shall in no manner affect or impair the liabilities, duties and obligations of the Borrower, the Parent or any other Credit Party under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents or the Liens securing the payment and performance thereof, except as amended and modified hereby.

**6.2 Parties in Interest.** All of the terms and provisions of this Amendment shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

**6.3 Further Assurances.** The Borrower covenants and agrees from time to time, as and when reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, to execute and deliver or cause to be executed or delivered, all such documents, instruments and agreements and to take or cause to be taken such further or other action as the Administrative Agent or the Lenders may reasonably deem necessary or desirable in order to carry out the intent and purposes of this Amendment.

**6.4 Legal Expenses.** The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses of special counsel to the Administrative Agent incurred by the Administrative Agent in connection with the preparation, negotiation and execution of this Amendment and all related documents.

**6.5 Counterparts.** This Amendment may be executed in one or more counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same instrument; signature pages may be detached from multiple separate counterparts and attached to a single counterpart so that all signature pages are physically attached to the same document. Delivery of photocopies of the signature pages to this Amendment by facsimile or electronic mail shall be effective as delivery of manually executed counterparts of this Amendment.

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**6.6 Complete Agreement.** THIS AMENDMENT, THE CREDIT AGREEMENT, AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS OR ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

**6.7 Headings.** The headings, captions and arrangements used in this Amendment are, unless specified otherwise, for convenience only and shall not be deemed to limit, amplify or modify the terms of this Amendment, nor affect the meaning thereof.

6.8 Governing Law. This Amendment shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

**6.9** Severability. Any provision of this Amendment held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof; and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

### 6.10 Reference to and Effect on the Loan Documents.

(a) This Amendment shall be deemed to constitute a Loan Document for all purposes and in all respects. Each reference in the Credit Agreement to "this Agreement," "hereunder," "hereof," "herein" or words of like import, and each reference in the Credit Agreement or in any other Loan Document, or other agreements, documents or other instruments executed and delivered pursuant to the Credit Agreement to the "Credit Agreement", shall mean and be a reference to the Credit Agreement as amended by this Amendment.

(b) The execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not operate as a waiver of any right, power or remedy of any Lender or the Administrative Agent under any of the Loan Documents, nor, except as expressly provided herein, constitute a waiver of any provision of any of the Loan Documents.

## [Signature pages follow.]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties have caused this Amendment to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers to be effective as of the date first above written.

## **BORROWER:**

MRC ENERGY COMPANY, as Borrower

By: /s/ David E. Lancaster

Name: David E. Lancaster Title: Executive Vice President

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## ROYAL BANK OF CANADA,

as Administrative Agent

By:/s/ Rodica DutkaName:Rodica DutkaTitle:Manager, Agency

## **ROYAL BANK OF CANADA,**

as a Lender and as an Issuing Lender

By:/s/ Don J. McKinnerneyName:Don J. McKinnerneyTitle:Authorized Signatory

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# **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,** as a Lender

By: /s/ Raza Jafferi Name: Raza Jafferi Title: Director

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## COMERICA BANK,

as a Lender and as an Issuing Lender

By:/s/ V. Mark FuquaName:V. Mark FuquaTitle:Executive Vice President

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# SUNTRUST BANK, as a Lender

By: /s/ Benjamin L. Brown Name: Benjamin L. Brown Title: Director

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# THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, HOUSTON BRANCH, as a Lender

By: /s/ Alan Dawson Name: Alan Dawson Title: Director

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## BMO HARRIS FINANCING, INC., as a Lender

/s/ Gumaro Tijerina By:

Name: Gumaro Tijerina Title: Managing Director

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# WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Matthew W. Coleman Name: Matthew W. Coleman Title: Director

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**IBERIABANK,** as a Lender

By: /s/ Moni Collins Name: Moni Collins Title: Senior Vice President

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### CONSENT AND REAFFIRMATION

Each of the undersigned (each a "<u>Guarantor</u>") hereby (i) acknowledges receipt of a copy of the foregoing Twelfth Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "<u>Twelfth Amendment</u>"); (ii) consents to the Borrower's execution and delivery thereof; (iii) consents to the terms of the Twelfth Amendment; (iv) affirms that nothing contained therein shall modify in any respect whatsoever its guaranty of the Indebtedness pursuant to the terms of the Guaranty or the Liens granted by it pursuant to the terms of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party securing payment and performance of the Indebtedness, (v) reaffirms that the Guaranty and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party and such Liens are and shall continue to remain in full force and effect and are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects and (vi) represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that, as of the date hereof, (x) all of the representations and warranties made by it in each of the Loan Documents to which it is a party are true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein), except to the extent any such representations and warranties are expressly limited to an earlier date, in which case, such representations and warranties shall continue to be true and correct in all material respects (without duplication of any materiality qualifier contained therein), except to the extent any such reflect to the Twelfth Amendment, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Although each Guarantor has been informed of the Lenders have any obligation to inform any Guarantor of such matters in the future or to seek any Guarantor's acknowledgment or agreement to future amendments or waivers for the Guaranty and other Loan Documents to which it is a party to remain in full force and effect, and nothing herein shall create such duty or obligation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Consent and Reaffirmation on and as of the date of the Twelfth Amendment.

## **GUARANTORS:**

MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY MRC ENERGY SOUTHEAST COMPANY, LLC MRC ENERGY SOUTH TEXAS COMPANY, LLC MRC PERMIAN COMPANY MRC ROCKIES COMPANY MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS GP, INC. DELAWARE WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM DELAWARE, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM HOLDINGS, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTHEAST, LLC LONGWOOD MIDSTREAM SOUTH TEXAS, LLC SOUTHEAST WATER MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC

MRC DELAWARE RESOURCES, LLC MRC PERMIAN LKE COMPANY, LLC

By:

Name: David E. Lancaster Title: Executive Vice President

## LONGWOOD GATHERING AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, LP

By: Longwood Gathering and Disposal Systems GP, Inc., its General Partner

By:

Name: David E. Lancaster Title: Executive Vice President

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### MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY PRICES OFFERING OF \$300 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL SENIOR NOTES DUE 2026

DALLAS—(BUSINESS WIRE)—October 1, 2018—Matador Resources Company (NYSE: MTDR) ("Matador") announced today that it has priced a private offering of \$300 million of 5.875% senior unsecured notes due 2026 (the "Additional Notes"). The Additional Notes are being offered as additional notes to Matador's existing \$750 million aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Senior Notes due 2026 that Matador issued in a private placement on August 21, 2018. The Additional Notes will be issued at 100.50% of par, plus accrued interest from August 21, 2018. Matador increased the size of the offering from the previously announced \$250 million to \$300 million. The offering is expected to close on October 4, 2018, subject to customary closing conditions.

Matador intends to use the net proceeds from the offering to repay outstanding borrowings under its revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes.

The Additional Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or applicable state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. The Additional Notes may be resold by the initial purchasers pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act.

This press release is being issued pursuant to Rule 135c under the Securities Act, and is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of these securities, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

#### About Matador Resources Company

Matador is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development, production and acquisition of oil and natural gas resources in the United States, with an emphasis on oil and natural gas shale and other unconventional plays. Its current operations are focused primarily on the oil and liquids-rich portion of the Wolfcamp and Bone Spring plays in the Delaware Basin in Southeast New Mexico and West Texas. Matador also operates in the Eagle Ford shale play in South Texas and the Haynesville shale and Cotton Valley plays in Northwest Louisiana and East Texas. Additionally, Matador conducts midstream operations, primarily through its midstream joint venture, San Mateo Midstream, LLC, in support of its exploration, development and production operations and provides natural gas processing, oil transportation services, natural gas, oil and salt water gathering services and salt water disposal services to third parties.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. "Forward-looking statements" are statements related to future, not past, events. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and include any statement that does not directly relate to a current or historical fact. In this context, forward-looking statements often address expected future business and financial performance, and often contain words such as "could," "believe," "would," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "may," "should," "continue," "plan," "predict," "potential," "project," "hypothetical," "forecasted" and similar expressions that are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the intended use of offering proceeds and other statements that are not historical facts. Actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements, and such forward-looking statements may not prove to be accurate. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the following risks related to financial and operational performance: general economic conditions; Matador's ability to execute its business plan, including whether its drilling program is successful; changes in oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids prices and the demand for oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids; its ability to replace reserves and efficiently develop current reserves; costs of operations; delays and other difficulties related to producing oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids; its ability to make acquisitions on economically acceptable terms; its ability to integrate acquisitions; availability of sufficient capital to execute its business plan, including from future cash flows, increases in its borrowing base and otherwise; weather and environmental conditions; the operating results of Matador's midstream joint venture's expansion of the Black River cryogenic processing plant; the timing and operating results of the buildout by Matador's midstream joint venture of oil, natural gas and water gathering and transportation systems and the drilling of any additional salt water disposal wells; and other important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. For further discussions of risks and uncertainties, you should refer to Matador's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including the "Risk Factors" section of Matador's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Matador undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this press release, except as required by law, including the securities laws of the United States and the rules and regulations of the SEC. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

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