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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-32593

**Global Partners LP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation  
or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**P.O. Box 9161**  
**800 South Street**  
**Waltham, Massachusetts 02454-9161**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(781) 894-8800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

No  Yes

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

Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The issuer had 27,430,563 common units outstanding as of November 5, 2012.

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**GLOBAL PARTNERS LP**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(In thousands, except unit data)

(Unaudited)

<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,073	\$ 4,328
Accounts receivable - affiliates		1,277	1,776
Brokerage margin deposits		30,272	43,935
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		62,031	61,561
Goodwill		29,123	
Other assets		13,681	10,427
<b>Liabilities and partners' equity</b>			
Accounts payable	\$	704,459	\$ 575,776
Environmental liabilities - current portion		4,373	2,936
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		59,967	41,307
Total current liabilities		997,802	771,054
Revolving credit facility		422,000	205,000
Other long-term liabilities		33,438	24,110
<b>Partners' equity</b>			
General partner interest (0.83% and 1.06% interest with 230,303 equivalent units outstanding at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively)		(474)	(319)

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Total partners equity	429,615	315,289
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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**GLOBAL PARTNERS LP**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

(In thousands, except per unit data)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Sales	\$ 4,617,194	\$ 3,765,765	\$ 12,508,738	\$ 10,728,985
Cost of sales	4,534,574	3,716,486	12,280,124	10,578,885
Gross profit	82,620	49,279	228,614	150,100
Costs and operating expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	24,105	17,166	70,608	57,085
Operating expenses	40,196	19,373	100,692	54,932
Restructuring charges		1,719		1,719
Amortization expense	1,511	1,216	5,373	3,583
Total costs and operating expenses	65,812	39,474	176,673	117,319
Operating income	16,808	9,805	51,941	32,781
Interest expense	(9,237)	(7,947)	(27,705)	(23,478)
Income before income tax expense	7,571	1,858	24,236	9,303
Income tax expense	(678)		(228)	
Net income	6,893	1,858	24,008	9,303
Less:				
General partner's interest in net income, including incentive distribution rights	(316)	(142)	(733)	(455)
Limited partners' interest in net income	\$ 6,577	\$ 1,716	\$ 23,275	\$ 8,848
Basic net income per limited partner unit	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.42
Diluted net income per limited partner unit	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.41
Basic weighted average limited partner units outstanding	27,311	21,567	26,085	21,188
Diluted weighted average limited partner units outstanding	27,485	21,752	26,258	21,388

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



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**GLOBAL PARTNERS LP**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

**(In thousands)**

**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Net income	\$ 6,893	\$ 1,858	\$ 24,008	\$ 9,303
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges	515	(5,193)	1,204	(5,013)
Change in pension liability	373	(720)	581	(795)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	888	(5,913)	1,785	(5,808)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 7,781	\$ (4,055)	\$ 25,793	\$ 3,495

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 24,008	\$ 9,303
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	32,663	22,725
Amortization of deferred financing fees	4,106	3,450
Bad debt expense	270	1,770
Stock-based compensation expense	(20)	333
Curtailement gain	(469)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(40,237)	112,965
Accounts receivable - affiliate	499	(46)
Inventories	81,839	(11,987)
Broker margin deposits	13,663	(22,861)
Prepaid expenses, all other current assets and other assets	264	(28,107)
Accounts payable	91,708	(80,769)
Trustee taxes payable	(7,515)	(4,044)
Change in fair value of forward fixed price contracts	(25,450)	(14,226)
Accrued expenses, all other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities	14,371	4,715
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	189,700	(6,779)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Acquisition of Alliance (cash component of the purchase price)	(181,898)	
Capital expenditures	(30,907)	(7,471)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	6,610	955
Net cash used in investing activities	(206,195)	(6,516)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from public offering, net		69,626
(Payments on) borrowings from working capital revolving credit facility	(161,800)	65,300
Borrowings from (payments on) revolving credit facility	217,000	(80,000)
Repurchase of common units	(2,152)	(658)
Repurchased units withheld for tax obligations	(96)	(675)
Distributions to partners	(39,712)	(31,787)
Net cash provided by financing activities	13,240	21,806
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,255)	8,511
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	4,328	2,361
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,073	\$ 10,872
<b>Supplemental information</b>		
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$ 27,720	\$ 23,905
Non-cash conversion of subordinated unitholders	\$	\$ 1,623
<b>Non-cash investing activities</b>		
Effect of acquisition of Alliance:		

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Fair value of tangible assets acquired	\$	(333,212)
Fair value of liabilities assumed		83,209
Fair value of acquired intangible assets		(33,285)
Consideration paid in excess of fair value (goodwill)		(29,123)
Fair value of common units issued		130,513
Net cash paid in connection with the acquisition of Alliance	\$	(181,898)

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PARTNERS EQUITY

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Common Unitholders	General Partner Interest	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Partners Equity
<b>Balance at December 31, 2011</b>	\$ 336,103	\$ (319)	\$ (20,495)	\$ 315,289
Issuance of common units in connection with the acquisition of Alliance	130,513			130,513
Net income	23,275	733		24,008
Other comprehensive income			1,785	1,785
Stock-based compensation	(20)			(20)
Distributions to partners	(38,907)	(888)		(39,795)
Phantom unit dividends	83			83
Repurchase of common units	(2,152)			(2,152)
Repurchased units withheld for tax obligations	(96)			(96)
<b>Balance at September 30, 2012</b>	\$ 448,799	\$ (474)	\$ (18,710)	\$ 429,615

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**Note 1. Organization and Basis of Presentation**

**Organization**

Global Partners LP (the Partnership) is a publicly traded master limited partnership that engages in the distribution of refined petroleum products, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas and also provides ancillary services to companies. The Partnership also receives revenue from retail sales of gasoline, convenience store sales and gas station rental income.

On March 1, 2012, the Partnership acquired from AE Holdings Corp. (AE Holdings) 100% of the outstanding membership interests in Alliance Energy LLC (Alliance) (see Note 2). Prior to the closing of the acquisition, Alliance was wholly owned by AE Holdings, which is approximately 95% owned by members of the Slifka family. No member of the Slifka family owned a controlling interest in AE Holdings, nor currently owns a controlling interest in Global GP LLC, the Partnership's general partner (the General Partner). Three independent directors of the General Partner's board of directors serve on a conflicts committee. The conflicts committee unanimously approved the Alliance acquisition and received advice from its independent counsel and independent financial adviser.

As of September 30, 2012, the Partnership had the following subsidiaries: Global Companies LLC (Global Companies), Glen Hes Corp., Global Montello Group Corp. (GMG), Alliance Retail LLC, Chelsea Sandwich LLC, Global Energy Marketing LLC (Global Energy), Alliance and Bursaw Oil LLC (Bursaw) (the subsidiaries, collectively, the Companies). Portside LLC, a former subsidiary, merged into Bursaw in July 2012. The Companies (other than Glen Hes Corp.) are wholly owned by Global Operating LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Partnership. In addition, GLP Finance Corp. (GLP Finance) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Partnership.

The General Partner, which holds a 0.83% general partner interest in the Partnership, is owned by affiliates of the Slifka family and manages the Partnership's operations and activities and employs its officers and all of its personnel, except for its gasoline station and convenience store employees and certain union personnel, who are employed by GMG. As of September 30, 2012, affiliates of the General Partner, including its directors and executive officers, own 11,488,804 common units, representing a 42% limited partner interest.

**Basis of Presentation**

The financial results of Alliance for the seven months ended September 30, 2012 are included in the accompanying statements of income for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The accompanying consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011

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and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 reflect the accounts of the Partnership. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ) and reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial condition and operating results for the interim periods. The interim financial information, which has been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 and notes thereto contained in the Partnership s Annual Report on Form 10-K. The significant accounting policies described in Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, of such Annual Report on Form 10-K are the same used in preparing the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that will be realized for the entire year ending December 31, 2012. The consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2011 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Partnership s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**Note 1. Organization and Basis of Presentation (continued)**

Due to the nature of the Partnership's business and its customers' reliance, in part, on consumer travel and spending patterns, the Partnership may experience more demand for gasoline and gasoline blendstocks during the late spring and summer months than during the fall and winter. Travel and recreational activities are typically higher in these months in the geographic areas in which the Partnership operates, increasing the demand for gasoline and gasoline blendstocks that the Partnership distributes. Therefore, the Partnership's volumes in gasoline and gasoline blendstocks are typically higher in the second and third quarters of the calendar year. In addition, as demand for some of the Partnership's refined petroleum products, specifically home heating oil and residual oil for space heating purposes, is generally greater during the winter months, heating oil and residual oil sales are generally higher during the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year. These factors may result in significant fluctuations in the Partnership's quarterly operating results.

**Concentration of Risk**

The following table presents the Partnership's product sales as a percentage of total sales for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Gasoline sales: gasoline and gasoline blendstocks such as ethanol and naphtha	76%	76%	70%	68%
Distillates (home heating oil, diesel and kerosene), residual oil, crude oil and natural gas sales	24%	24%	30%	32%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

The Partnership had one significant customer, ExxonMobil Oil Corporation (ExxonMobil), which accounted for approximately 16% and 18% of total sales for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and approximately 16% and 20% of total sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

**Note 2. Business Combination**

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On March 1, 2012, the Partnership acquired from AE Holdings 100% of the outstanding membership interests in Alliance, a gasoline distributor and operator of gasoline stations and convenience stores. The aggregate purchase price of the acquisition was approximately \$312.4 million, consisting of both cash and non-cash components. Alliance was an affiliate of the Partnership as Alliance was owned by AE Holdings which is approximately 95% owned by members of the Slifka family. Both the Partnership and Alliance shared certain common directors.

The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) guidance regarding business combinations. The Partnership's financial statements include the results of operations of Alliance subsequent to the acquisition date.

The purchase price includes an initial cash payment of \$184.5 million which was funded by the Partnership through additional borrowings under its revolving credit facility. The consideration also includes the issuance of 5,850,000 common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership which had a fair value of \$22.31 per unit on March 1, 2012, resulting in equity consideration of \$130.5 million. Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, there was a \$1.9 million adjustment as a result of the timing of the transaction (March 1), the seller's 31 days of actual unit ownership in the 91 days of the quarter and the net receipt by seller (\$1.0 million) of a pro-rated portion of the quarterly cash distribution of \$0.50 per unit paid on the newly issued 5,850,000 common units. There were also \$0.7 million in miscellaneous adjustments based on certain cash and non-cash changes in the Alliance operations from

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**Note 2. Business Combination (continued)**

October 1, 2011 (when the acquisition was initially agreed to by the parties) to February 29, 2012 (collectively with the \$1.9 million adjustment, the Cash Adjustment ). The Cash Adjustment was paid by Alliance to the Partnership on May 16, 2012. The net cash paid after consideration of the Cash Adjustment was \$181.9 million.

The following is a summary of the purchase price as of the date of acquisition (in thousands, except units):

Number of common units issued	5,850,000
Total fair value of common units issued	\$ 130,513
Total purchase price	\$ 312,411

The purchase price allocation is considered preliminary, and additional adjustments may be recorded during the allocation period in accordance with the FASB's guidance regarding business combinations. The purchase price allocation will be finalized as the Partnership receives additional information relevant to the acquisition, including a final valuation of the assets purchased and further information with respect to the fair value of the environmental liabilities assumed.

The following table presents the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to the estimated fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition (in thousands):

<b>Assets purchased:</b>	
Inventory	11,421
Property and equipment	294,894
Other non-current assets	4,861
<b>Liabilities assumed:</b>	



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Assumption of environmental liabilities	(22,000)
Accrued expenses	(2,211)
Other non-current liabilities	(5,629)
Net identifiable assets acquired	283,288
Net assets acquired	\$ 312,411

During the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the Partnership recorded certain changes to the preliminary purchase accounting, primarily related to recording the deferred taxes on the acquisition and, to a lesser extent, changes related to the values assigned to property and equipment and intangibles. The impact of these changes increased goodwill from \$19.6 million at June 30, 2012 to \$29.1 million at September 30, 2012.

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**Note 2. Business Combination (continued)**

The following represents the changes in goodwill from the period ended June 30, 2012 to the current date.

Goodwill	June 30, 2012	\$	19,659
Decrease in fair value of property and equipment			1,324
Decrease in fair value of intangibles			1,715
Long-term deferred taxes			6,425
Goodwill	September 30, 2012	\$	29,123

The deferred taxes principally consist of deferred tax assets associated with the environmental obligations and deferred tax liabilities related to the property and equipment.

Management is in the process of evaluating the purchase price accounting. The liability for environmental matters has been estimated by the Partnership with the assistance from a third party consultant. Based on a preliminary analysis received to date, the estimated provision for environmental matters related to Alliance is \$22.0 million. This provision represents the estimated contingency related to such environmental matters (see Note 11 for additional information). Upon completion of this analysis, including a review of the legal and environmental requirements related to the remediation costs associated with future removal or replacement of underground gas storage tanks at the Alliance gas station locations, changes may result to the estimated provision for environmental matters.

The Partnership engaged a third-party valuation firm to assist in the valuation of Alliance's property and equipment, and the preliminary estimate of fair value is \$294.9 million. Depreciation expense amounted to \$2.5 million and \$6.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively.

The fair value of \$33.3 million assigned to the intangibles was determined based on a preliminary valuation received from a third party. The Partnership utilized accounting guidance related to intangible assets which lists the pertinent factors to be considered when estimating the useful life of an intangible asset. These factors include, in part, a review of the expected use by the Partnership of the assets acquired, the expected useful life of another asset (or group of assets) related to the acquired assets and legal, regulatory or other contractual provisions that may limit the useful life of an acquired asset. The Partnership has amortized these intangible assets on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of ten years as this approximates the economic use of these assets. Amortization expense amounted to \$0.5 million and \$1.9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively.

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The fair values of the remaining Alliance assets and liabilities noted above approximate their carrying values at March 1, 2012. It is possible that once the Partnership receives the completed valuations on the environmental matters, property and equipment and intangible assets, the final purchase price accounting may be different than what is presented above.

The preliminary purchase price for the acquisition was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values with the exception of environmental liabilities which were recorded on an undiscounted basis. The Partnership then allocated the purchase price in excess of net tangible assets acquired to identifiable intangible assets, based upon a valuation from an independent third party. Any excess purchase price over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired was allocated to goodwill.

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**Note 2. Business Combination (continued)**

The \$29.1 million of goodwill is expected to be assigned to the Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations segment upon completion of the external valuation. The goodwill recognized is attributed to the enhancement of the Partnership's year-round income stream and building on the vertical integration between the Partnership's supply, terminaling and wholesale business and its portfolio of gas station locations across the northeast. The goodwill is not expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

The estimated remaining amortization expense for intangible assets acquired in connection with the acquisition for each of the five succeeding years and thereafter is as follows (in thousands):

2012 (10/1/12 - 12/31/12)	\$	832
2013		3,329
2014		3,329
2015		3,329
2016		3,329
Thereafter		17,195
Total	\$	31,343

In connection with the acquisition, the Partnership accrued acquisition related costs of \$5.2 million. Of this amount, \$1.1 million was included in selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2011 and \$0 and \$4.0 million were included in selling, general and administrative expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The Partnership paid acquisition costs of \$0.2 million and \$3.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. At September 30, 2012, \$0.2 million of these costs remain accrued and unpaid, and the Partnership expects these remaining costs to be paid by December 31, 2012.

Alliance operates a network of company owned and operated gasoline stations and convenience stores and is a distributor of gasoline to leased and independently-owned stations. Alliance owns and/or operates stations and offers its services in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The acquisition of Alliance has enabled the Partnership to expand its gasoline distribution business and continue to increase its presence across the northeast United States. The Alliance business is integrated into the Partnership's Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations reporting segment (see Note 9).

**Supplemental Pro-Forma Information** The following unaudited pro-forma information presents the consolidated results of operations of the Partnership as if the Alliance acquisition occurred at the beginning of each period presented, with pro-forma adjustments to give effect to

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intercompany sales and certain other adjustments (in thousands):

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Sales	\$ 4,180,141	\$ 12,742,962	\$ 11,940,888	
Net income	\$ 7,294	\$ 18,264	\$ 17,326	
Net income per limited partner unit, basic	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.62	
Net income per limited partner unit, diluted	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.61	

The pro-forma net income of the Partnership for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 does not reflect the impact of a \$4.7 million Alliance receivable that the Partnership deemed to have a fair value of \$0 at the acquisition date. Alliance's revenues and net income included in the Partnership's consolidated operating results from March 1, 2012, the acquisition date, through the period ended September 30, 2012 were \$1.3 billion and \$13.7 million, respectively.

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**Note 3. Net Income Per Limited Partner Unit**

Under the Partnership's partnership agreement, for any quarterly period, the incentive distribution rights (IDRs) participate in net income only to the extent of the amount of cash distributions actually declared, thereby excluding the IDRs from participating in the Partnership's undistributed net income or losses. Accordingly, the Partnership's undistributed net income is assumed to be allocated to the common unitholders, or limited partners' interest, and to the General Partner's general partner interest.

At September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, common units outstanding as reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements excluded 119,915 and 18,632 common units, respectively, held on behalf of the Partnership pursuant to its repurchase program. These units are not deemed outstanding for purposes of calculating net income per limited partner unit (basic and diluted).

The following table provides a reconciliation of net income and the assumed allocation of net income to the limited partners' interest for purposes of computing net income per limited partner unit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands, except per unit data):

Numerator:	Three Months Ended September 30, 2012				Three Months Ended September 30, 2011			
	Total	Limited Partner Interest	General Partner Interest	IDRs	Total	Limited Partner Interest	General Partner Interest	IDRs
Net income (1)(2)	\$ 6,893	\$ 6,577	\$ 316	\$	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,716	\$ 142	\$
Declared distribution	15,019	14,607	122	290	11,028	10,790	116	122
Assumed allocation of undistributed net income	(8,126)	(8,030)	(96)		(9,170)	(9,074)	(96)	
Assumed allocation of net income	\$ 6,893	\$ 6,577	\$ 26	\$ 290	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,716	\$ 20	\$ 122
<b>Denominator:</b>								
Basic weighted average limited partner units outstanding		27,311				21,567		
Dilutive effect of phantom units		174				185		
Diluted weighted average limited partner units outstanding		27,485				21,752		
Basic net income per limited partner unit	\$	0.24			\$	0.08		

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Diluted net income per limited partner unit	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.08
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(1) Calculation includes the effect of the March 1, 2012 issuance of 5,850,000 common units in connection with the acquisition of Alliance (see Note 2). As a result, the general partner interest was reduced to 0.83% for the three months ended September 30, 2012.

(2) Calculation includes the effect of the November 2010 and February 2011 public offerings. As a result, the general partner interest was reduced to 1.06% for the three months ended September 30, 2011.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

**Note 3. Net Income Per Limited Partner Unit (continued)**

Numerator:	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011			
	Total	Limited Partner Interest	General Partner Interest	IDRs	Total	Limited Partner Interest	General Partner Interest	IDRs
Net income (1)(2)	\$ 24,008	\$ 23,275	\$ 733	\$	\$ 9,303	\$ 8,848	\$ 455	\$
Declared distribution	43,786	42,724	358	704	33,084	32,370	348	366
Adjustment to distribution in connection with the Alliance acquisition (3)	(1,929)	(1,929)						
Adjusted declared distribution	41,857	40,795	358	704	33,084	32,370	348	366
Assumed allocation of undistributed net income	(17,849)	(17,520)	(329)		(23,781)	(23,522)	(259)	
Assumed allocation of net income	\$ 24,008	\$ 23,275	\$ 29	\$ 704	\$ 9,303	\$ 8,848	\$ 89	\$ 366
<b>Denominator:</b>								
Basic weighted average limited partner units outstanding		26,085				21,188		
Dilutive effect of phantom units		173				200		
Diluted weighted average limited partner units outstanding		26,258				21,388		
Basic net income per limited partner unit	\$ 0.89				\$ 0.42			
Diluted net income per limited partner unit	\$ 0.89				\$ 0.41			

(1) Calculation includes the effect of the March 1, 2012 issuance of 5,850,000 common units in connection with the acquisition of Alliance (see Note 2). As a result, the general partner interest was 0.87%, based on a weighted average, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

(2) Calculation includes the effect of the November 2010 and February 2011 public offerings. As a result, the general partner interest was 1.10%, based on a weighted average, for the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

(3) In connection with the acquisition of Alliance on March 1, 2012 and the issuance of 5,850,000 common units, the Contribution Agreement provided that any declared per unit distribution for the first quarter of 2012 reflect the seller's actual period of ownership during that quarter. The payment by the seller of \$1.9 million reflects the timing of the transaction (March 1), the seller's 31 days of actual unit ownership in the 91 days of the quarter and the net receipt by seller (\$1.0 million) of a pro-rated portion of the quarterly cash distribution of \$0.50 per unit



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paid on the newly issued 5,850,000 common units.

On April 20, 2012, the board of directors of the General Partner declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.50 per unit for the period from January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012. On July 19, 2012, the board of directors of the General Partner declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.5250 per unit for the period from April 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012. On October 25, 2012, the board of directors of the General Partner declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.5325 per unit for the period from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012. These declared cash distributions resulted in incentive distributions to the General Partner, as the holder of the IDRs, and enabled the Partnership to exceed its first target level distribution with respect to such IDRs. See Note 8, Cash Distributions for further information.

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**Note 4. Inventories**

Except for its convenience store inventory, the Partnership hedges substantially all of its inventory through futures contracts and swap agreements. Hedges are executed when inventory is purchased and are identified with that specific inventory. Changes in the fair value of these contracts, as well as the offsetting gain or loss on the hedged inventory item, are recognized in earnings as an increase or decrease in cost of sales. All hedged inventory is valued using the lower of cost, as determined by specific identification, or market. Prior to sale, hedges are removed from specific barrels of inventory, and the then unhedged inventory is sold and accounted for on a first-in, first-out basis. In addition, the Partnership has convenience store inventory which is carried at the lower of historical cost or market.

Inventories consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Distillates: home heating oil, diesel and kerosene	\$ 253,835	\$ 393,137
Gasoline	127,510	154,303
Gasoline blendstocks	106,574	57,970
Residual oil and crude oil	99,330	56,121
Total	587,249	661,531
Convenience store inventory	6,478	2,613
Total	\$ 593,727	\$ 664,144

In addition to its own inventory, the Partnership has exchange agreements for petroleum products with unrelated third-party suppliers, whereby it may draw inventory from these other suppliers and suppliers may draw inventory from the Partnership. Positive exchange balances are accounted for as accounts receivable and amounted to \$128.2 million and \$65.3 million at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Negative exchange balances are accounted for as accounts payable and amounted to \$113.8 million and \$58.2 million at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Exchange transactions are valued using current inventory levels.

**Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments**

Accounting and reporting guidance for derivative instruments and hedging activities requires that an entity recognize derivatives as either assets or liabilities on the balance sheet and measure the instruments at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the derivative are to be recognized currently in earnings, unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met.



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**Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)**

The following table presents the volume of activity related to the Partnership's derivative financial instruments at September 30, 2012:

	Units (1)	Unit of Measure
<b>Product Contracts</b>		
Long	23,468	Thousands of barrels
Short	(28,943)	Thousands of barrels
<b>Natural Gas Contracts</b>		
Long	12,321	Thousands of decatherms
Short	(12,321)	Thousands of decatherms
Interest Rate Collar	\$ 100.0	Millions of U.S. dollars
Interest Rate Swap	\$ 100.0	Millions of U.S. dollars
Interest Rate Cap	\$ 100.0	Millions of U.S. dollars
<b>Foreign Currency Derivatives</b>		
Open Forward Exchange Contracts (2)	\$ 18.3	Millions of Canadian dollars
	\$ 18.6	Millions of U.S. dollars

- (1) Number of open positions and gross notional amounts do not quantify risk or represent assets or liabilities of the Partnership, but are used in the calculation of daily cash settlements under the contracts.
- (2) All-in forward rate Canadian dollars (CAD) \$0.9836 to USD \$1.00.

***Fair Value Hedges***

The fair value of the Partnership's derivatives is determined through the use of independent markets and is based upon the prevailing market prices of such instruments at the date of valuation. The Partnership enters into futures contracts related to the receipt or delivery of refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil in future periods. The contracts are entered into in the normal course of business to reduce risk of loss of inventory on hand, which could result through fluctuations in market prices. Changes in the fair value of these contracts, as well as the offsetting gain or loss on the hedged inventory item, are recognized in earnings as an increase or decrease in cost of sales. Ineffectiveness related to these hedging activities was immaterial for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

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The Partnership also uses futures contracts and swap agreements to hedge exposure under forward fixed price purchase and sale commitments. These agreements are intended to hedge the impact of commodity price changes on the Partnership's inventories and forward fixed price commitments as well as to hedge the cost component of virtually all of the Partnership's forward fixed price purchase and sale commitments. Changes in the fair value of these contracts and agreements, as well as offsetting gains or losses on the forward fixed price purchase and sale commitments, are recognized in earnings as an increase or decrease in cost of sales. Gains and losses on net product margin from forward fixed price purchase and sale commitments are reflected in earnings as an increase or decrease in cost of sales as these contracts mature. The change in the fair value of the futures contracts is settled on a daily basis. Ineffectiveness related to these hedging activities was immaterial for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

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**Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)**

The following table presents the gross fair values of the Partnership's derivative instruments and firm commitments and their location in the Partnership's consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

	Balance Sheet Location (Net)	September 30, 2012 Fair Value	December 31, 2011 Fair Value
<b>Asset Derivatives</b>			
<i>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments and firm commitments</i>			
Product contracts (1)	(2)	\$ 29,255	\$ 3,607
<i>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</i>			
Product and natural gas contracts	(3)	1,172	12,163
Foreign currency derivatives	(4)	121	
Total		1,293	12,163
Total asset derivatives		\$ 30,548	\$ 15,770
<b>Liability Derivatives</b>			
<i>Derivatives designated as hedging instruments and firm commitments</i>			
Product contracts (1)	(5)	\$ 93	\$
<i>Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</i>			
Product and natural gas contracts	(5)	1,163	11,936
Total liability derivatives		\$ 1,256	\$ 11,936

(1) Includes forward fixed price purchase and sale contracts as recognized in the Partnership's consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011

(2) Fair value of forward fixed price contracts and prepaid expenses and other current assets at September 30, 2012 and fair value of forward fixed price contracts at December 31, 2011

(3) Fair value of forward fixed price contracts and prepaid expenses and other current assets at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011

(4) Prepaid expenses and other current assets at September 30, 2012

(5) Obligations on forward fixed price contracts and accrued expenses and other current liabilities at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011



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**Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)**

The following table presents the amount of gains and losses from derivatives involved in fair value hedging relationships recognized in the Partnership's consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands):

Derivatives in Fair Value Hedging Relationships	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivative	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives			
		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2012	2011	2012	2011
Product contracts	Cost of sales	\$ (100,666)	\$ 30,711	\$ (110,114)	\$ (62,732)

Hedged Items in Fair Value Hedged Relationships	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Hedged Items	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Hedged Items			
		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2012	2011	2012	2011
Inventories and forward fixed price contracts	Cost of sales	\$ 100,765	\$ (30,681)	\$ 110,368	\$ 63,030

The Partnership's derivative financial instruments do not contain credit risk related to other contingent features that could cause accelerated payments when these financial instruments are in net liability positions.

The table below presents the net composition and fair value of forward fixed price purchase and sale contracts on the Partnership's consolidated balance sheets being hedged by the following derivative instruments (in thousands):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Futures contracts	\$ 29,242	\$ 3,607
Swaps and other, net	(49)	136
Total	\$ 29,193	\$ 3,743

The net total balances of \$29.2 million and \$3.7 million reflect the fair value of the forward fixed price contract asset/(liability) net of the corresponding asset/(liability) in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.



The Partnership formally documents all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items after its risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking the hedge are determined. The Partnership calculates hedge effectiveness on a quarterly basis. This process includes specific identification of the hedging instrument and the hedged transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the hedging instrument effectiveness will be assessed. Both at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Partnership assesses whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair value of hedged items. The derivative instruments that qualify for hedge accounting are fair value hedges.

The Partnership also markets and sells natural gas. The Partnership generally conducts business by entering into forward purchase commitments for natural gas only when it simultaneously enters into arrangements for the forward sale of product for physical delivery to third-party users. Through these transactions, which establish an immediate margin, the Partnership seeks to maintain a position that is substantially balanced between firm forward purchase and sales commitments. Natural gas is generally purchased and sold at fixed prices and quantities. Current price quotes from actively traded markets are used in all cases to determine the contracts' fair value. Changes in the fair value of these contracts are recognized in earnings as an increase or decrease in cost of sales.

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The Partnership has a daily margin requirement with its brokers based on the prior day's market results on open futures contracts. The brokerage margin balance was \$30.3 million and \$43.9 million at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

The Partnership is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by counterparties of forward purchase and sale commitments, futures contracts, options and swap agreements, but the Partnership has no current reason to expect any material nonperformance by any of these counterparties. Futures contracts, the primary derivative instrument utilized by the Partnership, are traded on regulated exchanges, greatly reducing potential credit risks. The Partnership utilizes primarily two clearing brokers, both major financial institutions, for all New York Mercantile Exchange ( NYMEX ) and Chicago Mercantile Exchange ( CME ) derivative transactions and the right of offset exists. Accordingly, the fair value of derivative instruments is presented on a net basis in the consolidated balance sheets. Exposure on forward purchase and sale commitments and swap and certain option agreements is limited to the amount of the recorded fair value as of the balance sheet dates.

The Partnership generally enters into master netting arrangements to mitigate counterparty credit risk with respect to its derivatives. Master netting arrangements are standardized contracts that govern all specified transactions with the same counterparty and allow the Partnership to terminate all contracts upon occurrence of certain events, such as a counterparty's default or bankruptcy. Because these arrangements provide the right of offset, and the Partnership's intent and practice is to offset amounts in the case of contract terminations, the Partnership records fair value of derivative positions on a net basis.

***Cash Flow Hedges***

The Partnership links all hedges that are designated as cash flow hedges to forecasted transactions. To the extent such hedges are effective, the changes in the fair value of the derivative instrument are reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into interest expense or interest income in the same period during which the hedged transaction affects earnings.

On September 29, 2008, the Partnership executed a zero premium interest rate collar with a major financial institution. The collar is designated and accounted for as a cash flow hedge. The collar, which became effective on October 2, 2008 and expires on October 2, 2013, is used to hedge the variability in cash flows in monthly interest payments made on the Partnership's \$100.0 million one-month LIBOR-based borrowings on the working capital revolving credit facility (and subsequent refinancings thereof) due to changes in the one-month LIBOR rate. Under the collar, the Partnership capped its exposure at a maximum one-month LIBOR rate of 5.50% and established a minimum floor rate of 2.70%. As of September 30, 2012, the one-month LIBOR rate of 0.23% was lower than the floor rate. As a result, the Partnership will remit to the respective financial institution the difference between the floor rate and the current rate which amounted to approximately \$185,000 and, at September 30,

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2012, such amount was recorded in accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. The fair values of the collar, excluding accrued interest, were liabilities of approximately \$2.5 million and \$3.8 million as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and were recorded in both other long-term liabilities and accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Hedge effectiveness was assessed at inception and is assessed quarterly, prospectively and retrospectively, using regression analysis. The changes in the fair value of the collar are expected to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in interest rate payments attributable to fluctuations in the one-month LIBOR rate above and below the collar's strike rates.

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In October 2009, the Partnership executed a forward starting interest rate swap with a major financial institution. The swap, which became effective on May 16, 2011 and expires on May 16, 2016, is used to hedge the variability in interest payments due to changes in the one-month LIBOR swap curve with respect to \$100.0 million of one-month LIBOR-based borrowings on the revolving credit facility at a fixed rate of 3.93%. The fair values of the swap were liabilities of approximately \$12.3 million and \$12.4 million as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and were recorded in other long-term liabilities and accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Hedge effectiveness was assessed at inception and is assessed quarterly, prospectively and retrospectively, using regression analysis. The changes in the fair value of the swap are expected to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in interest rate payments attributable to fluctuations in the one-month LIBOR swap curve.

On April 8, 2011, the Partnership executed an interest rate cap with a major financial institution. The rate cap, which became effective on April 13, 2011 and expires on April 13, 2016, is used to hedge the variability in interest payments due to changes in the one-month LIBOR rate above 5.5% with respect to \$100.0 million of one-month LIBOR-based borrowings on the working capital revolving credit facility. The fair values of the rate cap were assets of approximately \$35,000 and \$306,000 as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and were recorded in both other assets and accumulated other comprehensive income in the accompanying balance sheets. Hedge effectiveness was assessed at inception and is assessed quarterly, prospectively and retrospectively, by (i) comparing the critical terms of the rate cap and the hedged forecasted transactions, (ii) evaluating the counterparty's ability to honor its obligations under the rate cap agreement; and (iii) ensuring the interest payment cash flows remain probable of occurring. The changes in the fair value of the rate cap are expected to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in interest rate payments attributable to fluctuations in the one-month LIBOR rate above the rate cap's strike rate.

The following table presents the fair value of the Partnership's derivative instruments involved in cash flow hedging relationships and their location in the Partnership's consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2012 Fair Value	December 31, 2011 Fair Value
<i>Asset derivatives</i>			
Interest rate cap	Other assets	\$ 35	\$ 306
<i>Liability derivatives</i>			
Interest rate collar	Other long-term liabilities	\$ 2,475	\$ 3,817
Interest rate swap	Other long-term liabilities	12,313	12,446
Total liability derivatives		\$ 14,788	\$ 16,263



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**Note 5. Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)**

The following table presents the amount of gains and losses from derivatives involved in cash flow hedging relationships recognized in the Partnership's consolidated statements of income and partners' equity for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands):

Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationship	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income on Derivatives Three Months Ended September 30,		Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffectiveness Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing) Three Months Ended September 30,		Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income on Derivatives Nine Months Ended September 30,		Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffectiveness Portion and Amount Excluded from Effectiveness Testing) Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Interest rate collar	\$ 481	\$ 66	\$	\$	\$ 1,341	\$ 1,573	\$	\$
Interest rate swap	78	(3,075)			133	(5,343)		
Interest rate cap	(44)	(2,184)			(270)	(1,243)		
Total	\$ 515	\$ (5,193)	\$	\$	\$ 1,204	\$ (5,013)	\$	\$

Ineffectiveness related to the interest rate collar and the interest rate swap is recognized as interest expense and was immaterial for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. The effective portion related to the interest rate collar that was originally reported in other comprehensive income and reclassified to earnings was \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$1.9 million and \$3.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. None of the effective portion related to the interest rate cap that was originally reported in other comprehensive income was reclassified into earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

***Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments***

While the Partnership seeks to maintain a position that is substantially balanced within its product purchase activities, it may experience net unbalanced positions for short periods of time as a result of variances in daily sales and transportation and delivery schedules as well as logistical issues inherent in the business, such as weather conditions. In connection with managing these positions and maintaining a constant presence in the marketplace, both necessary for its business, the Partnership engages in a controlled trading program for up to an aggregate of 250,000 barrels of products at any one point in time.

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In addition, because a portion of the Partnership's crude business is conducted in CAD, the Partnership may use foreign currency derivatives to minimize the risks of unfavorable exchange rates. These instruments include foreign currency exchange contracts and forwards. In conjunction with entering into the commodity derivative, the Partnership may enter into a foreign currency derivative to hedge the resulting foreign currency risk. These foreign currency derivatives are generally short-term in nature and not designated for hedge accounting.

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The following table presents the amount of gains and losses from derivatives not involved in a hedging relationship recognized in the Partnership's consolidated statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands):

Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives Three Months Ended September 30,		Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2012	2011	2012	2011
Product contracts	Cost of sales	\$ 11,062	\$ 6,789	\$ 15,666	\$ 9,116
Foreign currency derivatives	Cost of sales	160		121	
Total		\$ 11,222	\$ 6,789	\$ 15,787	\$ 9,116

**Note 6. Debt**

On January 31, 2012, and in connection with the acquisition of Alliance, the Partnership entered into a Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated May 14, 2010, as amended (the Credit Agreement) which increased the total available commitments under the Credit Agreement to \$1.4 billion. The Credit Agreement will mature on May 14, 2014.

As of September 30, 2012, there were two facilities under the Credit Agreement:

- a working capital revolving credit facility to be used for working capital purposes and letters of credit in the principal amount equal to the lesser of the Partnership's borrowing base and \$900.0 million; and
- a \$500.0 million revolving credit facility to be used for acquisitions and general corporate purposes.



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In addition, the Credit Agreement has an accordion feature whereby the Partnership may request on the same terms and conditions of its then existing Credit Agreement, provided no Event of Default (as defined in the Credit Agreement) then exists, an increase to the working capital revolving credit facility by up to another \$100.0 million, for a total credit facility of up to \$1.5 billion. Any such request for an increase by the Partnership must be in a minimum amount of \$5.0 million. The Partnership cannot provide assurance, however, that its lending group will agree to fund any request by the Partnership for additional amounts in excess of the total available commitments of \$1.4 billion.

In addition, a swing line has been added to the Credit Agreement pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A., as the swing line lender, may make swing line loans in an aggregate amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$35.0 million and (b) the Aggregate WC Commitments (as defined in the Credit Agreement). Swing line loans will bear interest at the Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement). The swing line is a sub-portion of the working capital revolving credit facility and is not an addition to the total available commitments of \$1.4 billion.

Availability under the Partnership's working capital revolving credit facility is subject to a borrowing base which is redetermined from time to time and based on specific advance rates on eligible current assets. Under the Credit Agreement, the Partnership's borrowings under the working capital revolving credit facility cannot exceed the then current borrowing base. Availability under the Partnership's borrowing base may be affected by events beyond the Partnership's control, such as changes in petroleum product prices, collection cycles, counterparty performance, advance rates and limits, and general economic conditions. These and other events could require the Partnership to seek waivers or amendments of covenants or alternative sources of financing or to reduce expenditures. The Partnership can provide no assurance that such waivers, amendments or alternative financing could be obtained or, if obtained, would be on terms acceptable to the Partnership.

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**Note 6. Debt (continued)**

Borrowings under the working capital revolving credit facility bear interest at (1) the Eurodollar rate plus 2.50% to 3.00%, (2) the cost of funds rate plus 2.50% to 3.00%, or (3) the base rate plus 1.50% to 2.00%, each depending on the pricing level provided in the Credit Agreement, which in turn depends upon the Utilization Amount (as defined in the Credit Agreement).

Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at (1) the Eurodollar rate plus 3.00% to 3.875%, (2) the cost of funds rate plus 3.00% to 3.875%, or (3) the base rate plus 2.00% to 2.875%, each depending on the pricing level provided in the Credit Agreement, which in turn depends upon the Combined Total Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement).

The average interest rates for the Credit Agreement were 4.1% and 4.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and 4.1% and 4.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The Partnership currently has a zero premium interest rate collar, an interest rate swap and an interest rate cap, all of which are used to hedge the variability in interest payments under the Credit Agreement due to changes in LIBOR rates. See Note 5 for additional information on these cash flow hedges.

The Partnership incurs a letter of credit fee of 2.50% - 3.00% per annum for each letter of credit issued. In addition, the Partnership incurs a commitment fee on the unused portion of each facility under the Credit Agreement equal to 0.50% per annum.

The Partnership classifies a portion of its working capital revolving credit facility as a long-term liability because the Partnership has a multi-year, long-term commitment from its bank group. The long-term portion of the working capital revolving credit facility was \$278.0 million and \$526.1 million at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, representing the amounts expected to be outstanding during entire the year. In addition, the Partnership classifies a portion of its working capital revolving credit facility as a current liability because it repays amounts outstanding and reborrows funds based on its working capital requirements. The current portion of the working capital revolving credit facility was approximately \$149.1 million and \$62.8 million at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, representing the amounts the Partnership expects to pay down during the course of the year.

As of September 30, 2012, the Partnership had total borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement of \$849.1 million, including \$422.0 million outstanding on the revolving credit facility. In addition, the Partnership had outstanding letters of credit of \$368.2 million.

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Subject to borrowing base limitations, the total remaining availability for borrowings and letters of credit at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was \$182.7 million and \$215.9 million, respectively.

The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Partnership and each of the Companies and is guaranteed by the General Partner. The Credit Agreement imposes certain requirements including, for example, a prohibition against distributions if any potential default or Event of Default (as defined in the Credit Agreement) would occur as a result thereof, and limitations on the Partnership's ability to grant liens, make certain loans or investments, incur additional indebtedness or guarantee other indebtedness, make any material change to the nature of the Partnership's business or undergo a fundamental change, make any material dispositions, acquire another company, enter into a merger, consolidation, sale leaseback transaction or purchase of assets, or make capital expenditures in excess of specified levels.

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The Credit Agreement imposes financial covenants that require the Partnership to maintain certain minimum working capital amounts, capital expenditure limits, a minimum EBITDA, a minimum combined interest coverage ratio, a maximum senior secured leverage ratio and a maximum total leverage ratio. On September 7, 2012, the Partnership entered into a Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Fifth Amendment), which amended the Credit Agreement. Pursuant to the Fifth Amendment, the ceiling for capital expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2012 was raised from \$40.0 million to \$55.0 million. The ceiling for capital expenditures for any year ending December 31, 2013 and thereafter is \$40.0 million. The Fifth Amendment was effective September 7, 2012. The Partnership was in compliance with the foregoing covenants at September 30, 2012. The Credit Agreement also contains a representation whereby there can be no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Credit Agreement). In addition, the Credit Agreement limits distributions by the Partnership to its unitholders to the amount of the Partnership's Available Cash (as defined in its partnership agreement).

On October 3, 2012, the Partnership entered into a Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the Sixth Amendment), which increased the working capital revolving credit facility by \$100.0 million, bringing the total available commitments under the Credit Agreement to \$1.5 billion effective October 3, 2012. Also pursuant to the Sixth Amendment, provided there exists no Default (as defined in the Credit Agreement), from and after October 4, 2012 the Partnership may request an additional increase to the working capital revolving credit facility by up to an additional \$100.0 million, for a total credit facility of up to \$1.6 billion.

**Note 7. Related Party Transactions**

The Partnership is a party to a Second Amended and Restated Terminal Storage Rental and Throughput Agreement, as amended, with Global Petroleum Corp. (GPC), an affiliate of the Partnership that is 100% owned by members of the Slifka family. The agreement, which extends through July 31, 2014 with annual renewal options thereafter, is accounted for as an operating lease. The expenses under this agreement totaled approximately \$2.2 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and \$6.7 million and \$6.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Pursuant to an Amended and Restated Services Agreement with GPC, GPC provides certain terminal operating management services to the Partnership and uses certain administrative, accounting and information processing services of the Partnership. The expenses from these services totaled approximately \$24,000 for each of the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and \$72,000 for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. These charges were recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. On March 9, 2012, in connection with the Partnership's acquisition of Alliance (see Note 2), the agreement was amended to include the services provided by GPC to Alliance. The agreement is for an indefinite term, and either party may terminate its receipt of some or all of the services thereunder upon 180 days' notice at any time. As of September 30, 2012, no such notice of termination was given by either party.

Prior to the acquisition of Alliance on March 1, 2012, the Partnership was a party to an Amended and Restated Services Agreement with Alliance. Pursuant to the agreement, the Partnership provided certain administrative, accounting and information processing services, and the use of certain facilities, to Alliance. The income from these services was approximately \$47,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and \$31,000 and \$140,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. These fees were recorded as an offset to selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of income. On March 9, 2012, in connection with the acquisition of Alliance, the agreement was terminated without penalty. There were no settlement gains or losses recognized as a result of the termination of this agreement.

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**Note 7. Related Party Transactions (continued)**

In addition, on March 9, 2012, following the closing of the acquisition of Alliance, Global Companies and AE Holdings entered into a shared services agreement pursuant to which Global Companies provides AE Holdings with certain tax, accounting, treasury and legal support services for which AE Holdings pays Global Companies \$15,000 per year. The shared services agreement is for an indefinite term and AE Holdings may terminate its receipt of some or all of the services upon 180 days notice.

Prior to the acquisition of Alliance, the Partnership sold refined petroleum products and renewable fuels to Alliance at prevailing market prices at the time of delivery. Sales to Alliance were approximately \$66.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and \$40.6 million and \$126.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Sales to Alliance included sales of Mobil-branded fuel to Alliance pursuant to the Mobil franchise agreement entered into by Global Companies and Alliance, effective March 1, 2011.

In addition, Global Companies and GMG entered into management agreements with Alliance in connection with the Partnership's September 2010 acquisition of retail gas stations from ExxonMobil. The management fee and overhead reimbursement were approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The management fee and overhead reimbursement were approximately \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and \$2.0 million and \$1.2 million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2011. On March 9, 2012, in connection with the acquisition of Alliance, the management agreements were terminated without penalty.

The General Partner employs all of the Partnership's employees, except for its gasoline station and convenience store employees and certain union personnel, who are employed by GMG. The Partnership reimburses the General Partner for expenses incurred in connection with these employees. The expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, including payroll, payroll taxes and bonus accruals, were \$10.5 million and \$11.0 million, respectively, and \$30.6 million and \$34.8 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The Partnership also reimburses the General Partner for its contributions under the General Partner's 401(k) Savings and Profit Sharing Plan and the General Partner's qualified and non-qualified pension plans.

The table below presents trade receivables with Alliance (prior to the Partnership's acquisition of Alliance), receivables incurred in connection with the services agreements between Alliance and the Partnership (prior to the Partnership's acquisition of Alliance) and GPC and the Partnership, as the case may be, and receivables from the General Partner (in thousands):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Receivables from Alliance (BFA) (1)	\$	\$ 738

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Receivables from Alliance			205
Receivables from GPC	276		302
Receivables from the General Partner (2)	1,001		531
Total	\$ 1,277	\$	1,776

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(1) As of December 31, 2011, receivables from Alliance reflected the Partnership's billings for branded fuel to Alliance, as a sub-jobber, pursuant to the Partnership's brand fee agreement. On March 1, 2012, the Partnership acquired Alliance (see Note 2).

(2) Receivables from the General Partner reflect the Partnership's prepayment of payroll taxes and payroll accruals to the General Partner.

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**Note 8. Cash Distributions**

The Partnership intends to consider regular cash distributions to unitholders on a quarterly basis, although there is no assurance as to the future cash distributions since they are dependent upon future earnings, capital requirements, financial condition and other factors. The Credit Agreement prohibits the Partnership from making cash distributions if any potential default or Event of Default, as defined in the Credit Agreement, occurs or would result from the cash distribution.

Within 45 days after the end of each quarter, the Partnership will distribute all of its Available Cash (as defined in its partnership agreement) to unitholders of record on the applicable record date. The amount of Available Cash is all cash on hand on the date of determination of Available Cash for the quarter; less the amount of cash reserves established by the General Partner to provide for the proper conduct of the Partnership's business, to comply with applicable law, any of the Partnership's debt instruments, or other agreements or to provide funds for distributions to unitholders and the General Partner for any one or more of the next four quarters.

The Partnership will make distributions of Available Cash from distributable cash flow for any quarter in the following manner: 99.17% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 0.83% to the General Partner, until the Partnership distributes for each outstanding common unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution for that quarter; and thereafter, cash in excess of the minimum quarterly distribution is distributed to the unitholders and the General Partner based on the percentages as provided below.

As holder of the IDRs, the General Partner is entitled to incentive distributions if the amount that the Partnership distributes with respect to any quarter exceeds specified target levels shown below:

	Total Quarterly Distribution Target Amount	Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions	
		Unitholders	General Partner
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$0.4625	99.17%	0.83%
First Target Distribution	\$0.4625	99.17%	0.83%
Second Target Distribution	above \$0.4625 up to \$0.5375	86.17%	13.83%
Third Target Distribution	above \$0.5375 up to \$0.6625	76.17%	23.83%
Thereafter	above \$0.6625	51.17%	48.83%

The Partnership paid the following cash distribution during 2012 (in thousands, except per unit data):



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<b>Cash Distribution Payment Date</b>	<b>Per Unit Cash Distribution</b>	<b>Common Units</b>	<b>General Partner</b>	<b>Incentive Distribution</b>	<b>Total Cash Distribution</b>
02/14/11 (1)(2)	\$ 0.50	\$ 10,790	\$ 116	\$ 122	\$ 11,028
05/14/12 (2)(3)	\$ 0.50	\$ 13,716	\$ 115	\$ 155	\$ 13,986
8/14/12 (4)	\$ 0.525	\$ 14,401	\$ 121	\$ 259	\$ 14,781

(1) Prior to the Partnership's issuance of 5,850,000 common units in connection with its acquisition of Alliance (see Note 2), the limited partner interest was 98.94% and the general partner interest was 1.06%.

(2) This distribution of \$0.50 per unit resulted in the Partnership exceeding its first target level distribution for the fourth quarter of 2011 and first quarter of 2012. As a result, the General Partner, as the holder of the IDRs, received an incentive distribution.

(3) In connection with the acquisition of Alliance on March 1, 2012 and the issuance to the seller of 5,850,000 common units, the Contribution Agreement provided that any declared per unit distribution for the first quarter of 2012 reflect the seller's actual period of ownership during that quarter. The payment by the seller of \$1.9 million reflects the timing of the transaction (March 1), the seller's 31 days of actual unit ownership in the 91 days of the quarter and the net receipt by seller (\$1.0 million) of a pro-rated portion of the quarterly cash distribution of \$0.50 per unit paid on the newly issued 5,850,000 common units. See Note 3 for additional information.

(4) This distribution of \$0.5250 per unit resulted in the Partnership exceeding its first target level distribution for the second quarter of 2012. As a result, the General Partner, as the holder of the IDRs, received an incentive distribution.

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**Note 8. Cash Distributions (continued)**

In addition, on October 25, 2012, the board of directors of the General Partner declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.5325 per unit (\$2.13 per unit on an annualized basis) for the period from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012. On November 14, 2012, the Partnership will pay this cash distribution to its common unitholders of record as of the close of business November 5, 2012. This distribution will result in the Partnership exceeding its first target level distribution for the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

**Note 9. Segment Reporting**

For several reasons, including the size of the Alliance acquisition (see Note 2), the Partnership's strategic focus on gasoline distribution and station operations which increased in significance with the Alliance acquisition, changes to the Partnership's organizational structure of this operating segment under one divisional president, and how the chief operating decision maker ( CODM ) reviews results and makes decisions, the Partnership determined it has three operating segments. Commencing with the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the Partnership's three operating segments, which are also the Partnership's reporting segments, are: (i) Wholesale, (ii) Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations and (iii) Commercial. Each of these operating segments generates revenues and incurs expenses and is evaluated for operating performance on a regular basis. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Commercial operating segment did not meet the quantitative metrics for disclosure as a reportable segment on a stand-alone basis as defined in accounting guidance related to segment reporting. However, the Partnership has elected to present segment disclosures for the Commercial operating segment as management believes such disclosures are meaningful to the user of the Partnership's financial information.

The Partnership engages in the distribution of refined petroleum products, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas. The Partnership's primary businesses are organized within three reporting segments, (i) Wholesale, (ii) Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations and (iii) Commercial, based on the way the CODM manages the business and on the similarity of customers and expected long-term financial performance of each segment.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

In the Wholesale reporting segment, the Partnership sells unbranded gasoline (including gasoline blendstocks such as ethanol and naphtha) and diesel to unbranded gasoline customers and other resellers of transportation fuels and home heating oil, diesel, kerosene and residual oil to home heating oil retailers and wholesale distributors. The Partnership also sells crude oil to refiners in the Wholesale segment. Generally, customers use their own vehicles or contract carriers to take delivery of the gasoline and distillate products at bulk terminals and inland storage facilities

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that the Partnership owns or controls or with which it has throughput or exchange arrangements. Crude oil is aggregated by truck or pipeline in the mid-continent, transported on land by train and shipped to refineries on the East Coast in barges. Additionally, ethanol is shipped primarily by rail and by barge.

In the Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations reporting segment, the Partnership sells branded and unbranded gasoline to gasoline stations and other sub-jobbers. This segment also includes gasoline, convenience store, car wash and other ancillary sales at the Partnership's directly operated stores, as well as rental income from dealer leased gas stations.

The Commercial segment includes (1) sales and deliveries of unbranded gasoline, home heating oil, diesel, kerosene, residual oil, renewable fuels and natural gas to end user customers in the public sector and to large commercial and industrial end users (in the case of commercial and industrial end user customers, the Partnership sells products primarily either through a competitive bidding process or through contracts of various terms), and (2) sales of custom blended distillates and residual oil delivered by barges or from a terminal dock through bunkering activity. Commercial segment end user customers include federal and state agencies, municipalities, large industrial companies, many autonomous authorities such as transportation authorities and water resource authorities, colleges and universities

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**Note 9. Segment Reporting (continued)**

and a group of small utilities. Unlike the Wholesale segment, in the Commercial segment, the Partnership generally arranges the delivery of the product to the customer's designated location, typically hiring third-party common carriers to deliver the product.

The Partnership evaluates segment performance based on net product margins before allocations of corporate and indirect operating costs, depreciation, amortization (including non-cash charges) and interest. Based on the way the CODM manages the business, it is not reasonably possible for the Partnership to allocate the components of operating costs and expenses among the reportable segments. There were no intersegment sales for any of the periods presented below.

Summarized financial information for the Partnership's reportable segments is presented in the table below (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011 (1)	2012	2011 (1)
<b>Wholesale Segment:</b>				
Sales				
Gasoline and gasoline blendstocks	\$ 2,570,580	\$ 2,430,154	\$ 6,465,950	\$ 6,161,727
Other oils and related products (2)	936,991	714,134	3,202,108	2,914,253
Total	\$ 3,507,571	\$ 3,144,288	\$ 9,668,058	\$ 9,075,980
Net product margin				
Gasoline and gasoline blendstocks	\$ 8,925	\$ 13,989	\$ 34,382	\$ 46,235
Other oils and related products (2)	25,994	11,398	68,449	41,092
Total	\$ 34,919	\$ 25,387	\$ 102,831	\$ 87,327
<b>Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations Segment:</b>				
Sales				
Gasoline	\$ 907,579	\$ 400,586	\$ 2,181,164	\$ 1,053,469
Station operations (3)	36,760	15,747	91,806	44,769
Total	\$ 944,339	\$ 416,333	\$ 2,272,970	\$ 1,098,238
Net product margin				
Gasoline	\$ 33,556	\$ 17,754	\$ 89,284	\$ 42,164
Station operations (3)	18,673	7,938	48,367	23,506
Total	\$ 52,229	\$ 25,692	\$ 137,651	\$ 65,670
<b>Commercial Segment:</b>				
Sales	\$ 165,284	\$ 205,144	\$ 567,710	\$ 554,767
Net product margin	\$ 4,779	\$ 4,304	\$ 14,158	\$ 15,366
<b>Combined sales and net product margin:</b>				

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Sales	\$	4,617,194	\$	3,765,765	\$	12,508,738	\$	10,728,985
Net product margin (4)	\$	91,927	\$	55,383	\$	254,640	\$	168,363
Depreciation allocated to cost of sales		(9,307)		(6,104)		(26,026)		(18,263)
<b>Combined gross profit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>82,620</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>49,279</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>228,614</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>150,100</b>

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- (1) Segment reporting results for the prior periods have been reclassified to conform to the Partnership's current presentation.
- (2) Other oils and related products primarily consist of distillates, residual oil and crude oil.
- (3) Station operations primarily consist of convenience store revenues and rental income.
- (4) Net product margin is a non-GAAP financial measure used by management and external users of the Partnership's consolidated financial statements to assess the Partnership's business. The table above includes a reconciliation of net product margin on a combined basis to gross profit, a directly comparable GAAP measure.

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**Note 9. Segment Reporting (continued)**

A reconciliation of the totals reported for the reportable segments to the applicable line items in the consolidated financial statements is as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
<b>Combined gross profit</b>	\$ 82,620	\$ 49,279	\$ 228,614	\$ 150,100
<b>Operating costs and expenses not allocated to operating segments:</b>				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	24,105	17,166	70,608	57,085
Operating expenses	40,196	19,373	100,692	54,932
Restructuring charges		1,719		1,719
Amortization expense	1,511	1,216	5,373	3,583
<b>Total operating costs and expenses</b>	<b>65,812</b>	<b>39,474</b>	<b>176,673</b>	<b>117,319</b>
Operating income	16,808	9,805	51,941	32,781
Interest expense	(9,237)	(7,947)	(27,705)	(23,478)
Income tax expense	(678)		(228)	
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 6,893</b>	<b>\$ 1,858</b>	<b>\$ 24,008</b>	<b>\$ 9,303</b>

There were no foreign sales for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. The Partnership has no foreign assets.

**Segment Assets**

In connection with its acquisition of retail gas stations from ExxonMobil in September 2010, the Partnership acquired assets of approximately \$232.3 million, of which approximately \$171.3 million of property and equipment has been allocated to the Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations segment. As of September 30, 2012, these assets had a net book value of approximately \$127.7 million.

In connection with its acquisition of Alliance in March 2012, the Partnership acquired assets of approximately \$395.6 million, of which approximately \$294.9 million of property and equipment has been allocated to the Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations segment as of the acquisition date. As of September 30, 2012, these assets had a net book value of approximately \$288.1 million.

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Due to the commingled nature and uses of the remainder of the Partnership's assets, it is not reasonably possible for the Partnership to allocate these assets among its reportable segments.

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**Note 10. Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2012	December 31, 2011
Buildings and improvements	\$ 486,244	\$ 313,108
Land	286,881	145,935
Fixtures and equipment	18,704	12,685
Construction in process	12,774	13,696
Total property and equipment	804,603	485,424
Less accumulated depreciation	(103,690)	(76,574)
Total	\$ 700,913	\$ 408,850

The net increase of approximately \$292.1 million in total property and equipment through September 30, 2012 was primarily due to the Partnership's acquisition of Alliance (see Note 2).

**Note 11. Environmental Liabilities and Asset Retirement Obligations***Environmental Liabilities*

The Partnership currently owns or leases properties where refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil are being or may have been handled. These properties and the refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil handled thereon may be subject to federal and state environmental laws and regulations. Under such laws and regulations, the Partnership could be required to remove or remediate containerized hazardous liquids or associated generated wastes (including wastes disposed of or abandoned by prior owners or operators), to clean up contaminated property arising from the release of liquids or wastes into the environment, including contaminated groundwater, or to implement best management practices to prevent future contamination.

The Partnership maintains insurance of various types with varying levels of coverage that it considers adequate under the circumstances to cover its operations and properties. The insurance policies are subject to deductibles that the Partnership considers reasonable and not excessive. In addition, the Partnership has entered into indemnification agreements with various sellers in conjunction with several of its acquisitions.



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Allocation of environmental liability is an issue negotiated in connection with each of the Partnership's acquisition transactions. In each case, the Partnership makes an assessment of potential environmental liability exposure based on available information. Based on that assessment and relevant economic and risk factors, the Partnership determines whether to, and the extent to which it will, assume liability for existing environmental conditions.

In connection with the March 2012 acquisition of Alliance, the Partnership assumed Alliance's environmental liabilities, including ongoing environmental remediation at certain of the retail stations owned by Alliance and future remediation activities required by applicable federal, state or local law or regulation. Remedial action plans are in place, as may be applicable with the state agencies regulating such ongoing remediation. Based on reports from environmental engineers, the Partnership's estimated cost of the ongoing environmental remediation for which Alliance was responsible and future remediation activities required by applicable federal, state or local law or regulation is estimated on a preliminary basis to be approximately \$22.0 million to be expended over an extended period of time. Certain environmental remediation obligations at the retail stations acquired by Alliance from ExxonMobil in 2011 are being funded by ExxonMobil, and therefore cost estimates for such obligations at these stations are not included in this estimate. As a result, the Partnership recorded, on an undiscounted basis, total environmental liabilities of approximately \$22.0 million.

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**Note 11. Environmental Liabilities and Asset Retirement Obligations (continued)**

In connection with the September 2010 acquisition of the retail gas stations from ExxonMobil, the Partnership assumed certain environmental liabilities, including ongoing environmental remediation at and monitoring activities at certain of the acquired sites and future remediation activities required by applicable federal, state or local law or regulation. Remedial action plans are in place with the applicable state regulatory agencies for the majority of these locations, including plans for soil and groundwater treatment systems at eight sites. Based on consultations with environmental engineers, the Partnership's estimated cost of the remediation is expected to be approximately \$30.0 million to be expended over an extended period of time. As a result, the Partnership recorded, on an undiscounted basis, total environmental liabilities of approximately \$30.0 million.

In connection with the June 2010 acquisition of three refined petroleum products terminals in Newburgh, New York, the Partnership assumed certain environmental liabilities, including certain ongoing remediation efforts. As a result, the Partnership recorded, on an undiscounted basis, a total environmental liability of approximately \$1.5 million.

In connection with the November 2007 acquisition of ExxonMobil's Glenwood Landing and Inwood, New York terminals, the Partnership assumed certain environmental liabilities, including the remediation obligations under remedial action plans submitted by ExxonMobil to and approved by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation ( NYDEC ) with respect to both terminals. As a result, the Partnership recorded, on an undiscounted basis, total environmental liabilities of approximately \$1.2 million.

In connection with the May 2007 acquisition of ExxonMobil's Albany and Newburgh, New York and Burlington, Vermont terminals, the Partnership assumed certain environmental liabilities, including the remediation obligations under a proposed remedial action plan submitted by ExxonMobil to NYDEC with respect to the Albany, New York terminal. As a result, the Partnership recorded, on an undiscounted basis, total environmental liabilities of approximately \$8.0 million. In June 2008, the Partnership submitted a remedial action work plan to NYDEC, implementing NYDEC's conditional approval of the remedial action plan submitted by ExxonMobil. The Partnership responded to NYDEC's requests for additional information and conducted pilot tests for the remediation outlined in the work plan. Based on the results of such pilot tests, the Partnership changed its estimate and reduced the environmental liability by \$2.8 million during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2008. In July 2009, NYDEC approved the remedial action work plan, and the Partnership signed a Stipulation Agreement with NYDEC to govern implementation of the approved plan. The remedial action work has been implemented pursuant to the approved work plan, and the post-remediation stage of operation, monitoring and maintenance has commenced and is ongoing. As a result, the Partnership changed its estimate and reduced the environmental liability by \$1.7 million during the second quarter ended June 30, 2011.

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**Note 11. Environmental Liabilities and Asset Retirement Obligations (continued)**

The following table presents a summary roll forward of the Partnership's environmental liabilities at September 30, 2012 (in thousands):

Environmental Liability Related to:	Balance at December 31, 2011	Additions Assumed in Alliance Acquisition 2012	Payments in 2012	Balance at September 30, 2012
ExxonMobil Gas Stations	\$ 28,163	\$	\$ (833)	\$ 27,330
Alliance Gas Stations		22,000	(520)	21,480
Newburgh	1,500			1,500
Glenwood Landing and Inwood	404		(39)	365
Albany	172		(52)	120
Total environmental liabilities	\$ 30,239	\$ 22,000	\$ (1,444)	\$ 50,795
Current portion	\$ 2,936			\$ 4,373
Long-term portion	27,303			46,422
Total environmental liabilities	\$ 30,239			\$ 50,759

The Partnership's estimates used in these reserves are based on all known facts at the time and its assessment of the ultimate remedial action outcomes. Among the many uncertainties that impact the Partnership's estimates are the necessary regulatory approvals for, and potential modification of, its remediation plans, the amount of data available upon initial assessment of the impact of soil or water contamination, changes in costs associated with environmental remediation services and equipment and the possibility of existing legal claims giving rise to additional claims. Therefore, although the Partnership believes that these reserves are adequate, no assurances can be made that any costs incurred in excess of these reserves or outside of indemnifications or not otherwise covered by insurance would not have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

**Asset Retirement Obligations**

The Partnership is required to account for the legal obligations associated with the long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development or operation of long-lived assets. Such asset retirement obligations specifically pertain to the treatment of underground gas storage tanks (USTs) that exist in those U.S. states which statutorily require removal of the USTs at a certain point in time. Specifically, the Partnership's retirement obligations consist of the estimated costs of removal and disposals of USTs in specific states. The fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation is recognized in the year in which it is incurred. The associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the carrying cost of the asset. The Partnership recorded approximately \$1.0 million in total assets retirement obligations which are included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying balance sheet at September 30, 2012.

**Note 12. Fair Value Measurements**

Certain of the Partnership's assets and liabilities are measured at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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**Note 12. Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

The FASB established a fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value into the following three levels:

- Level 1      Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2      Inputs other than the quoted prices in active markets that are observable for assets or liabilities, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
- Level 3      Unobservable inputs based on the entity's own assumptions.

The following table presents those financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

	Fair Value as of September 30, 2012				Fair Value as of December 31, 2011			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets:</b>								
Hedged inventories	\$ 525,714	\$	\$ 525,714	\$	\$ 609,566	\$	\$ 609,566	\$
Fair value of forward fixed price contracts	30,138		30,138		15,450		15,450	
Swap agreements and options	94	83	11		239	121	118	
Foreign currency derivatives	121		121					
Interest rate cap	35		35		306		306	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 556,102</b>	<b>\$ 83</b>	<b>\$ 556,019</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 625,561</b>	<b>\$ 121</b>	<b>\$ 625,440</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>								
Obligations on forward fixed price contracts	\$ (945)	\$	\$ (945)	\$	\$ (11,707)	\$	\$ (11,707)	\$
Swap agreements and option contracts	(108)	(83)	(25)		(123)	(121)	(2)	
Interest rate collar and swap	(14,789)		(14,789)		(16,263)		(16,263)	
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ (15,842)</b>	<b>\$ (83)</b>	<b>\$ (15,759)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (28,093)</b>	<b>\$ (121)</b>	<b>\$ (27,972)</b>	<b>\$</b>

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The majority of the Partnership's derivatives outstanding are reported at fair value based market quotes that are deemed to be observable inputs in an active market for similar assets and liabilities and are considered Level 2 inputs for purposes of fair value disclosures. Specifically, the fair values of the Partnership's financial assets and financial liabilities provided above were derived from NYMEX and New York Harbor quotes for the Partnership's hedged inventories, forward fixed price contracts, swap agreements and option contracts and from the LIBOR rates for the Partnership's interest rate collar, interest rate swap and interest rate cap. The fair value of the foreign currency derivatives is based on broker price quotations. The Partnership has not changed its valuation techniques or inputs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

For assets and liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis during the period, accounting guidance requires quantitative disclosures about the fair value measurements separately for each major category. See Note 2 for acquired assets and liabilities measured on a non-recurring basis during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012. There were no assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis during the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

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**Note 12. Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

*Financial Instruments*

The fair value of the Partnership's financial instruments approximated the carrying value as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, in each case due to the short-term nature and the variable interest rate of the financial instruments.

**Note 13. Income Taxes**

Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code provides that publicly-traded partnerships are, as a general rule, taxed as corporations. However, an exception, referred to as the Qualifying Income Exception, exists under Section 7704(c) with respect to publicly-traded partnerships of which 90% or more of the gross income for every taxable year consists of qualifying income. Qualifying income includes income and gains derived from the transportation, storage and marketing of crude oil, natural gas and products thereof. Other types of qualifying income include interest (other than from a financial business), dividends, gains from the sale of real property and gains from the sale or other disposition of capital assets held for the production of income that otherwise constitutes qualifying income.

Substantially all of the Partnership's income is qualifying income for federal and state income tax purposes and, therefore, is not subject to federal and state income taxes at the partnership level. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income taxes on the qualifying income in the Partnership's financial statements. Net income for financial statement purposes may differ significantly from taxable income reportable to unitholders as a result of differences between the tax bases and financial reporting bases of assets and liabilities and the taxable income allocation requirements under the Partnership's agreement of limited partnership. Individual unitholders have different investment bases depending upon the timing and price at which they acquired their Partnership units. Further, each unitholder's tax accounting, which is partially dependent upon the unitholder's tax position, differs from the accounting followed in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the aggregate difference in the basis of the Partnership's net assets for financial and tax reporting purposes cannot be readily determined because information regarding each unitholder's tax attributes in the Partnership is not available to the Partnership.

One of the Partnership's wholly owned subsidiaries, GMG, is a taxable entity for federal and state income tax purposes. Current and deferred income taxes are recognized on the separate earnings of GMG. The after-tax earnings of GMG are included in the earnings of the Partnership. Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes for GMG. For the quarter ended September 30, 2012, the Partnership recognized net deferred tax liabilities of \$6.4 million related to the Alliance acquisition. As of September 30, 2012, GMG had aggregate deferred tax assets of approximately \$11.8 million and aggregate deferred tax liabilities of approximately \$18.5 million. Deferred tax assets

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consist primarily of federal and state net operating losses and basis differences on environmental liabilities. Deferred tax liabilities consist primarily of differences related to property, plant and equipment.

The Partnership recognizes deferred tax assets to the extent that the recoverability of these assets satisfy the more likely than not recognition criteria in accordance with the FASB's guidance regarding income taxes. Based upon projections of future taxable income, the Partnership believes that the recorded deferred tax assets will be realized.



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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**Note 14. Legal Proceedings**

*General*

Although the Partnership may, from time to time, be involved in litigation and claims arising out of its operations in the normal course of business, the Partnership does not believe that it is a party to any litigation that will have a material adverse impact on its financial condition or results of operations. Except as described below and in Note 11 included herein, the Partnership is not aware of any significant legal or governmental proceedings against it, or contemplated to be brought against it. The Partnership maintains insurance policies with insurers in amounts and with coverage and deductibles as its general partner believes are reasonable and prudent. However, the Partnership can provide no assurance that this insurance will be adequate to protect it from all material expenses related to potential future claims or that these levels of insurance will be available in the future at economically acceptable prices.

*Other*

In December 2011, certain of the employees assigned to certain of the Partnership's terminals in Newburgh, New York elected to join the incumbent union representing certain employees at the Partnership's Glenwood Landing, Inwood and Oyster Bay, New York terminals. The Partnership has executed a collective bargaining agreement with respect to these employees, the result of which did not have a material adverse effect on its operations.

The Partnership received from the Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA), by letters dated November 2, 2011 and March 29, 2012, reporting requirements and testing orders (collectively, the Requests for Information) for information under the Clean Air Act. The Requests for Information are part of an EPA investigation to determine whether the Partnership has violated sections of the Clean Air Act at certain of its terminal locations in New England with respect to residual oil and asphalt. The Partnership is complying with the Requests for Information. The Partnership does not believe that a violation has occurred nor does the Partnership believe any adverse determination in connection with such investigation would have a material impact on its operations.

On June 3, 2011, a complaint was filed against Alliance in Hartford, Connecticut Superior Court under the title Syed Sons, Inc., et al. v. Alliance Energy LLC, et al., Hartford Superior Court, Docket No.: HHD-X04-CV-11-6022516S. The complaint was filed by six dealers operating, in the aggregate, 24 properties in connection with Alliance's purchase of gas stations from ExxonMobil in February 2011 (the Initial Connecticut Litigation). Also named in the suit were Exxon Mobil Corporation, Citizens Bank, N.A., the Gasoline and Automotive and Service Dealers of America (GASDA) and Michael J. Fox, the Executive Director of GASDA. The complaint alleges, among other things, failure to comply with the Connecticut franchise statutes and violations of the Connecticut unfair trade practices statute. In April 2012, the action was withdrawn as to Citizens Bank, N.A. On July 3, 2012, five of the plaintiff dealers, who operated in the aggregate, 23 of the 24 properties at issue in the Initial

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Connecticut Litigation, executed a Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement (the Settlement Agreement ) with Alliance and withdrew their action. The results of the Settlement Agreement did not have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's operations. The Initial Connecticut Litigation remains pending with respect to a single plaintiff that operates one location. The litigation is in a discovery phase, and the Partnership believes it has meritorious defenses. On March 7, 2012, a complaint was filed against Alliance in Hartford, Connecticut Superior Court under the title Syed Sons, Inc., et al. v. Alliance Energy LLC. The complaint was filed by five of the six dealers in the Initial Connecticut Litigation and was filed in connection with Alliance's acquisition by the Partnership. The complaint alleges failure to comply with the Connecticut franchise statutes and violations of the Connecticut unfair trade practices statute. In connection with the Settlement Agreement, all of the plaintiffs withdrew this action in its entirety on June 28, 2012.

On August 1, 2012, the Partnership has negotiated a collective bargaining agreement with the incumbent union with the dispatchers at the Partnership's Chelsea, Massachusetts terminal. The result of these negotiations did not have a material adverse effect on its operations.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

**Note 15. Restructuring Charges**

In July 2011, the Partnership implemented a reduction in workforce as part of its cost reduction initiatives. This reduction in workforce resulted in a restructuring charge to expense of approximately \$2.0 million, principally for separation and outplacement costs, and was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2011. No additional charges were recorded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

The following table presents the changes in the Partnership's restructuring liability, included in amounts reported as other current liabilities (in thousands):

	Severance	
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$	1,192
Cash payments		(749)
Balance at September 30, 2012	\$	443

**Note 16. New Accounting Standards**

In May 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-04, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs. This update clarifies the application of certain existing fair value measurement guidance and expands the disclosures for fair value measurements that are estimated using significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs. The Partnership adopted this update on January 1, 2012 which did not have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income. This standard will require companies to present the components of net income and other comprehensive income either as one continuous statement or as two consecutive statements. It eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in equity. The amendments in this ASU do not change the items that must be reported in other comprehensive income or when an item of other comprehensive income must be reclassified to net income nor do the amendments affect how earnings per unit is calculated or presented. The Partnership adopted this ASU on January 1, 2012. As this ASU only requires enhanced disclosure, the adoption of this ASU did not have an effect on the Partnership's financial position or results of operations.

**Note 17. Subsequent Events**

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On October 5, 2012, the Partnership signed a purchase agreement to acquire a 60% membership interest in Basin Transload LLC, which operates two transloading facilities in North Dakota for crude oil and other products with a combined rail loading capacity of 160,000 barrels per day. The total purchase price is expected to be approximately \$80.0 million. The transaction is subject to customary regulatory approvals, due diligence and various other customary commercial closing conditions. The purchase is expected to be completed by the end of 2012.

On October 25, 2012, the board of directors of the General Partner declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.5325 per unit (\$2.13 per unit on an annualized basis) for the period from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012. On November 14, 2012, the Partnership will pay this cash distribution to its common unitholders of record as of the close of business November 5, 2012.

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

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations of Global Partners LP should be read in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements of Global Partners LP and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Some of the information contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q may contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, any statement that may project, indicate or imply future results, events, performance or achievements, and may contain the words may, believe, should, could, expect, anticipate, plan, intend, estimate, continue, will likely result, or other expressions. In addition, any statement made by our management concerning future financial performance (including future revenues, earnings or growth rates), ongoing business strategies or prospects, and possible actions by our partnership or its subsidiaries are also forward-looking statements. Although we believe these forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made, there may be events in the future that we are not able to predict accurately or control, and there can be no assurance that future developments affecting our business will be those that we anticipate. Additionally, all statements concerning our expectations regarding future operating results are based on current forecasts for our existing operations and do not include the potential impact of any future acquisitions. The factors listed under Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as well as any cautionary language in this report, describe the known material risks, uncertainties and events that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements. Additional factors or events that may emerge from time to time, or those that we currently deem to be immaterial, could cause our actual results to differ, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained herein. The following factors are among those that may cause actual results to differ materially and adversely from our forward-looking statements:

- We may not have sufficient cash from operations to enable us to pay the minimum quarterly distribution or maintain distributions at current levels following establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner.
- A significant decrease in demand for the products we sell could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.
- Our sales of home heating oil and residual oil could be significantly reduced by conversions to natural gas.
- Erosion of the value of the Mobil brand could adversely affect our gasoline sales and customer traffic.
- Our gas station and convenience store business could expose us to an increase in consumer litigation and result in an unfavorable outcome or settlement of one or more lawsuits where insurance proceeds are insufficient or otherwise unavailable.

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- Our gasoline sales could be significantly reduced by a reduction in demand due to higher prices and to new technologies and alternative fuel sources, such as electric, hybrid or battery powered motor vehicles.
- Our crude oil sales could be adversely affected by, among other things, unanticipated changes in the crude oil market structure, grade differentials and volatility (or lack thereof), changes in refiner demand, significant changes in price and interruptions in rail transportation services and other necessary services and equipment, such as railcars, trucks, loading equipment and qualified drivers.
- Changes to government usage mandates could adversely affect the availability and pricing of ethanol, which could negatively impact our sales.
- Warmer weather conditions could adversely affect us.
- Our risk management policies cannot eliminate all commodity risk. In addition, noncompliance with our risk management policies could result in significant financial losses.
- Our results of operations are affected by the overall forward market for the petroleum products we sell.

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- Our business could be affected by a range of issues, such as dramatic changes in commodity prices, energy conservation, competition, the global economic climate, movement of products between Europe and the United States, weekly and monthly refinery output levels, changes in local, domestic and worldwide inventory levels, seasonality and supply, weather and logistics disruptions. For example, at the end of October, Hurricane Sandy struck the Northeast causing significant damage in the States of New York and New Jersey. As a result of the storm, marine traffic in New York harbor and along the Hudson River was disrupted. These disruptions to supply and distribution chains continue. While some of our terminals on Long Island and in Newburgh, New York suffered flooding and power outages, the damage to our terminal infrastructure was not significant and all New York facilities now are operational. We do not believe that disruptions in supply and within the channels of distribution caused by the hurricane will have a material adverse impact on our results of operations in the fourth quarter of 2012.
- Increases and/or decreases in the prices of the products we sell could adversely impact the amount of borrowing available for working capital under our credit agreement, which credit agreement has borrowing base limitations and advance rates.
- We are exposed to trade credit risk in the ordinary course of our business.
- We are exposed to risk associated with our trade credit support in the ordinary course of our business.
- The condition of credit markets may adversely affect us.
- Our bank credit agreement contains operating and financial covenants as well as borrowing base requirements. A failure to comply with the operating and financial covenants in our credit agreement and any future financing agreements could impact our access to bank loans and restrict our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to engage in, expand or pursue our business activities.
- Adverse developments in the areas where we conduct our business could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.
- A serious disruption to our information technology systems could significantly limit our ability to manage and operate our business efficiently.
- We are exposed to performance risk in our supply chain.
- Our businesses are subject to both federal and state environmental and non-environmental regulations which could have a material adverse effect on such businesses.

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- Our general partner and its affiliates have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit them to favor their own interests to the detriment of unitholders.
- Unitholders have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors or to remove our general partner without the consent of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding units (including units held by our general partner and its affiliates), which could lower the trading price of our common units.
- Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.
- Unitholders may be required to pay taxes on their share of our income even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us.

Additional information about risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements is contained in Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and Part II, Item 1A, Risk Factors, in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to update these statements to reflect any change in our expectations or beliefs or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based. All forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and all subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements.



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**Overview**

***General***

We are one of the largest distributors of gasoline (including gasoline blendstocks such as ethanol and naphtha), distillates (such as home heating oil, diesel and kerosene), residual oil and renewable fuels to wholesalers, retailers and commercial customers in the New England states and New York. We purchase refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil primarily from domestic and foreign refiners and ethanol producers, crude oil producers, major and independent oil companies and trading companies, and we sell these products in three reporting segments: (i) Wholesale, (ii) Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations and (iii) Commercial which are discussed below.

Collectively, we sold approximately \$4.6 billion and \$12.5 billion of refined petroleum products, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. In addition, we had other revenues of approximately \$36.8 million and \$91.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, primarily from convenience store sales at our directly operated stores and gas station rental income.

Like most independent marketers, we base our pricing on spot prices, fixed prices or indexed prices and routinely use the NYMEX, CME, IntercontinentalExchange ( ICE ) or other counterparties to hedge our commodity risk inherent in buying and selling commodities. Through the use of regulated exchanges or derivatives, we seek to maintain a position that is substantially balanced between purchased volumes and sales volumes or future delivery obligations.

Wholesale

We own, control or have access to one of the largest terminal networks of refined petroleum products and renewable fuels in Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania (collectively, the Northeast ). We also engage in logistics, including the gathering, storage, transportation and marketing of refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil. Our strategically located terminal assets, logistics capabilities and access to railroad and barge transportation provide a virtual pipeline solution for the transportation of crude oil, renewable fuels and associated products from the mid-continent region of the United States and Canada to the Northeast.

Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations

We have a portfolio of approximately 1,000 owned, leased or supplied gas stations in the Northeast. In September 2010, we completed the acquisition from ExxonMobil Corporation of 190 retail gas stations, together with the rights to (i) supply Mobil-branded fuel to those stations as well as an additional 31 existing locations in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, and (ii) expand supply opportunities for Mobil-branded and Exxon-branded fuel in certain other New England states. This acquisition also expanded our wholesale supply business and added vertical integration to our transportation fuel business in New England. On March 1, 2012, we acquired Alliance Energy LLC ( Alliance ), a gasoline distributor and operator of gasoline stations and convenience stores. As of the date of the acquisition, Alliance 's portfolio included

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approximately 540 gasoline stations in the Northeast, of which it owned or held under long-term lease approximately 250 stations, and had supply contracts for the remaining stations. The Alliance acquisition expanded our geographic footprint for gasoline stations to include Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont. Alliance is a top-tier distributor of multiple brands, including Exxon, Mobil, Shell, Sunoco, CITGO and Gulf. Prior to the closing of the acquisition, Alliance was wholly owned by AE Holdings Corp. which is approximately 95% owned by members of the Slifka family. In addition, in the second quarter of 2012, we entered into an agreement with Getty Realty to supply and provide management services to more than 200 of its gas stations in New York and New Jersey.

### Commercial

This segment includes sales and deliveries to end user customers in the public sector and to commercial and industrial end users of unbranded gasoline, home heating oil, diesel, kerosene, residual oil, renewable fuels and natural gas. Our commercial segment also includes sales of custom blended distillates and residual oil delivered by barge or from a terminal dock through bunkering activity.

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Due to the nature of our business and our customers' reliance, in part, on consumer travel and spending patterns, we may experience more demand for gasoline and gasoline blendstocks during the late spring and summer months than during the fall and winter. Travel and recreational activities are typically higher in these months in the geographic areas in which we operate, increasing the demand for gasoline and gasoline blendstocks that we distribute. Therefore, our volumes in gasoline and gasoline blendstocks are typically higher in the second and third quarters of the calendar year. In addition, as demand for some of our refined petroleum products, specifically home heating oil and residual oil for space heating purposes, is generally greater during the winter months, heating oil and residual oil sales are generally higher during the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year. These factors may result in significant fluctuations in our quarterly operating results.

*Products and Operational Structure*

Our products primarily include gasoline, distillates, residual oil, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas. We sell gasoline to branded and unbranded gasoline stations and other resellers of transportation fuels, as well as to customers in the public sector. The distillates we sell are used primarily for fuel for trucks and off-road construction equipment and for space heating of residential and commercial buildings. We receive and move crude oil by rail from the mid-continent region of the United States and Canada to the East Coast and sell it to refiners. We sell residual oil to major housing units, such as public housing authorities, colleges and hospitals and large industrial facilities that use processed steam in their manufacturing processes. In addition, we sell bunker fuel, which we can custom blend, to cruise ships, bulk carriers and fishing fleets. We sell our natural gas to end users. We have increased our sales in the non-weather sensitive components of our business, such as transportation fuels; however, we are still subject to the impact that warmer weather conditions may have on our home heating oil and residual oil sales.

Generally, our wholesale customers use their own vehicles or contract carriers to take delivery of the gasoline and distillate products at bulk terminals and inland storage facilities that we own or control or with which we have throughput or exchange arrangements. Our crude oil is aggregated by truck or pipeline, transported on land by train and shipped to refineries in barges. Ethanol is shipped primarily by rail and by barge. For our commercial customers, we generally arrange the delivery of the product to the customer's designated location, typically hiring third-party common carriers to deliver the product.

For several reasons, including the size of the Alliance acquisition, our strategic focus on gasoline distribution and station operations which increased in significance with the Alliance acquisition, changes to our organizational structure of this operating segment under one divisional president, and how performance is reviewed and decisions are made, we determined that we have three operating segments. Commencing with the quarter ended March 31, 2012, our three operating segments, which are also our reporting segments, are the following:

- *Wholesale.* This reportable segment includes sales of unbranded gasoline (including gasoline blendstocks such as ethanol and naphtha) and diesel to unbranded gasoline customers and other resellers of transportation fuels, home heating oil, diesel, kerosene and residual oil to home heating oil retailers and wholesale distributors, and crude oil to refiners.
- *Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations.* This reportable segment includes sales of branded and unbranded gasoline to gasoline stations and other sub-jobbers as well as gasoline, convenience store, car wash and other ancillary sales at our directly operated stores and rental income from dealer leased or commission agent leased retail gas stations.

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- *Commercial.* This reportable segment includes sales and deliveries to end user customers in the public sector and to large commercial and industrial end users of unbranded gasoline, home heating oil, diesel, kerosene, residual oil, renewable fuels and natural gas. In the case of commercial and industrial end user customers, we sell our products primarily either through a competitive bidding process or through contracts of various terms. This segment also includes sales of custom blended distillates and residual oil delivered by barges or from a terminal dock through bunkering activity. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Commercial operating segment did not meet the quantitative metrics for disclosure as a reportable segment on a stand-alone basis. However, we have elected to present segment disclosures for the Commercial operating segment as we believe such disclosures are meaningful to the user of our financial information.

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Our business is substantially comprised of purchasing, storing, terminalling, transporting and selling refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil. In a contango market (when product prices for future deliveries are higher than for current deliveries), we may use our storage capacity to improve our margins by storing products we have purchased at lower prices in the current market for delivery to customers at higher prices in the future. In a backward market (when product prices for future deliveries are lower than current deliveries), inventories can depreciate in value and hedging costs are more expensive. For this reason, we attempt to reduce our inventories in order to minimize these effects.

**Outlook**

This section identifies certain risks and certain economic or industry-wide factors that may affect our financial performance and results of operations in the future, both in the short-term and in the long-term. Our results of operations and financial condition depend, in part, upon the following:

- *Our financial condition and results of operations are influenced by the overall forward market for refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil, and increases and/or decreases in the prices of these products may adversely impact our financial condition, results of operations and cash available for distribution to our unitholders and the amount of borrowing available for working capital under our credit agreement, which credit agreement has borrowing base limitations and advance rates as well as access to trade credit.* Results from our purchasing, storing, terminalling, transporting and selling operations are influenced by prices for these products, pricing volatility and the market for such products. Prices in the overall forward market for these products may affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash available for distribution to our unitholders. Our margins can be significantly impacted by the forward product pricing curve, often referred to as the futures market. We typically hedge our exposure to petroleum product and renewable fuel price moves with futures contracts and, to a lesser extent, swaps. In markets where futures prices are higher than current prices, referred to as contango, we may use our storage capacity to improve our margins by storing products we have purchased at lower prices in the current market for delivery to customers at higher prices in the future. In markets where futures prices are lower than current prices, referred to as backwardation, inventories can depreciate in value and hedging costs are more expensive. For this reason, we attempt to reduce our inventories in order to minimize these effects. When prices for the products we sell rise, some of our customers may have insufficient credit to purchase supply from us at their historical purchase volumes, and their customers, in turn, may adopt conservation measures which reduce consumption, thereby reducing demand for product. Furthermore, when prices increase rapidly and dramatically, we may be unable to promptly pass our additional costs on to our customers, resulting in lower margins for us which could adversely affect our results of operations. Lastly, higher prices for the products we sell may (1) diminish our access to trade credit support and/or cause it to become more expensive and (2) decrease the amount of borrowings available for working capital under our credit agreement as a result of total available commitments, borrowing base limitations and advance rates thereunder. In addition, when prices for the products we sell decline, our exposure to risk of loss in the event of nonperformance by our customers of our forward contracts may be increased as they and/or their customers may breach their contracts and purchase the products we sell at the then lower retail market price.

- *We commit substantial resources to pursuing acquisitions, although there is no certainty that we will successfully complete any acquisitions or receive the economic results we anticipate from completed acquisitions.* Consistent with our business strategy, we are continuously engaged in discussions with potential sellers of terminalling, storage, logistics and/or marketing assets, including gas stations, and related businesses. Our growth largely depends on our ability to make accretive acquisitions. We may be unable to make such accretive acquisitions for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) we are unable to identify attractive acquisition candidates or negotiate acceptable purchase contracts; (2) we are unable to raise financing for such acquisitions on economically acceptable terms; or (3) we are outbid by competitors. In addition, we may consummate acquisitions that at the time of consummation we believe will be accretive but that ultimately may not be accretive. If any of these events were to occur, our future growth would be limited. We can give no assurance that our acquisition efforts will be successful or that any such acquisition will be completed on terms that are favorable to us.



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- *The condition of credit markets may adversely affect our liquidity.* In the recent past, world financial markets experienced a severe reduction in the availability of credit. Possible negative impacts in the future could include a decrease in the availability of borrowings under our credit agreement, increased counterparty credit risk on our derivatives contracts and our contractual counterparties requiring us to provide collateral. In addition, we could experience a tightening of trade credit from our suppliers.
- *Our gasoline and gasoline blendstocks financial results are seasonal and generally lower in the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year.* Due to the nature of our business and our customers' reliance, in part, on consumer travel and spending patterns, we may experience more demand for gasoline and gasoline blendstocks during the late spring and summer months than during the fall and winter. Travel and recreational activities are typically higher in these months in the geographic areas in which we operate, increasing the demand for gasoline and gasoline blendstocks that we distribute. Therefore, our results of operations in gasoline and gasoline blendstocks are typically lower in the first and fourth quarters of the calendar year.
- *Our heating oil and residual oil financial results are seasonal and generally lower in the second and third quarters of the calendar year.* Demand for some refined petroleum products, specifically home heating oil and residual oil for space heating purposes, is generally higher during November through March than during April through October. We obtain a significant portion of these sales during the winter months. Therefore, our results of operations in heating oil and residual oil for the first and fourth calendar quarters are generally better than for the second and third quarters.
- *Warmer weather conditions could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.* Weather conditions generally have an impact on the demand for both home heating oil and residual oil. Because we supply distributors whose customers depend on home heating oil and residual oil for space heating purposes during the winter, warmer-than-normal temperatures during the first and fourth calendar quarters in the Northeast can decrease the total volume we sell and the gross profit realized on those sales.
- *Energy efficiency, higher prices, new technology and alternative fuels could reduce demand for our products.* Increased conservation and technological advances have adversely affected the demand for home heating oil and residual oil. Consumption of residual oil has steadily declined over the last three decades. We could face additional competition from alternative energy sources as a result of future government-mandated controls or regulation further promoting the use of cleaner fuels. End users who are dual-fuel users have the ability to switch between residual oil and natural gas. Other end users may elect to convert to natural gas. During a period of increasing residual oil prices relative to the prices of natural gas, dual-fuel customers may switch and other end users may convert to natural gas. During periods of increasing home heating oil prices relative to the price of natural gas, residential users of home heating oil may also convert to natural gas. Such switching or conversion could have an adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash available for distribution to our unitholders. In addition, higher prices and new technologies and alternative fuel sources, such as electric, hybrid or battery powered motor vehicles, could reduce the demand for gasoline and adversely impact our gasoline sales. A reduction in gasoline sales could have an adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash available for distribution to our unitholders.
- *Changes in government usage mandates and tax credits could adversely affect the availability and pricing of ethanol, which could negatively impact our gasoline sales.* Future demand for ethanol will be largely dependent upon the economic incentives to blend based upon the relative value of gasoline and ethanol, taking into consideration the EPA's regulations on the Renewable Fuels Standard ( RFS ) program and oxygenate blending requirements. A reduction or waiver of the RFS mandate or oxygenate blending requirements could adversely affect the availability and pricing of ethanol, which in turn could adversely affect our future gasoline and ethanol sales.

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- *New, stricter environmental laws and regulations could significantly increase our costs, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.* Our operations are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations regulating product quality specifications and other environmental matters. The trend in environmental regulation is towards more restrictions and limitations on activities that may affect the environment over time. Our business may be adversely affected by increased costs and liabilities resulting from such stricter laws and regulations. We try to anticipate future regulatory requirements that might be imposed and plan accordingly to remain in compliance with changing environmental laws and regulations and to minimize the costs of such compliance. However, there can be no assurances as to the timing and type of such changes in existing laws or the promulgation of new laws or the amount of any required expenditures associated therewith.



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**Results of Operations**

*Evaluating Our Results of Operations*

Our management uses a variety of financial and operational measurements to analyze our performance. These measurements include: (1) net product margin, (2) gross profit, (3) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ( EBITDA ), (4) distributable cash flow, (5) selling, general and administrative expenses ( SG&A ), (6) operating expenses, (7) net income per diluted limited partner unit and (8) degree day.

*Net Product Margin*

We view net product margin as an important performance measure of the core profitability of our operations. We review net product margin monthly for consistency and trend analysis. We define net product margin as our sales minus product costs. Sales primarily include sales of unbranded and branded gasoline, distillates, residual oil, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas, as well as convenience store sales and gas station rental income. Product costs include the cost of acquiring the refined petroleum products, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas and all associated costs including shipping and handling costs to bring such products to the point of sale as well as product costs related to convenience store items. We also look at net product margin on a per unit basis (net product margin divided by volume). Net product margin is a non-GAAP financial measure used by management and external users of our consolidated financial statements to assess our business. Net product margin should not be considered an alternative to net income, operating income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. In addition, our net product margin may not be comparable to net product margin or a similarly titled measure of other companies.

*Gross Profit*

We define gross profit as our sales minus product costs and terminal and gas station related depreciation expense allocated to cost of sales. Sales primarily include sales of unbranded and branded gasoline, distillates, residual oil, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas. Product costs include the cost of acquiring the refined petroleum products, renewable fuels, crude oil and natural gas and all associated costs to bring such products to the point of sale.

*EBITDA*

EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure used as a supplemental financial measure by management and external users of our consolidated financial statements, such as investors, commercial banks and research analysts, to assess:

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- our compliance with certain financial covenants included in our debt agreements;
- our financial performance without regard to financing methods, capital structure, income taxes or historical cost basis;
- our ability to generate cash sufficient to pay interest on our indebtedness and to make distributions to our partners;
- our operating performance and return on invested capital as compared to those of other companies in the wholesale, marketing, storing and distribution of refined petroleum products, renewable fuels and crude oil, without regard to financing methods and capital structure; and
- the viability of acquisitions and capital expenditure projects and the overall rates of return of alternative investment opportunities.

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EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income, cash flow from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income, and this measure may vary among other companies. Therefore, EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

*Distributable Cash Flow*

Distributable cash flow is an important non-GAAP financial measure for our limited partners since it serves as an indicator of our success in providing a cash return on their investment. Distributable cash flow means our net income plus depreciation and amortization minus maintenance capital expenditures, as well as adjustments to eliminate items approved by the audit committee of the board of directors of our general partner that are extraordinary or non-recurring in nature and that would otherwise increase distributable cash flow. Specifically, this financial measure indicates to investors whether or not we have generated sufficient earnings on a current or historic level that can sustain or support an increase in our quarterly cash distribution. Distributable cash flow is a quantitative standard used by the investment community with respect to publicly traded partnerships. Distributable cash flow should not be considered an alternative to net income, operating income, cash flow from operations, or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. In addition, our distributable cash flow may not be comparable to distributable cash flow or similarly titled measures of other companies.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

Our SG&A expenses include, among other things, marketing costs, corporate overhead, employee salaries and benefits, pension and 401(k) plan expenses, discretionary bonuses, non-interest financing costs, professional fees and information technology expenses. Employee-related expenses including employee salaries, discretionary bonuses and related payroll taxes, benefits, and pension and 401(k) plan expenses are paid by our general partner which, in turn, is reimbursed for these expenses by us.

*Operating Expenses*

Operating expenses are costs associated with the operation of the terminals and gasoline stations used in our business. Lease payments and storage expenses, maintenance and repair, utilities, taxes, labor and labor-related expenses comprise the most significant portion of our operating expenses. These expenses remain relatively stable independent of the volumes through our system but fluctuate slightly depending on the activities performed during a specific period.

*Net Income Per Diluted Limited Partner Unit*

We use net income per diluted limited partner unit to measure our financial performance on a per-unit basis. Net income per diluted limited partner unit is defined as net income, divided by the weighted average number of outstanding diluted common units, or limited partner units, during the period.

Degree Day

A degree day is an industry measurement of temperature designed to evaluate energy demand and consumption. Degree days are based on how far the average temperature departs from a human comfort level of 65°F. Each degree of temperature above 65°F is counted as one cooling degree day, and each degree of temperature below 65°F is counted as one heating degree day. Degree days are accumulated each day over the course of a year and can be compared to a monthly or a long-term (multi-year) average, or normal, to see if a month or a year was warmer or cooler than usual. Degree days are officially observed by the National Weather Service and officially archived by the National Climatic Data Center. For purposes of evaluating our results of operations, we use the normal heating degree day amount as reported by the National Weather Service at its Logan International Airport station in Boston, Massachusetts.

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*Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011*

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, we experienced the following events:

- Alliance's revenues and net income included in our consolidated operating results from March, 2012, the acquisition date, through the nine months ended September 30, 2012 were \$1.3 billion and \$13.7 million, respectively.
- In our wholesale segment, we continued our expansion into crude oil logistics, including the gathering, storage, transportation and marketing of crude oil which improved our wholesale segment net product margin.
- We believe our wholesale gasoline business was negatively impacted by a challenging futures market and less favorable buying opportunities which reduced our net product margin for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.
- The prices for heating oil and residual oil at September 30, 2012 compared to prices at September 30, 2011 increased by 13% and 9%, respectively, while the price for natural gas decreased by 22%. We believe heating oil conservation and conversions to natural gas continued during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.
- Temperatures for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 were 21% warmer than normal and 19% warmer than the same period in 2011 which negatively affected demand for our weather-related products during this period.
- In connection with the acquisition of Alliance, we had one-time acquisition costs of approximately \$4.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.
- Our interest expense increased by 16% and 18% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, due primarily to additional borrowings associated with the acquisition of Alliance and to higher gasoline prices for most of 2012.
- In our gasoline distribution and station operations segment, declining gasoline prices typically improve our gasoline net product margins and rising gasoline prices typically compress our gasoline net product margins. Gasoline prices increased during the first and third quarters of 2012 and declined in the second quarter, resulting in compressed margins for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012. The following provides a summary of recent changes in NYMEX gasoline prices and the impact on our net product margins in our gasoline distribution business:

- At March 31, 2012, the price for gasoline was \$3.39 per gallon compared to \$2.69 at December 31, 2011, an increase of \$0.70 per gallon which compressed our net product margin for the first quarter of 2012. At March 31, 2011, the price for gasoline was \$3.11 per gallon for a period-over-period increase of \$0.28 per gallon.
- At June 30, 2012, the price for gasoline was \$2.73 per gallon compared to \$3.39 at March 31, 2012, a decrease of \$0.66 per gallon which improved our net product margin for the second quarter of 2012. At June 30, 2011, the price for gasoline was \$3.03 per gallon for a period-over-period decrease of \$0.30 per gallon.
- At September 30, 2012, the price for gasoline was \$3.34 per gallon compared to \$2.73 at June 30, 2012, an increase of \$0.61 per gallon which compressed our net product margin for the third quarter of 2012. At September 30, 2011, the price for gasoline was \$2.63 per gallon for a period-over-period increase of \$0.71 per gallon.
- Our margins for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 were also affected by a variety of other factors, such as movement of products between Europe and the United States, weekly and monthly refinery output levels, changes in local, domestic and worldwide inventory levels, seasonality and supply disruptions.

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The following table provides a summary of some of the key performance indicators that may be used to assess our results of operations. These comparisons are not necessarily indicative of future results (gallons and dollars in thousands, except per unit amounts):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011 (1)	2012	2011 (1)
Net income	\$ 6,893	\$ 1,858	\$ 24,008	\$ 9,303
Net income per diluted limited partner unit (2)	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.41
EBITDA (3)	\$ 29,470	\$ 18,670	\$ 88,710	\$ 58,956
Distributable cash flow (4)	\$ 14,954	\$ 8,598	\$ 48,701	\$ 30,289
<b>Wholesale Segment:</b>				
Volume (gallons)	1,225,719	1,070,435	3,374,621	3,165,322
<b>Sales</b>				
Gasoline and gasoline blendstocks	\$ 2,570,580	\$ 2,430,154	\$ 6,465,950	\$ 6,161,727
Other oils and related products (5)	936,991	714,134	3,202,108	2,914,253
Total	\$ 3,507,571	\$ 3,144,288	\$ 9,668,058	\$ 9,075,980
<b>Net product margin</b>				
Gasoline and gasoline blendstocks	\$ 8,925	\$ 13,989	\$ 34,382	\$ 46,235
Other oils and related products (5)	25,994	11,398	68,449	41,092
Total	\$ 34,919	\$ 25,387	\$ 102,831	\$ 87,327
<b>Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations Segment:</b>				
Volume (gallons)	282,518	122,138	686,404	326,230
<b>Sales</b>				
Gasoline	\$ 907,579	\$ 400,586	\$ 2,181,164	\$ 1,053,469
Station operations (6)	36,760	15,747	91,806	44,769
Total	\$ 944,339	\$ 416,333	\$ 2,272,970	\$ 1,098,238
<b>Net product margin</b>				
Gasoline	\$ 33,556	\$ 17,754	\$ 89,284	\$ 42,164
Station operations (6)	18,673	7,938	48,367	23,506
Total	\$ 52,229	\$ 25,692	\$ 137,651	\$ 65,670
<b>Commercial Segment:</b>				
Volume (gallons)	80,676	83,204	255,320	244,355
Sales	\$ 165,284	\$ 205,144	\$ 567,710	\$ 554,767
Net product margin	\$ 4,779	\$ 4,304	\$ 14,158	\$ 15,366
<b>Combined sales and net product margin:</b>				
Sales	\$ 4,617,194	\$ 3,765,765	\$ 12,508,738	\$ 10,728,985
Net product margin (7)	\$ 91,927	\$ 55,383	\$ 254,640	\$ 168,363
Depreciation allocated to cost of sales	(9,307)	(6,104)	(26,026)	(18,263)
<b>Combined gross profit</b>	\$ 82,620	\$ 49,279	\$ 228,614	\$ 150,100
<b>Weather conditions:</b>				
Normal heating degree days	96	96	3,781	3,750
Actual heating degree days	72	44	2,996	3,690
Variance from normal heating degree days	(25%)	(54%)	(21%)	(2%)
Variance from prior period actual heating degree days	64%	29%	(19%)	17%

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- (1) Segment reporting results for the prior periods have been reclassified to conform to our current segment presentation.
  - (2) See Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for net income per diluted limited partner unit calculation.
  - (3) EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure which is discussed above under Evaluating Our Results of Operations. The table below presents reconciliations of EBITDA to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.



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- (4) Distributable cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure which is discussed above under Evaluating Our Results of Operations. The table below presents reconciliations of distributable cash flow to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.
- (5) Other oils and related products primarily consist of distillates, residual oil and crude oil.
- (6) Station operations primarily consist of convenience store revenues and rental income.
- (7) Net product margin is a non-GAAP financial measure which is discussed above under Evaluating Our Results of Operations. The table above includes a reconciliation of net product margin on a combined basis to gross profit, a directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

The following table presents reconciliations of EBITDA to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures on a historical basis for each period presented (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
<b>Reconciliation of net income to EBITDA:</b>				
Net income	\$ 6,893	\$ 1,858	\$ 24,008	\$ 9,303
Depreciation and amortization and amortization of deferred financing fees	12,662	8,865	36,769	26,175
Interest expense	9,237	7,947	27,705	23,478
Income tax expense	678		228	
EBITDA	\$ 29,470	\$ 18,670	\$ 88,710	\$ 58,956
<b>Reconciliation of net cash (used in) provided by operating activities to EBITDA:</b>				
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (26,600)	\$ 52,505	\$ 189,700	\$ (6,779)
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities and certain non-cash items	46,155	(41,782)	(128,923)	42,257
Interest expense	9,237	7,947	27,705	23,478
Income tax expense	678		228	
EBITDA	\$ 29,470	\$ 18,670	\$ 88,710	\$ 58,956

The following table presents reconciliations of distributable cash flow to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures on a historical basis for each period presented (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
<b>Reconciliation of net income to distributable cash flow:</b>				
Net income	\$ 6,893	\$ 1,858	\$ 24,008	\$ 9,303
Depreciation and amortization and amortization of deferred financing fees	12,662	8,865	36,769	26,175
Amortization of routine bank refinancings	(960)	(932)	(2,878)	(2,508)
Maintenance capital expenditures	(3,641)	(1,193)	(9,198)	(2,681)

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Distributable cash flow	\$	14,954	\$	8,598	\$	48,701	\$	30,289
<b>Reconciliation of net cash (used in) provided by operating activities to distributable cash flow:</b>								
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$	(26,600)	\$	52,505	\$	189,700	\$	(6,779)
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities and certain non-cash items		46,155		(41,782)		(128,923)		42,257
Amortization of routine bank refinancings		(960)		(932)		(2,878)		(2,508)
Maintenance capital expenditures		(3,641)		(1,193)		(9,198)		(2,681)
Distributable cash flow	\$	14,954	\$	8,598	\$	48,701	\$	30,289

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***Consolidated Results***

Our total sales for the three months ended September 30, 2012 increased by \$0.8 billion, or 23%, to \$4.6 billion compared to \$3.8 billion for the same period in 2011, primarily due to an increase in volume sold. Our aggregate volume of product sold was 1.6 billion gallons for the third quarter of 2012 compared to 1.3 billion gallons for the same period in 2011, an increase of 0.3 billion gallons, or 25%. The increase in volume sold includes increases of approximately 160 million gallons in our gasoline distribution business, primarily due to our acquisition in March 2012 of Alliance, 155 million gallons in our wholesale business, primarily due to increases in gasoline and to the addition of crude oil offset by a decrease in distillates, and a decrease of 2 million gallons in our commercial business. Our gross profit for the third quarter of 2012 was \$82.6 million, an increase of \$33.3 million, or 68%, compared to \$49.3 million for the third quarter of 2011, due primarily to the Alliance acquisition and the addition of crude oil. Despite the increase, our gross profit was negatively impacted by a challenging futures market, including backwardation in wholesale gasoline, and compressed margins in our gasoline distribution business due to sharply increased gasoline prices.

Our total sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased by \$1.8 billion, or 17%, to \$12.5 billion compared to \$10.7 billion for the same period in 2011 due to an increase in volume sold. Our aggregate volume of product sold was 4.3 billion gallons for the first nine months of 2012 compared to 3.7 billion gallons for the same period in 2011, an increase of 0.6 billion gallons, or 16%. The increase in volume sold includes increases of approximately 360 million gallons in our gasoline distribution business, primarily due to our acquisition in March 2012 of Alliance, 209 million gallons in our wholesale business, primarily due to increases in gasoline and to the addition of crude oil offset by a decrease in distillates due to warmer temperatures period over period, and 11 million gallons in our commercial business. Our gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$228.6 million, an increase of \$78.5 million, or 52%, compared to \$150.1 million for same period in 2011, due primarily to the Alliance acquisition and the addition of crude oil. Despite the increase, our gross profit was negatively impacted by a challenging futures market, including backwardation, and less favorable buying opportunities in wholesale gasoline and compressed margins in our gasoline distribution business due to increased gasoline prices.

*Wholesale Segment*

Gasoline and Gasoline Blendstocks. Sales from wholesale gasoline and gasoline blendstocks were \$2.6 billion for the three months ended September 31, 2012 compared to \$2.4 billion for the same period in 2011. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, sales from wholesale gasoline and gasoline blendstocks were \$6.5 billion compared to \$6.2 billion for the same period in 2011. The increases of \$0.2 billion, or 6%, and \$0.3 billion, or 5%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, were due to an increase in volume sold which was attributable to an increase in demand for gasoline blendstocks, primarily ethanol. Our net product margin from wholesale gasoline sales decreased by \$5.1 million to \$8.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and by \$11.8 million to \$34.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$14.0 million and \$46.2 million for the respective periods in 2011. Despite rising gasoline prices for most of 2012, our net product margins for wholesale gasoline were adversely impacted for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 due primarily to a challenging futures market, including backwardation, less favorable buying opportunities, lower margins in gasoline blendstocks and increased competition.

Other Oils and Related Products. Sales from other oils and related products (primarily distillates, residual oil and crude oil) were \$0.9 billion and \$0.7 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, sales from other oils and related products were \$3.2 billion compared to \$2.9 billion for the same period in 2011. Our net product margin increased by \$14.6 million to \$26.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and by \$27.3 million to \$68.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$11.4 million and \$41.1 million for the respective periods in 2011. These results include the addition of crude oil, which we began offering during the quarter ended December 31, 2011 and, therefore, not offered during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and, to a lesser extent, an improved distillate net product margin for the third quarter of 2012. Although we

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had favorable purchasing opportunities during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, our net product margins in distillates and residual oil were negatively impacted due primarily to continued conservation.

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*Gasoline Distribution and Station Operations Segment*

Gasoline Distribution. Sales from gasoline distribution were \$0.9 billion and \$0.4 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$2.2 billion and \$1.1 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The increases of \$0.5 billion, or 127%, and \$1.1 billion, or 107%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, were due primarily to increases in volume sold as a result of our acquisition of Alliance and to a full nine months of sales of Mobil-branded fuel to sub-jobbers pursuant to our brand fee agreement with ExxonMobil which began in March 2011 as well as the Getty Realty agreement. Our net product margin from gasoline distribution increased by \$15.8 million to \$33.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and by \$47.1 million to \$89.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$17.8 million and \$42.2 million for the same periods in 2011. The increases were due to the Alliance acquisition, the Getty Realty transaction and an increase in branded gasoline distribution activity. Despite the increases, our net product margins from gasoline distribution for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 were negatively impacted due to rising gasoline prices during the first and third quarters of 2012.

Station Operations. Our station operations, which consist primarily of convenience stores sales at our directly operated stores and gas station rental income, collectively generated revenues of approximately \$36.8 million and \$15.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$91.8 million and \$44.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Our net product margin from station operations was \$18.6 million and \$7.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$48.4 million and \$23.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The increases in revenues and net product margin for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the same periods in 2011 are due primarily to the Alliance acquisition.

*Commercial Segment*

In our Commercial segment, residual oil accounted for approximately 36% and 55% of total commercial volume sold for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and 38% and 49% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Distillates, gasoline and natural gas accounted for the remainder of the total commercial volume sold. The net product margin contribution from our commercial segment was \$4.8 million and \$4.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$14.2 million and \$15.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

SG&A expenses increased by \$6.9 million, or 40%, to \$24.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$17.2 million for the same period in 2011, primarily due to the addition of Alliance. The increase included increases of \$3.7 million in overhead expenses, \$0.9 million in bank fees, \$0.4 million in accrued incentive compensation, \$0.4 million in professional fees, and \$2.2 million in other SG&A expenses, offset by a decrease of \$0.7 million in management fees related to management agreements with Alliance which terminated as a result of the Alliance acquisition.

SG&A expenses increased by \$13.5 million, or 24%, to \$70.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$57.1 million for the same period in 2011, primarily due to the addition of Alliance. The increase included increases of \$7.4 million in overhead expenses,

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\$4.0 million in one-time acquisition costs related to the acquisition of Alliance, \$2.0 million in bank fees, \$1.2 million in accrued incentive compensation and \$2.8 million in other SG&A expenses, offset by decreases of \$1.6 million in management fees related to management agreements with Alliance which agreements terminated as a result of the Alliance acquisition, \$1.5 million in bad debt and \$0.8 million in professional fees.

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*Operating Expenses*

Operating expenses increased by \$20.8 million, or 107%, to \$40.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$19.4 million for the same period in 2011. The increase was primarily due to \$20.2 million in additional costs related to the operations of our recently acquired retail gas stations at Alliance, including expenses associated with management of the Getty Realty locations, and \$0.6 million in other operating expenses. The additional \$20.2 million in costs related to the operations of Alliance primarily include \$7.4 million in overhead expenses, \$5.1 million in credit card fees, \$3.2 million in service station direct expenses, \$2.2 million in various maintenance expenses, \$1.3 million in rent expense and \$1.0 million in property taxes.

Operating expenses increased by \$45.8 million, or 83%, to \$100.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to \$54.9 million for the same period in 2011. The increase was primarily due to \$42.8 million in additional costs related to the operations of our recently acquired retail gas stations at Alliance including expenses associated with management of the Getty Realty locations, and \$1.3 million in various other operating expenses. In addition, during the second quarter of last year, we had a \$1.7 million one-time reduction in our remediation obligations with respect to the Albany, New York terminal. The additional \$42.8 million in costs related to the operations of Alliance primarily include \$14.9 million in overhead expenses, \$10.6 million in credit card fees, \$7.1 million in service station direct expenses, \$5.0 million in various maintenance expenses, \$3.0 million in rent expense and \$2.2 million in property taxes.

*Interest Expense*

Interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$9.2 million and \$7.9 million, respectively. Interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 was \$27.7 million and \$23.4 million, respectively. The increases of \$1.3 million, or 16%, and \$4.2 million, or 18%, are attributed to additional borrowings related to the acquisition of Alliance and to higher average balances on our working capital revolving credit facility from carrying higher average dollar values of inventories and accounts receivable reflecting increased refined petroleum product prices during the first and third quarters of 2012.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

*Liquidity*

Our primary liquidity needs are to fund our working capital requirements, capital expenditures and distributions. Cash generated from operations and our working capital revolving credit facility provide our primary sources of liquidity. Working capital decreased by \$240.7 million to \$401.1 million at September 30, 2012 compared to \$641.8 million at December 31, 2011.

On February 14, 2012, we paid a cash distribution to our common unitholders and our general partner of approximately \$11.0 million for the fourth quarter of 2011. On May 15, 2012, we paid a net cash distribution to our common unitholders and our general partner of approximately \$12.1 million, which reflects an adjustment made in connection with the acquisition of Alliance on March 1, 2012 and the issuance to the seller

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of 5,850,000 common units. Specifically, the Contribution Agreement provided that any declared per unit distribution for the first quarter of 2012 reflect the seller's actual period of ownership during that quarter. The payment by the seller of \$1.9 million reflects the timing of the transaction (March 1), seller's 31 days of actual unit ownership in the 91 days of the quarter and the net receipt by seller (\$1.0 million) of a pro-rated portion of the quarterly cash distribution of \$0.50 per unit paid on the newly issued 5,850,000 common units. On August 14, 2012, we paid a cash distribution to our common unitholders and our general partner of approximately \$14.8 million for the second quarter of 2012. On October 25, 2012, the board of directors of our general partner declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.5325 per unit for the period from July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012 (\$2.13 per unit on an annualized basis) to our common unitholders of record as of the close of business November 5, 2012. We expect to pay the cash distribution of approximately \$15.0 million on November 14, 2012.



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We have contractual obligations that are required to be settled in cash. The amounts of our contractual obligations at September 30, 2012 were as follows (in thousands):

	Total	Payments due by period			
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	More than 5 years
Revolver loan obligations (1)	\$ 873,051	\$ 155,168	\$ 717,883	\$	\$
Operating lease obligations (2)	173,009	11,685	65,932	47,653	47,739
Capital lease obligations	462	16	132	132	182
Other long-term liabilities (3)	243,224	8,250	66,295	66,601	102,078
Total	\$ 1,289,746	\$ 175,119	\$ 850,242	\$ 114,386	\$ 149,999

(1) Includes principal and interest on our working capital revolving credit facility and our revolving credit facility at September 30, 2012 and assumes a ratable payment through the expiration date. The credit agreement has a contractual maturity of May 14, 2014 and no principal payments are required prior to that date. However, we repay amounts outstanding and reborrow funds based on our working capital requirements. Therefore, the current portion of the working capital revolving credit facility included in the accompanying balance sheets is the amount we expect to pay down during the course of the year, and the long-term portion of the working capital revolving credit facility is the amount we expect to be outstanding during the entire year.

(2) Includes operating lease obligations related to leases for office and computer equipment, land, terminals and throughputs, gas stations, railcars and a related party.

(3) Includes amounts related to our 15-year brand fee agreement entered into in 2010 with ExxonMobil and minimum freight requirements on the transportation of ethanol to our Albany, New York terminal.

**Capital Expenditures**

Our operations require investments to expand, upgrade and enhance existing operations and to meet environmental and operations regulations. We categorize our capital requirements as either maintenance capital expenditures or expansion capital expenditures. Maintenance capital expenditures represent capital expenditures to repair or replace partially or fully depreciated assets to maintain the operating capacity of, or revenues generated by, existing assets and extend their useful lives. Maintenance capital expenditures include expenditures required to maintain equipment reliability, tankage and pipeline integrity and safety and to address certain environmental regulations. We anticipate that maintenance capital expenditures will be funded with cash generated by operations. We had approximately \$9.2 million and \$2.7 million in maintenance capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, which are included in capital expenditures in the accompanying consolidated statements of cash flows. Repair and maintenance expenses associated with existing assets that are minor in nature and do not extend the useful life of existing assets are charged to operating expenses as incurred.

Expansion capital expenditures include expenditures to acquire assets to grow our business or expand our existing facilities, such as projects that increase our operating capacity or revenues by increasing tankage, diversifying product availability at various terminals and adding terminals.

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We have the ability to fund our expansion capital expenditures through cash from operations or our credit agreement or by issuing additional equity. We had approximately \$316.6 million and \$4.8 million in expansion capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Specifically, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, expansion capital expenditures included approximately \$294.9 million associated with the purchase of Alliance, a portion of which was funded through equity and a portion was funded with cash. In addition we had \$21.7 million in expansion capital expenditures which are included in capital expenditures in the accompanying consolidated statements of cash flows. The \$21.7 million consists of \$7.3 million in costs associated with a build-out project to increase the rail receipt and throughput storage capacities of ethanol and crude oil and converting certain storage tanks for the handling of crude oil at our Albany, New York terminal, \$4.6 million in costs related to tank construction at a transloading facility in North Dakota for the storage and handling of crude oil, \$4.2 million in costs associated with the building of a propane storage and distribution facility in Albany, New York, \$3.8 million in site expansion and improvements at certain retail gas stations, \$0.6 million in costs related to information technology, including increases in storage and computing capacity, \$0.5 million in costs to acquire land for future development and \$0.7 million in other expansion capital expenditures.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, expansion capital expenditures included \$1.6 million in costs related to information technology, including increases in storage and computing capacity and hardware and software related to our branded gasoline business, \$1.3 million in costs related to our Albany, New York terminal including \$0.4 million in costs associated with converting certain storage tanks for the handling of crude oil, \$0.8 million in costs related to our Newburgh, New York facilities, \$0.5 million in bio-fuel conversion costs at our Providence, Rhode Island terminal, \$0.3 million in gas station equipment and \$0.3 million in other expansion capital expenditures.

We believe that we will have sufficient cash flow from operations, borrowing capacity under our credit agreement and the ability to issue additional common units and/or debt securities to meet our financial commitments, debt service obligations, contingencies and anticipated capital expenditures. However, we are subject to business and operational risks that could adversely affect our cash flow. A material decrease in our cash flows would likely produce an adverse effect on our borrowing capacity as well as our ability to issue additional common units and/or debt securities.

**Cash Flow**

The following table summarizes cash flow activity (in thousands):

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 189,700	\$ (6,779)
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (206,195)	\$ (6,516)
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 13,240	\$ 21,806

Cash flow from operating activities generally reflects our net income, balance sheet changes arising from inventory purchasing patterns, the timing of collections on our accounts receivable, the seasonality of part of our business, fluctuations in petroleum product prices, working capital requirements and general market conditions.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$189.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, for a period-over-period increase in cash provided by operating activities of \$196.5 million.

Exclusive of balances related to Alliance as of the acquisition date (see Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements), we had increases in the carrying values of accounts payable of \$128.7 million and accounts receivable of \$58.8 million due to increased prices period over period and to the inclusion of Alliance. Inventories decreased by \$70.4 million due to carrying lower levels of inventory, partially offset by the increase in prices and the inclusion of Alliance.

Comparatively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2011, we had decreases in the carrying values of accounts receivable of \$113.0 million and accounts payable of \$80.8 million, reflecting seasonal changes, and an increase in the carrying value of inventories of \$12.0 million due to

higher prices and carrying lower levels of inventories.

In addition, through the use of regulated exchanges or derivatives, we maintain a position that is substantially hedged with respect to our inventories. Specifically, due to market direction, the contracts supporting our forward fixed price hedge program required margin payments to the NYMEX of \$25.4 million and \$14.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$206.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and included \$181.9 million in the cash portion related to the acquisition of Alliance, \$21.7 million in expansion capital expenditures and \$9.2 million in maintenance capital expenditures, offset by \$6.6 million in proceeds from the sale of property and equipment. For the nine months ended September 30, 2011, net cash used in investing activities was \$6.5 million and included \$4.8 million in expansion capital expenditures and \$2.7 million in maintenance capital expenditures, offset by \$1.0 million in proceeds from the sale of property and equipment. See [Capital Expenditures](#) for a discussion of our expansion capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

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Net cash provided by financing activities was \$13.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and primarily included \$217.0 million in borrowings from our revolving credit facility substantially in connection with the acquisition of Alliance, offset by \$161.8 million in payments on our working capital revolving credit facility, \$39.7 million in cash distributions to our common unitholders and our general partner and \$2.2 million in the repurchase of common units pursuant to our repurchase program for future satisfaction of our general partner's obligations.

Comparatively, net cash provided by financing activities was \$21.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and primarily included \$69.6 million in net proceeds from our February 2011 public offering of common units and \$65.3 million in borrowings from our working capital revolving credit facility, offset by \$80.0 million in payments on our revolving credit facility, \$31.8 million in cash distributions to our common and subordinated unitholders and our general partner, \$0.7 million in repurchased units held for tax obligations related to units distributed under the LTIP, and \$0.6 million in the repurchase of common units pursuant to our repurchase program for future satisfaction of our general partner's obligations.

***Credit Agreement***

On January 31, 2012, and in connection with the acquisition of Alliance, we entered into a fourth amendment to our credit agreement which increased the total available commitments under the credit agreement to \$1.4 billion. We repay amounts outstanding and reborrow funds based on our working capital requirements and, therefore, classify as a current liability the portion of the working capital revolving credit facility we expect to pay down during the course of the year. The long-term portion of the working capital revolving credit facility is the amount we expect to be outstanding during the entire year. The credit agreement will mature on May 14, 2014.

As of September 30, 2012, there were two facilities under our credit agreement:

- a working capital revolving credit facility to be used for working capital purposes and letters of credit in the principal amount equal to the lesser of our borrowing base and \$900.0 million; and
- a \$500.0 million revolving credit facility to be used for acquisitions and general corporate purposes.

In addition, the credit agreement has an accordion feature whereby we may request on the same terms and conditions of our then existing credit agreement, provided no Event of Default (as defined in the credit agreement) then exists, an increase to the working capital revolving credit facility by up to another \$100.0 million, for a total credit facility of up to \$1.5 billion. Any such request for an increase by us must be in a minimum amount of \$5.0 million. We cannot provide assurance, however, that our lending group will agree to fund any request by us for additional amounts in excess of the total available commitments of \$1.4 billion.

In addition, a swing line has been added to the credit agreement pursuant to which Bank of America, N.A., as the swing line lender, may make swing line loans in an aggregate amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$35.0 million and (b) the Aggregate WC Commitments (as defined in the credit

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agreement). Swing line loans will bear interest at the Base Rate (as defined in the credit agreement). The swing line is a sub-portion of the working capital revolving credit facility and is not an addition to the total available commitments of \$1.4 billion.

Availability under our working capital revolving credit facility is subject to a borrowing base which is redetermined from time to time and based on specific advance rates on eligible current assets. Under the credit agreement, our borrowings under the working capital revolving credit facility cannot exceed the then current borrowing base. Availability under our borrowing base may be affected by events beyond our control, such as changes in petroleum product prices, collection cycles, counterparty performance, advance rates and limits and general economic conditions. These and other events could require us to seek waivers or amendments of covenants or alternative sources of financing or to reduce expenditures. We can provide no assurance that such waivers, amendments or alternative financing could be obtained, or, if obtained, would be on terms acceptable to us.

Borrowings under the working capital revolving credit facility bear interest at (1) the Eurodollar rate plus 2.50% to 3.00%, (2) the cost of funds rate plus 2.50% to 3.00%, or (3) the base rate plus 1.50% to 2.00%, each depending on the pricing level provided in the credit agreement, which in turn depends upon the Utilization Amount (as defined in the credit agreement).

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Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at (1) the Eurodollar rate plus 3.00% to 3.875%, (2) the cost of funds rate plus 3.00% to 3.875%, or (3) the base rate plus 2.00% to 2.875%, each depending on the pricing level provided in the Credit Agreement, which in turn depends upon the Combined Total Leverage Ratio (as defined in the credit agreement).

The average interest rates for the credit agreement were 4.1% and 4.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and 4.1% and 4.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

We incur a letter of credit fee of 2.50% - 3.00% per annum for each letter of credit issued. In addition, we incur a commitment fee on the unused portion of each facility under the credit agreement equal to 0.50% per annum.

As of September 30, 2012, we had total borrowings outstanding under the credit agreement of \$849.1 million, including \$422.0 million outstanding on our revolving credit facility. In addition, we had outstanding letters of credit of \$368.2 million. Subject to borrowing base limitations, the total remaining availability for borrowings and letters of credit at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was \$182.7 million and \$215.9 million, respectively.

The credit agreement imposes financial covenants that require us to maintain certain minimum working capital amounts, capital expenditure limits, a minimum EBITDA, a minimum combined interest coverage ratio, a maximum senior secured leverage ratio and a maximum total leverage ratio. On September 7, 2012, we entered into a fifth amendment to the credit agreement (the Fifth Amendment), which amended the credit agreement. Pursuant to the Fifth Amendment, the ceiling for capital expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2012 was raised from \$40.0 million to \$55.0 million. The ceiling for capital expenditures for any year ending December 31, 2013 and thereafter is \$40.0 million. The Fifth Amendment was effective September 7, 2012. We were in compliance with the foregoing covenants at September 30, 2012. The credit agreement also contains a representation whereby there can be no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the credit agreement). In addition, the credit agreement limits distributions by us to our unitholders to the amount of our Available Cash (as defined in the partnership agreement).

On October 3, 2012, we entered into a sixth amendment to the credit agreement (the Sixth Amendment), which increased the working capital revolving credit facility by \$100.0 million, bringing the total available commitments under the credit agreement to \$1.5 billion effective October 3, 2012. Also pursuant to the Sixth Amendment, provided there exists no Default (as defined in the credit agreement), from and after October 4, 2012, we may request an additional increase to the working capital revolving credit facility by up to an additional \$100.0 million, for a total credit facility of up to \$1.6 billion.

Our obligations under the credit agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets and the assets of our operating company and operating subsidiaries.

***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discusses our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

These estimates are based on our knowledge and understanding of current conditions and actions that we may take in the future. Changes in these estimates will occur as a result of the passage of time and the occurrence of future events. Subsequent changes in these estimates may have a significant impact on our financial condition and results of operations and are recorded in the period in which they become known. We have identified the following estimates that, in our opinion, are subjective in nature, require the exercise of judgment, and involve complex analysis: inventory, leases, revenue recognition, derivative financial instruments, valuation of intangibles and other long-lived assets, environmental and other liabilities and related party transactions.



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The significant accounting policies and estimates that we have adopted and followed in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements are detailed in Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. There have been no subsequent changes in these policies and estimates that had a significant impact on our financial condition and results of operations for the periods covered in this report.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

A description and related impact expected from the adoption of certain new accounting pronouncements is provided in Note 16 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices. The principal market risks to which we are exposed are interest rate risk and commodity risk. We utilize an interest rate collar, an interest rate swap and an interest rate cap to manage exposure to interest rate risk and various derivative instruments to manage exposure to commodity risk.

*Interest Rate Risk*

We utilize variable rate debt and are exposed to market risk due to the floating interest rates on our credit agreement. Therefore, from time to time, we utilize interest rate collars, swaps and caps to hedge interest obligations on specific and anticipated debt issuances.

On October 3, 2012, the total available commitments under our credit agreement were increased to \$1.5 billion. Please read Item 2, Management's Discussion and Analysis Liquidity and Capital Resources Credit Agreement for information on interest rates related to our borrowings.

As of September 30, 2012, we had total borrowings outstanding under the credit agreement of \$849.1 million. The impact of a 1% increase in the interest rate on this amount of debt would have resulted in an increase in interest expense, and a corresponding decrease in our results of operations, of approximately \$8.5 million annually, assuming, however, that our indebtedness remained constant throughout the year.

On September 29, 2008, we executed a zero premium interest rate collar with a major financial institution. The collar, which became effective on October 2, 2008 and expires on October 2, 2013, is used to hedge the variability in cash flows in monthly interest payments made on \$100.0 million one-month LIBOR-based borrowings on the working capital revolving credit facility (and subsequent refinancings thereof) due to changes in the one-month LIBOR rate. Under the collar, we capped our exposure at a maximum one-month LIBOR rate of 5.50% and established a minimum floor rate of 2.70%. Whenever the one-month LIBOR rate is greater than the cap, we receive from the financial

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institution the difference between the cap and the current one-month LIBOR rate on \$100.0 million of one-month LIBOR-based borrowings. Conversely, whenever the one-month LIBOR rate is lower than the floor, we remit to the financial institution the difference between the floor and the current one-month LIBOR rate on the \$100.0 million of one-month LIBOR-based borrowings. As of September 30, 2012, the one-month LIBOR rate of 0.23% was lower than the floor rate. As a result, we will remit to the financial institution the difference between the floor rate and the current rate which amounted to approximately \$185,000.

In October 2009, we executed an interest rate swap with a major financial institution. The swap, which became effective on May 16, 2011 and expires on May 16, 2016, is used to hedge the variability in interest payments due to changes in the one-month LIBOR swap curve with respect to \$100.0 million of one-month LIBOR-based borrowings on the revolving credit facility at a fixed rate of 3.93%.

In addition, on April 8, 2011, we executed an interest rate cap with a major financial institution. The rate cap, which became effective on April 13, 2011 and expires on April 13, 2016, is used to hedge the variability in interest payments due to changes in the one-month LIBOR rate above 5.5% with respect to \$100.0 million of one-month LIBOR-based borrowings on the working capital revolving credit facility.

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See Note 5 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our derivative instruments.

**Commodity Risk**

We hedge our exposure to price fluctuations with respect to refined petroleum products, renewable fuels, crude oil and gasoline blendstocks in storage and expected purchases and sales of these commodities. The derivative instruments utilized consist primarily of futures contracts traded on the NYMEX, CME and ICE and over-the-counter transactions, including swap agreements entered into with established financial institutions and other credit-approved energy companies. Our policy is generally to purchase only products for which we have a market and to structure our sales contracts so that price fluctuations do not materially affect our profit. While our policies are designed to minimize market risk, as well as inherent basis risk, exposure to fluctuations in market conditions remains. Except for the controlled trading program discussed below, we do not acquire and hold futures contracts or other derivative products for the purpose of speculating on price changes that might expose us to indeterminable losses.

While we seek to maintain a position that is substantially balanced within our product purchase activities, we may experience net unbalanced positions for short periods of time as a result of variances in daily sales and transportation and delivery schedules as well as logistical issues associated with inclement weather conditions. In connection with managing these positions and maintaining a constant presence in the marketplace, both necessary for our business, we engage in a controlled trading program for up to an aggregate of 250,000 barrels of products at any one point in time. In addition, because a portion of our crude business is conducted in Canadian dollars, we may use foreign currency derivatives to minimize the risks of unfavorable exchange rates. These instruments include foreign currency exchange contracts and forwards. In conjunction with entering into the commodity derivative, we may enter into a foreign currency derivative to hedge the resulting foreign currency risk. These foreign currency derivatives are generally short-term in nature and not designated for hedge accounting.

We utilize futures contracts and other derivative instruments to minimize or hedge the impact of commodity price changes on our inventories and forward fixed price commitments. Any hedge ineffectiveness is reflected in our results of operations. We utilize regulated exchanges, including the NYMEX, CME and ICE, which are regulated exchanges for the commodities that each trades, thereby reducing potential delivery and supply risks. Generally, our practice is to close all exchange positions rather than to make or receive physical deliveries. With respect to other energy products such as ethanol, which may not have a correlated exchange contract, we enter into derivative agreements with counterparties that we believe have a strong credit profile, in order to hedge market fluctuations and/or lock-in margins relative to our commitments.

At September 30, 2012, the fair value of all of our commodity risk derivative instruments and the change in fair value that would be expected from a 10% price increase or decrease are shown in the table below (in thousands):

	Fair Value at September 30, 2012		Gain (Loss)	
			Effect of 10% Price Increase	Effect of 10% Price Decrease
Futures contracts	\$	(9,602)	\$ (95,364)	\$ 95,364
Swaps, options and other, net		(23)	(3,497)	3,263
	\$	(9,625)	\$ (98,861)	\$ 98,627

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The fair values of the futures contracts are based on quoted market prices obtained from the NYMEX and the CME. The fair value of the swaps and option contracts are estimated based on quoted prices from various sources such as independent reporting services, industry publications and brokers. These quotes are compared to the contract price of the swap, which approximates the gain or loss that would have been realized if the contracts had been closed out at September 30, 2012. For positions where independent quotations are not available, an estimate is provided, or the prevailing market price at which the positions could be liquidated is used. All hedge positions offset physical exposures to the physical market; none of these offsetting physical exposures are included in the above table. Price-risk sensitivities were calculated by assuming an across-the-board 10% increase or decrease in price regardless of term or historical relationships between the contractual price of the instruments and the underlying commodity price. In the event of an actual 10% change in prompt month prices, the fair value of our derivative portfolio would typically change less than that shown in the table due to lower volatility in out-month prices. We have a daily margin requirement to maintain a cash deposit with our brokers based on the prior day's market results on open futures contracts. The balance

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of this deposit will fluctuate based on our open market positions and the commodity exchange s requirements. The brokerage margin balance was \$30.3 million at September 30, 2012.

We are exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by counterparties of futures contracts, forward contracts and swap agreements. We anticipate some nonperformance by some of these counterparties which, in the aggregate, we do not believe at this time will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash available for distribution to our unitholders. Futures contracts, the primary derivative instrument utilized, are traded on regulated exchanges, greatly reducing potential credit risks. Exposure on swap and certain option agreements is limited to the amount of the recorded fair value as of the balance sheet dates. We utilize primarily two clearing brokers, both major financial institutions, for all NYMEX derivative transactions and the right of offset exists. Accordingly, the fair value of all derivative instruments is displayed on a net basis.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, management evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2012.

*Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

There has not been any change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2012 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

*General*

Although we may, from time to time, be involved in litigation and claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business, we do not believe that we are a party to any litigation that will have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations. Except as described below and in Note 11 in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we are not aware of any significant legal or governmental proceedings against us, or contemplated to be brought against us. We maintain insurance policies with insurers in amounts and with coverage and deductibles as our general partner believes are reasonable and prudent. However, we can provide no assurance that this insurance will be adequate to protect us from all material expenses related to potential future claims or that these levels of insurance will be available in the future at economically acceptable prices.

*Other*

In December 2011, certain of the employees assigned to certain of our terminals in Newburgh, New York elected to join the incumbent union representing certain employees at our Glenwood Landing, Inwood and Oyster Bay, New York terminals. We have executed a collective bargaining agreement with respect to these employees, the result of which did not have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We received from the EPA, by letters dated November 2, 2011 and March 29, 2012, reporting requirements and testing orders (collectively the Requests for Information ) for information under the Clean Air Act. The Requests for Information are part of an EPA investigation to determine whether we have violated sections of the Clean Air Act at certain of our terminal locations in New England with respect to residual oil and asphalt. We are complying with the Requests for Information. We do not believe that a violation has occurred nor do we believe any adverse determination in connection with such investigation would have a material impact on our operations.

On June 3, 2011, a complaint was filed against Alliance in Hartford, Connecticut Superior Court under the title Syed Sons, Inc., et al. v. Alliance Energy LLC, et al., Hartford Superior Court, Docket No.: HHD-X04-CV-11-6022516S. The complaint was filed by six dealers operating, in the aggregate, 24 properties in connection with Alliance's purchase of gas stations from ExxonMobil in February 2011 (the Initial Connecticut Litigation ). Also named in the suit were Exxon Mobil Corporation, Citizens Bank, N.A., the Gasoline and Automotive and Service Dealers of America ( GASDA ) and Michael J. Fox, the Executive Director of GASDA. The complaint alleges, among other things, failure to comply with the Connecticut franchise statutes and violations of the Connecticut unfair trade practices statute. In April 2012, the action was withdrawn as to Citizens Bank, N.A. On July 3, 2012, five of the plaintiff dealers, who operated in the aggregate, 23 of the 24 properties at issue in the Initial Connecticut Litigation, executed a Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement (the Settlement Agreement ) with Alliance and withdrew their action. The results of the Settlement Agreement did not have a material adverse effect on our operations. The Initial Connecticut Litigation remains pending with respect to a single plaintiff that operates one location. The litigation is in a discovery phase, and we believe it has meritorious defenses. On March 7, 2012, a complaint was filed against Alliance in Hartford, Connecticut Superior Court under the title Syed Sons, Inc., et al. v. Alliance Energy LLC. The complaint was filed by five of the six dealers in the Initial Connecticut Litigation and was filed in connection with Alliance's acquisition by us. The complaint alleges failure to comply with the Connecticut franchise statutes and violations of

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the Connecticut unfair trade practices statute. In connection with the Settlement Agreement, all of the plaintiffs withdrew this action in its entirety on June 28, 2012.

On August 1, 2012, we negotiated a collective bargaining agreement with the incumbent union with the dispatchers at our Chelsea, Massachusetts terminal. The result of these negotiations did not have a material adverse effect on our operations.

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**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

In addition to other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

- 2.1\*\* Contribution Agreement dated November 21, 2011, by and among Global Partners LP and AE Holdings Corp. (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 23, 2011).
- 2.2 Exhibit A to Contribution Agreement (Exhibit 2.1), Determination of the Cash Adjustment (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 23, 2011).
- 3.1 Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Global Partners LP dated as of December 9, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2009).
- 10.1 Fifth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of September 7, 2012, by and among Global Operating LLC, Global Companies LLC, Global Montello Group Corp., Glen Hes Corp., Chelsea Sandwich LLC, GLP Finance Corp., Global Energy Marketing LLC and Alliance Energy LLC as borrowers, Global Partners LP and Global GP LLC, as guarantors, each lender from time to time party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Syndication Agent, Societe Generale, Standard Chartered Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and RBS Citizens, National Association as Co-Documentation Agents (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 13, 2012).
- 10.2 Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 3, 2012, by and among the Borrowers, the Guarantors, the Lenders, Bank of America, N.A. as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Syndication Agent and Societe Generale, Standard Chartered Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and RBS Citizens, National Association as Co-Documentation Agents (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 9, 2012).
- 10.3 Seventh Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 12, 2012, by and among the Borrowers, the Guarantors, the Lenders, Bank of America, N.A. as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Syndication Agent and Societe Generale, Standard Chartered Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and RBS Citizens, National Association as Co-Documentation Agents (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 18, 2012).
- 31.1\* Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer of Global GP LLC, general partner of Global Partners LP.
- 31.2\* Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer of Global GP LLC, general partner of Global Partners LP.
- 32.1 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Global GP LLC, general partner of Global Partners LP.
- 32.2 Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Global GP LLC, general partner of Global Partners LP.





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101\* The following financial information from Global Partners LP's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2012, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) includes: (i) Consolidated Statements of Income for the fiscal periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (ii) Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the fiscal periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011; (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the fiscal periods ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (v) Consolidated Statements of Partners' Equity for the fiscal period ended September 30, 2012 and (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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\*\* Schedules and similar attachments have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Partnership undertakes to furnish supplementally copies of any of the omitted schedules and exhibits upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

^ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\* Filed herewith.

Not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**GLOBAL PARTNERS LP**

By: Global GP LLC,  
its general partner

Dated: November 8, 2012

By: /s/ Eric Slifka  
Eric Slifka  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: November 8, 2012

By: /s/ Thomas J. Hollister  
Thomas J. Hollister  
Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial  
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(Principal Financial Officer)

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10.2	Sixth Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 3, 2012, by and among the Borrowers, the Guarantors, the Lenders, Bank of America, N.A. as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Syndication Agent and Societe Generale, Standard Chartered Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and RBS Citizens, National Association as Co-Documentation Agents (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 9, 2012).
10.3	Seventh Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 12, 2012, by and among the Borrowers, the Guarantors, the Lenders, Bank of America, N.A. as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Syndication Agent and Societe Generale, Standard Chartered Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and RBS Citizens, National Association as Co-Documentation Agents (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 18, 2012).
31.1*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer of Global GP LLC, general partner of Global Partners LP.
31.2*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer of Global GP LLC, general partner of Global Partners LP.
32.1	Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Global GP LLC, general partner of Global Partners LP.
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\*\* Schedules and similar attachments have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Partnership undertakes to furnish supplementally copies of any of the omitted schedules and exhibits upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

^ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

\* Filed herewith.

Not deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.