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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015
OR

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

For the transition period from to
CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-16383	95-4352386
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

700 Milam Street, Suite 1900	
Houston, Texas	77002
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip code)
(713) 375-5000	
(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. Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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 ☒

As of October 20, 2015, the issuer had 236,032,655 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

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DEFINITIONS

As commonly used in the liquefied natural gas industry, to the extent applicable, and as used in this quarterly report, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

Common Industry and Other Terms

Bcf/d	billion cubic feet per day
Bcf/yr	billion cubic feet per year
Bcfe	billion cubic feet equivalent
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
EPC	engineering, procurement and construction
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FTA countries	countries with which the United States has a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas
GAAP	generally accepted accounting principles in the United States
Henry Hub	the final settlement price (in USD per MMBtu) for the New York Mercantile Exchange's Henry Hub natural gas futures contract for the month in which a relevant cargo's delivery window is scheduled to begin
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LNG	liquefied natural gas, a product of natural gas consisting primarily of methane (CH ₄) that is in liquid form at near atmospheric pressure
MMBtu	million British thermal units, an energy unit
mtpa	million tonnes per annum
non-FTA countries	countries without a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is permitted
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
SPA	LNG sale and purchase agreement
Train	a refrigerant compressor train used in the industrial process to convert natural gas into LNG
TUA	terminal use agreement

Abbreviated Organizational Structure

The following diagram depicts our abbreviated organizational structure as of September 30, 2015, including our ownership of certain subsidiaries, and the references to these entities used in this quarterly report:

Unless the context requires otherwise, references to “Cheniere,” the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Cheniere Energy Inc. (NYSE MKT: LNG) and its consolidated subsidiaries, including our publicly traded subsidiaries, Cheniere Partners (NYSE MKT: CQP) and Cheniere Holdings (NYSE MKT: CQH).

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except share data)

	September 30, 2015 (unaudited)	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,340,262	\$ 1,747,583
Restricted cash	652,225	481,737
Accounts and interest receivable	6,645	4,419
LNG inventory	9,032	4,294
Other current assets	78,108	20,844
Total current assets	2,086,272	2,258,877
Non-current restricted cash	118,909	550,811
Property, plant and equipment, net	15,225,250	9,246,753
Debt issuance costs, net	640,399	242,323
Non-current derivative assets	30,770	11,744
Goodwill	76,819	76,819
Other non-current assets	273,840	186,356
Total assets	\$ 18,452,259	\$ 12,573,683
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,558	\$ 13,426
Accrued liabilities	457,901	169,129
Deferred revenue	26,653	26,655
Derivative liabilities	33,839	23,247
Other current liabilities	268	18
Total current liabilities	530,219	232,475
Long-term debt, net	15,835,910	9,806,084
Non-current deferred revenue	10,500	13,500
Non-current derivative liabilities	125,473	267
Other non-current liabilities	85,226	19,840
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 11)		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value, 5.0 million shares authorized, none issued	—	—
Common stock, \$0.003 par value		
Authorized: 480.0 million shares at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014	708	712

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Issued and outstanding: 236.0 million shares and 236.7 million shares at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively

Treasury stock: 11.2 million shares and 10.6 million shares at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, at cost	(337,057	)	(292,752	)
Additional paid-in-capital	3,029,317		2,776,702	
Accumulated deficit	(3,332,851	)	(2,648,839	)
Total stockholders' deficit	(639,883	)	(164,177	)
Non-controlling interest	2,504,814		2,665,694	
Total equity	1,864,931		2,501,517	
Total liabilities and equity	\$18,452,259		\$12,573,683	

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

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Revenues				
LNG terminal revenues	\$67,212	\$66,983	\$202,698	\$200,243
Marketing and trading revenues (losses)	(1,557)	(499)	(1,601)	482
Other	404	323	1,356	1,277
Total revenues	66,059	66,807	202,453	202,002
Operating costs and expenses				
Operating and maintenance expense (income)	(6,251)	25,908	49,319	69,262
Depreciation expense	21,638	16,189	59,561	48,962
Development expense	4,935	11,544	37,640	38,919
General and administrative expense	97,332	74,255	263,205	215,783
Other	479	75	920	245
Total operating costs and expenses	118,133	127,971	410,645	373,171
Loss from operations	(52,074)	(61,164)	(208,192)	(171,169)
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(93,566)	(46,884)	(238,664)	(130,943)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	—	(96,273)	(114,335)
Derivative gain (loss), net	(161,482)	5,379	(242,123)	(89,222)
Other income (expense)	(39)	(160)	616	(39)
Total other expense	(255,087)	(41,665)	(576,444)	(334,539)
Loss before income taxes and non-controlling interest	(307,161)	(102,829)	(784,636)	(505,708)
Income tax benefit (expense)	69	(1,971)	(102)	(2,147)
Net loss	(307,092)	(104,800)	(784,738)	(507,855)
Less: net loss attributable to non-controlling interest	(9,284)	(15,219)	(100,726)	(118,536)
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$(297,808)	\$(89,581)	\$(684,012)	\$(389,319)
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders—basic and diluted	\$(1.31)	\$(0.40)	\$(3.02)	\$(1.74)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding—basic and diluted	227,126	224,309	226,648	223,710

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Total Stockholders' Equity				Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Non-controlling Interest	Total Equity
	Common Stock Shares	Amount	Treasury Stock Shares	Amount				
Balance at December 31, 2014	236,745	\$ 712	10,596	\$(292,752)	\$ 2,776,702	\$(2,648,839)	\$ 2,665,694	\$ 2,501,517
Exercise of stock options	67	—	—	—	2,279	—	—	2,279
Issuances of restricted stock	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Forfeitures of restricted stock	(152)	(1)	17	—	1	—	—	—
Share-based compensation	—	—	—	—	50,582	—	—	50,582
Shares repurchased related to share-based compensation	(635)	(3)	635	(44,305)	3	—	—	(44,305)
Excess tax benefit from share-based compensation	—	—	—	—	1,424	—	—	1,424
Equity portion of issuance of convertible notes, net	—	—	—	—	198,326	—	—	198,326
Loss attributable to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(100,726)	(100,726)
Distributions to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(60,154)	(60,154)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(684,012)	—	(684,012)
Balance at September 30, 2015	236,044	\$ 708	11,248	\$(337,057)	\$ 3,029,317	\$(3,332,851)	\$ 2,504,814	\$ 1,864,931

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net loss	\$(784,738)	\$(507,855)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Non-cash LNG inventory write-downs	17,826	23,505
Depreciation expense	59,561	48,962
Share-based compensation	90,412	84,449
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discount (premium)	36,782	10,971
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	96,273	114,335
Total losses on derivatives, net	208,769	89,286
Net cash used for settlement of derivative instruments	(94,170)	(19,745)
Other	1,406	(1,975)
Changes in restricted cash for certain operating activities	92,589	102,851
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and interest receivable	(2,226)	(18,899)
LNG inventory	(22,564)	(26,908)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	10,656	62,797
Deferred revenue	(3,003)	(2,955)
Other, net	17,850	131
Net cash used in operating activities	(274,577)	(41,050)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Property, plant and equipment, net	(5,747,596)	(2,047,957)
Use of restricted cash for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment	5,330,526	1,980,436
Other	(111,518)	(24,113)
Net cash used in investing activities	(528,588)	(91,634)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issuances of long-term debt	6,178,000	2,584,500
Repayments of long-term debt	—	(177,000)
Debt issuance and deferred financing costs	(519,699)	(94,220)
Investment in restricted cash	(5,161,701)	(2,254,733)
Distributions and dividends to non-controlling interest	(60,154)	(59,478)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,279	9,502
Payments related to tax withholdings for share-based compensation	(44,305)	(44,516)
Other	1,424	(557)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	395,844	(36,502)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(407,321)	(169,186)
Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period	1,747,583	960,842
Cash and cash equivalents—end of period	\$1,340,262	\$791,656

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CHENIERE ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1—BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements of Cheniere have been prepared in accordance with GAAP for interim financial information and with Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In our opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation, have been included. Certain reclassifications have been made to conform prior period information to the current presentation. The reclassifications had no effect on our overall consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that will be realized for the year ending December 31, 2015.

For further information, refer to the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

NOTE 2—RESTRICTED CASH

Restricted cash consists of funds that are contractually restricted as to usage or withdrawal and have been presented separately from cash and cash equivalents on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Restricted cash includes the following:

SPLNG Senior Notes Debt Service Reserve

SPLNG has consummated private offerings of an aggregate principal amount of \$1,665.5 million, before discount, of 7.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2016 (the “2016 SPLNG Senior Notes”) and \$420.0 million of 6.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2020 (the “2020 SPLNG Senior Notes”) and collectively with the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, the “SPLNG Senior Notes”). Under the indentures governing the SPLNG Senior Notes (the “SPLNG Indentures”), except for permitted tax distributions, SPLNG may not make distributions until certain conditions are satisfied, including: (1) there must be on deposit in an interest payment account an amount equal to one-sixth of the semi-annual interest payment multiplied by the number of elapsed months since the last semi-annual interest payment, and (2) there must be on deposit in a permanent debt service reserve fund an amount equal to one semi-annual interest payment. Distributions are permitted only after satisfying the foregoing funding requirements, a fixed charge coverage ratio test of 2:1 and other conditions specified in the SPLNG Indentures.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we classified \$53.0 million and \$15.0 million, respectively, as current restricted cash for the payment of current interest due. As of both September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we classified the permanent debt service reserve fund of \$76.1 million as non-current restricted cash. These cash accounts are controlled by a collateral trustee; therefore, these amounts are shown as restricted cash on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

SPL Reserve

During 2013, SPL entered into four credit facilities aggregating \$5.9 billion (collectively, the “2013 SPL Credit Facilities”). In June 2015, SPL entered into four credit facilities aggregating \$4.6 billion (collectively, the “2015 SPL Credit Facilities”), which replaced the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities. Under the terms and conditions of the 2015 SPL

Credit Facilities (and previously the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities), SPL is required to deposit all cash received into reserve accounts controlled by a collateral trustee. The usage or withdrawal of such cash is restricted to the payment of liabilities related to the natural gas liquefaction facilities that are being developed and constructed in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (the “SPL Project”); therefore, these amounts are shown as restricted cash on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

During 2013, SPL issued an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion, before premium, of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2021 (the “2021 SPL Senior Notes”), \$1.0 billion of 6.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 (the “2022 SPL Senior Notes”) and \$1.0 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2023 (the “Initial 2023 SPL Senior Notes”). During 2014, SPL issued an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion of 5.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 (the “2024 SPL Senior Notes”) and additional 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2023 in an aggregate principal amount of \$0.5 billion, before premium (the “Additional 2023 SPL Senior Notes” and collectively with the Initial 2023 SPL Senior Notes, the “2023 SPL Senior Notes”). In March 2015, SPL issued an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (the “2025 SPL Senior Notes” and

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collectively with the 2021 SPL Senior Notes, the 2022 SPL Senior Notes, the 2023 SPL Senior Notes and the 2024 SPL Senior Notes, the “SPL Senior Notes”). The use of cash proceeds from the SPL Senior Notes is restricted to the payment of liabilities related to the SPL Project; therefore, these amounts are shown as restricted cash on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. See Note 7—Long-Term Debt for additional details about our long-term debt.

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we classified \$327.2 million and \$155.8 million, respectively, as current restricted cash held by SPL for the payment of current liabilities, including interest payments, related to the SPL Project and zero and \$457.1 million, respectively, as non-current restricted cash held by SPL for future SPL Project construction costs.

CTPL Reserve

In May 2013, CTPL entered into a \$400.0 million term loan facility (the “CTPL Term Loan”). As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we classified \$11.3 million and \$24.9 million, respectively, as current restricted cash held by CTPL for the payment of current liabilities and zero and \$11.3 million, respectively, as non-current restricted cash held by CTPL, because the usage and withdrawal of such funds is primarily restricted to the payment of liabilities related to modifications of the 94-mile pipeline which interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate pipelines (the “Creole Trail Pipeline”) in order to enable bi-directional natural gas flow, and for the payment of interest during construction of such modifications. The restricted cash reserved to pay interest during construction is controlled by a collateral agent, and can only be released by the collateral agent upon satisfaction of certain terms and conditions. CTPL is required to pay annual fees to the administrative and collateral agents.

CCH Reserve

In May 2015, CCH entered into a credit facility agreement for an aggregate commitment of approximately \$11.5 billion (the “2015 CCH Credit Facility”), comprising approximately \$8.4 billion linked to the first stage (“Stage 1”) of the natural gas liquefaction and export facility and pipeline facility near Corpus Christi, Texas (the “CCL Project”) and approximately \$3.1 billion linked to the second stage (“Stage 2”) of the CCL Project. Stage 1 includes Trains 1 and 2, two LNG storage tanks, one complete marine berth and second partial berth and all of the project’s necessary infrastructure facilities. The pipeline facility is a 23-mile, 48” natural gas pipeline that will interconnect the Corpus Christi LNG terminal with several interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines (the “Corpus Christi Pipeline”). Stage 2 includes Train 3, one LNG storage tank and the completion of the second partial berth. Under the terms and conditions of the 2015 CCH Credit Facility, all cash reserved to pay interest during construction is controlled by a collateral agent. These funds can only be released by the collateral agent upon satisfaction of certain terms and conditions and are classified as restricted on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. CCH is required to pay annual fees to the administrative and collateral agents. As of September 30, 2015, we classified \$35.6 million and \$35.7 million as current restricted cash and non-current restricted cash, respectively, held by CCH.

Other Restricted Cash

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, \$171.4 million and \$250.1 million, respectively, of cash was held by SPLNG, Cheniere Partners and Cheniere Holdings that was restricted to Cheniere. In addition, as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, \$53.7 million and \$35.9 million, respectively, had been classified as current restricted cash, and as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, \$7.1 million and \$6.3 million, respectively, had been classified as non-current restricted cash on our Consolidated Balance Sheets due to various other contractual restrictions.

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NOTE 3—PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consists of LNG terminal costs and fixed assets and other, as follows (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
LNG terminal costs		
LNG terminal	\$2,478,167	\$2,269,429
LNG terminal construction-in-process	12,887,040	7,155,046
LNG site and related costs, net	32,823	9,395
Accumulated depreciation	(397,758)	(350,497)
Total LNG terminal costs, net	15,000,272	9,083,373
Fixed assets and other		
Computer and office equipment	11,197	7,464
Furniture and fixtures	16,737	10,733
Computer software	64,432	46,882
Leasehold improvements	38,573	36,067
Land	60,984	55,522
Other	65,138	36,881
Accumulated depreciation	(32,083)	(30,169)
Total fixed assets and other, net	224,978	163,380
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 15,225,250	\$ 9,246,753

NOTE 4—DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

We have entered into the following derivative instruments that are reported at fair value:

- commodity derivatives to hedge the exposure to price risk attributable to future: (1) sales of our LNG inventory and (2) purchases of natural gas to operate the Sabine Pass LNG terminal (“Natural Gas Derivatives”);
- commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas purchase agreements and associated economic hedges to secure natural gas feedstock for the SPL Project (“Liquefaction Supply Derivatives”);
- financial derivatives to hedge the exposure to the commodity markets in which we have contractual arrangements to purchase or sell physical LNG (“LNG Trading Derivatives”);
- interest rate swaps to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities (and previously the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities) (“SPL Interest Rate Derivatives”); and
- interest rate swaps to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility (“CCH Interest Rate Derivatives” and, collectively with the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives, the “Interest Rate Derivatives”).

None of our derivative instruments are designated as cash flow hedging instruments, and changes in fair value are recorded within our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value of our derivative instruments that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, which are classified as other current assets, non-current derivative assets, derivative liabilities or non-current derivative liabilities in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

	Fair Value Measurements as of September 30, 2015				December 31, 2014			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total
Natural Gas Derivatives asset	\$—	\$ 97	\$ —	\$97	\$—	\$ 219	\$ —	\$219
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives asset	—	—	32,546	32,546	—	—	342	342
LNG Trading Derivatives asset	—	113	—	113	—	—	—	—
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives liability	—	(15,738)	—	(15,738)	—	(12,036)	—	(12,036)
CCH Interest Rate Derivatives liability	—	(143,092)	—	(143,092)	—	—	—	—

The estimated fair values of our Natural Gas Derivatives and the economic hedges related to the LNG Trading Derivatives are the amounts at which the instruments could be exchanged currently between willing parties. We value these derivatives using observable commodity price curves and other relevant data. We value the Interest Rate Derivatives using valuations based on the initial trade prices. Using an income-based approach, subsequent valuations are based on observable inputs to the valuation model including interest rate curves, risk adjusted discount rates, credit spreads and other relevant data.

The fair value of substantially all of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives is developed through the use of internal models which are impacted by inputs that are unobservable in the marketplace. As a result, the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives is designated as Level 3 within the valuation hierarchy. The curves used to generate the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives are based on basis adjustments applied to forward curves for a liquid trading point. In addition, there may be observable liquid market basis information in the near term, but terms of a particular Liquefaction Supply Derivatives contract may exceed the period for which such information is available, resulting in a Level 3 classification. In these instances, the fair value of the contract incorporates extrapolation assumptions made in the determination of the market basis price for future delivery periods in which applicable commodity basis prices were either not observable or lacked corroborative market data. Internal fair value models that include contractual pricing with a fixed basis include fixed basis amounts for delivery at locations for which no market currently exists. Internal fair value models also include conditions precedent to the respective long-term natural gas purchase agreements. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, some of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives existed within markets for which the pipeline infrastructure has not been developed to accommodate marketable physical gas flow. In the absence of infrastructure to accommodate marketable physical gas flow, our internal fair value models are based on a market price that equates to our own contractual pricing due to: (1) the inactive and unobservable market and (2) conditions precedent and their impact on the uncertainty in the

timing of our actual receipt of the physical volumes associated with each forward. The fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives is predominantly driven by market commodity basis prices and our assessment of the associated conditions precedent, including evaluating whether the respective market is available as pipeline infrastructure is developed. Upon the completion and placement into service of relevant pipeline infrastructure to accommodate marketable physical gas flow, we recognize a gain or loss based on the fair value of the respective natural gas purchase agreements as of the reporting date.

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There were no transfers into or out of Level 3 Liquefaction Supply Derivatives for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. As all of the physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives are either purely index-priced or index-priced with a fixed basis, we do not believe that a significant change in market commodity prices would have a material impact on our Level 3 fair value measurements. The following table includes quantitative information for the unobservable inputs for the Level 3 Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as of September 30, 2015:

	Net Fair Value Asset (in thousands)	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Input	Significant Unobservable Inputs Range
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	\$32,546	Income Approach	Basis Spread	\$ (0.350) - \$0.050

Derivative assets and liabilities arising from our derivative contracts with the same counterparty are reported on a net basis, as all counterparty derivative contracts provide for net settlement. The use of derivative instruments exposes us to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that a counterparty will be unable to meet its commitments in instances when our derivative instruments are in an asset position.

Commodity Derivatives

We recognize all commodity derivative instruments, including our Natural Gas Derivatives, Liquefaction Supply Derivatives and LNG Trading Derivatives (collectively, “Commodity Derivatives”), as either assets or liabilities and measure those instruments at fair value. Changes in the fair value of our Commodity Derivatives are reported in earnings.

The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value and location of our Commodity Derivatives on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	September 30, 2015				December 31, 2014			
	Natural Gas Derivatives (1)	Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	LNG Trading Derivatives	Total	Natural Gas Derivatives (1)	Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	LNG Trading Derivatives	Total
Balance Sheet Location								
Other current assets	\$97	\$ 2,371	\$ —	\$2,468	\$219	\$ 76	\$ —	\$295
Non-current derivative assets	—	30,657	113	30,770	—	586	—	586
Total derivative assets	97	33,028	113	33,238	219	662	—	881
Derivative liabilities	—	(349)	—	(349)	—	(53)	—	(53)
Non-current derivative liabilities	—	(133)	—	(133)	—	(267)	—	(267)
Total derivative liabilities	—	(482)	—	(482)	—	(320)	—	(320)
Derivative asset, net	\$97	\$ 32,546	\$ 113	\$32,756	\$219	\$ 342	\$ —	\$561

(1)

Does not include collateral of \$5.6 million and \$5.7 million deposited for such contracts, which is included in other current assets in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

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The following table (in thousands) shows the changes in the fair value and settlements and location of our Commodity Derivatives recorded on our Consolidated Statements of Operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Statement of Operations Location	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2015	2014	2015	2014
Natural Gas Derivatives loss	Marketing and trading revenues (losses)	\$(152)	) \$(525)	) \$(260)	) \$(155)
Natural Gas Derivatives gain (loss)	Operating and maintenance expense (income)	857	194	1,317	(64)
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives gain (1)	Operating and maintenance expense (income)	32,103	—	32,184	—
LNG Trading Derivatives gain	Marketing and trading revenues (losses)	113	—	113	—

(1) There were no physical settlements during the reporting period.

Natural Gas Derivatives

Our Natural Gas Derivatives are executed through over-the-counter contracts which are subject to nominal credit risk as these transactions are settled on a daily margin basis with investment grade financial institutions. We are required by these financial institutions to use margin deposits as credit support for our Natural Gas Derivatives activities.

Liquefaction Supply Derivatives

SPL has entered into index-based physical natural gas supply contracts and associated economic hedges to secure natural gas feedstock for the SPL Project. The terms of the physical contracts range from approximately one to seven years and commence upon the occurrence of conditions precedent, including the date of first commercial operation of specified Trains of the SPL Project. We recognize the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as either assets or liabilities and measure those instruments at fair value. Changes in the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives are reported in earnings. As of September 30, 2015, SPL has secured up to approximately 2,156.6 million MMBtu of natural gas feedstock through long-term natural gas purchase agreements, of which the forward notional natural gas buy position of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives was approximately 1,244.1 million MMBtu, which were recorded as derivatives due to minimum purchase requirements.

LNG Trading Derivatives

As of September 30, 2015, we have entered into certain LNG Trading Derivatives representing a short position of 1.5 million MMBtu, and we may from time to time enter into certain financial derivatives in the form of swaps, forwards, options or futures to economically hedge exposure to the commodity markets in which we have contractual arrangements to purchase or sell physical LNG. We have entered into LNG Trading Derivatives to secure a fixed price position to minimize future cash flow variability associated with such LNG transactions.

Interest Rate Derivatives

SPL Interest Rate Derivatives

SPL has entered into SPL Interest Rate Derivatives to protect against volatility of future cash flows and hedge a portion of the variable interest payments on the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities. The SPL Interest Rate Derivatives hedge a portion of the expected outstanding borrowings over the term of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

In March 2015, SPL settled a portion of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives and recognized a derivative loss of \$34.7 million within our Consolidated Statements of Operations in conjunction with the termination of approximately \$1.8 billion of commitments under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities as discussed in Note 7—Long-Term Debt. In May 2014, SPL settled a portion of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives and recognized a derivative loss of \$9.3 million within our Consolidated Statements of Operations in conjunction with the early termination of approximately \$2.1 billion of commitments under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities.

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CCH Interest Rate Derivatives

In February 2015, CCH entered into CCH Interest Rate Derivatives to protect against volatility of future cash flows and hedge a portion of the variable interest payments on the 2015 CCH Credit Facility. The CCH Interest Rate Derivatives hedge a portion of the expected outstanding borrowings over the term of the 2015 CCH Credit Facility. The CCH Interest Rate Derivatives have a seven-year term and were contingent upon reaching a final investment decision with respect to the CCL Project, which was reached in May 2015. Upon meeting the contingency related to the CCH Interest Rate Derivatives in May 2015, we paid \$50.1 million related to contingency and syndication premiums, which is included in derivative gain (loss), net on our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As of September 30, 2015, we had the following Interest Rate Derivatives outstanding:

	Initial Notional Amount	Maximum Notional Amount	Effective Date	Maturity Date	Weighted Average Fixed Interest Rate Paid	Variable Interest Rate Received
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	\$20.0 million	\$628.8 million	August 14, 2012	July 31, 2019	1.98%	One-month LIBOR
CCH Interest Rate Derivatives	\$28.8 million	\$5.5 billion	May 20, 2015	May 31, 2022	2.29%	One-month LIBOR

The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value and location of the Interest Rate Derivatives on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

Balance Sheet Location	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	CCH Interest Rate Derivatives	Total	SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	CCH Interest Rate Derivatives	Total
Non-current derivative assets	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$11,158	\$—	\$11,158
Derivative liabilities	(7,039)	(26,451)	(33,490)	(23,194)	—	(23,194)
Non-current derivative liabilities	(8,699)	(116,641)	(125,340)	—	—	—
Total derivative liabilities	(15,738)	(143,092)	(158,830)	(23,194)	—	(23,194)
Derivative liability, net	\$(15,738)	\$(143,092)	\$(158,830)	\$(12,036)	\$—	\$(12,036)

The following table (in thousands) shows the changes in the fair value and settlements of the Interest Rate Derivatives, including contingency and syndication premiums related to the CCH Interest Rate Derivatives, recorded in derivative gain (loss), net on our Consolidated Statements of Operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
September 30,		September 30,	
2015	2014	2015	2014

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SPL Interest Rate Derivatives gain (loss)	\$(10,872)	\$5,379	\$(46,541)	\$(89,222)
CCH Interest Rate Derivatives loss	(150,610)	—	(195,582)	—

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Balance Sheet Presentation

Our Commodity Derivatives and Interest Rate Derivatives are presented on a net basis on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as described above. The following table (in thousands) shows the fair value of our derivatives outstanding on a gross and net basis:

Offsetting Derivative Assets (Liabilities)	Gross Amounts Recognized	Gross Amounts Offset in the Consolidated Balance Sheets	Net Amounts Presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets
As of September 30, 2015			
Natural Gas Derivatives	\$513	\$(416)	) \$97
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	33,028	—	33,028
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	(482)	) —	(482)
LNG Trading Derivatives	113	—	113
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	(15,738)	) —	(15,738)
CCH Interest Rate Derivatives	(143,092)	) —	(143,092)
As of December 31, 2014			
Natural Gas Derivatives	223	(4)	) 219
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	662	—	662
Liquefaction Supply Derivatives	(320)	) —	(320)
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	11,158	—	11,158
SPL Interest Rate Derivatives	(23,194)	) —	(23,194)

NOTE 5—NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

Cheniere Holdings was formed by us to hold our limited partner interest in Cheniere Partners and in December 2013, completed its initial public offering. Additionally, in November 2014, Cheniere Holdings sold 10.1 million common shares at \$22.76 per common share to redeem from us the same number of common shares. As of both September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, our ownership interest in Cheniere Holdings was 80.1%, with the remaining non-controlling interest held by the public. Cheniere Holdings owns a 55.9% limited partner interest in Cheniere Partners in the form of 12.0 million common units, 45.3 million Class B units and 135.4 million subordinated units, with the remaining non-controlling interest held by Blackstone CQP Holdco LP and the public. We also own 100% of the general partner interest and the incentive distribution rights in Cheniere Partners.

NOTE 6—ACCRUED LIABILITIES

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, accrued liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Interest expense and related debt fees	\$170,254	\$112,858
Compensation and benefits	83,581	6,425
Liquefaction Project costs	181,219	22,014
LNG terminal costs	5,987	1,077
Other accrued liabilities	16,860	26,755
Total accrued liabilities	\$457,901	\$169,129

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NOTE 7—LONG-TERM DEBT

As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, our long-term debt consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Interest Rate	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Long-term debt			
2016 SPLNG Senior Notes	7.500%	\$1,665,500	\$1,665,500
2020 SPLNG Senior Notes	6.500%	420,000	420,000
2021 SPL Senior Notes	5.625%	2,000,000	2,000,000
2022 SPL Senior Notes	6.250%	1,000,000	1,000,000
2023 SPL Senior Notes	5.625%	1,500,000	1,500,000
2024 SPL Senior Notes	5.750%	2,000,000	2,000,000
2025 SPL Senior Notes	5.625%	2,000,000	—
2015 SPL Credit Facilities (1)	(2)	250,000	—
2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes	4.875%	1,028,953	1,004,469
2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes	11.000%	1,003,667	—
2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes	4.250%	625,000	—
CTPL Term Loan (3)	(4)	400,000	400,000
2015 CCH Credit Facility (5)	(6)	2,428,000	—
SPL Working Capital Facility (7)	(8)	—	—
Total long-term debt		16,321,120	9,989,969
Long-term debt premium (discount)			
2016 SPLNG Senior Notes		(5,477	) (8,998
2021 SPL Senior Notes		9,090	10,177
2023 SPL Senior Notes		6,570	7,088
2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes		(174,133	) (189,717
2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes		(319,579	) —
CTPL Term Loan		(1,681	) (2,435
Total long-term debt, net		\$15,835,910	\$9,806,084

(1) Matures on the earlier of December 31, 2020 or the second anniversary of the completion date of Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project.

Variable interest rate, at SPL's election, is LIBOR or the base rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margins for LIBOR loans range from 1.30% to 1.75%, depending on the applicable 2015 SPL Credit Facility, and the applicable margin for base rate loans is 1.75%. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at the end of each LIBOR period, and interest on base rate loans is due and payable at the end of each quarter.

(3) Matures on May 28, 2017 when the full amount of the outstanding principal obligations must be repaid.

Variable interest rate, at CTPL's election, is LIBOR or the base rate plus the applicable margin. CTPL has historically elected LIBOR loans, for which the applicable margin is 3.25% and is due and payable at the end of each LIBOR period.

(5) Matures on the earlier of May 13, 2022 or the second anniversary of the completion date of the first two Trains of the CCL Project.

(6) Variable interest rate, at CCH's election, is LIBOR or the base rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margins for LIBOR loans are 2.25% prior to completion of the first two Trains of the CCL Project and 2.50% on completion and thereafter. The applicable margins for base rate loans are 1.25% prior to completion of the first two Trains of the CCL Project and 1.50% on completion and thereafter. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at

the end of each applicable interest period, and interest on base rate loans is due and payable at the end of each quarter.

Matures on December 31, 2020, with various terms for underlying loans, as further described below under SPL (7) Working Capital Facility. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, no loans were outstanding under the SPL Working Capital Facility or the SPL LC Agreement it replaced.

(8) Variable interest rates, based on LIBOR or the base rate, as further described below under SPL Working Capital Facility.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we incurred \$286.0 million and \$154.8 million of total interest cost, respectively, of which we capitalized and deferred \$192.4 million and \$107.9 million, respectively, including amortization

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of debt issuance costs, primarily related to the construction of the SPL Project in both periods and additionally the CCL Project in 2015. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we incurred \$707.8 million and \$423.8 million of total interest cost, respectively, of which we capitalized and deferred \$469.2 million and \$292.8 million, respectively, including amortization of debt issuance costs, primarily related to this construction.

SPLNG Senior Notes

Under the SPLNG Indentures, except for permitted tax distributions, SPLNG may not make distributions until certain conditions are satisfied as described in Note 2—Restricted Cash. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, SPLNG made distributions of \$267.9 million and \$237.7 million, respectively, after satisfying all the applicable conditions in the SPLNG Indentures.

SPL Senior Notes

In March 2015, SPL issued an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes, for which borrowings accrue interest at a fixed rate of 5.625%. The terms of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes are governed by the same common indenture with the other SPL Senior Notes. In connection with the closing of the sale of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes, SPL entered into a Registration Rights Agreement dated March 3, 2015 (the “2025 SPL Registration Rights Agreement”). Under the terms of the 2025 SPL Registration Rights Agreement, SPL has agreed, and any future guarantors of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes will agree, to use commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC and cause to become effective a registration statement within 360 days after March 3, 2015 with respect to an offer to exchange any and all of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes for a like aggregate principal amount of debt securities of SPL with terms identical in all material respects to the respective 2025 SPL Senior Notes sought to be exchanged (other than with respect to restrictions on transfer or to any increase in annual interest rate), and that are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). Under specified circumstances, SPL has also agreed, and any future guarantors will also agree, to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to become effective a shelf registration statement relating to resales of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes. SPL will be obligated to pay additional interest if it fails to comply with its obligations to register the 2025 SPL Senior Notes within the specified time period.

2015 SPL Credit Facilities

In June 2015, SPL entered into the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities with commitments aggregating \$4.6 billion. The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities are being used to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into operation Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project. Borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities may be refinanced, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty; however, interest rate hedging and interest rate breakage costs may be incurred. As of September 30, 2015, SPL had \$4.3 billion of available commitments and \$250.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

SPL incurred \$88.2 million of debt issuance costs in connection with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities. In addition to interest, SPL is required to pay insurance/guarantee premiums of 0.45% per annum on any drawn amounts under the covered tranches of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities. The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities also require SPL to pay a quarterly commitment fee calculated at a rate per annum equal to either: (1) 40% of the applicable margin, multiplied by the average daily amount of the undrawn commitment, or (2) 0.70% of the undrawn commitment, depending on the applicable 2015 SPL Credit Facility. The principal of the loans made under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities must be repaid in quarterly installments, commencing with the earlier of June 30, 2020 and the last day of the first full calendar quarter after the completion date of Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project. Scheduled repayments are based upon an 18-year amortization profile, with the remaining balance due upon the maturity of the 2015 SPL Credit

Facilities.

The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities contain conditions precedent for borrowings, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The obligations of SPL under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as all of the membership interests in SPL on a pari passu basis with the SPL Senior Notes and the Amended and Restated Senior Working Capital Revolving Credit and Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement (the “SPL Working Capital Facility”) described below.

Under the terms of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities, SPL is required to hedge not less than 65% of the variable interest rate exposure of its projected outstanding borrowings, calculated on a weighted average basis in comparison to its anticipated draw of principal.

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2013 SPL Credit Facilities

In May 2013, SPL entered into the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into operation Trains 1 through 4 of the SPL Project. As of December 31, 2014, SPL had no outstanding borrowings under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities. In June 2015, the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities were replaced with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

In March 2015, in conjunction with SPL's issuance of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes, SPL terminated approximately \$1.8 billion of commitments under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities. This termination and the replacement of the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities in June 2015 resulted in a write-off of debt issuance costs and deferred commitment fees associated with the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities of \$96.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Convertible Notes

2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes

In November 2014, we issued an aggregate principal amount of \$1.0 billion Convertible Unsecured Notes due 2021 (the "2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes") on a private placement basis in reliance on the exemption from registration provided for under section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation S promulgated thereunder. The 2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes accrue interest at a rate of 4.875% per annum, which is payable in kind semi-annually in arrears by increasing the principal amount of the 2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes outstanding. One year after the closing date, the 2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes will be convertible at the option of the holder into our common stock at the then-applicable conversion rate, provided that the closing price of our common stock is greater than or equal to the conversion price on the conversion date. The initial conversion price was \$93.64 and is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain specified events. We have the option to satisfy the conversion obligation with cash, common stock or a combination thereof.

Under GAAP, certain convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion are required to be separately accounted for as liability (debt) and equity (conversion option) components of the instrument in a manner that reflects the issuer's non-convertible debt borrowing rate. We determined that the fair value of the debt component was \$808.8 million and the residual value of the equity component was \$191.2 million as of the issuance date. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the carrying value of the equity component was \$196.1 million and \$191.9 million, respectively. The debt component is accreted to the total principal amount due at maturity by amortizing the debt discount. The effective rate of interest to amortize the debt discount was approximately 9.1% and 9.2% as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and the remaining period over which the debt discount will be amortized was 5.7 years as of September 30, 2015. As of September 30, 2015, the if-converted value of the 2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes did not exceed the principal balance.

2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes

In May 2015, CCH HoldCo II issued \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of 11% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (the "2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes") on a private placement basis in reliance on the exemption from registration provided for under section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. The 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes were issued pursuant to the amended and restated note purchase agreement entered into among CCH HoldCo II, EIG Management Company, LLC, The Bank of New York Mellon, the Company and the note purchasers. The \$1.0

billion principal of the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes will be used to partially fund costs associated with Stage 1 of the CCL Project and the Corpus Christi Pipeline. The purchasers have made commitments, which will expire on May 1, 2016, to acquire an additional \$500 million of 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes (the “Second Phase Funding”) upon satisfaction of incremental customary conditions precedent related to the construction of Stage 2 of the CCL Project. The 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 11.0% per annum, which is payable quarterly in arrears. Prior to the substantial completion of Train 2 of the CCL Project, if the Second Phase Funding has not occurred, and to the substantial completion of Train 3 of the CCL Project following the occurrence of the Second Phase Funding, interest on the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes will be paid entirely in kind. Following this date, the interest generally must be paid in cash; however, a portion of the interest may be paid in kind under certain specified circumstances. The 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes are secured by a pledge by us of 100% of the equity interests in CCH HoldCo II, and a pledge by CCH HoldCo II of 100% of the equity interests in CCH HoldCo I.

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At CCH HoldCo II's option, the outstanding 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes are convertible into our common stock on or after the later of (1) 58 months from May 1, 2015, and (2) the substantial completion of Train 2 of the CCL Project and any 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes issued in connection with the Second Phase Funding will be convertible on or after the substantial completion of Train 3 of the CCL Project (in each case, the "Eligible Conversion Date"). The conversion price for 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes converted at CCH HoldCo II's option is the lower of (1) a 10% discount to the average of the daily volume-weighted average price ("VWAP") of our common stock for the 90 trading day period prior to the date on which notice of conversion is provided, and (2) a 10% discount to the closing price of our common stock on the trading day preceding the date on which notice of conversion is provided. At the option of the holders, the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes are convertible on or after the six-month anniversary of the applicable Eligible Conversion Date at a conversion price equal to the average of the daily VWAP of our common stock for the 90 trading day period prior to the date on which notice of conversion is provided. Conversions are also subject to various limitations and conditions. As of September 30, 2015, the value of the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes if converted at the holders' option did not exceed the principal balance.

2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes

In March 2015, we issued \$625.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2045 (the "2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes") to certain investors through a registered direct offering. The 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes were issued with an original issue discount of 20% and accrue interest at a rate of 4.25% per annum, which is payable semi-annually in arrears. We have the right, at our option, at any time after March 15, 2020, to redeem all or any part of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes at a redemption price payable in cash equal to the accreted amount of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to such redemption date. The conversion rate will initially equal 7.2265 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes, which corresponds to an initial conversion price of approximately \$138.38 per share of our common stock. The conversion rate is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain specified events. We have the option to satisfy the conversion obligation with cash, common stock or a combination thereof.

We determined that the fair value of the debt component of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes was \$304.3 million and the residual value of the equity component was \$195.7 million as of the issuance date, excluding debt issuance costs. As of September 30, 2015, the carrying value of the equity component was \$194.1 million. The debt component is accreted to the total principal amount due at maturity by amortizing the debt discount. The effective rate of interest to amortize the debt discount was approximately 9.4% as of September 30, 2015, and the remaining period over which the debt discount will be amortized was 29.5 years. As of September 30, 2015, the if-converted value of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes did not exceed the principal balance.

Interest expense, before capitalization, related to the 2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes and the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes (together, the "Convertible Notes") consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Interest per contractual rate	\$46,782	\$—	\$97,991	\$—
Amortization of debt discount	7,233	—	20,948	—
Amortization of debt issuance costs	1,133	—	1,748	—

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Total interest expense related to the Convertible Notes	\$55,148	\$—	\$120,687	\$—
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CTPL Term Loan

As of September 30, 2015, CTPL had borrowed the full amount of \$400.0 million available under the CTPL Term Loan. The outstanding balance may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty.

2015 CCH Credit Facility

In May 2015, CCH entered into the 2015 CCH Credit Facility, which is being used to fund a portion of the costs associated with the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the CCL Project. The total commitment under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility is approximately \$11.5 billion, comprising approximately \$8.4 billion linked to Stage 1 of the CCL Project and the

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Corpus Christi Pipeline and approximately \$3.1 billion linked to Stage 2 of the CCL Project. Borrowings under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility may be refinanced, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty; however, interest rate hedging and interest rate breakage costs may be incurred. As of September 30, 2015, CCH had \$6.0 billion of available commitments and \$2.4 billion of outstanding borrowings under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility.

CCH incurred \$289.8 million of debt issuance costs in connection with the 2015 CCH Credit Facility. In addition to interest, CCH will incur a commitment fee at a rate per annum equal to 40% of the margin for LIBOR loans, multiplied by the outstanding undrawn debt commitments. The principal of the loans made under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility must be repaid in quarterly installments, commencing on the earlier of (1) the first quarterly payment date occurring more than three calendar months following project completion and (2) a set date determined by reference to the date under which a certain LNG buyer linked to the last Train to become operational is entitled to terminate its SPA for failure to achieve the date of first commercial delivery for that agreement. Scheduled repayments will be based upon a 19-year tailored amortization, commencing the first full quarter after the project completion and designed to achieve a minimum projected fixed debt service coverage ratio of 1.55:1.

The 2015 CCH Credit Facility contains conditions precedent for borrowings, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The obligations of CCH under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of CCH and its subsidiaries and by a pledge by CCH HoldCo I of its limited liability company interests in CCH.

Under the terms of the 2015 CCH Credit Facility, CCH is required to hedge not less than 65% of the variable interest rate exposure of its senior secured debt.

SPL Working Capital Facility

In September 2015, SPL entered into a \$1.2 billion SPL Working Capital Facility, which replaced the \$325.0 million Senior Letter of Credit and Reimbursement Agreement that was entered into in April 2014 (the “SPL LC Agreement”). The SPL Working Capital Facility is intended to be used for loans to SPL (“Working Capital Loans”), the issuance of letters of credit on behalf of SPL (“Letters of Credit”), as well as for swing line loans to SPL (“Swing Line Loans”), primarily for certain working capital requirements related to developing and placing into operation the SPL Project. SPL may, from time to time, request increases in the commitments under the SPL Working Capital Facility of up to \$760 million and, upon the completion of the debt financing of Train 6 of the SPL Project, request an incremental increase in commitments of up to an additional \$390 million. As of September 30, 2015, SPL had \$1.1 billion of available commitments, \$127.6 million aggregate amount of issued Letters of Credit and no Working Capital Loans, Swing Line Loans or loans deemed made in connection with a draw upon a Letter of Credit (“LC Loans” and collectively with Working Capital Loans and Swing Line Loans, the “SPL Working Capital Facility Loans”) outstanding under the SPL Working Capital Facility. As of December 31, 2014, SPL had issued letters of credit in an aggregate amount of \$9.5 million, and no draws had been made upon any letters of credit issued under the SPL LC Agreement.

SPL Working Capital Facility Loans accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to LIBOR or the base rate (equal to the highest of the senior facility agent’s published prime rate, the federal funds effective rate, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 0.50% and one month LIBOR plus 0.50%), plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for LIBOR SPL Working Capital Facility Loans is 1.75% per annum, and the applicable margin for base rate SPL Working Capital Facility Loans is 0.75% per annum. Interest on Swing Line Loans and LC Loans is due and payable on the date the loan becomes due. Interest on LIBOR Working Capital Loans is due and payable at the end of each applicable LIBOR period, and interest on base rate Working Capital Loans is due and payable at the end of each fiscal quarter. However, if such base rate Working Capital Loan is converted into a LIBOR

Working Capital Loan, interest is due and payable on that date. Additionally, if the loans become due prior to such periods, the interest also becomes due on that date.

SPL incurred \$27.5 million of debt issuance costs in connection with the SPL Working Capital Facility. SPL pays (1) a commitment fee on the average daily amount of the excess of the total commitment amount over the principal amount outstanding without giving effect to any outstanding Swing Line Loans in an amount equal to an annual rate of 0.70% and (2) a Letter of Credit fee equal to an annual rate of 1.75% of the undrawn portion of all Letters of Credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility. If draws are made upon a Letter of Credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility and SPL does not elect for such draw (an "LC Draw") to be deemed an LC Loan, SPL is required to pay the full amount of the LC Draw on or prior to the business day following the notice of the LC Draw. An LC Draw accrues interest at an annual rate of 2.0% plus the base rate. As of September 30, 2015, no LC Draws had been made upon any Letters of Credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility.

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The SPL Working Capital Facility matures on December 31, 2020, and the outstanding balance may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty upon three business days' notice. LC Loans have a term of up to one year. Swing Line Loans terminate upon the earliest of (1) the maturity date or earlier termination of the SPL Working Capital Facility, (2) the date 15 days after such Swing Line Loan is made and (3) the first borrowing date for a Working Capital Loan or Swing Line Loan occurring at least three business days following the date the Swing Line Loan is made. SPL is required to reduce the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Working Capital Loans to zero for a period of five consecutive business days at least once each year.

The SPL Working Capital Facility contains conditions precedent for extensions of credit, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The obligations of SPL under the SPL Working Capital Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as all of the membership interests in SPL on a pari passu basis with the SPL Senior Notes and 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

Fair Value Disclosures

The following table (in thousands) shows the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our long-term debt:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, net of discount (1)	\$ 1,660,023	\$ 1,684,923	\$ 1,656,502	\$ 1,718,621
2020 SPLNG Senior Notes (1)	420,000	410,550	420,000	428,400
2021 SPL Senior Notes, net of premium (1)	2,009,090	1,853,386	2,010,177	1,985,050
2022 SPL Senior Notes (1)	1,000,000	930,000	1,000,000	1,020,000
2023 SPL Senior Notes, net of premium (1)	1,506,570	1,344,614	1,507,089	1,476,947
2024 SPL Senior Notes (1)	2,000,000	1,765,000	2,000,000	1,970,000
2025 SPL Senior Notes (1)	2,000,000	1,755,000	—	—
2015 SPL Credit Facilities (2)	250,000	250,000	—	—
2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes, net of discount (3)	854,820	894,160	814,751	1,025,563
2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes (3)	1,003,667	900,490	—	—
2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes, net of discount (4)	305,421	390,263	—	—
CTPL Term Loan, net of discount (2)	398,319	400,000	397,565	400,000
2015 CCH Credit Facility (2)	2,428,000	2,428,000	—	—
SPL Working Capital Facility (2)	—	—	—	—

The Level 2 estimated fair value was based on quotations obtained from broker-dealers who make markets in these (1) and similar instruments based on the closing trading prices on September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, as applicable.

(2) The Level 3 estimated fair value approximates the principal amount because the interest rates are variable and reflective of market rates and the debt may be repaid, in full or in part, at any time without penalty.

The Level 3 estimated fair value was calculated based on inputs that are observable in the market or that could be (3) derived from, or corroborated with, observable market data, including our stock price and interest rates based on debt issued by parties with comparable credit ratings to us and inputs that are not observable in the market.

(4) The Level 1 estimated fair value was based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical liabilities that we had the ability to access at the measurement date.

NOTE 8—INCOME TAXES

We are not presently a taxpayer for federal or state income tax purposes and have not recorded a net liability for federal or state income taxes in any of the periods included in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements. However, we are presently an international taxpayer and have recorded a net (benefit) of \$(0.1) million and a net expense of \$2.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and a net expense of \$0.1 million and \$2.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, for international income taxes.

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We experienced an ownership change within the provisions of Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) Section 382 in 2008, 2010 and 2012. An analysis of the annual limitation on the utilization of our net operating losses (“NOLs”) was performed in accordance with IRC Section 382. It was determined that IRC Section 382 will not limit the use of our NOLs in full over the carryover period. We will continue to monitor trading activity in our shares which may cause an additional ownership change which could ultimately affect our ability to fully utilize our existing tax NOL carryforwards.

NOTE 9—SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION

We have granted stock, restricted stock, phantom units and options to purchase common stock to employees, outside directors and a consultant under the Cheniere Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated 1997 Stock Option Plan (the “1997 Plan”), Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the “2003 Plan”), 2011 Incentive Plan, as amended (the “2011 Plan”), and the 2014-2018 Long-Term Cash Incentive Program (the “2014-2018 LTIP”).

The 1997 Plan provides for the issuance of stock options to purchase up to 5.0 million shares of our common stock, all of which have been granted. Non-qualified stock options were granted to employees, contract service providers and outside directors. The 2003 Plan and 2011 Plan provide for the issuance of 21.0 million shares and 35.0 million shares, respectively, of our common stock that may be in the form of non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options, purchased stock, restricted (non-vested) stock, bonus (unrestricted) stock, stock appreciation rights, phantom units and other share-based performance awards deemed by the compensation committee of our board of directors (the “Compensation Committee”) to be consistent with the purposes of the 2003 Plan and the 2011 Plan. As of September 30, 2015, all of the shares under the 2003 Plan have been granted and 26.9 million shares, net of cancellations, have been granted under the 2011 Plan.

In April 2015, the Compensation Committee recommended and our board of directors approved the Company’s 2015 Long-Term Cash Incentive Plan, including its sub-plan, the 2014-2018 LTIP. The 2014-2018 LTIP consists of phantom units settled in cash with five consecutive annual performance periods commencing on November 1 and ending on October 31 of each year through October 31, 2018. Awards under the 2014-2018 LTIP will be subject to a three-year vesting schedule, with one third of the phantom units vesting and becoming payable on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of the grant (with the exception of the initial grant for the 2014 performance period, which will vest and become payable on each of February 1, 2016, February 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018). The 2014-2018 LTIP is 100% performance-based and will reward long-term performance measured against growth in the Company’s market capitalization, referred to in the plan documents as total shareholder value (“TSV”), above certain thresholds. Under the 2014-2018 LTIP, the general pool is targeted to be awarded between 2% and 4% of the growth in TSV and the senior executive pool is capped at 2% of the growth in TSV, with the Chief Executive Officer’s compensation targeted at 50% of the senior executive pool, subject to adjustment at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. The number of phantom units comprising the senior executive pool has also been capped, and cannot exceed an amount equal to 1.5% of the shares of our common stock outstanding in any one year.

Phantom units are share-based awards granted to employees over a vesting period that entitle the grantee to receive the cash equivalent to the value of a share of our common stock upon each vesting. Phantom units are not eligible to receive quarterly distributions. The Company initially measures compensation cost based on the Company’s stock price on the grant date, which is included in accrued liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, and is adjusted quarterly for any changes in the Company’s stock price and period of service rendered. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we granted 0.1 million and 5.7 million phantom units, respectively, to employees,

including units awarded under the 2014-2018 LTIP. We did not grant any phantom units to employees during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the total share-based compensation expense, net of capitalization, recognized in our net loss was \$26.2 million and \$22.5 million, respectively, and for the same periods we capitalized as part of the cost of capital assets \$1.3 million and \$2.2 million, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the total share-based compensation expense, net of capitalization, recognized in our net loss was \$92.6 million and \$84.4 million, respectively, and for the same periods we capitalized as part of the cost of capital assets \$21.5 million and \$6.6 million, respectively.

The total unrecognized compensation cost at September 30, 2015 relating to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements was \$316.2 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.3 years.

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We received \$0.4 million and \$3.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$2.3 million and \$9.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, of proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we recognized zero and \$10.8 million, respectively, of share-based compensation expense related to the modification of long-term commercial bonus awards resulting from an employee termination. We did not recognize any share-based compensation expense related to such modifications in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

NOTE 10—NET LOSS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS

Basic net loss per share attributable to common stockholders (“EPS”) excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net loss attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS reflects potential dilution and is computed by dividing net loss attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period increased by the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the potential common shares had been issued.

The following table (in thousands, except for loss per share) reconciles basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Weighted average common shares outstanding:				
Basic	227,126	224,309	226,648	223,710
Dilutive common stock options (1)	—	—	—	—
Diluted	227,126	224,309	226,648	223,710
Basic and diluted net loss per share attributable to common stockholders	\$(1.31) \$(0.40) \$(3.02) \$(1.74)			

Stock options and unvested stock of 8.6 million shares and 13.0 million shares for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and 8.6 million shares and 12.8 million shares for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, representing securities that could potentially dilute basic EPS in the future, were not included in the diluted net loss per share computations because their effect would have been (1) anti-dilutive. In addition, 56.2 million shares in aggregate, issuable upon conversion of the 2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes, the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes and the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes, as described in Note 7—Long-Term Debt, were not included in the computation of diluted net loss per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 because the computation of diluted net loss per share utilizing the “if-converted” method would be anti-dilutive.

NOTE 11—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Proceedings

During the second quarter of 2014, four lawsuits were filed in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the “Court”) against us and/or certain of our present and former officers and directors that challenged the manner in which abstentions were treated in connection with the stockholder vote on Amendment No. 1 to the 2011 Plan (“Amendment No. 1”), pursuant to which, among other things, the number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the 2011 Plan was increased from 10.0 million to 35.0 million shares. The lawsuits contended that abstentions should have been counted as “no” votes in tabulating the outcome of the vote and that the stockholders did not approve Amendment No. 1 when abstentions are counted as such. The lawsuits further contended that portions of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Cheniere Energy, Inc. adopted on April 3, 2014 were invalid and that certain disclosures relating to these matters made by us were misleading. The lawsuits asserted claims for breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty (both on a class and a derivative basis) and claims for unjust enrichment (on a derivative basis). The lawsuits sought, among other things, a declaration that the February 1, 2013 stockholder vote on Amendment No. 1 was void, disgorgement of all compensation distributed as a result of Amendment No. 1, voiding the awards made from the shares reserved pursuant to Amendment No. 1 and monetary damages. On June 16, 2014, we filed a verified application with the Court pursuant to 8 Del. C. § 205 (the “Section 205 Action”) in which we asked the Court to declare valid the issuance, pursuant

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to the 2011 Plan, of the 25.0 million additional shares of our common stock covered by Amendment No. 1, whether occurring in the past or the future.

The parties to the above-referenced lawsuits and the Section 205 Action entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement and Release dated December 12, 2014, subject to its terms and conditions, including receipt, among other things, of Court approval, to resolve the litigation. On March 16, 2015, the Court approved the settlement of the litigation and awarded plaintiffs' counsel fees, which were paid by our insurers in April 2015.

Obligations under Certain Guarantee Contracts

Cheniere and certain of its subsidiaries enter into guarantee arrangements in the normal course of business to facilitate transactions with third parties. These arrangements include financial guarantees, letters of credit and debt guarantees. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, there were no liabilities recognized under these guarantee arrangements.

NOTE 12—BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

We have two reportable segments: LNG terminal segment and LNG and natural gas marketing segment. We determine our reportable segments by identifying each segment that engaged in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, had operating results regularly reviewed by the entities' chief operating decision maker for purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, and had discrete financial information. Substantially all of our revenues from external customers are attributed to the United States. Substantially all of our long-lived assets are located in the United States.

Our LNG terminal segment consists of the Sabine Pass and Corpus Christi LNG terminals. We own and operate the Sabine Pass LNG terminal located on the Sabine Pass shipping channel in Louisiana through our ownership interest in and management agreements with Cheniere Partners. We own 100% of the general partner interest in Cheniere Partners and 80.1% of the common shares of Cheniere Holdings, which owns a 55.9% limited partner interest in Cheniere Partners. We are also developing and constructing a natural gas liquefaction facility near Corpus Christi, Texas.

Our LNG and natural gas marketing segment consists of LNG and natural gas marketing activities by Cheniere Marketing. Cheniere Marketing is developing a platform for LNG sales to international markets with professional staff based in the United States, United Kingdom, Singapore and Chile.

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The following table (in thousands) summarizes revenues (losses), loss from operations and total assets for each of our reporting segments:

	Segments			Total Consolidation
	LNG Terminal	LNG & Natural Gas Marketing	Corporate and Other (1)	
As of or for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015				
Revenues (losses) from external customers (2)	\$67,212	\$(1,557)	\$404	\$66,059
Intersegment revenues (losses) (3)	233	11,354	(11,587)	—
Depreciation expense	16,775	320	4,543	21,638
Income (loss) from operations	27,072	(27,117)	(52,029)	(52,074)
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(67,589)	(14)	(25,963)	(93,566)
Loss before income taxes and non-controlling interest (4)	(196,693)	(27,665)	(82,803)	(307,161)
Share-based compensation	1,316	2,051	24,084	27,451
Goodwill	76,819	—	—	76,819
Total assets	16,784,317	552,752	1,115,190	18,452,259
Expenditures for additions to long-lived assets	1,429,808	403	21,258	1,451,469
As of or for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2014				
Revenues (losses) from external customers (2)	\$66,983	\$(500)	\$324	\$66,807
Intersegment revenues (losses) (3)	607	17,262	(17,869)	—
Depreciation expense	14,817	103	1,269	16,189
Loss from operations	(28,482)	(6,652)	(26,030)	(61,164)
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(46,996)	—	112	(46,884)
Loss before income taxes and non-controlling interest (4)	(64,886)	(7,130)	(30,813)	(102,829)
Share-based compensation	3,278	8,281	13,096	24,655
Goodwill	76,819	—	—	76,819
Total assets	10,847,861	65,536	871,919	11,785,316
Expenditures for additions to long-lived assets	695,159	486	21,895	717,540
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015				
Revenues (losses) from external customers (2)	\$203,324	\$(1,601)	\$730	\$202,453
Intersegment revenues (losses) (3)	827	24,725	(25,552)	—
Depreciation expense	47,787	764	11,010	59,561
Loss from operations	(15,324)	(58,667)	(134,201)	(208,192)
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(169,899)	(14)	(68,751)	(238,664)
Loss before income taxes and non-controlling interest (4)	(507,751)	(59,871)	(217,014)	(784,636)
Share-based compensation	30,233	12,138	71,736	114,107
Expenditures for additions to long-lived assets	5,964,244	2,517	70,913	6,037,674
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014				
Revenues from external customers (2)	\$200,243	\$482	\$1,277	\$202,002
Intersegment revenues (losses) (3)	2,113	21,336	(23,449)	—
Depreciation expense	44,033	364	4,565	48,962
Loss from operations	(56,863)	(33,153)	(81,153)	(171,169)
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(131,264)	—	321	(130,943)

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Loss before income taxes and non-controlling interest (4)	(376,363	) (34,046	) (95,299	) (505,708	)
Share-based compensation	9,840	17,212	63,920	90,972	
Expenditures for additions to long-lived assets	2,164,596	1,271	54,120	2,219,987	

(1) Includes corporate activities, business development, oil and gas exploration, development and exploitation, strategic activities and certain intercompany eliminations. These activities have been included in the corporate and other column due to the lack of a material impact that these activities have on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Substantially all of the LNG terminal revenues relate to regasification capacity reservation fee payments made by (2) Total Gas & Power North America, Inc. and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. LNG and natural gas marketing and trading revenue consists primarily of the domestic marketing of natural gas imported into the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

Intersegment revenues (losses) related to our LNG and natural gas marketing segment are primarily a result of (3) international revenue allocations using a cost plus transfer pricing methodology. These LNG and natural gas marketing segment intersegment revenues (losses) are eliminated with intersegment revenues (losses) in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Items to reconcile loss from operations and loss before income taxes and non-controlling interest include (4) consolidated other income (expense) amounts as presented on our Consolidated Statements of Operations primarily related to our LNG terminal segment.

NOTE 13—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following table (in thousands) provides supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash paid during the year for interest, net of amounts capitalized and deferred	\$48,271	\$47,152
Balance in property, plant and equipment, net funded with accounts payable and accrued liabilities	356,306	287,330
Non-cash conveyance of assets	13,169	—

NOTE 14—RECENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”) amended its guidance on revenue recognition. The core principle of this amendment is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period. Earlier adoption is permitted as of annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. This guidance may be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

In August 2014, the FASB issued authoritative guidance that requires an entity’s management to evaluate, for each reporting period, whether there are conditions and events that raise substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the financial statements are issued. Additional disclosures are required if management concludes that conditions or events raise substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2016, and for annual periods and interim periods thereafter, with earlier adoption permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements or related disclosures.

In February 2015, the FASB amended its guidance on consolidation analysis. This amendment primarily affects asset managers and reporting entities involved with limited partnerships or similar entities, but the analysis is relevant in the evaluation of any reporting organization’s requirement to consolidate a legal entity. This guidance changes (1) the identification of variable interests, (2) the variable interest entity characteristics for a limited partnership or similar

entity and (3) the primary beneficiary determination. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within that reporting period, with earlier adoption permitted. This guidance may be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

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In April 2015, the FASB issued authoritative guidance that requires debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the debt liability rather than as an asset. In August 2015, the FASB further issued guidance clarifying the SEC staff's position on presentation and subsequent measurement of debt issuance costs incurred in connection with line of credit arrangements. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within that reporting period, with earlier adoption permitted. This guidance must be adopted retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented and disclosures will be required for a change in accounting principles. We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

In April 2015, the FASB issued authoritative guidance that clarifies the circumstances under which a cloud computing customer would account for the arrangement as a license of internal-use software. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within that reporting period, with earlier adoption permitted. This guidance may be adopted either retrospectively or prospectively to arrangements entered into, or materially modified, after the effective date. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements or related disclosures.

In July 2015, the FASB issued revised guidance related to the measurement of inventory. Inventory would be measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period, with earlier adoption permitted. This guidance should be adopted prospectively. We are currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of this guidance on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Information Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This quarterly report contains certain statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included herein or incorporated herein by reference are "forward-looking statements." Included among "forward-looking statements" are, among other things:

- statements that we expect to commence or complete construction of our proposed LNG terminals, liquefaction facilities, pipeline facilities or other projects, or any expansions thereof, by certain dates, or at all;
- statements regarding future levels of domestic and international natural gas production, supply or consumption or future levels of LNG imports into or exports from North America and other countries worldwide or purchases of natural gas, regardless of the source of such information, or the transportation or other infrastructure or demand for and prices related to natural gas, LNG or other hydrocarbon products;
- statements regarding any financing transactions or arrangements, or ability to enter into such transactions;
- statements relating to the construction of our Trains, including statements concerning the engagement of any EPC contractor or other contractor and the anticipated terms and provisions of any agreement with any EPC or other contractor, and anticipated costs related thereto;
- statements regarding any SPA or other agreement to be entered into or performed substantially in the future, including any revenues anticipated to be received and the anticipated timing thereof, and statements regarding the amounts of total LNG regasification, liquefaction or storage capacities that are, or may become, subject to contracts;
- statements regarding counterparties to our commercial contracts, construction contracts and other contracts;
- statements regarding our planned development and construction of additional Trains, including the financing of such Trains;
- statements that our Trains, when completed, will have certain characteristics, including amounts of liquefaction capacities;
- statements regarding our business strategy, our strengths, our business and operation plans or any other plans, forecasts, projections, or objectives, including anticipated revenues and capital expenditures, any or all of which are subject to change;
- statements regarding legislative, governmental, regulatory, administrative or other public body actions, approvals, requirements, permits, applications, filings, investigations, proceedings or decisions;
- statements regarding our anticipated LNG and natural gas marketing activities; and
- any other statements that relate to non-historical or future information.

All of these types of statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may," "will," "could," "should," "expect," "plan," "project," "intend," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "pursue," "target," "continue," the negative of such other comparable terminology. The forward-looking statements contained in this quarterly report are largely based on our expectations, which reflect estimates and assumptions made by our management. These estimates and assumptions reflect our best judgment based on currently known market conditions and other factors. Although we believe that such estimates are reasonable, they are inherently uncertain and involve a number of risks and uncertainties beyond our control. In addition, assumptions may prove to be inaccurate. We caution that the forward-looking statements contained in this quarterly report are not guarantees of future performance and that such statements may not be realized or the forward-looking statements or events may not occur. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated or implied in forward-looking statements due to factors described in this quarterly report and in the other reports and other information that we file with the SEC. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and other than as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed under “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31,

2014. All forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these risk factors. Other than as required under the securities laws, we assume no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements or provide reasons why actual results may differ.

Introduction

The following discussion and analysis presents management's view of our business, financial condition and overall performance and should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. This information is intended to provide investors with an understanding of our past performance, current financial condition and outlook for the future. Our discussion and analysis include the following subjects:

- Overview of Business
- Overview of Significant Events
- Liquidity and Capital Resources
- Results of Operations
- Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements
- Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates
- Recent Accounting Standards

Overview of Business

Cheniere, a Delaware corporation, is a Houston-based energy company primarily engaged in LNG-related businesses. We own and operate the Sabine Pass LNG terminal in Louisiana through our ownership interest in and management agreements with Cheniere Partners, which is a publicly traded limited partnership that we created in 2007. We own 100% of the general partner interest in Cheniere Partners and 80.1% of Cheniere Holdings, which is a publicly traded limited liability company formed in 2013 that owns a 55.9% limited partner interest in Cheniere Partners. We are currently developing and constructing two natural gas liquefaction and export facilities.

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal is located on the Sabine Pass deepwater shipping channel less than four miles from the Gulf Coast. The Sabine Pass LNG terminal has operational regasification facilities owned by Cheniere Partners' wholly owned subsidiary, SPLNG, that includes existing infrastructure of five LNG storage tanks with capacity of approximately 16.9 Bcfe, two docks that can accommodate vessels with nominal capacity of up to 266,000 cubic meters and vaporizers with regasification capacity of approximately 4.0 Bcf/d. Cheniere Partners is developing and constructing natural gas liquefaction facilities (the "SPL Project") at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal adjacent to the existing regasification facilities through a wholly owned subsidiary, SPL. Cheniere Partners plans to construct up to six Trains, which are in various stages of development. Each Train is expected to have a nominal production capacity of approximately 4.5 mtpa of LNG. Cheniere Partners also owns a 94-mile pipeline that interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate pipelines (the "Creole Trail Pipeline") through a wholly owned subsidiary, CTPL.

We are developing and constructing a second natural gas liquefaction and export facility and pipeline facility on over 1,500 acres of land that we own or control near Corpus Christi, Texas (the "CCL Project") through wholly owned subsidiaries CCL and CCP, respectively. The Corpus Christi LNG terminal is being developed for up to five Trains, with expected aggregate nominal production capacity of approximately 22.5 mtpa of LNG, four LNG storage tanks with capacity of approximately 13.5 Bcfe and two docks that can accommodate vessels with nominal capacity of up to 266,000 cubic meters. The CCL Project is being developed in stages. The first stage ("Stage 1") includes Trains 1 and 2, two LNG storage tanks, one complete marine berth and a second partial berth and all of the CCL Project's necessary infrastructure facilities. The second stage ("Stage 2") includes Train 3, one LNG storage tank and the completion of the second partial berth and the third stage ("Stage 3") includes Trains 4 and 5 and one LNG storage tank. The CCL Project also includes a 23-mile, 48" natural gas supply pipeline that will interconnect the Corpus Christi LNG terminal with several interstate and intrastate natural gas pipelines (the "Corpus Christi Pipeline").

Cheniere Marketing is engaged in the LNG and natural gas marketing business and is seeking to develop a portfolio of long-term, short-term and spot SPAs. Cheniere Marketing has entered into SPAs with SPL and CCL to purchase LNG produced by the SPL Project and the CCL Project.

We are also in various stages of developing other projects, including a liquid hydrocarbon export project in Texas along the Gulf Coast.

Overview of Significant Events

Our significant accomplishments since January 1, 2015 and through the filing date of this Form 10-Q include the following:

Cheniere

We issued an aggregate principal amount of \$625.0 million Convertible Senior Notes due 2045 (the “2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes”) through a registered direct offering. The 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes were issued with an original issue discount of 20% and accrue interest at a rate of 4.25% per annum, which is payable semi-annually in arrears. The net proceeds of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes are being used for general corporate purposes.

Cheniere Marketing and CCL received authorization from the DOE to export up to a combined total of the equivalent of 767 Bcf/yr of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the CCL Project to non-FTA countries for a 20-year term.

CCH entered into a credit facility (the “2015 CCH Credit Facility”) to be used for costs associated with the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the CCL Project, with commitments of \$8.4 billion linked to Stage 1 of the CCL Project and the Corpus Christi Pipeline and an additional \$3.1 billion linked to Stage 2 of the CCL Project.

CCH HoldCo II issued \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of 11% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (the “2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes”), which will be used to pay a portion of the capital costs associated with Stage 1 of the CCL Project and the Corpus Christi Pipeline.

CCL issued a notice to proceed (“NTP”) to Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. (“Bechtel”) under the lump sum turnkey contract for the engineering, procurement and construction of Stage 1 of the CCL Project (the “EPC Contract (CCL Stage 1)”).

We have agreed in principle to partner with Parallax Enterprises, LLC (“Parallax”) to develop up to 11 mtpa of LNG production capacity through Parallax’s two mid-scale natural gas liquefaction projects in Louisiana along the Gulf Coast.

Cheniere Partners

SPL issued an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 (the “2025 SPL Senior Notes”). Net proceeds from the offering will be used to pay a portion of the capital costs associated with the construction of the first four Trains of the SPL Project.

We received authorization from the FERC to site, construct and operate Trains 5 and 6 of the SPL Project.

SPL received authorization from the DOE to export up to a combined total of the equivalent of 503.3 Bcf/yr of domestically produced LNG by vessel from Trains 5 and 6 of the SPL Project to non-FTA countries for a 20-year term.

SPL entered into a lump sum turnkey contract for the engineering, procurement and construction of Train 5 of the SPL Project (the “EPC Contract (Train 5)”).

SPL entered into four credit facilities (collectively, the “2015 SPL Credit Facilities”) totaling \$4.6 billion, which replaced its existing credit facilities. The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities will be used to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into operation Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project.

SPL issued an NTP to Bechtel under the EPC Contract (Train 5).

SPL entered into a \$1.2 billion Amended and Restated Senior Working Capital Revolving Credit and Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement (the “SPL Working Capital Facility”), which replaced the existing Senior Letter of Credit and Reimbursement Agreement that was entered into in April 2014 (the “SPL LC Agreement”). The SPL Working Capital Facility will be used primarily for certain working capital requirements related to developing and placing into operation the SPL Project.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Although results are consolidated for financial reporting, Cheniere, Cheniere Holdings, Cheniere Partners, SPL and SPLNG operate with independent capital structures. We expect the cash needs for at least the next twelve months will be met for each of these independent capital structures as follows:

- SPLNG through operating cash flows, existing unrestricted cash and debt offerings or equity contributions;
 - SPL through project debt and equity financings and operating cash flows;
 - Cheniere Partners through operating cash flows from SPLNG, SPL and CTPL, existing unrestricted cash and debt or equity offerings;
 - Cheniere Holdings through distributions from Cheniere Partners; and
- Cheniere through project financing, existing unrestricted cash, debt and equity offerings by us or our subsidiaries, operating cash flows, services fees from Cheniere Holdings, Cheniere Partners and its other subsidiaries and distributions from our investments in Cheniere Holdings and Cheniere Partners.

As of September 30, 2015, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$1,340.3 million available to Cheniere. In addition, we had current and non-current restricted cash of \$771.1 million (which included current and non-current restricted cash available to CCH HoldCo II, Cheniere Holdings, Cheniere Partners, SPL and SPLNG) designated for the following purposes: \$71.3 million for the CCL Project; \$327.2 million for the SPL Project; \$11.3 million for CTPL; \$129.1 million for interest payments related to the SPLNG Senior Notes described below; and \$232.2 million for other restricted purposes.

In November 2014, we issued an aggregate principal amount of \$1.0 billion Convertible Unsecured Notes due 2021 (the “2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes”). Beginning one year after the closing date, the 2021 Cheniere Convertible Unsecured Notes will be convertible at the option of the holder into our common stock at the then applicable conversion rate, provided that the closing price of our common stock is greater than or equal to the conversion price on the conversion date. The initial conversion price was \$93.64 and is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain specified events. We have the option to satisfy the conversion obligation with cash, common stock or a combination thereof.

In March 2015, we issued the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes. We have the right, at our option, at any time after March 15, 2020, to redeem all or any part of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to the accreted amount of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to such redemption date. The conversion rate will initially equal 7.2265 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes, which corresponds to an initial conversion price of approximately \$138.38 per share of our common stock. The conversion rate is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain specified events. We have the option to satisfy the conversion obligation with cash, common stock or a combination thereof.

We receive management fees from CCL and CCP for managing the construction and operation of the CCL Project. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we received \$1.4 million of management fees from CCL and CCP.

Substantially all of our revenues from external customers and long-lived assets are attributed to or located in the United States.

Cheniere Holdings

Cheniere Holdings was formed by us to hold our Cheniere Partners limited partner interests, thereby allowing us to segregate our lower risk, stable, cash flow generating assets from our higher risk, early stage development projects and marketing activities. As of September 30, 2015, we had an 80.1% direct ownership interest in Cheniere Holdings. We receive dividends on our Cheniere Holdings shares from the distributions that Cheniere Holdings receives from

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Cheniere Partners, and we receive management fees for managing Cheniere Holdings. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we received \$11.0 million in dividends on our Cheniere Holdings common shares and \$0.8 million of management fees from Cheniere Holdings.

Cheniere Partners

Our ownership interest in the Sabine Pass LNG terminal is held through Cheniere Partners. As of September 30, 2015, we own 80.1% of Cheniere Holdings, which owns a 55.9% limited partner interest in Cheniere Partners in the form of 11,963,488

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common units, 45,333,334 Class B units and 135,383,831 subordinated units. We also own 100% of the general partner interest and the incentive distribution rights in Cheniere Partners.

Prior to the initial public offering by Cheniere Holdings, we received quarterly equity distributions from Cheniere Partners related to our limited partner and 2% general partner interests. We will continue to receive quarterly equity distributions from Cheniere Partners related to our 2% general partner interest, and we receive fees for providing services to Cheniere Partners, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we received \$1.5 million in distributions on our general partner interest and \$66.4 million in total service fees from Cheniere Partners, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL.

Cheniere Partners' common unit and general partner distributions are being funded from accumulated operating surplus. We have not received distributions on our subordinated units with respect to the quarters ended on or after June 30, 2010. Cheniere Partners will not make distributions on our subordinated units until it generates additional cash flow from the SPL Project, SPLNG's excess capacity or other new business, which would be used to make quarterly distributions on our subordinated units before any increase in distributions to the common unitholders.

Cheniere Partners' Class B units are subject to conversion, mandatorily or at the option of the Class B unitholders under specified circumstances, into a number of common units based on the then-applicable conversion value of the Class B units. The Cheniere Partners Class B units are not entitled to cash distributions except in the event of a liquidation of Cheniere Partners, a merger, consolidation or other combination of Cheniere Partners with another person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Cheniere Partners. On a quarterly basis beginning on the initial purchase of the Class B units and ending on the conversion date of the Class B units, the conversion value of the Class B units increases at a compounded rate of 3.5% per quarter, subject to an additional upward adjustment for certain equity and debt financings. The accreted conversion ratio of the Class B units owned by Cheniere Holdings and Blackstone CQP Holdco LP ("Blackstone") was 1.57 and 1.54, respectively, as of September 30, 2015. We expect the Class B units to mandatorily convert into common units within 90 days of the substantial completion date of Train 3 of the SPL Project, which Cheniere Partners currently expects to occur before April 30, 2017. If the Class B units are not mandatorily converted by July 2019, the holders of the Class B units have the option to convert the Class B units into common units at that time.

LNG Terminal Business

Sabine Pass LNG Terminal

Regasification Facilities

The Sabine Pass LNG terminal has operational regasification capacity of approximately 4.0 Bcf/d and aggregate LNG storage capacity of approximately 16.9 Bcfe. Approximately 2.0 Bcf/d of the regasification capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal has been reserved under two long-term third-party TUAs, under which SPLNG's customers are required to pay fixed monthly fees, whether or not they use the LNG terminal. Each of Total Gas & Power North America, Inc. ("Total") and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. ("Chevron") has reserved approximately 1.0 Bcf/d of regasification capacity and is obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$125 million annually for 20 years that commenced in 2009. Total S.A. has guaranteed Total's obligations under its TUA up to \$2.5 billion, subject to certain exceptions, and Chevron Corporation has guaranteed Chevron's obligations under its TUA up to 80% of the fees payable by Chevron.

The remaining approximately 2.0 Bcf/d of capacity has been reserved under a TUA by SPL. SPL is obligated to make monthly capacity payments to SPLNG aggregating approximately \$250 million annually, continuing until at least 20 years after SPL delivers its first commercial cargo at the SPL Project.

Under each of these TUAs, SPLNG is entitled to retain 2% of the LNG delivered to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

Liquefaction Facilities

The SPL Project is being developed and constructed at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal adjacent to the existing regasification facilities. We commenced construction of Trains 1 and 2 and the related new facilities needed to treat, liquefy, store and export natural gas in August 2012. Construction of Trains 3 and 4 and the related facilities commenced in May 2013. In April 2015, we received authorization from the FERC to site, construct and operate Trains 5 and 6. In June 2015, we commenced construction of Train 5 and the related facilities.

The DOE has authorized the export of up to a combined total of the equivalent of 16 mtpa (approximately 803 Bcf/yr) of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to FTA countries for a 30-year term and to non-FTA countries for a 20-year term. The DOE further issued an order authorizing SPL to export up to the equivalent of approximately 203 Bcf/yr of domestically produced LNG from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to FTA countries for a 25-year period. SPL's application for authorization to export that same 203 Bcf/yr of domestically produced LNG from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to non-FTA countries is currently pending at the DOE. Additionally, the DOE issued orders authorizing SPL to export up to a combined total of 503.3 Bcf/yr of domestically produced LNG from the Sabine Pass LNG terminal to FTA countries and non-FTA countries for a 20-year term. The Sierra Club has requested a rehearing of the non-FTA order pertaining to the 503.3 Bcf/yr, and the DOE has not yet ruled on this request. In each case, the terms of these authorizations begin on the earlier of the date of first export thereunder or the date specified in the particular order, which ranges from 5 to 10 years from the date the order was issued.

As of September 30, 2015, the overall project completion percentage for Trains 1 and 2 of the SPL Project was approximately 95.2%, which is ahead of the contractual schedule. As of September 30, 2015, the overall project completion percentage for Trains 3 and 4 of the SPL Project was approximately 73.6%, which is also ahead of the contractual schedule. Based on our current construction schedule, we anticipate that Train 1 will produce LNG as early as late 2015, and Trains 2 through 5 are expected to commence operations on a staggered basis thereafter.

Customers

SPL has entered into six fixed price, 20-year SPAs with third parties that in the aggregate equate to approximately 19.75 mtpa of LNG that commence with the date of first commercial delivery for Trains 1 through 5, which are fully permitted. Under these SPAs, the customers will purchase LNG from SPL for a price consisting of a fixed fee plus 115% of Henry Hub per MMBtu of LNG. In certain circumstances, the customers may elect to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes, in which case the customers would still be required to pay the fixed fee with respect to cargoes that are not delivered. A portion of the fixed fee will be subject to annual adjustment for inflation. The SPAs and contracted volumes to be made available under the SPAs are not tied to a specific Train; however, the term of each SPA commences upon the start of operations of the specified Train.

In aggregate, the fixed fee portion to be paid by these customers is approximately \$2.9 billion annually for Trains 1 through 5, with the applicable fixed fees starting from the commencement of commercial operations of the applicable Train. These fixed fees equal approximately \$411 million, \$564 million, \$650 million, \$648 million and \$588 million for each of Trains 1 through 5, respectively.

In addition, Cheniere Marketing has entered into an amended and restated SPA with SPL to purchase, at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by SPL in excess of that required for other customers at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$3.00 per MMBtu of LNG.

Natural Gas Transportation and Supply

For SPL's natural gas feedstock transportation requirements, it has entered into transportation precedent agreements to secure firm pipeline transportation capacity with CTPL and third-party pipeline companies. SPL has also entered into enabling agreements and long-term natural gas purchase agreements with third parties in order to secure natural gas feedstock for the SPL Project. As of September 30, 2015, SPL has secured up to approximately 2,156.6 million MMBtu of natural gas feedstock through long-term natural gas purchase agreements.

Construction

SPL entered into lump sum turnkey contracts with Bechtel for the engineering, procurement and construction of Trains 1 through 5, under which Bechtel charges a lump sum for all work performed and generally bears project cost risk unless certain

specified events occur, in which case Bechtel may cause SPL to enter into a change order, or SPL agrees with Bechtel to a change order.

The total contract prices of the EPC contract for Trains 1 and 2, EPC contract for Trains 3 and 4 and EPC Contract (Train 5) are approximately \$4.1 billion, \$3.8 billion and \$2.9 billion, respectively, reflecting amounts incurred under change orders through September 30, 2015. Total expected capital costs for Trains 1 through 5 are estimated to be between \$12.5 billion and \$13.5 billion before financing costs and between \$17.0 billion and \$18.0 billion after financing costs including, in each case, estimated owner's costs and contingencies.

Pipeline Facilities

During the third quarter of 2015, CTPL completed construction of certain modifications to allow the Creole Trail Pipeline to be able to transport natural gas to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal.

Final Investment Decision on Train 6

We will contemplate making a final investment decision ("FID") to commence construction of Train 6 of the SPL Project based upon, among other things, entering into an EPC contract, entering into acceptable commercial arrangements and obtaining adequate financing to construct the Train.

Capital Resources

We currently expect that SPL's capital resources requirements with respect to Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project will be financed through one or more of the following: borrowings, equity contributions from Cheniere Partners and cash flows under the SPAs. We believe that with the net proceeds of borrowings, unfunded commitments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities, available commitments under the SPL Working Capital Facility and cash flows from operations, we will have adequate financial resources available to complete Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project and to meet its currently anticipated capital, operating and debt service requirements. We currently project that SPL will generate cash flow from the SPL Project by early 2016.

Senior Secured Notes

As of September 30, 2015, Cheniere Partners' subsidiaries had seven series of senior secured notes outstanding (collectively, the "Senior Notes"):

- \$1.7 billion of 7.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2016 issued by SPLNG (the "2016 SPLNG Senior Notes");

- \$0.4 billion of 6.50% Senior Secured Notes due 2020 issued by SPLNG (the "2020 SPLNG Senior Notes" and collectively with the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, the "SPLNG Senior Notes");

- \$2.0 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2021 issued by SPL (the "2021 SPL Senior Notes");

- \$1.0 billion of 6.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2022 issued by SPL (the "2022 SPL Senior Notes");

- \$1.5 billion of 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2023 issued by SPL (the "2023 SPL Senior Notes");

- \$2.0 billion of 5.75% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 issued by SPL (the "2024 SPL Senior Notes" and collectively with the 2021 SPL Senior Notes, the 2022 SPL Senior Notes, the 2023 SPL Senior Notes and the 2025 SPL Senior Notes, the "SPL Senior Notes"); and

- \$2.0 billion of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes.

Interest on the Senior Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears. Subject to permitted liens, the SPLNG Senior Notes are secured on a pari passu first-priority basis by a security interest in all of SPLNG's equity interests and substantially all of SPLNG's operating assets. The SPL Senior Notes are secured on a first-priority basis by a security interest in all of the membership interests in SPL and substantially all of SPL's assets.

SPLNG may redeem all or part of its 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes at any time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal plus any accrued and unpaid interest plus the greater of:

- 1.0% of the principal amount of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes; or

the excess of: (1) the present value at such redemption date of (a) the redemption price of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes plus (b) all required interest payments due on the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the redemption date), computed using a discount rate equal to the treasury rate as of such redemption date plus 50 basis points; over (2) the principal amount of the 2016 SPLNG Senior Notes, if greater.

SPLNG may redeem all or part of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes at any time on or after November 1, 2016 at fixed redemption prices specified in the indenture governing the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. SPLNG may also, at its option, redeem all or part of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes at any time prior to November 1, 2016, at a “make-whole” price set forth in the indenture governing the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. At any time before November 1, 2015, SPLNG may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes at a redemption price of 106.5% of the principal amount of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, in an amount not to exceed the net proceeds of one or more completed equity offerings as long as SPLNG redeems the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes within 180 days of the closing date for such equity offering and at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2020 SPLNG Senior Notes originally issued remains outstanding after the redemption.

At any time prior to three months before the respective dates of maturity for each series of the SPL Senior Notes, SPL may redeem all or part of such series of the SPL Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to the “make-whole” price set forth in the common indenture governing the SPL Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. SPL may also, at any time within three months of the respective maturity dates for each series of the SPL Senior Notes, redeem all or part of such series of the SPL Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of such series of the SPL Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

Under the indentures governing the SPLNG Senior Notes (the “SPLNG Indentures”), except for permitted tax distributions, SPLNG may not make distributions until, among other requirements, deposits are made into debt service reserve accounts and a fixed charge coverage ratio test of 2:1 is satisfied. Under the common indenture governing the SPL Senior Notes, SPL may not make any distributions until, among other requirements, substantial completion of Trains 1 and 2 has occurred, deposits are made into debt service reserve accounts and a debt service coverage ratio test of 1.25:1.00 is satisfied. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, SPLNG made distributions of \$267.9 million and \$237.7 million, respectively, after satisfying all the applicable conditions in the SPLNG Indentures.

The SPL Senior Notes are governed by a common indenture with restrictive covenants. SPL may incur additional indebtedness in the future, including by issuing additional notes, and such indebtedness could be at higher interest rates and have different maturity dates and more restrictive covenants than the current outstanding indebtedness of SPL, including the SPL Senior Notes, the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities and the SPL Working Capital Facility.

2015 SPL Credit Facilities

In June 2015, SPL entered into the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities with commitments aggregating \$4.6 billion. The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities are being used to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into operation Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project. Borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities may be refinanced, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty; however, interest rate hedging and interest rate breakage costs may be incurred. As of September 30, 2015, SPL had \$4.3 billion of available commitments and \$250.0 million of outstanding borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

Loans under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to, at SPL’s election, LIBOR or the base rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for LIBOR loans ranges from 1.30% to

1.75%, depending on the applicable 2015 SPL Credit Facility, and the applicable margin for base rate loans is 1.75%. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at the end of each LIBOR period and interest on base rate loans is due and payable at the end of each quarter. In addition, SPL is required to pay insurance/guarantee premiums of 0.45% per annum on any drawn amounts under the covered tranches of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities. The 2015 SPL Credit Facilities also require SPL to pay a quarterly commitment fee calculated at a rate per annum equal to either: (1) 40% of the applicable margin, multiplied by the average daily amount of the undrawn commitment, or (2) 0.70% of the undrawn commitment, depending on the applicable 2015 SPL Credit Facility. The principal of the loans made under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities must be repaid in quarterly installments, commencing with the earlier of June 30, 2020 and the last day of the first full calendar quarter after the completion date of Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project. Scheduled repayments are based upon an 18-year amortization profile, with the remaining balance due upon the maturity of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

The obligations of SPL under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as all of the membership interests in SPL on a pari passu basis with the SPL Senior Notes and SPL Working Capital Facility.

Under the terms of the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities, SPL is required to hedge not less than 65% of the variable interest rate exposure of its projected outstanding borrowings, calculated on a weighted average basis in comparison to its anticipated draw of principal.

2013 SPL Credit Facilities

In May 2013, SPL entered into four credit facilities aggregating \$5.9 billion (collectively, the “2013 SPL Credit Facilities”) to fund a portion of the costs of developing, constructing and placing into operation Trains 1 through 4 of the SPL Project. In June 2015, the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities were replaced with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

In March 2015, in conjunction with SPL’s issuance of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes, SPL terminated approximately \$1.8 billion of commitments under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities. This termination and the replacement of the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities with the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities in June 2015 resulted in a write-off of debt issuance costs and deferred commitment fees associated with the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities of \$96.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

CTPL Term Loan

CTPL has a \$400.0 million term loan facility (the “CTPL Term Loan”), which was used to fund modifications to the Creole Trail Pipeline and for general business purposes. The CTPL Term Loan matures in 2017 when the full amount of the outstanding principal obligations must be repaid. CTPL’s loan may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty. As of September 30, 2015, CTPL had borrowed the full amount of \$400.0 million available under the CTPL Term Loan. Borrowings under the CTPL Term Loan accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to, at CTPL’s election, LIBOR or the base rate, plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for LIBOR loans is 3.25%. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at the end of each LIBOR period.

SPL Working Capital Facility

In September 2015, SPL entered into a \$1.2 billion SPL Working Capital Facility, which replaced the \$325.0 million SPL LC Agreement. The SPL Working Capital Facility is intended to be used for loans to SPL (“Working Capital Loans”), the issuance of letters of credit on behalf of SPL (“Letters of Credit”), as well as for swing line loans to SPL (“Swing Line Loans”), primarily for certain working capital requirements related to developing and placing into operation the SPL Project. SPL may, from time to time, request increases in the commitments under the SPL Working Capital Facility of up to \$760 million and, upon the completion of the debt financing of Train 6 of the SPL Project, request an incremental increase in commitments of up to an additional \$390 million. As of September 30, 2015, SPL had \$1.1 billion of available commitments, \$127.6 million aggregate amount of issued Letters of Credit and no Working Capital Loans, Swing Line Loans or loans deemed made in connection with a draw upon a Letter of Credit (“LC Loans” and collectively with Working Capital Loans and Swing Line Loans, the “SPL Working Capital Facility Loans”) outstanding under the SPL Working Capital Facility. As of December 31, 2014, SPL had issued letters of credit in an aggregate amount of \$9.5 million, and no draws had been made upon any letters of credit issued under the SPL LC Agreement.

SPL Working Capital Facility Loans accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to LIBOR or the base rate (equal to the highest of the senior facility agent’s published prime rate, the federal funds effective rate, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 0.50% and one month LIBOR plus 0.50%), plus the applicable margin.

The applicable margin for LIBOR SPL Working Capital Facility Loans is 1.75% per annum, and the applicable margin for base rate SPL Working Capital Facility Loans is 0.75% per annum. Interest on Swing Line Loans and LC Loans is due and payable on the date the loan becomes due. Interest on LIBOR Working Capital Loans is due and payable at the end of each applicable LIBOR period, and interest on base rate Working Capital Loans is due and payable at the end of each fiscal quarter. However, if such base rate Working Capital Loan is converted into a LIBOR Working Capital Loan, interest is due and payable on that date. Additionally, if the loans become due prior to such periods, the interest also becomes due on that date.

SPL incurred \$27.5 million of debt issuance costs in connection with the SPL Working Capital Facility. SPL pays (1) a commitment fee on the average daily amount of the excess of the total commitment amount over the principal amount outstanding without giving effect to any outstanding Swing Line Loans in an amount equal to an annual rate of 0.70% and (2) a Letter of Credit

fee equal to an annual rate of 1.75% of the undrawn portion of all Letters of Credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility. If draws are made upon a Letter of Credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility and SPL does not elect for such draw (an "LC Draw") to be deemed an LC Loan, SPL is required to pay the full amount of the LC Draw on or prior to the business day following the notice of the LC Draw. An LC Draw accrues interest at an annual rate of 2.0% plus the base rate. As of September 30, 2015, no LC Draws had been made upon any Letters of Credit issued under the SPL Working Capital Facility.

The SPL Working Capital Facility matures on December 31, 2020, and the outstanding balance may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty upon three business days' notice. LC Loans have a term of up to one year. Swing Line Loans terminate upon the earliest of (1) the maturity date or earlier termination of the SPL Working Capital Facility, (2) the date 15 days after such Swing Line Loan is made and (3) the first borrowing date for a Working Capital Loan or Swing Line Loan occurring at least three business days following the date the Swing Line Loan is made. SPL is required to reduce the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Working Capital Loans to zero for a period of five consecutive business days at least once each year.

The SPL Working Capital Facility contains conditions precedent for extensions of credit, as well as customary affirmative and negative covenants. The obligations of SPL under the SPL Working Capital Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as all of the membership interests in SPL on a pari passu basis with the SPL Senior Notes and 2015 SPL Credit Facilities.

Corpus Christi LNG Terminal

Liquefaction Facilities

The CCL Project is being developed and constructed on over 1,500 acres of land that we own or control near Corpus Christi, Texas. In December 2014, we received authorization from the FERC to site, construct and operate Stages 1 and 2 of the CCL Project. In May 2015, we made a positive FID with respect to Stage 1 of the CCL Project and issued an NTP to Bechtel under the EPC Contract (CCL Stage 1). We recently began the development of Stage 3 of the CCL Project and commenced the regulatory approval process in June 2015.

The DOE has authorized the export of up to a combined total of the equivalent of 767 Bcf/yr of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the CCL Project to FTA countries for a 25-year term and to non-FTA countries for a 20-year term. The Sierra Club has requested a rehearing of the non-FTA order, and the DOE has not yet ruled on this request. Additionally, the DOE has authorized the export of up to a combined total of the equivalent of 514 Bcf/yr of domestically produced LNG by vessel from Stage 3 of the CCL Project to FTA countries for a 20-year term. In each case, the terms of these authorizations begin on the earlier of the date of first export thereunder or the date specified in the particular order, which ranges from 7 to 10 years from the date the order was issued.

As of September 30, 2015, the overall project completion percentage for Stage 1 of the CCL Project was approximately 22.8%, with engineering, procurement and construction approximately 82.0%, 32.0% and less than 1% complete, respectively. The construction of the Corpus Christi Pipeline is planned to commence in 2016.

Customers

CCL has entered into eight fixed price, 20-year SPAs with seven third parties that in the aggregate equate to approximately 8.4 mtpa of LNG that commence with the date of first commercial delivery for Trains 1 through 3, which are fully permitted. Under these eight SPAs, the customers will purchase LNG from CCL for a price consisting of a fixed fee of \$3.50 plus 115% of Henry Hub per MMBtu of LNG. In certain circumstances, the customers may elect to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes, in which case the customers would still be required to pay the fixed fee with respect to cargoes that are not delivered. A portion of the fixed fee will be subject to annual adjustment

for inflation. The SPAs and contracted volumes to be made available under the SPAs are not tied to a specific Train; however, the term of each SPA commences upon the start of operations of a specified Train.

In aggregate, the fixed fee portion to be paid by these customers is approximately \$1.4 billion annually for Trains 1 and 2, and \$1.5 billion if we make a positive FID with respect to Stage 2 of the CCL Project, with the applicable fixed fees starting from the commencement of commercial operations of the applicable Train. These fixed fees equal approximately \$619 million, \$776 million and \$140 million for each of Trains 1 through 3, respectively.

Natural Gas Transportation and Supply

For its natural gas feedstock transportation requirements, CCL has entered into transportation precedent agreements to secure firm pipeline transportation capacity with third party pipeline companies and CCP. CCL has also entered into enabling agreements with third parties and will continue to enter into such agreements in order to secure natural gas feedstock for the CCL Project.

Construction

CCL entered into separate lump sum turnkey contracts with Bechtel for the engineering, procurement and construction of Stages 1 and 2 of the CCL Project under which Bechtel charges a lump sum for all work performed and generally bears project cost risk unless certain specified events occur, in which case Bechtel may cause CCL to enter into a change order, or CCL agrees with Bechtel to a change order. The total contract prices of the EPC contracts for Stages 1 and 2, which do not include the Corpus Christi Pipeline, are approximately \$7.5 billion and \$2.4 billion, respectively, reflecting amounts incurred under change orders through September 30, 2015. Total expected capital costs for Stages 1 and 2 are estimated between \$12.0 billion and \$13.0 billion, before financing costs, and between \$15.0 billion and \$16.0 billion after financing costs including, in each case, estimated owner's costs and contingencies. Total expected capital costs for Stage 1 only are estimated to be between \$9.0 billion and \$10.0 billion, before financing costs, and between \$11.0 billion and \$12.0 billion after financing costs including, in each case, estimated owner's costs and contingencies.

Pipeline Facilities

On December 30, 2014, the FERC issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, as amended, authorizing CCP to construct and operate the Corpus Christi Pipeline. The Corpus Christi Pipeline is designed to transport 2.25 Bcf/d of feed and fuel gas required by the CCL Project from the existing regional natural gas pipeline grid.

Final Investment Decision on Stage 2

We will contemplate making an FID to commence construction of Stage 2 of the CCL Project based upon, among other things, entering into acceptable commercial arrangements.

Capital Resources

We expect to finance the construction costs of the CCL Project from one or more of the following: project financing, existing unrestricted cash, offerings by us or our subsidiaries of debt or equity and operating cash flow.

2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes

In May 2015, CCH HoldCo II issued \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes on a private placement basis. The \$1.0 billion principal of the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes will be used to partially fund costs associated with Stage 1 of the CCL Project and the Corpus Christi Pipeline. The purchasers have made commitments, which will expire on May 1, 2016, to acquire an additional \$500 million of 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes (the "Second Phase Funding") upon satisfaction of incremental customary conditions precedent related to the construction of Stage 2 of the CCL Project. The 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 11.0% per annum, which is payable quarterly in arrears. Prior to the substantial completion of Train 2 of the CCL Project if the Second Phase Funding has not occurred, and to the substantial completion of Train 3 of the CCL Project following the occurrence of the Second Phase Funding, interest

on the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes will be paid entirely in kind. Following this date, the interest generally must be paid in cash; however, a portion of the interest may be paid in kind under certain specified circumstances. The 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes are secured by a pledge by us of 100% of the equity interests in CCH HoldCo II, and a pledge by CCH HoldCo II of 100% of the equity interests in CCH HoldCo I.

At CCH HoldCo II's option, the outstanding 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes are convertible into our common stock on or after the later of (1) 58 months from May 1, 2015, and (2) the substantial completion of Train 2 of the CCL Project and any 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes issued in connection with the Second Phase Funding will be convertible

on or after the substantial completion of Train 3 of the CCL Project (in each case, the “Eligible Conversion Date”). The conversion price for 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes converted at CCH HoldCo II’s option is the lower of (1) a 10% discount to the average of the daily volume-weighted average price (“VWAP”) of our common stock for the 90 trading day period prior to the date on which notice of conversion is provided, and (2) a 10% discount to the closing price of our common stock on the trading day preceding the date on which notice of conversion is provided. At the option of the holders, the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes are convertible on or after the six-month anniversary of the applicable Eligible Conversion Date at a conversion price equal to the average of the daily VWAP of our common stock for the 90 trading day period prior to the date on which notice of conversion is provided. Conversions are also subject to various limitations and conditions.

2015 CCH Credit Facility

In May 2015, CCH entered into the 2015 CCH Credit Facility, which is being used to fund a portion of the costs associated with the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the CCL Project. The total commitment under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility is approximately \$11.5 billion, comprising approximately \$8.4 billion linked to Stage 1 of the CCL Project and the Corpus Christi Pipeline and approximately \$3.1 billion linked to Stage 2 of the CCL Project. Borrowings under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility may be refinanced, in whole or in part, at any time without premium or penalty; however, interest rate hedging and interest rate breakage costs may be incurred. As of September 30, 2015, CCH had \$6.0 billion of available commitments and \$2.4 billion of outstanding borrowings under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility.

The principal of the loans made under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility must be repaid in quarterly installments, commencing on the earlier of (1) the first quarterly payment date occurring more than three calendar months following project completion and (2) a set date determined by reference to the date under which a certain LNG buyer linked to the last Train to become operational is entitled to terminate its SPA for failure to achieve the date of first commercial delivery for that agreement. Scheduled repayments will be based upon a 19-year tailored amortization, commencing the first full quarter after the project completion and designed to achieve a minimum projected fixed debt service coverage ratio of 1.55:1. Loans under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility accrue interest at a variable rate per annum equal to, at CCH’s election, LIBOR or the base rate, plus the applicable margin. The applicable margins for LIBOR loans are 2.25% prior to completion and 2.50% on completion and thereafter. The applicable margins for base rate loans are 1.25% prior to completion and 1.50% on completion and thereafter. Interest on LIBOR loans is due and payable at the end of each applicable interest period and interest on base rate loans is due and payable at the end of each quarter. The 2015 CCH Credit Facility also requires CCH to pay a commitment fee at a rate per annum equal to 40% of the margin for LIBOR loans, multiplied by the outstanding undrawn debt commitments.

The obligations of CCH under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the assets of CCH and its subsidiaries and by a pledge by CCH HoldCo I of its limited liability company interests in CCH.

Under the terms of the 2015 CCH Credit Facility, CCH is required to hedge not less than 65% of the variable interest rate exposure of its senior secured debt.

LNG and Natural Gas Marketing Business

Cheniere Marketing is engaged in the LNG and natural gas marketing business and is seeking to develop a portfolio of long-term, short-term and spot LNG purchase and sale agreements. Cheniere Marketing has purchased, transported and unloaded commercial LNG cargoes into the Sabine Pass LNG terminal and has used trading strategies intended to maximize margins on these cargoes. Cheniere Marketing has secured the following rights and obligations to support its business:

- the right to deliver cargoes to the Sabine Pass LNG terminal during the construction of the SPL Project in exchange for payment of 80% of the expected gross margin from each cargo to Cheniere Investments, a wholly owned

subsidiary of Cheniere Partners;

pursuant to an amended and restated SPA with SPL, the right to purchase, at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by SPL in excess of that required for other customers at a price of 115% of Henry Hub plus \$3.00 per MMBtu of LNG;

pursuant to SPAs with CCL, the right to purchase, at Cheniere Marketing's option, any LNG produced by CCL not required for other customers; and

a portfolio of LNG vessel time charters.

In addition, Cheniere Marketing has sold LNG cargoes to be delivered to multiple counterparties between 2016 and 2018, with delivery obligations conditioned on the performance of the SPL Project. The cargoes have been sold with a portfolio of delivery points, either on a Free on Board basis, delivered to the counterparty at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, or a Delivered at Terminal (“DAT”) basis, delivered to the counterparty’s LNG receiving terminal. Cheniere Marketing has chartered LNG vessels, as described above, to be utilized in DAT transactions. In addition, Cheniere Marketing has also entered into a long-term agreement to sell LNG cargoes on a DAT basis. The agreement is conditioned upon the buyer achieving certain milestones, including reaching an FID related to certain projects and obtaining related financing.

Corporate and Other Activities

We are required to maintain corporate and general and administrative functions to serve our business activities described above. We are also in various stages of developing other projects, including a liquid hydrocarbon export project in Texas along the Gulf Coast. In addition, we have agreed in principle to partner with Parallax to develop up to 11 mtpa of LNG production capacity through Parallax’s two mid-scale natural gas liquefaction projects in Louisiana along the Gulf Coast.

Sources and Uses of Cash

The following table (in thousands) summarizes the sources and uses of our cash and cash equivalents for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The table presents capital expenditures on a cash basis; therefore, these amounts differ from the amounts of capital expenditures, including accruals, which are referred to elsewhere in this report. Additional discussion of these items follows the table.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Sources of cash and cash equivalents		
Proceeds from issuances of long-term debt	\$6,178,000	\$2,584,500
Use of restricted cash for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment	5,330,526	1,980,436
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,279	9,502
Other	1,424	—
Total sources of cash and cash equivalents	11,512,229	4,574,438
Uses of cash and cash equivalents		
Investment in restricted cash	(5,161,701)	(2,254,733)
Property, plant and equipment, net	(5,747,596)	(2,047,957)
Debt issuance and deferred financing costs	(519,699)	(94,220)
Repayments of long-term debt	—	(177,000)
Distributions and dividends to non-controlling interest	(60,154)	(59,478)
Payments related to tax withholdings for share-based compensation	(44,305)	(44,516)
Operating cash flow	(274,577)	(41,050)
Other	(111,518)	(24,670)
Total uses of cash and cash equivalents	(11,919,550)	(4,743,624)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(407,321)	(169,186)
Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period	1,747,583	960,842
Cash and cash equivalents—end of period	\$1,340,262	\$791,656

Proceeds from Issuances of Long-Term Debt, Debt Issuance and Deferred Financing Costs and Repayments of Long-Term Debt

In March 2015, SPL issued an aggregate principal amount of \$2.0 billion of the 2025 SPL Senior Notes. Also in March 2015, we issued an aggregate principal amount of \$625.0 million of the 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes, with an original issue discount of 20%, for net proceeds of \$495.7 million. In May 2015, CCH HoldCo II issued an aggregate principal amount of \$1.0 billion of the 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes. Also in May 2015, CCH entered into the 2015 CCH Credit Facility and borrowed \$2.4 billion under this facility during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. In June 2015, SPL entered into the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities aggregating \$4.6 billion, which terminated and replaced the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities, and borrowed \$250.0 million under this facility during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Debt issuance and deferred financing costs in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 primarily relate to up-front fees paid upon the closing of these transactions.

In May 2014, SPL issued the 2024 SPL Senior Notes and additional 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2023 in an aggregate principal amount of \$0.5 billion (the “Additional 2023 SPL Senior Notes”) for total net proceeds of approximately \$2.5 billion. Debt issuance and deferred financing costs in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 primarily relate to up-front fees paid upon the closing of this offering in May 2014.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, SPL repaid its \$177.0 million of borrowings under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities upon the issuance of the Additional 2023 SPL Senior Notes and the 2024 SPL Senior Notes.

Use of Restricted Cash for the Acquisition of Property, Plant and Equipment and Property, Plant and Equipment, net

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we used \$5,330.5 million and \$1,980.4 million, respectively, of restricted cash for investing activities to partially fund \$5,747.6 million and \$2,048.0 million used for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These costs primarily related to the construction costs for Trains 1 through 5 of the SPL Project and Stage 1 of the CCL Project and are capitalized as construction-in-process.

Investment in Restricted Cash

In the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we invested \$5,161.7 million in restricted cash primarily related to the net proceeds from the 2025 SPL Senior Notes, 2045 Cheniere Convertible Senior Notes, 2025 CCH HoldCo II Convertible Senior Notes and the borrowings under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities and 2015 CCH Credit Facility, net of deferred financing costs. These proceeds were partially offset by the payment of distributions to non-controlling interest. In the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we invested \$2,254.7 million in restricted cash primarily related to the net proceeds from the 2024 SPL Senior Notes and the Additional 2023 SPL Senior Notes issued in May 2014.

Distributions and Dividends to Non-controlling Interest

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, Cheniere Partners and Cheniere Holdings, collectively, made distributions and paid dividends of \$60.2 million and \$59.5 million, respectively, to non-affiliated common unitholders and common shareholders.

Payments Related to Tax Withholdings for Share-based Compensation

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we used \$44.3 million and \$44.5 million, respectively, of cash and cash equivalents to purchase restricted stock that was returned to us by employees to cover taxes related to

their restricted stock that vested during such periods.

Operating Cash Flow

We had a cash outflow from operating activities of \$274.6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to a cash outflow of \$41.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2014. This increase in operating cash outflows primarily related to amounts paid upon meeting the contingency related to the interest rate swaps we entered into to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility (“CCH Interest Rate Derivatives”) and settlement of other derivative instruments, the timing of amounts paid to third parties for the construction of the SPL Project and the CCL Project and increased payments made for general and administrative costs.

Other

Other cash outflows increased from \$24.7 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 to \$111.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily for payments made to a municipal water district for water system enhancements that will increase potable water supply to our Sabine Pass LNG terminal, advances made under our EPC contracts and investments made in connection with the mid-scale natural gas liquefaction projects being developed with Parallax.

Issuance of Common Stock

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we issued 19,000 and 0.5 million shares, respectively, of restricted stock to new and existing employees and members of our board of directors.

Results of Operations

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 vs. Three Months Ended September 30, 2014

Our consolidated net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$297.8 million, or \$1.31 per share (basic and diluted), in the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to a net loss attributable to common stockholders of \$89.6 million, or \$0.40 per share (basic and diluted), in the three months ended September 30, 2014. This \$208.2 million increase in net loss was primarily a result of increased derivative loss, net, increased interest expense, net of amounts capitalized and increased general and administrative expense ("G&A Expense"), which was partially offset by decreased operating and maintenance expense (income).

Derivative loss, net increased \$166.9 million from a gain of \$5.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 to a loss of \$161.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015, primarily as a result of a decrease in long-term LIBOR during the three months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to an increase in long-term LIBOR during the three months ended September 30, 2014, as well as an increased notional amount of interest rate derivatives outstanding. Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized increased \$46.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014, primarily as a result of an increase in our indebtedness outstanding as of September 30, 2015 compared to September 30, 2014. For the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we incurred \$286.0 million and \$154.8 million of total interest cost, respectively, of which we capitalized and deferred \$192.4 million and \$107.9 million, respectively, which were directly related to the construction of the SPL Project and CCL Project. G&A Expense increased \$23.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2014, primarily due to increased compensation expense as a result of increased headcount.

Partially offsetting the above increase in expenses, operating and maintenance expense (income) decreased \$32.2 million due to a \$32.2 million increase in fair value for our natural gas purchase agreements recorded for the period, which we recognized following the completion and placement into service of certain modifications to the Creole Trail Pipeline and the resulting development of a market for physical gas delivery at locations specified in a portion of our natural gas purchase agreements. Excluding this amount, operating and maintenance expense would have been \$25.9 million during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, which was a result of the expenses incurred to purchase LNG to maintain the cryogenic readiness of the regasification facilities at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal, which we did not incur during the three months ended September 30, 2015, offset primarily by the increase in expenses related to LNG vessel time charters by Cheniere Marketing during the three months ended September 30, 2015.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 vs. Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014

Our consolidated net loss attributable to common stockholders was \$684.0 million, or \$3.02 per share (basic and diluted), in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to a net loss attributable to common stockholders of \$389.3 million, or \$1.74 per share (basic and diluted), in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. This \$294.7 million increase in net loss was primarily a result of increased derivative loss, net, increased interest expense, net of amounts capitalized and increased G&A Expense, which was partially offset by decreased operating and maintenance expense.

Derivative loss, net increased \$152.9 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The derivative loss recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was primarily

attributable to the loss recognized upon meeting the contingency related to the CCH Interest Rate Derivatives, as well as the loss recognized in March 2015 upon the termination of interest rate swaps associated with approximately \$1.8 billion of commitments that were terminated under the 2013 SPL Credit Facilities. Additionally, both the increase to the notional amount of interest rate derivatives outstanding and the decrease in long-term LIBOR during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 that was more significant than the decrease in long-term LIBOR during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 contributed to the increase in derivative loss, net.

Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized increased \$107.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014, primarily as a result of an increase in our indebtedness outstanding as of September 30, 2015 compared to September 30, 2014. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, we incurred \$707.8 million and \$423.8 million of total interest cost, respectively, of which we capitalized and deferred \$469.2 million and \$292.8 million, respectively, which were directly related to the construction of the SPL Project and CCL Project. G&A Expense increased \$47.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2014, primarily due to increased professional fees and increased compensation expense as a result of increased headcount.

Partially offsetting the above increase in expenses, operating and maintenance expense decreased \$19.9 million due to a \$32.2 million increase in fair value for our natural gas purchase agreements recorded for the period, which we recognized following the completion and placement into service of certain modifications to the Creole Trail Pipeline and the resulting development of a market for physical gas delivery at locations specified in a portion of our natural gas purchase agreements. Excluding this amount, operating and maintenance expense would have been \$81.5 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase of \$12.2 million compared to \$69.3 million incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was primarily a result of the increase in expenses related to LNG vessel time charters by Cheniere Marketing in the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 30, 2015, we had no transactions that met the definition of off-balance sheet arrangements that may have a current or future material effect on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. There have been no significant changes to our critical accounting estimates from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Recent Accounting Standards

For descriptions of recently issued accounting standards, see Part 1. Financial Information, Item 1. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 14—Recent Accounting Standards.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Cash Investments

We have cash investments that we manage based on internal investment guidelines that emphasize liquidity and preservation of capital. Such cash investments are stated at historical cost, which approximates fair market value on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Marketing and Trading Commodity Price Risk

We have entered into:

- commodity derivatives to hedge the exposure to price risk attributable to future: (1) sales of our LNG inventory and (2) purchases of natural gas to operate the Sabine Pass LNG terminal (“Natural Gas Derivatives”);

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commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas purchase agreements to secure natural gas feedstock for the SPL Project (“Liquefaction Supply Derivatives”); and financial derivatives to hedge the exposure to the commodity markets in which we have contractual arrangements to purchase or sell physical LNG (“LNG Trading Derivatives”).

We use one-day value at risk (“VaR”) with a 95% confidence interval and other methodologies for market risk measurement and control purposes of our Natural Gas Derivatives. The VaR is calculated using the Monte Carlo simulation method. The VaR related to our Natural Gas Derivatives was \$0.2 million as of September 30, 2015.

In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives to changes in underlying commodity prices, management modeled a 10% change in the basis price for natural gas for each delivery location. As of September 30, 2015, we estimated the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives to be \$33.8 million. Based on actual derivative contractual volumes, a 10% increase or decrease in underlying basis price would have resulted in a change in the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives of \$0.9 million as of September 30, 2015.

In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the LNG Trading Derivatives to changes in underlying commodity prices, management modeled a 10% change in the basis price for natural gas for each delivery point. As of September 30, 2015, we estimated the fair value of the LNG Trading Derivatives to be \$0.1 million. Based on actual derivative contractual volumes, a 10% increase or decrease in underlying basis price would have resulted in a change in the fair value of the LNG Trading Derivatives of \$1.0 million as of September 30, 2015.

Interest Rate Risk

SPL has entered into interest rate swaps to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under the 2015 SPL Credit Facilities (“SPL Interest Rate Derivatives”). In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives to changes in interest rates, management modeled a 10% change in the forward 1-month LIBOR curve across the remaining term of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives. This 10% change in interest rates would have resulted in a change in the fair value of the SPL Interest Rate Derivatives of \$2.6 million as of September 30, 2015.

CCH has entered into the CCH Interest Rate Derivatives to hedge the exposure to volatility in a portion of the floating-rate interest payments under the 2015 CCH Credit Facility. In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the CCH Interest Rate Derivatives to changes in interest rates, management modeled a 10% change in the forward 1-month LIBOR curve across the remaining term of the CCH Interest Rate Derivatives. This 10% change in interest rates would have resulted in a change in the fair value of the CCH Interest Rate Derivatives of \$52.3 million as of September 30, 2015.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain a set of disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports filed by us under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. As of the end of the period covered by this report, we evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

During the most recent fiscal quarter, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Cheniere may in the future be involved as a party to various legal proceedings, which are incidental to the ordinary course of business. Cheniere regularly analyzes current information and, as necessary, provide accruals for probable liabilities on the eventual disposition of these matters.

Please see Part II, Item 1, “Legal Proceedings” in the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2015.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Purchase of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

The following table summarizes stock repurchases for the three months ended September 30, 2015:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid Per Share (2)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as a Part of Publicly Announced Plans	Maximum Number of Units That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans
July 1 - 31, 2015	88,283	\$68.26	—	—
August 1 - 31, 2015	465,004	\$68.46	—	—
September 1 - 30, 2015	842	\$43.30	—	—
Total	554,129	\$68.40	—	—

Represents shares surrendered to us by participants in our share-based compensation plans to settle the participants’ (1) personal tax liabilities that resulted from the lapsing of restrictions on shares awarded to the participants under these plans.

(2) The price paid per share was based on the closing trading price of our common stock on the dates on which we repurchased shares from the participants under our share-based compensation plans.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Compliance Disclosure

Pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Exchange Act, if during the quarter ended September 30, 2015, we or any of our affiliates had engaged in certain transactions with Iran or with persons or entities designated under certain executive orders, we would be required to disclose information regarding such transactions in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as required under Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (“ITRA”). During the quarter ended September 30, 2015, we did not engage in any transactions with Iran or with persons or entities related to Iran.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 2 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of December 20, 2012, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: the Change Order CO-00019 East Meter Piping Tie-ins, dated August 26, 2015 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 333-192373), filed on October 30, 2015)
10.2	Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 3 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of May 4, 2015, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: the Change Order CO-00002 Credit to EPC Contract Value for TSA Work, dated September 17, 2015 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 333-192373), filed on October 30, 2015)
10.3	Amended and Restated Senior Working Capital Revolving Credit and Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement, dated as of September 4, 2015, among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as Borrower, The Bank of Nova Scotia, as Senior Issuing Bank and Senior Facility Agent, ABN Amro Capital USA LLC, HSBC Bank USA, National Association and ING Capital LLC, as Senior Issuing Banks, Société Générale, as Swing Line Lender, Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee, and the senior lenders party thereto from time to time and for the benefit of HSBC Bank USA, National Association, ING Capital LLC, Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A. and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, as Joint Lead Arrangers, Joint Lead Bookrunners, and Co-Documentation Agents, ABN Amro Capital USA LLC, The Bank of Nova Scotia, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, LTD. and Société Générale, as Joint Lead Arrangers, Joint Lead Bookrunners, and Co-Syndication Agents, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, New York Branch and Lloyds Bank PLC, as Mandated Lead Arrangers, and Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, New York Branch, as Manager (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.'s Current Report on Form 8-K (SEC File No. 001-33366), filed on September 11, 2015)
10.4*	Change orders to the Fixed Price Separated Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Corpus Christi Stage 1 Liquefaction Facility, dated as of December 6, 2013, between Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (1) the Change Order CO-00005 Revised Buildings to Include Jetty and Geo-Tech Impact to Buildings, dated June 4, 2015, (2) the Change Order CO-00006 Marine and Dredging Execution Change, dated June 16, 2015, (3) the Change Order CO-00007 Temporary Laydown Areas, AEP Substation Relocation, Power Monitoring System for Substation, Bollards for Power Line Poles, Multiplex Interface for AEP Hecker Station, dated June 30, 2015, (4) the Change Order CO-00008 West Jetty Shroud and Fencing, Temporary Strainers on Loading Arms, Breasting and Mooring Analysis, Addition of Crossbar from Platform at Ethylene Bullets to Platform for PSV Deck, Reduction of Vapor Fence at Bed 22, Relocation of Gangway Tower, Changes in Dolphin Size, dated July 28, 2015, (5) the Change Order CO-00009 Post FEED Studies, dated July 1, 2015, (6) the Change Order CO-00010 Additional Post FEED Studies, Feed Gas ESD Valve Bypass, Flow Meter on Bog Line, Additional Simulations, FERC #43, dated July 1, 2015, (7) the Change Order CO-00011 Credit to EPC Contract Value for TSA Work, dated July 7, 2015, and (8) the Change Order CO-00012 Reduction of Provisional Sum for Operating Spares, Liquid Condensate Tie-In, Automatic Shut-Off Valve in Condensate Truck Fill Line, Firewater Monitor and Hydrant Coverage Test, dated August 11, 2015 (Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the SEC pursuant to a request for confidential treatment)
10.5*†+	Cheniere Energy, Inc. Retirement Policy
10.6†	Cheniere Energy, Inc. 2015 Employee Inducement Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (SEC File No. 333-207651), filed on October 29, 2015)

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- 10.7*† Form of Cheniere Energy, Inc. 2015 Employee Inducement Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Grant - US Form
- 10.8*† Form of Cheniere Energy, Inc. 2015 Employee Inducement Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Grant - UK Form
- 10.9* Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated July 23, 2015, between Endesa S.A. (Buyer) and Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (Seller)
- 10.10* Amendment No. 2 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated July 23, 2015, between Endesa S.A. (Buyer) and Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (Seller)
- 10.11* Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated July 24, 2015, between Woodside Energy Trading Singapore PTE Ltd (Buyer) and Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (Seller)
- 10.12* Amendment No. 2 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated July 15, 2015, between Électricité de France, S.A. and Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (Seller)
- 10.13 Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 28, 2015, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (Seller) and Total Gas & Power North America, Inc. (Buyer) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cheniere Energy Partner, L.P.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 001-33366), filed on October 30, 2015)

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Exhibit No.	Description
10.14	Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated September 11, 2015, between Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC (Seller) and Centrica plc (Buyer) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cheniere Energy Partner, L.P.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 001-33366), filed on October 30, 2015)
10.15	Nomination and Standstill Agreement, dated August 21, 2015, by and between Cheniere Energy, Inc., Icahn Partners Master Fund LP, Icahn Partners LP, Icahn Onshore LP, Icahn Offshore LP, Icahn Capital LP, IPH GP LLC, Icahn Enterprises Holdings LP, Icahn Enterprises G.P. Inc., Beckton Corp., High River Limited Partnership, Hopper Investments LLC, Barberry Corp., Carl C. Icahn, Jonathan Christodoro and Samuel Merksamer (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (SEC File No. 001-16383), filed on August 24, 2015)
10.16	Omnibus Amendment, dated as of September 24, 2015, to the Second Amended and Restated Common Terms Agreement among Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC, as Borrower, the representatives and agents from time to time parties thereto, and Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee and Intercreditor Agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Cheniere Energy Partner, L.P.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (SEC File No. 001-33366), filed on October 30, 2015)
31.1*	Certification by Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act
31.2*	Certification by Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act
32.1**	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2**	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

* Filed herewith.

** Furnished herewith.

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

+ This exhibit corrects the exhibit previously filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 17, 2015.

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.

CHENIERE ENERGY, INC.

Date: October 29, 2015 By: /s/ Michael J. Wortley
Michael J. Wortley
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(on behalf of the registrant and
as principal financial officer)

Date: October 29, 2015 By: /s/ Leonard Travis
Leonard Travis
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
(on behalf of the registrant and
as principal accounting officer)