Monroe Pipeline LLC Form S-4/A January 22, 2015

Use these links to rapidly review the document TABLE OF CONTENTS

Table of Contents

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 21, 2015

Registration No. 333-200605

80-0162034

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549 Amendment No. 1

FORM S-4

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION*

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

1311

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

1615 Wynkoop Street Denver, Colorado 80202 (303) 357-7310

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

Glen C. Warren, Jr.
President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
1615 Wynkoop Street
Denver, Colorado 80202
(303) 357-7310

(Name, Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

Copies to: W. Matthew Strock Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. 1001 Fannin, Suite 2500 Houston, Texas 77002-6760 (713) 758-2222

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the securities being registered on this Form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box. o

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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

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

If applicable, place an X in the box to designate the appropriate rule provision relied upon in conducting this transaction:

Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issue Tender Offer) \(\) o

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer) \(\) o

Each registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

*TABLE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT GUARANTORS

	State or Other	
	Jurisdiction of Incorporation or	IRS Employer Identification
Exact Name of Registrant Guarantors(1)	Formation	Number
Antero Water LLC	Delaware	47-2263453
AR OHIO LLC	Delaware	47-2260793
Monroe Pipeline LLC	Delaware	46-0608234

(1)
The address for each of the Registrant Guarantors is 1615 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, and the telephone number for each of the Registrant Guarantors is (303) 357-7310. The Primary Industrial Classification Code for each of the Registrant Guarantors is 4922.

Table of Contents

The information in this prospectus may change. We may not complete the Exchange Offer and issue these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 21, 2015

PROSPECTUS

Antero Resources Corporation

Offer to Exchange
Up to \$1,100,000,000 of
5.125% Senior Notes due 2022

That Have Not Been Registered Under the Securities Act,
which are referred to as the "old notes,"
for
Up to \$1,100,000,000 of
5.125% Senior Notes due 2022

That Have Been Registered Under the Securities Act,
which are referred to as the "new notes"

Terms of the New 5.125% Senior Notes due 2022 Offered in the Exchange Offer:

The terms of the new notes are substantially identical to the terms of the old notes that were issued on May 6, 2014 and September 4, 2014, except that the new notes will be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and will not contain restrictions on transfer, registration rights or provisions for additional interest.

Terms of the Exchange Offer:

We are offering to exchange up to \$1,100,000,000 of our old notes for an equal principal amount of new notes with substantially identical terms that have been registered under the Securities Act and are freely tradable.

We will exchange old notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn before the Exchange Offer expires for an equal principal amount of new notes.

The Expiration Date for the Exchange Offer is 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on , 2015, unless extended.

Tenders of old notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration of the Exchange Offer.

The exchange of new notes for old	d notes will not be a taxable event for U.	S. federal income tax purposes.
We will not receive any proceeds	from the Exchange Offer.	
You should carefully consider the risks set for in the Exchange Offer.	rth under "Risk Factors" beginning o	n page 8 of this prospectus before participating
Each broker-dealer that receives new notes for it prospectus in connection with any resale of such new used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities of the connection with resales of the	notes. This prospectus, as it may be amenew notes received in exchange for old r	ended or supplemented from time to time, may be notes where such old notes were acquired by such
Neither the Securities and Exchange Commis securities or determined if this prospectus is truthf		
The date o	f this prospectus is	, 2015

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS	<u>i</u>
CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS PROSPECTUS	i
CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS	i
PROSPECTUS SUMMARY	1
RISK FACTORS	8
<u>USE OF PROCEEDS</u>	<u>17</u>
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES	<u>18</u>
THE EXCHANGE OFFER	<u>19</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION OF NOTES</u>	<u>27</u>
BOOK ENTRY, DELIVERY AND FORM	89
CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES	<u>92</u>
PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION	<u>93</u>
<u>LEGAL MATTERS</u>	<u>95</u>
<u>EXPERTS</u>	<u>95</u>
WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION	<u>96</u>
ANNEX A: LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL	<u>A-1</u>

This prospectus incorporates by reference business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of these filings, other than an exhibit to these filings unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference into the filing, upon written or oral request and at no cost. Requests should be made by writing us at the following address: 1615 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, or by calling

(303) 357-7310. To obtain timely delivery, you must request the information no later than , 2015.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-4 that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). This prospectus does not contain all of the information found in the registration statement. Before you decide to participate in this Exchange Offer, please review the full registration statement, including the information set forth under the heading the "Risk Factors" beginning on page 8 of this prospectus, the documents described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus, the exhibits to the registration statement and any additional information you may need to make your investment decision. You should rely only on the information contained in the registration statement, including this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any other information and if anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date as set forth on the front cover. Our business, financial condition and results of operations may have changed since that date. We will disclose any material changes to such in an amendment to this prospectus or a prospectus supplement.

We are not making an offer to sell these securities or soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making that offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation.

We are not making any representation to you regarding the legality of your participation in the Exchange Offer under applicable law. You should consult with your own legal advisors as to the legal, tax, business, financial and related aspects of participating in the Exchange Offer.

CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS PROSPECTUS

All references to "Antero," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Antero Resources Corporation, a Delaware corporation, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information in this prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this prospectus, regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used, the words "could," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "project" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements described under the heading "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, which is incorporated by reference herein. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current belief, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events.

Forward-looking statements may include statements about our:	
business strategy;	
reserves;	
ii	

Table of Contents

financial strategy, liquidity and capital required for our development program;
realized natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and oil prices;
timing and amount of future production of natural gas, NGLs and oil;
hedging strategy and results;
future drilling plans;
competition and government regulations;
pending legal or environmental matters;
marketing of natural gas, NGLs and oil;
leasehold or business acquisitions;
costs of developing our properties and conducting our midstream operations;
general economic conditions;
credit markets;
uncertainty regarding our future operating results; and
plans, objectives, expectations and intentions contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus that are not historical.

We caution you that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control, incident to the exploration for and development, production, gathering and sale of natural gas, NGLs, and oil. These risks include, but are not limited to, commodity price volatility, inflation, lack of availability of drilling and production equipment and services, environmental risks, drilling and other operating risks, marketing and transportation risks, regulatory changes, the uncertainty inherent in estimating natural gas, NGLs, and oil reserves and in projecting future rates of production, cash flow and access to capital, the timing of development expenditures, and the other risks described under the heading "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Reserve engineering is a process of estimating underground accumulations of natural gas, NGLs, and oil that cannot be measured in an exact way. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, the interpretation of such data and price and cost assumptions made by reservoir engineers. In addition, the results of drilling, testing and production activities may justify revisions of estimates that were made previously. If significant, such revisions would change the schedule of any further production and development drilling. Accordingly, reserve estimates may differ significantly from the quantities of natural gas, NGLs, and oil that are ultimately recovered.

Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described or incorporated by reference in this prospectus occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.

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

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

iii

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information about us and the Exchange Offer. You should carefully read the entire prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus for a more complete understanding of our business and terms of the notes, as well as the tax and other considerations that are important to you, before making an investment decision. You should pay special attention to the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 8 of this prospectus and the risk factors described under the heading "Risk Factors" included in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Our Company

Overview

We are an independent oil and natural gas company engaged in the exploitation, development and acquisition of natural gas, NGLs, and oil properties located in the Appalachian Basin.

For additional information regarding our company and our financial statements, see "Where You Can Find More Information."

Principal Executive Offices

Our principal executive offices are located at 1615 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, and our telephone number is (303) 357-7310. Our website address is *www.anteroresouces.com*. Except for information specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus that may be accessed from our website, the information on our website is not part of this prospectus, and you should rely only on information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus when making a decision as to whether or not to tender your notes.

The Exchange Offer

The following summary contains basic information about the Exchange Offer and is not intended to be complete. For a more complete understanding of the Exchange Offer, please refer to the section entitled "The Exchange Offer" in this prospectus.

On May 6, 2014 and September 4, 2014, we, issued \$600 million and \$500 million, respectively, in aggregate principal amount of 5.125% Senior Notes due 2022, which we refer to herein as the "old notes." Certain of our subsidiaries guaranteed the old notes. The old notes were issued, and the new notes will be issued, under the Indenture (as such term is defined herein).

At closing of the old notes offerings on May 6, 2014 and September 18, 2014, we and the subsidiary guarantors entered into Registration Rights Agreements dated May 6, 2014 and September 18, 2014 (the "Registration Rights Agreements") with the initial purchasers in the private offerings, pursuant to which all of us agreed to deliver to you this prospectus and use our commercially reasonable efforts to complete the Exchange Offer by May 6, 2015.

Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange the new notes for the old notes.

Expiration Date

The Exchange Offer will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on , 2015, unless

we decide to extend it (such date and time, as may be extended from time to time, the

"Expiration Date").

Condition to the Exchange Offer

The Registration Rights Agreements do not require us to accept old notes for exchange if the exchange offer, or the making of any exchange by a holder of the old notes, would violate any applicable law or interpretation of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Exchange Offer is conditioned upon the effectiveness of this registration statement and certain other customary conditions, as discussed in "The Exchange Offer Conditions to the Exchange Offer."

The Exchange Offer is not conditioned on a minimum aggregate principal amount of old notes being tendered.

Consequences If You Do Not Exchange Your Old Notes

Old notes that are not tendered in the Exchange Offer or that are not accepted for exchange will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer described in the legend on your old notes. In general, you may only offer or sell the old notes if they are registered under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws, or offered and sold under an exemption from these requirements. After the completion of the Exchange Offer, we will no longer have an obligation to register the old notes, except in limited circumstances as required by the Registration Rights Agreements. The tender of old notes under the Exchange Offer will reduce the principal amount of the currently outstanding old notes. The corresponding reduction in liquidity may have an adverse effect upon, and increase the volatility of, the market price of any old notes that you continue to hold following completion of the Exchange Offer.

Table of Contents

Procedures for Tendering Old Notes

For more information, see "The Exchange Offer Consequences of Not Tendering." To participate in the Exchange Offer, you must follow the procedures established by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") for tendering notes held in book-entry form. These procedures for using DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP") require that (i) the Exchange Agent receive, prior to the Expiration Date of the Exchange Offer, a computer-generated message known as an "agent's message" that is transmitted through DTC's automated tender offer program, and (ii) DTC confirms that:

DTC has received your instructions to exchange your notes; and

you agree to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal.

For more information on tendering your old notes, see "The Exchange Offer Terms of the

Exchange Offer" and "The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering." None.

Guaranteed Delivery Procedures

Withdrawal of Tenders

Acceptance of Old Notes and Delivery of New Notes

Fees and Expenses

Use of Proceeds

You may withdraw your tender of old notes at any time prior to the Expiration Date. Any withdrawn old notes will be credited to the tendering holder's account at DTC or, if the withdrawn old notes are held in certificated form, will be returned to the tendering holder. We will accept for exchange any and all old notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn prior to 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the Expiration Date. Please see "The Exchange Offer Withdrawal of Tenders."

If you fulfill all conditions required for proper acceptance of old notes, we will accept any and all old notes that you validly tender in the Exchange Offer before 11:59 p.m., New York City time, on the Expiration Date. We will return any old notes that we do not accept for exchange to you without expense promptly after the Expiration Date and acceptance of the old notes for exchange. Please refer to the section in this prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer Terms of the Exchange Offer."

We will bear expenses related to the Exchange Offer. Please see "The Exchange Offer Fees and

Expenses." The issuance of the new notes will not provide us with any new proceeds. We are making this

Exchange Offer solely to satisfy our obligations under the Registration Rights Agreements.

Table of Contents

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

Exchange Agent

The exchange of new notes for old notes in the Exchange Offer will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Please see "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences."

We have appointed Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer (the "Exchange Agent"). You should direct questions and requests for assistance and requests for additional copies of this prospectus or the letter of transmittal to the Exchange Agent addressed as follows:

By Registered & Certified Mail: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Corporate Trust Operations

MAC N9303-121 PO Box 1517

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480 By regular mail or overnight courier:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Corporate Trust Operations

MAC N9303-121 Sixth & Marquette Avenue

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55479

In person by hand only: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

12th Floor Northstar East Building

Corporate Trust Operations 608 Second Avenue South Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Eligible institutions may make requests by facsimile at (877) 407-4679 and may confirm facsimile delivery by calling (800) 344-5128.

Terms of the New Notes

The following summary contains basic information about the new notes and is not intended to be complete. For a more complete understanding of the new notes, please refer to the section entitled "Description of Notes" in this prospectus.

The new notes will be substantially identical to the old notes, except that the new notes are registered under the Securities Act and will not have restrictions on transfer, registration rights or provisions for additional interest. The new notes will evidence the same debt as the old notes, and the same Indenture will govern the new notes and the old notes. We refer to the new notes and the old notes collectively as the "notes."

Issuer Antero Resources Corporation

Notes Offered \$1,100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.125% Senior Notes due 2022.

Maturity Date December 1, 2022.

Interest Rate 5.125%

Interest Payment Dates Interest on the new notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of

each year with the initial interest date being June 1, 2015. Interest will accrue on the new notes

from December 1, 2014.

Ranking The new notes, like the old notes, will be our general senior unsecured obligations and:

will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other senior indebtedness (including our credit facility and our existing senior notes); and

will rank senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness.

The guarantees of the new notes will be the guarantors' general senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of the other senior indebtedness of the guarantors.

The new notes and guarantees will effectively rank junior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors' existing and future secured indebtedness, including guarantees under our credit facility, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

The new notes and guarantees will be structurally subordinated to any liabilities (including trade payables) of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.

Table of Contents

Guarantees

Optional Redemption

Mandatory Offers to Purchase

Certain Covenants

The payment of the principal, premium and interest on the notes is currently fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all of our wholly owned subsidiaries. Any wholly owned domestic subsidiary of ours formed after the issue date of the old notes and any domestic subsidiary of ours that guarantees any of our indebtedness or the indebtedness of any subsidiary guarantor (in each case, other than an immaterial subsidiary) will also guarantee the notes. See "Description of Notes Guarantees."

We have the option to redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after June 1, 2017, in each case at the redemption prices described herein under the heading "Description of Notes Optional Redemption."

In addition, on or prior to June 1, 2017, we may, from time to time, redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes, but in an amount not greater than the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, at a redemption price equal to 105.125% of the principal amount of the notes, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of such redemption. At any time prior to June 1, 2017, we may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at a "make-whole" redemption price described under "Description of Notes Optional Redemption," together with any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of such redemption. If certain transactions that would constitute a change of control occur prior to December 1, 2015, we may redeem all, but not less than all, of the notes at a redemption price equal to 110% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of such redemption.

Upon the occurrence of a change of control, holders of the notes may have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes, together with any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase. In connection with certain asset dispositions, we will be required to use the net cash proceeds of the asset dispositions to make an offer to purchase the notes at 100% of the principal amount, together with any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of purchase.

The Indenture governing the notes, among other things, limits our ability and the ability of our restricted subsidiaries to:

incur, assume or guarantee additional indebtedness or issue preferred stock;

pay dividends on equity securities, repurchase equity securities or redeem subordinated indebtedness;

7

Table of Contents

issue certain preferred stock or similar equity securities;
make investments or other restricted payments;
create liens to secure indebtedness;
restrict dividends, loans or other asset transfers from our restricted subsidiaries;
sell or otherwise dispose of assets, including capital stock of subsidiaries;
enter into transactions with affiliates; and
consolidate with or merge with or into, or sell substantially all of our properties to, another person. However, many of these covenants will terminate if:
both Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. assign the notes an investment grade rating; and
no default under the Indenture has occurred and is continuing. These covenants are subject to important exceptions and qualifications, which are described under "Description of Notes Certain Covenants." The new notes will be freely transferable but will be new securities for which there will not initially be a market. We do not intend to apply for a listing of the new notes on any securities exchange or any automated dealer quotation system. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the new notes. In evaluating an investment in the new notes, investors should carefully consider, along with the other information in this prospectus, the specific factors relating to us and the Exchange Offer set forth under the section entitled "Risk Factors."

Transfer Restrictions; Absence of a Public

Market for the New Notes

Risk Factors

RISK FACTORS

An investment in the new notes involves risks. You should carefully consider all of the information contained in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference as provided under "Where You Can Find More Information," including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference also contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Please read "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks described below, elsewhere in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference. If any of these risks occur, our business, financial condition or results of operation could suffer. In addition to the other information set forth elsewhere in this prospectus, investors should carefully consider the following factors relating to the notes and the Exchange Offer before making an investment in the new notes.

Risks Related to the Notes and the Exchange Offer

If you do not properly tender your old notes, you will continue to hold unregistered old notes and your ability to transfer old notes will remain restricted and may be adversely affected.

We will only issue new notes in exchange for old notes that you timely and properly tender. Therefore, you should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery of the old notes and you should carefully follow the instructions on how to tender your old notes. Neither we nor the exchange agent is required to tell you of any defects or irregularities with respect to your tender of old notes.

If you do not exchange your old notes for new notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer, the old notes you hold will continue to be subject to the existing transfer restrictions. In general, you may not offer or sell the old notes except under an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. We do not plan to register old notes under the Securities Act unless the Registration Rights Agreements require us to do so. Further, if you continue to hold any old notes after the Exchange Offer is consummated, you may have trouble selling them because there will be fewer of these notes outstanding.

Your ability to transfer the notes may be limited by the absence of an active trading market, and there is no assurance that any active trading market will develop for the new notes.

The old notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, and may not be resold by purchasers thereof unless the old notes are subsequently registered or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. However, we cannot assure you that, even following registration or exchange of the old notes for new notes, that an active trading market for the old notes or the new notes will exist, and we will have no obligation to create such a market. At the time of the private placement of the old notes, the initial purchasers advised us that they intended to make a market in the old notes and, if issued, the new notes. The initial purchasers are not obligated, however, to make a market in the old notes or the new notes and any market-making may be discontinued at any time at their sole discretion. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of or trading market for the old notes or the new notes.

The liquidity of any trading market for the notes and the market price quoted for the notes will depend upon the number of holders of the notes, the overall market for high yield securities, our financial performance or prospects or the prospects for companies in our industry generally, the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the notes and other factors.

Table of Contents

Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the notes.

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2014, we had approximately \$4.1 billion in total indebtedness, including \$2.625 billion of senior notes and approximately \$1.5 billion outstanding under our credit facilities. Additionally, we had approximately \$332 million of letters of credit outstanding under our credit facility. The credit facility had a borrowing base of \$3.0 billion at September 30, 2014, including \$500 million under our midstream credit facility. On October 16, 2014, the maximum borrowing capacity of our credit facility was increased from \$3.5 billion to \$4.0 billion and the borrowing base was increased from \$3.0 billion to \$4.0 billion, including \$500 million of commitments under the midstream credit facility. In November 2014, we replaced the \$500 million midstream credit facility with the \$200 million water credit facility. The total borrowing base of our credit facility remained unchanged.

Subject to the limits contained in the credit agreement governing our credit facility and the water credit facility, the indenture that governs the notes, the indentures that govern our other series of senior notes and our other debt instruments, we may be able to incur substantial additional debt from time to time to finance working capital, capital expenditures, investments or acquisitions, or for other purposes. If we do so, the risks related to our high level of debt could intensify. Specifically, our high level of debt could have important consequences to the holders of the notes, including:

making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes and our other debt;

limiting our ability to obtain additional financing to fund future working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other general corporate requirements;

requiring a substantial portion of our cash flows to be dedicated to debt service payments instead of other purposes, thereby reducing the amount of cash flows available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes;

increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates as certain of our borrowings, including borrowings under the credit facility, are at variable rates of interest;

limiting our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in the industry in which we compete;

placing us at a disadvantage compared to other, less leveraged competitors; and

increasing our cost of borrowing.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our indebtedness, including the notes, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our indebtedness obligations, including our revolving credit facility and the water credit facility, our our other series of senior notes and the notes depends on our financial condition and operating performance, which are subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, including the notes.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the notes. Our ability to restructure or refinance our indebtedness will depend on the condition of the capital markets and our financial condition at such time. Any refinancing of our indebtedness could be at higher interest rates and may require us to

Table of Contents

comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. The terms of existing or future debt instruments, including the indenture governing the notes and the indentures governing our other senior notes, may restrict us from adopting some of these alternatives. In addition, any failure to make payments of interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness on a timely basis would likely result in a reduction of our credit rating, which could harm our ability to incur additional indebtedness. In the absence of sufficient cash flows and capital resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. Our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing the notes and the indenture governing our other senior notes currently restrict our ability to dispose of assets and our use of the proceeds from such disposition. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions, and the proceeds of any such disposition may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations.

As of September 30, 2014, our aggregate borrowing base under our credit facility and the midstream credit facility was \$3.0 billion and lender commitments were \$2.5 billion. On October 16, 2014, the maximum borrowing capacity of our credit facility was increased from \$3.5 billion to \$4.0 billion and the borrowing base was increased from \$3.0 billion to \$4.0 billion, including \$500 million of commitments under the midstream credit facility. In November 2014, we replaced the \$500 million midstream credit facility with the \$200 million water credit facility. The total borrowing base of our credit facility remained unchanged. Our next scheduled borrowing base redetermination is expected to occur in April 2015. In the future, we may not be able to access adequate funding under our revolving credit facility as a result of a decrease in our borrowing base due to the issuance of new indebtedness, the outcome of a subsequent semi-annual borrowing base redetermination or an unwillingness or inability on the part of our lending counterparties to meet their funding obligations and the inability of other lenders to provide additional funding to cover the defaulting lender's portion. Declines in commodity prices could result in a determination to lower the borrowing base in the future and, in such a case, we could be required to repay any indebtedness in excess of the redetermined borrowing base. As a result, we may be unable to implement our drilling and development plan, make acquisitions or otherwise carry out our business plan, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations and impair our ability to service our indebtedness, including the notes.

If we are unable to comply with the restrictions and covenants in the agreements governing the notes, our other senior notes and other indebtedness, there could be a default under the terms of these agreements, which could result in an acceleration of payment of funds that we have borrowed and would impact our ability to make principal and interest payments on the notes.

If we are unable to comply with the restrictions and covenants in the indentures governing the notes and our other senior notes or in our credit facility and the water credit facility, or in any future debt financing agreements, there could be a default under the terms of these agreements. Our ability to comply with these restrictions and covenants, including meeting financial ratios and tests, may be affected by events beyond our control. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with these restrictions and covenants or meet these tests. Any default under the agreements governing our indebtedness, including a default under our credit facility and the water credit facility or the indenture governing the notes or the indentures governing our other senior notes, that is not waived by the requisite number of lenders and the remedies sought by the holders of such indebtedness, could prevent us from paying principal, premium, if any, and interest on the notes and substantially decrease the market value of the notes. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants, including financial and operating covenants in the instruments governing our indebtedness (including covenants in our

Table of Contents

credit facility and in the indenture governing our existing senior notes), we could be in default under the terms of these agreements. In the event of such default:

the holders of such indebtedness could elect to declare all the funds borrowed thereunder to be immediately due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest;

the lenders under our credit facility and the water credit facility could elect to terminate their commitments thereunder, cease making further loans to us and institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets; and

we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

If our operating performance declines, in the future we may need to obtain waivers from the requisite number of lenders under our credit facility or the water credit facility to avoid being in default. If we breach our covenants under our credit facility or the water credit facility and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders on terms that are acceptable to us, if at all. If this occurs, we would be in default under our credit facility or the water credit facility, as applicable, the lenders could exercise their rights, as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. See "Restrictions in our existing and future debt agreements could limit our growth and our ability to engage in certain activities."

The notes and the guarantees are unsecured and effectively subordinated to the rights of our secured indebtedness.

The notes and the guarantees are general unsecured senior obligations ranking effectively junior to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness, including our obligations under our credit facility, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing the indebtedness. If we were unable to repay such indebtedness under our credit facility or the water credit facility, the lenders under those facilities could foreclose on the pledged assets to the exclusion of holders of the notes, even if an event of default exists under the indenture that will govern the notes at such time. Furthermore, if the lenders foreclose and sell the pledged equity interests in any guarantor in a transaction permitted under the terms of the indenture that will govern the notes, then such guarantor will be released from its guarantee of the notes automatically and immediately upon such sale. In any such event, because the notes will not be secured by any of such assets or by the equity interests in any such guarantor, it is possible that there would be no assets from which your claims could be satisfied or, if any assets existed, they might be insufficient to satisfy your claims in full.

If we or any guarantor is declared bankrupt, becomes insolvent or is liquidated or reorganized, any of our secured indebtedness will be entitled to be paid in full from our assets or the assets of any guarantor securing that indebtedness before any payment may be made with respect to the notes or the affected guarantees. Holders of the notes will participate ratably in our remaining assets with all holders of any unsecured indebtedness that does not rank junior to the notes, based upon the respective amounts owed to each holder or creditor. In any of the foregoing events, there may not be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes or the guarantees. As a result, holders of the notes would likely receive less, ratably, than holders of secured indebtedness.

As of September 30, 2014, we had \$1.505 billion in borrowings and \$332 million in letters of credit outstanding under our revolving credit and the midstream facilities, which had a total borrowing base of \$3.0 billion and lender commitments of \$2.5 billion.

We may incur substantially more indebtedness, including indebtedness ranking equal to the notes and the guarantees. This could increase the risks associated with the notes.

Subject to the restrictions in the indenture that governs the notes, the indentures governing our other senior notes, our credit facility and the water credit facility, we may incur substantial additional indebtedness (including secured indebtedness) in the future. Although the instruments governing our

Table of Contents

credit facility and the water credit facility and the indentures governing our senior notes (including the indenture that governs the notes) each contain restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to certain qualifications and exceptions, and indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. These restrictions also will not prevent us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness.

If the issuer or any guarantor incurs any additional indebtedness that ranks equally with the notes (or with the guarantees thereof), including trade payables, the holders of that indebtedness will be entitled to share ratably with noteholders in any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding-up of the issuer or such guarantor. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds paid to noteholders in connection with such a distribution. As of September 30, 2014, we had \$1.505 billion in borrowings and \$332 million in letters of credit outstanding under our revolving credit and the midstream facilities, which had a total borrowing base of \$3.0 billion.

Any increase in our level of indebtedness will have several important effects on our future operations, including, without limitation:

we will have additional cash requirements in order to support the payment of interest on our outstanding indebtedness;

increases in our outstanding indebtedness and leverage will increase our vulnerability to adverse changes in general economic and industry conditions, as well as to competitive pressure;

depending on the levels of our outstanding indebtedness, our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, general corporate and other purposes may be limited; and

our level of indebtedness may prevent us from engaging in certain transactions that might otherwise be beneficial to us.

Any of these factors could result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, business prospects and ability to satisfy our obligations under the notes.

The notes are structurally subordinated to all obligations of our future subsidiaries that do not become guarantors of the notes.

The notes are guaranteed by all of our wholly owned subsidiaries, and in the future will be guaranteed by (a) any wholly-owned domestic subsidiary of ours formed after the issue date of the new notes and (b) any domestic subsidiary of ours that guarantees any of our other indebtedness, or that of any other subsidiary guarantor (in each case, other than an immaterial subsidiary).

The subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes will have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay amounts due under the notes or to make any funds available to pay those amounts, whether by dividend, distribution, loan or other payment. The notes are structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other obligations of any non-guarantor subsidiary such that in the event of insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding up of any subsidiary that is not a guarantor, all of that subsidiary's creditors (including trade creditors) would be entitled to payment in full out of that subsidiary's assets befor