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9,000,000 shares

Callon Petroleum Company

Common stock

We are selling 9,000,000 shares of common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "CPE". On March 6, 2015, the last reported sale price of our common stock as reported on the NYSE was \$7.30 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.

The underwriter has agreed to purchase the shares from us at a price of \$6.36 per share, which will result in \$57.2 million of proceeds to us before expenses. The underwriter may offer the shares of common stock from time to time for sale in one or more transactions on the NYSE, in the over-the-counter market, through negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. The underwriter may also exercise its option to purchase up to an additional 1,350,000 shares from us at the price per share set forth above, for 30 days after the date of this prospectus supplement.

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

The shares will be ready for delivery on or about March 13, 2015.

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J.P. Morgan

The date of this prospectus supplement is March 9, 2015.

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About this prospectus supplement

Neither we nor the underwriter has authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus dated February 11, 2015 or any free writing prospectus we have prepared. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute an offer to sell only the shares of common stock offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information we have included in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since these dates.

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

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

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Cautionary note regarding forward-looking statements

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

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

our oil and gas reserve quantities, and the discounted present value of these reserves;

the amount and nature of our capital expenditures;

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

the timing and amount of future production and operating costs;

business strategies and plans of management; and

prospect development and property acquisitions.

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

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

the volatility of oil and natural gas prices;

the uncertainty of estimates of oil and natural gas reserves;

the impact of competition;

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

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

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

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

changes in customer demand and producers' supply;

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

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

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actions of operators of our oil and gas properties;

weather conditions; and

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

All forward-looking statements, expressed or implied, included in this prospectus supplement, the underlying prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary 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 supplement.

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Summary

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

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

Overview

Callon Petroleum Company has been engaged in the exploration, development, acquisition and production of oil and natural gas properties since 1950. In 2013, we completed our onshore strategic repositioning that began in 2009, shifting our operations from the offshore waters in the Gulf of Mexico to the onshore Permian Basin in West Texas. Our asset base is concentrated exclusively in the Midland Basin, a sub-basin located within the broader Permian Basin, characterized by high drilling success rates, high oil content, multiple vertical and horizontal productive intervals and extensive production history.

Our net daily production for calendar year 2014 was 5,648 BOE/d (approximately 82% oil), representing an approximately 155% increase over comparable net daily Permian production in 2013. The increase is primarily attributed to our increased focus on horizontal development initiated in 2012. We currently operate two horizontal drilling rigs focused on four prospective zones for development.

As of December 31, 2014, we had estimated net proved reserves of 25.7 MMBbls and 42.5 Bcf, or 32.8 MMBOE, all of which were located in the Midland Basin. Additionally, 78% of our proved reserves were crude oil and 55% were proved developed at year-end 2014 on a BOE basis.

Our Permian Basin Properties

Our operations are primarily focused on the horizontal development of multiple zones in the Southern and Central portions of the Midland Basin. As of December 31, 2014, we held 18,065 net acres in these two areas and identified a total of over 1,000 gross potential drilling locations targeting prospective intervals that have been drilled successfully by us or other operators. We held an additional 9,301 net exploratory acres in the Northern Midland Basin as of December 31, 2014 for which we have no current plans for development. Average net production from the Company's Permian Basin properties increased 155% to 5,648 BOE/d in 2014 from 2,227 BOE/d in 2013.

Southern Midland Basin

The Southern Midland Basin is presently our largest operating area in terms of production and includes producing properties in Upton, Reagan and Crockett Counties in Texas covering 10,790 net surface acres as of December 31, 2014. We commenced horizontal drilling efforts at our East Bloxom field in 2012 and have expanded our efforts to two additional fields (Garrison Draw and Taylor Draw) in the Southern Midland Basin

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using pad development. Our horizontal wells are currently producing from three zones of the Wolfcamp shale (Upper Wolfcamp B, Lower Wolfcamp B and Wolfcamp A). We plan to continue focusing on these intervals in 2015 and also plan to place our first Lower Spraberry well on production in the first quarter of 2015.

At December 31, 2014, we had 59 gross (54 net) vertical and 39 gross (36 net) horizontal producing wells in this area. Fourth quarter 2014 net production was 4,519 BOE/d with 90% of such production attributable to horizontal wells.

Central Midland Basin

Our Central Midland Basin operations included 7,275 net surface acres as of December 31, 2014 with producing properties in Midland, Ector, Andrews and Martin Counties in Texas. The Central Midland Basin has historically been the focus of our high-graded vertical drilling program, targeting multiple zones down to the Woodford shale. We shifted our focus to horizontal development in this area with our initial Wolfcamp B wells placed on production in the first quarter of 2014 in our Carpe Diem field. We continued with program development of both the Wolfcamp B and Lower Spraberry zones in this field over the course of 2014 and into 2015 and are currently expanding our horizontal development to the Pecan Acres field. Importantly, we recently completed our last vertical well in the area and have no plans or obligations to drill any future vertical wells within our Permian Basin property base.

In addition to this organic drilling activity, in October 2014 we acquired 6,230 gross (3,862 net) acres located in Midland, Ector, Andrews and Martin Counties, which are in close proximity to our existing Carpe Diem and Pecan Acres fields. Since the closing of the acquisition, we have placed two Wolfcamp B and one Lower Spraberry wells on production.

Our Business Strategies

Our goal is to enhance stockholder value through the execution of the following strategies:

Drive production and maximize resource recovery and reserve growth through horizontal development of our resource base. We believe our horizontal development efforts provide improved returns relative to vertical development of our resource base. Our initial vertical development programs allowed us to amass a database related to the subsurface geology and rock characteristics over the last several years. This information, combined with our review of industry activity and best practices, provided the foundation for us to initiate the horizontal development of our resource base in 2012 and further increase horizontal activity in recent quarters. As of December 31, 2014, we had 49 gross producing horizontal wells, all of which we operate. During the fourth quarter of 2014, approximately 70% of our total Permian production was sourced from horizontal wells. We expect to grow the contribution of horizontal production volumes, both from our existing properties and from properties acquired in recent acquisitions, as we continue to execute a resource development program almost exclusively focused on horizontal development.

Expand our drilling portfolio through evaluation of existing acreage. Our horizontal development drilling efforts to date have been primarily focused on the Upper and Lower Wolfcamp B zones. We have focused on these development zones to reduce drilling risk as we continue to grow our asset base in the Permian Basin, though we have continued to expand our development focus on a measured basis. Most recently, we drilled three Lower Spraberry wells in the Southern and Central Midland Basin in the second half of 2014, complementing three Wolfcamp A wells placed on production in the Southern Midland Basin since the third quarter of 2013. We believe incremental opportunities exist to selectively target other prospective zones across

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various positions of our acreage, including the Clearfork, Jo Mill, Middle Spraberry, Wolfcamp C and Cline formations (in order of relative depth). In addition, we will continue to monitor the efficiency of our horizontal wells related to reservoir drainage over time, and will pursue downspacing initiatives within target zones if we believe overall returns would be enhanced.

Pursue selective acquisitions in the Permian Basin. During 2014, we continued to demonstrate our ability to acquire and trade acreage in the Midland Basin. Most significantly, in October 2014, we acquired 6,230 gross (3,862 net) acres located in Midland and Andrews Counties, which are in close proximity to our existing Carpe Diem and Pecan Acres fields, for approximately \$210 million. Due to its close proximity to our existing fields, we believe this acquired acreage can be efficiently integrated into our ongoing horizontal development activity. The acquisition added 194 gross (121.6 net) potential horizontal drilling locations targeting the currently producing Wolfcamp B, Lower Spraberry and Middle Spraberry zones, and additional potential horizontal drilling locations targeting four other prospective zones that are producing in offsetting fields. We also expanded our asset base in existing core development fields by acquiring 1,527 net acres for approximately \$8.2 million through a bolt-on strategy whereby we identify and pursue smaller blocks of offsetting acreage that are potentially inefficient for the current owner to develop, but have value to us based on its location relative to our acreage. These smaller scale acquisitions generally provide acreage at costs significantly below the value assigned to larger blocks of acreage. While remaining mindful about our liquidity, we will continue to pursue leasehold acquisitions in the Permian Basin, and primarily in the Midland Basin, that have horizontal resource potential that can be further augmented by bolt-on acreage acquisitions and acreage trades over time.

Maintain financial liquidity and capacity to capitalize on growth opportunities. We believe that our asset base provides the opportunity to deploy a significant amount of capital for horizontal development in the coming years. We have focused on positioning ourselves to supplement our cash flow from operations with an improved cost of debt capital. In conjunction with our acquisition completed in the fourth quarter of 2014, we raised approximately \$430 million in gross proceeds through a combination of common equity and long-term debt securities to support the acquisition and our ongoing development efforts in the Midland Basin.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe that the following competitive strengths will help us successfully execute our business strategies:

Established resource base and acreage position in the Permian Basin. Our production is exclusively from the Permian Basin in West Texas, an area that has supported production since the 1940s. The basin has well-established infrastructure from historical operations, and we believe the Basin also benefits from a relatively stable regulatory environment that has been established over time. We have assembled a position of approximately 18,065 net surface acres in the Southern and Central Midland Basin that are prospective for multiple oil-bearing intervals that have been produced by us and other industry participants. As of December 31, 2014, our estimated net proved reserves were comprised of approximately 78% oil and 22% natural gas, which include NGLs in the production stream.

Multi-year drilling inventory. Our current acreage position in the Permian Basin provides visible growth potential from a horizontal drilling inventory of approximately 525 locations, or 20 years under our current two-rig horizontal drilling program, based solely on four currently producing zones, which include the Lower Spraberry, the Wolfcamp A and the Upper and Lower Wolfcamp B. This drilling inventory increases to over 1,000 drilling locations, with the addition of drilling locations from other prospective zones, which include the Clearfork, Middle Spraberry, Jo Mill, Wolfcamp C and the Cline (or Wolfcamp D). Our identified well locations

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across our Southern and Central Midland Basin acreage are based upon the results of horizontal wells drilled by us and other offsetting operators, and our analysis of core data and historical vertical well performance.

Experienced team operating in the Permian Basin. We have assembled a management team experienced in acquisitions, exploration, development and production in the Midland Basin. Reflective of this experience, we have realized improvements in our drilling and capital efficiency since launching our horizontal drilling program in 2012 and drilling more than 50 horizontal wells with lengths varying from approximately 5,000 feet to 10,000 feet. We continue to evaluate our completion techniques, and downspacing initiatives that we believe have the potential to improve resource recovery and contribute to enhanced returns on capital. In addition, we regularly evaluate our operating results against those of other operators in the area in an effort to benchmark our performance against the best performing operators and evaluate and adopt best practices.

High degree of operational control. We operate nearly all of our Permian Basin acreage and have limited continuous drilling requirements across our acreage. For example, only 10% of our planned development drilling activity in 2015 is required to satisfy acreage commitments, with decreasing obligations in future years. This acreage status, combined with our control as an operator across the majority of our properties, provides us the opportunity to modify our operational plans to respond to changes in operational and commodity price environments. In addition, we have the ability to change our drilling schedule as needed to manage the assimilation of newly acquired acreage that may have drilling commitments.

Operating culture focused on safety and the environment. We have a Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) department dedicated to our operations in the Permian Basin. This group is responsible for developing and implementing work processes to mitigate safety and environmental risks associated with our work activities. With emphasis on planning, training and communication, and empowering both our employees and third party service providers with Stop Work Authority, we continue to improve operational performance. We have enhanced Management of Change, routine inspections and compliance action tracking methods with the implementation of a HSE management system software program. This department also coordinates closely with our operational team to ensure effective communication with appropriate regulatory bodies as well as landowners. We believe that our proactive efforts in this area have made a positive impact on our operations and culture.

Corporate Information

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

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Issuer	Callon Petroleum Company
Common stock offered by us	9,000,000 shares
Common stock outstanding immediately after this offering	64,581,941 shares (65,931,941 if the underwriter exercises the over-allotment option in full)
Over-allotment option	We have granted the underwriter a 30-day option to purchase up to an aggregate of 1,350,000 additional shares of our common stock to cover any over-allotments.
Use of proceeds	<p>The net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$57.1 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, or approximately \$65.7 million if the underwriter exercises the over-allotment option in full.</p> <p>We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay amounts outstanding under our credit facility, with any remainder being used for general corporate purposes, which may include funding of our capital program and future acquisitions.</p>
Dividend policy	We have not declared or paid any cash or other dividends on our common stock, and we do not expect to declare or pay any cash or other dividends in the foreseeable future. See Dividend Policy.
Risk factors	You should carefully read and consider the information beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement and page 2 of the accompanying prospectus set forth under the headings Risk factors and all other information set forth in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference before deciding to invest in our common stock.
Conflicts of interest	We will use a portion of the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness owed by us to an affiliate of the underwriter that is a lender under our credit facility. See Use of Proceeds. As such repayment may constitute more than 5% of the net proceeds, this offering will be made in compliance with the applicable provisions of Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. The appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not required in connection with this offering as a bona fide public market, as defined in Rule 5121, exists for our common stock. See Underwriting; Conflicts of Interest Conflicts of Interest; Other Relationships.
NYSE symbol	CPE
The number of shares to be outstanding after this offering is based on 55,581,941 shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 6, 2015 and excludes 1,507,932 shares that may be issued pursuant to outstanding awards under our equity compensation plans. Unless otherwise indicated, the information in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriter will not exercise its over-allotment option.	

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Risk factors

An investment in our common stock involves risks. Prior to making a decision about investing in our common stock, you should carefully consider the risk factors and discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in the accompanying underlying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which is incorporated herein by reference. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our operations. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, results of operations and financial condition could suffer, and you could lose your investment in us.

Risks related to our business

Depressed oil and natural gas prices may adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Our success is highly dependent on prices for oil and natural gas, which are extremely volatile, and the oil and natural gas markets are cyclical. Approximately 80% of our anticipated 2015 production, on a BOE basis, is oil. Starting in the second half of 2014, the NYMEX price for a barrel of oil has fallen sharply, from a price of \$105.37 on June 30, 2014 to \$49.76 on February 27, 2015. In addition, NYMEX prices for natural gas have been low compared with historical prices. Extended periods of low prices for oil or natural gas will have a material adverse effect on us. The prices of oil and natural gas depend on factors we cannot control such as weather, economic conditions, and levels of production, actions by OPEC and other countries and government actions. Prices of oil and natural gas will affect the following aspects of our business:

- our revenues, cash flows and earnings;
- the amount of oil and natural gas that we are economically able to produce;
- our ability to attract capital to finance our operations and the cost of the capital;
- the amount we are allowed to borrow under our credit facilities;
- the profit or loss we incur in exploring for and developing our reserves; and
- the value of our oil and natural gas properties.

Any substantial and extended decline in the price of oil or natural gas could have an adverse effect on our borrowing capacity, our ability to obtain additional capital, and our revenues, profitability and cash flows.

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

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

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Risks related to our common stock

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

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

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

Our certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to issue preferred stock without shareholder approval. If our board of directors elects to issue preferred stock, it could be more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us. In addition, provisions of the certificate of incorporation and bylaws, such as limitations on shareholder proposals at meetings of shareholders and restrictions on the ability of our shareholders to call special meetings, could also make it more difficult for a third party to acquire control of us. Our certificate of incorporation provides that our board of directors is divided into three classes, each elected for staggered three-year terms. Thus, control of the board of directors cannot be changed in one year; rather, at least two annual meetings must be held before a majority of the members of the board of directors could be changed.

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

Future issuances of our common shares may adversely affect the price of our common shares.

The future issuance of a substantial number of common shares into the public market, or the perception that such issuance could occur, could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common shares. A decline in the price of our common shares could make it more difficult to raise funds through future offerings of our common shares or securities convertible into common shares.

We will have a limited number of additional authorized shares available for issuance after the completion of this offering. To increase the number of authorized shares available for issuance requires shareholder approval, which there is no assurance that we will obtain.

Our ability to raise capital through the issuance of additional shares of common stock or other securities convertible into common stock is restricted by the number of authorized shares available for issuance. We are required to reserve portions of our authorized common stock due to our outstanding series A Preferred Stock and employee stock options. After the completion of this offering, we will have a limited number of additional authorized shares available for issuance. To raise additional equity, we may need to increase the number of authorized shares available for issuance, which requires stockholder approval. There can be no assurance that we will obtain the necessary stockholder approval to raise the number of authorized shares available for issuance. As a result, our inability to raise additional equity could negatively affect our liquidity and results of operation.

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Use of proceeds

The net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$57.1 million, after deducting the underwriting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us (or approximately \$65.7 million if the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full). We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay amounts outstanding under our credit facility, with any remainder being used for general corporate purposes, which may include funding of our capital program and future acquisitions.

As of December 31, 2014, our credit facility, which matures on September 11, 2019, had \$35 million of borrowings outstanding and a weighted average interest rate of 1.91% per annum. As of December 31, 2014, we also had outstanding \$300 million under our secured second lien term loan that matures on October 8, 2021 and an interest rate of 8.5% per annum.

An affiliate of the underwriter is acting, and will continue to act, as a lender under our credit facility and, in such capacity, may receive net proceeds from this offering used to repay borrowings outstanding thereunder. See Underwriting; Conflicts of Interest.

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The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of December 31, 2014 on an actual basis and on an as adjusted basis to give effect to this offering and the application of the estimated net proceeds as described in the Use of proceeds as if this offering had occurred on December 31, 2014.

The table below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to Use of proceeds in this prospectus supplement and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 incorporated by reference herein.

	As of December 31, 2014	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(in thousands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 968	\$ 23,058
Long-term debt, less current portion:		
Senior secured revolving credit facility	35,000	
Secured second lien term loan	300,000	300,000
Total long-term debt	\$ 335,000	\$ 300,000
Stockholders' equity		
Common stock	\$ 552	\$ 642
Series A preferred stock	16	16
Capital in excess of par value	526,162	583,162
Accumulated deficit	(92,995)	(92,995)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 433,735	\$ 490,825
Total capitalization	\$ 768,735	\$ 790,825

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

	Common Stock	
	High	Low
Year ended December 31, 2015		
First quarter (through March 6, 2015)	\$ 7.84	\$ 4.66
Year ending December 31, 2014		
Fourth quarter	\$ 8.99	\$ 4.09
Third quarter	12.09	8.46
Second quarter	11.75	8.15
First quarter	9.00	6.13
Year ending December 31, 2013		
Fourth quarter	\$ 7.60	\$ 5.18
Third quarter	5.49	3.40
Second quarter	4.00	3.19
First quarter	5.82	3.62
Year ending December 31, 2012		
Fourth quarter	\$ 6.36	\$ 4.05
Third quarter	6.55	4.11

The closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on March 6, 2015 was \$7.30 per share. On March 6, 2015, we had 55,581,941 issued and outstanding shares of common stock, which were held by 2,995 holders of record. Holders of record do not include owners for whom common stock may be held in street name or whose common stock is restricted.

Dividend policy

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

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Underwriting; conflicts of interest

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is acting as the sole book-runner and underwriter of the offering. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement between us and the underwriter, we have agreed to sell to the underwriter, and the underwriter has agreed to purchase from us 9,000,000 shares of common stock.

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriter has agreed to purchase all of the shares sold under the underwriting agreement if any of these shares are purchased.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriter against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriter may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriter is offering the shares, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the shares, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriter of officer's certificates and legal opinions. The underwriter reserves the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

Commissions and Discounts

The underwriter is purchasing the shares of common stock from us at \$6.36 per share (representing approximately \$57.2 million aggregate proceeds to us, before we deduct our out-of-pocket expenses of approximately \$150,000, or approximately \$65.8 million if the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares described below is exercised in full). The underwriter may offer the shares of common stock from time to time for sale in one or more transactions on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market, through negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. In connection with the sale of the shares of common stock offered hereby, the underwriter may be deemed to have received compensation in the form of underwriting discounts. The underwriter may effect such transactions by selling shares of common stock to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriter and / or purchasers of shares of common stock for whom they may act as agents or to whom they may sell as principal.

Option to Purchase Additional Shares

We have granted an option to the underwriter, exercisable for 30 days after the date of this prospectus, subject to the conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, to purchase up to 1,350,000 additional shares at the price per share set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.

No Sales of Similar Securities

We, our executive officers and directors have agreed not to sell or transfer any common stock or securities convertible into, exchangeable for, exercisable for, or repayable with common stock, for 90 days after the date of this prospectus without first obtaining the written consent of the underwriter. Specifically, we and these other persons have agreed, with certain limited exceptions, not to directly or indirectly

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offer, pledge, sell or contract to sell any common stock,

sell any option or contract to purchase any common stock,

purchase any option or contract to sell any common stock,

grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of any common stock,

otherwise dispose of or transfer, directly or indirectly, any common stock,

request or demand that we file a registration statement related to the common stock,

publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge or disposition, or

enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of any common stock whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of shares or other securities, in cash or otherwise.

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

New York Stock Exchange

The shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CPE.

Short Positions

In connection with the offering, the underwriter may purchase and sell our common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales and purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriter of a greater number of shares than they are required to purchase in the offering. Covered short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares described above. The underwriter may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriter will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option granted to them. Naked short sales are sales in excess of such option. The underwriter must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriter is concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriter's purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. The underwriter may conduct these transactions on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Neither we nor the underwriter make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. In addition, neither we nor the underwriter make any representation that the underwriter will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

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Electronic Distribution

In connection with the offering, the underwriter may distribute prospectuses by electronic means, such as e-mail.

Conflicts of Interest; Other Relationships

An affiliate of the underwriter is a lender under our credit facility and they may receive more than 5% of the net proceeds of this offering in connection with the repayment of amounts under such credit facility. Accordingly, this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. The appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not required in connection with this offering as a bona fide public market, as defined in Rule 5121, exists for our common stock. In accordance with Rule 5121, the underwriter will not confirm any sales to any account over which they exercise discretionary authority without the specific written approval of the transaction from the account holder. See Use of proceeds.

Amounts repaid under our credit facility may be reborrowed by us. In addition, from time to time, the underwriter and its affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in our debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriter and its affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments issued by us. The underwriter or its affiliates may hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, the underwriter and its affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially our common stock offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of our common stock offered hereby. The underwriter and its affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

The underwriter and its affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriter or its affiliates may perform various other financial advisory, investment banking and commercial banking services from time to time for us and our affiliates.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a Relevant Member State), no offer of shares may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- A. to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- B. to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriter; or

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

Each person in a Relevant Member State who initially acquires any shares or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that it is a qualified investor within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive. In the case of any shares being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the shares acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any shares to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant Member State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the underwriter has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

We, the underwriter and their affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, acknowledgements and agreements.

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

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

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the Order) and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

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Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland

The shares may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This document has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the shares or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

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

Notice to Prospective Investors in the Dubai International Financial Centre

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

Notice to Prospective Investors in Australia

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

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

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

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

Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

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

Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

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

Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

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

Where the securities are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor, securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of

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the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the securities pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

(a) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;

(b) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;

(c) where the transfer is by operation of law;

(d) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or

(e) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures)

Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

Legal matters

Certain legal matters regarding the validity of the shares of common stock that are offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Haynes and Boone, LLP. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriter by Porter Hedges LLP.

Experts

The consolidated financial statements of Callon Petroleum Company appearing in Callon Petroleum Company's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the effectiveness of Callon Petroleum Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The statements of revenues and direct operating expenses appearing in the Company's Report on Form

8-K filed September 8, 2014 incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement have been audited by Melton & Melton LLP, an independent accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statement has been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement regarding estimated quantities of proved reserves as of December 31, 2014 using SEC guidelines, were prepared or derived from estimates prepared by DeGolyer and MacNaughton, independent petroleum engineers. These estimates are included in this prospectus supplement in reliance on the authority of such firm as experts in these matters. The information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement regarding estimated quantities of proved reserves as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 using SEC guidelines, were prepared or derived from estimates prepared by Huddleston & Company, independent petroleum engineers. These estimates are included in this prospectus supplement in reliance on the authority of such firm as experts in these matters.

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Where you can find more information

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

Public Reference Room

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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

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Incorporation of certain documents by reference

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

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 filed on March 5, 2015;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K and Form 8-K/A filed on September 8, 2014, November 4, 2014, February 6, 2015, February 17, 2015 and March 9, 2015; and

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

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

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

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

Callon Petroleum Company

200 North Canal Street

Natchez, Mississippi 39120

Telephone: (601) 442-1601

Attn: Investor Relations

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Prospectus

CALLON PETROLEUM COMPANY

\$400,000,000

Debt Securities

Preferred Stock

Common Stock

Depositary Shares

Warrants

We may offer and sell the securities listed above from time to time in one or more classes or series and in amounts, at prices and on terms that we will determine at the time of the offering. Any debt securities we issue under this prospectus may be guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries. The aggregate initial offering price of the securities that we will offer will not exceed \$400,000,000.

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

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

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

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

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

The date of this prospectus is February 11, 2015.

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This prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Under this registration statement, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus from time to time in one or more offerings with an aggregate offering price of up to \$400,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. This prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement as permitted by the rules of the SEC. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. That prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described in this prospectus under the headings *Where You Can Find More Information* and *Information Incorporated by Reference*.

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

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

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

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OUR COMPANY

We have been engaged in the exploration, development, acquisition and production of oil and natural gas properties since 1950. In 2013, we completed our onshore strategic repositioning that began in 2009, shifting our operations from the offshore waters in the Gulf of Mexico to the onshore Permian Basin in West Texas. Our asset base is concentrated exclusively in the Midland Basin, a sub-basin located within the broader Permian Basin, characterized by high drilling success rates, high oil content, multiple vertical and horizontal productive intervals, and extensive production history.

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

RISK FACTORS

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

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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

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

our oil and gas reserve quantities, and the discounted present value of these reserves;

the amount and nature of our capital expenditures;

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

the timing and amount of future production and operating costs;

business strategies and plans of management; and

prospect development and property acquisitions.

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

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

the volatility of oil and natural gas prices;

the uncertainty of estimates of oil and natural gas reserves;

the impact of competition;

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

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

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

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

changes in customer demand and producers' supply;

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

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

actions of operators of our oil and gas properties;

weather conditions; and

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

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

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

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USE OF PROCEEDS

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

capital expenditures;

the repayment of indebtedness;

working capital; and

to make strategic acquisitions.

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

Table of Contents**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS**

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

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,			
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Ratio of earning to fixed charges	5.41	1.36	1.39	4.01	1.48	2.78
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	2.19	0.77	1.39	4.01	1.48	2.78

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

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

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

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

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

General

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

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

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

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

- (1) the title of the Debt Securities;

- (2) whether the Debt Securities are Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities and, if Subordinated Debt Securities, the related subordination terms;
- (3) whether any Subsidiary Guarantor will provide a Subsidiary Guarantee of the Debt Securities;
- (4) any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities;
- (5) each date on which the principal of the Debt Securities will be payable;

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- (6) the interest rate that the Debt Securities will bear and the interest payment dates for the Debt Securities;
- (7) each place where payments on the Debt Securities will be payable;
- (8) any terms upon which the Debt Securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option;
- (9) any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem or otherwise repurchase the Debt Securities;
- (10) the portion of the principal amount, if less than all, of the Debt Securities that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity of the Debt Securities;
- (11) whether the Debt Securities are defeasible;
- (12) any addition to or change in the Events of Default;
- (13) whether the Debt Securities are convertible into our common stock and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which conversion will be effected, including the initial conversion price or conversion rate and any adjustments thereto and the conversion period;
- (14) any addition to or change in the covenants in the Indenture applicable to the Debt Securities; and
- (15) any other terms of the Debt Securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture.

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

Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities

The indebtedness evidenced by the Subordinated Debt Securities will, to the extent set forth in the Subordinated Indenture with respect to each series of Subordinated Debt Securities, be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all of our Senior Debt, including the Senior Debt Securities, and it may also be senior in right of payment to all of our Subordinated Debt. The prospectus supplement relating to any Subordinated Debt Securities will summarize the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture applicable to that series including:

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

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

the definition of Senior Debt applicable to the Subordinated Debt Securities of that series and, if the series is issued on a senior subordinated basis, the definition of Subordinated Debt applicable to that series.

The prospectus supplement will also describe as of a recent date the approximate amount of Senior Debt to which the Subordinated Debt Securities of that series will be subordinated.

The failure to make any payment on any of the Subordinated Debt Securities by reason of the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture described in the prospectus supplement will not be construed as preventing the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the Subordinated Debt Securities arising from any such failure to make payment.

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

Subsidiary Guarantee

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

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

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

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

Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be a continuing guarantee and will:

- (1) remain in full force and effect until either (a) payment in full of all the applicable Debt Securities (or such Debt Securities are otherwise satisfied and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Indenture) or (b) released as described in the following paragraph;
- (2) be binding upon each Subsidiary Guarantor; and
- (3) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the applicable Trustee, the Holders and their successors, transferees and assigns.

In the event that (a) a Subsidiary Guarantor ceases to be a Subsidiary, (b) either legal defeasance or covenant defeasance occurs with respect to the series or (c) all or substantially all of the assets or all of the Capital Stock of such Subsidiary Guarantor is sold, including by way of sale, merger, consolidation or otherwise, such Subsidiary Guarantor will be released and discharged of its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee without any further action required on the part of the Trustee or any Holder, and no other person acquiring or owning the assets or Capital Stock

of such Subsidiary Guarantor will be required to enter into a Subsidiary Guarantee. In addition, the prospectus supplement may specify additional circumstances under which a Subsidiary Guarantor can be released from its Subsidiary Guarantee.

Form, Exchange and Transfer

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

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

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

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

Global Securities

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

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

- (1) the Depository has notified us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for such Global Security or has ceased to be qualified to act as such as required by the applicable Indenture, and in either case we fail to appoint a successor Depository within 90 days;
- (2) an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security has occurred and is continuing and the Trustee has received a written request from the Depository to issue certificated Debt Securities;

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

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

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

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

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

Payment and Paying Agents

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

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

All money paid by us to a Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Debt Security which remains unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due

and payable will be repaid to us, and the Holder of such Debt Security thereafter may look only to us for payment.

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Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

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

- (1) the successor Person (if not us) is a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of any domestic jurisdiction and assumes our obligations on the Debt Securities and under the Indentures;
- (2) immediately before and after giving pro forma effect to the transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default, has occurred and is continuing; and
- (3) several other conditions, including any additional conditions with respect to any particular Debt Securities specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, are met.

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

Events of Default

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

- (1) failure to pay principal of or any premium on any Debt Security of that series when due, whether or not, in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, such payment is prohibited by the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture;
- (2) failure to pay any interest on any Debt Securities of that series when due, continued for 30 days, whether or not, in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, such payment is prohibited by the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture;
- (3) failure to deposit any sinking fund payment, when due, in respect of any Debt Security of that series, whether or not, in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, such deposit is prohibited by the subordination provisions of the Subordinated Indenture;
- (4) failure to perform or comply with the provisions described under Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets ;

- (5) failure to perform any of our other covenants in such Indenture (other than a covenant included in such Indenture solely for the benefit of a series other than that series), continued for 60 days after written notice has been given by the applicable Trustee, or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series, as provided in such Indenture;
- (6) any Debt of ourself, any Significant Subsidiary or, if a Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed the series, such Subsidiary Guarantor, is not paid within any applicable grace period after final maturity or is accelerated by its holders because of a default and the total amount of such Debt unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$25.0 million;
- (7) any judgment or decree for the payment of money in excess of \$25.0 million is entered against us, any Significant Subsidiary or, if a Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed the series, such Subsidiary Guarantor, remains outstanding for a period of 60 consecutive days following entry of such judgment and is not discharged, waived or stayed;
- (8) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization affecting us, any Significant Subsidiary or, if a Subsidiary Guarantor has guaranteed the series, such Subsidiary Guarantor; and

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

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

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

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

- (1) such Holder has previously given to the Trustee under the applicable Indenture written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of that series;
- (2) the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series have made written request, and such Holder or Holders have offered reasonable security or indemnity, to the Trustee to institute such proceeding as trustee; and
- (3) the Trustee has failed to institute such proceeding, and has not received from the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of that series a direction inconsistent with such request,

within 60 days after such notice, request and offer.

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

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

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Modification and Waiver

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

- (1) to evidence the succession under the Indenture of another Person to us or any Subsidiary Guarantor and to provide for its assumption of our or such Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations to holders of Debt Securities;
 - (2) to make any changes that would add any additional covenants of us or the Subsidiary Guarantors for the benefit of the holders of Debt Securities or that do not adversely affect the rights under the Indenture of the Holders of Debt Securities in any material respect;
 - (3) to add any additional Events of Default;
 - (4) to provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes;
 - (5) to secure the Debt Securities;
 - (6) to establish the form or terms of any series of Debt Securities;
 - (7) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under the Indenture of a successor Trustee;
 - (8) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
 - (9) to add Subsidiary Guarantors; or
 - (10) in the case of any Subordinated Debt Security, to make any change in the subordination provisions that limits or terminates the benefits applicable to any Holder of Senior Debt.
- Other modifications and amendments of an Indenture may be made by us, the Subsidiary Guarantors, if applicable, and the applicable Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected by such modification or amendment; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security affected thereby:
- (1) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Debt Security;

- (2) reduce the principal amount of, or any premium or interest on, any Debt Security;
- (3) reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security or any other Debt Security payable upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof;
- (4) change the place or currency of payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on, any Debt Security;
- (5) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment due on or any conversion right with respect to any Debt Security;
- (6) modify the subordination provisions in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, or modify any conversion provisions, in either case in a manner adverse to the Holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities;
- (7) except as provided in the applicable Indenture, release the Subsidiary Guarantee of a Subsidiary Guarantor;
- (8) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for modification or amendment of the Indenture;
- (9) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Outstanding Debt Securities of any series necessary for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or for waiver of certain defaults;
- (10) modify such provisions with respect to modification, amendment or waiver; or

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

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

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

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