
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): September 25, 2018

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35700
(Commission File Number)

45-4502447
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**500 West Texas
Suite 1200
Midland, Texas**
(Address of principal
executive offices)

79701
(Zip code)

(432) 221-7400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Emerging growth company

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

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.***First Supplemental Indenture***

On September 25, 2018, Diamondback Energy, Inc. (“Diamondback”) issued \$750 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.750% Senior Notes due 2024 (the “New Notes”) under an existing indenture (the “Existing Indenture”), dated October 28, 2016, among Diamondback, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as the trustee (the “Trustee”), as supplemented by that certain First Supplemental Indenture, dated September 25, 2018, among Diamondback, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and the Trustee (the “First Supplemental Indenture” and, together with the Existing Indenture, the “Indenture”). The New Notes were issued to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and to certain non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act (the “New Notes Offering”). The New Notes Offering was contemplated by the purchase agreement among Diamondback, certain subsidiary guarantors party thereto and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, which purchase agreement was previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on September 24, 2018 (the “Previous 8-K”). The New Notes Offering is described in more detail in the Previous 8-K. Diamondback previously issued an aggregate of \$500 million of 4.750% Senior Notes due 2024 in a private placement completed October 28, 2016, all of which were subsequently exchanged for substantially identical notes in the same aggregate principal amount that were registered under the Securities Act (the “Existing Notes” and, together with the New Notes, the “Notes”).

The terms of the Existing Indenture and the Existing Notes are described in Diamondback’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 26, 2016 and November 2, 2016, and Diamondback’s Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended, which was declared effective by the SEC on June 21, 2017. The New Notes and the Existing Notes constitute part of a single class of securities for all purposes under the Indenture, and the New Notes have substantially the same terms as the Existing Notes except as otherwise provided therein. Pursuant to the Indenture, interest on the New Notes accrues at a rate of 4.750% per annum on the outstanding principal amount, payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year. The first interest payment date on the New Notes will be November 1, 2018 and will include accrued interest from and including May 1, 2018.

The First Supplemental Indenture provides for the issuance of the New Notes.

The preceding summaries of the Existing Indenture and the First Supplemental Indenture are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full texts of such agreements, copies of which are attached as Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 2, 2016, and Exhibit 4.1 hereto, respectively, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with the issuance of the New Notes, Diamondback and its guarantors entered into a Registration Rights Agreement with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, as representatives for the several initial purchasers named therein, dated as of September 25, 2018 (the “Registration Rights Agreement”), pursuant to which Diamondback agreed to file a registration statement within 180 days after the completion of the New Notes Offering with the SEC with respect to an offer to exchange the New Notes for a new issue of substantially identical debt securities registered under the Securities Act. Under the Registration Rights Agreement, Diamondback also agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts to have the registration statement declared effective by the SEC on or prior to the 360th day after the issue date of the New Notes and to complete the exchange offer within 30 days of the SEC declaring the registration statement effective. Diamondback may be required to file a shelf registration statement to cover resales of the New Notes under certain circumstances. If Diamondback fails to satisfy these obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement, it has agreed to pay additional interest to the holders of the New Notes as specified in the Registration Rights Agreement. The Existing Notes have been registered under the Securities Act and are not entitled to the registration rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

The preceding summary of the Registration Rights Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.2 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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

The information set forth in Item 1.01 above with respect to the New Notes is incorporated herein by reference, as applicable.

Item 3.03. Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

The information set forth in, or incorporated by reference from prior filings into, Item 1.01 above with respect to the Indenture's limitations on the payment of dividends, redemption of stock or other distributions to Diamondback's stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	<u>First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 25, 2018, among Diamondback Energy, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee.</u>
4.2	<u>Registration Rights Agreement, dated September 25, 2018, among Diamondback Energy, Inc., the guarantors party thereto and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC.</u>

SIGNATURE

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

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

Date: October 1, 2018

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
Issuer

And each of the Guarantors Party Hereto

4.750% Senior Notes Due 2024

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

Dated as of September 25, 2018

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
Trustee

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this “*Supplemental Indenture*”), dated as of September 25, 2018, among Diamondback Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “*Company*”), the Guarantors party to the Indenture (as defined below) (the “*Guarantors*”) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (the “*Trustee*”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company and the Guarantors have heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an indenture, dated as of October 28, 2016 (the “*Indenture*”), providing for the issuance of 4.750% Senior Notes due 2024 (the “*Notes*”);

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2016, the Company issued \$500,000,000 in principal amount of Notes;

WHEREAS, the Company has entered into that certain Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 18, 2018, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, as representatives of the several initial purchasers named therein, pursuant to which, on the date hereof, the Company is issuing \$750,000,000 of Additional Notes as permitted by Section 2.02 and Section 4.09(a) of the Indenture (the “*September 2018 Additional Notes*”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01(a)(7) of the Indenture, the Trustee, the Company and the Guarantors are authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture without the consent of any Holder of Notes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes as follows:

1. **Definitions; Construction.**

For all purposes of this Supplemental Indenture, except as otherwise herein expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires: (i) the terms and expressions used herein shall have the same meanings as corresponding terms and expressions used in the Indenture; and (ii) the words “herein,” “hereof” and “hereby” and other words of similar import used in this Supplemental Indenture refer to this Supplemental Indenture as a whole and not to any particular section hereof.

2. **September 2018 Additional Notes.**

(a) Attached hereto as Annex A is a true and correct copy of the Officers’ Certificate required by Section 12.04 of the Indenture in connection with the issuance of the September 2018 Additional Notes. The definition of the term “Additional Notes” set forth in the Indenture is hereby supplemented by adding the following sentence at the end of such definition: “On September 25, 2018, the Company issued \$750,000,000 of Additional Notes, as more particularly described in the First Supplemental Indenture hereto, dated as of September 25, 2018.”

(b) The issuance of the September 2018 Additional Notes is in compliance with Section 4.09(a) of the Indenture.

(c) The September 2018 Additional Notes will be (A) Certificate Number A-2 (CUSIP No. 25278X AK5 / ISIN No. US25278XAK54) in the aggregate principal amount of \$500,000,000; (B) Certificate Number A-3 (CUSIP No. 25278X AK5 / ISIN No. US25278XAK54) in the aggregate principal amount of \$245,668,000; and (C) Certificate Number S-2 (CUSIP No. U25257 AE3 / ISIN No. USU25257AE38) in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,332,000.

(d) The September 2018 Additional Notes will be issued at an issue price of 99.75%, plus accrued and unpaid interest from May 1, 2018.

(e) The September 2018 Additional Notes will be subject to a Registration Rights Agreement relating to such Additional Notes.

3 . **Governing Law.** THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

4. **Trustee Makes No Representation.** The recitals herein contained are made by the Company and the Guarantors and not by the Trustee, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for the correctness thereof. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture.

5 . **Counterparts.** The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. One signed copy is enough to prove this Supplemental Indenture. The exchange of copies of this Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or PDF transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

6. **Effect of Headings.** The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not effect the construction hereof.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this First Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

COMPANY

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: *Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial
Officer and Assistant
Secretary*

GUARANTORS

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: *Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial
Officer and Assistant
Secretary*

DIAMONDBACK O&G LLC

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: *Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial
Officer and Assistant
Secretary*

WELLS FARGO BANK,
NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: /s/ Patrick T. Giordano

Name: Patrick T. Giordano

Title: *Vice President*

[Signature Page to First Supplemental Indenture]

ANNEX A

OFFICERS' CERTIFICATE

[Attached]

\$750,000,000

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

4.750% Senior Notes due 2024

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

September 25, 2018

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER, & SMITH
INCORPORATED
GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC
*As Representatives of the several Initial Purchasers
named in Schedule A hereto*

c/o Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated
One Bryant Park
New York, New York 10036

c/o Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
200 West Street
New York, New York 10282

Dear Sirs:

Diamondback Energy, Inc. (the “**Issuer**”) proposes to issue and sell to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Goldman Sachs & Co., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Capital One Securities, Inc., Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., BOK Financial Securities, Inc., BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, CIBC World Markets Corp., ING Financial Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Commonwealth Bank of Australia, IBERIA Capital Partners L.L.C. and West Texas National Bank (collectively, the “**Initial Purchasers**”), upon the terms set forth in a purchase agreement dated September 18, 2018 (the “**Purchase Agreement**”), \$750,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.750% Senior Notes due 2024 (the “**Initial Securities**”) to be unconditionally guaranteed (the “**Guarantees**”) by Diamondback Energy O&G LLC and Diamondback Energy E&P LLC (collectively, the “**Guarantors**”) and together with the Issuer, the “**Company**”). The Initial Securities will be issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of October 28, 2016 (the “**Base Indenture**”), among the Issuer, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”), as supplemented by a Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 25, 2018 (the “**Supplemental Indenture**”), among the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee (the Base Indenture, as supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture, the “**Indenture**”). As an inducement to the Initial Purchasers, the Company agrees with the Initial Purchasers, for the benefit of the holders of the Initial Securities (including, without limitation, the Initial Purchasers), the Exchange Securities (as defined below) and the Private Exchange Securities (as defined below) (collectively the “**Holders**”), as follows:

1 . *Registered Exchange Offer.* The Company shall, on or prior to 180 days after the Issue Date (as defined below) (such 180th day being the “**Exchange Offer Registration Statement Filing Deadline**”), at its own cost, prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) a registration statement (along with any document or information incorporated by reference therein, the “**Exchange Offer Registration Statement**”) on an appropriate form under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), with respect to a proposed offer (the “**Registered Exchange Offer**”) to the Holders of Entitled Securities (as defined in Section 6 hereof), who are not prohibited by any law or policy of the Commission

from participating in the Registered Exchange Offer, to issue and deliver to such Holders, in exchange for the Initial Securities, a like aggregate principal amount of debt securities (the “**Exchange Securities**”) of the Issuer issued under the Indenture and identical in all material respects to the Initial Securities (except for the transfer restrictions relating to the Initial Securities and the provisions relating to the matters described in Section 6 hereof) that would be registered under the Securities Act. The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Exchange Offer Registration Statement to become effective under the Securities Act within 360 days (or if the 360th day is not a business day, the first business day thereafter) after the date of original issue of the Initial Securities (the “**Issue Date**”) and shall keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement effective for not less than 30 days (or longer, if required by applicable law) after the date notice of the Registered Exchange Offer is mailed to the Holders (such period being called the “**Exchange Offer Registration Period**”). For purposes of this Agreement, “business day” shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law to close in New York City.

If the Company effects the Registered Exchange Offer, the Company will be entitled to close the Registered Exchange Offer 30 days after the commencement thereof (or longer, if required by applicable law, or if the 30th day is not a business day, the first business day thereafter); *provided* that the Company has accepted all the Initial Securities theretofore validly tendered in accordance with the terms of the Registered Exchange Offer.

Following the declaration of the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly commence the Registered Exchange Offer, it being the objective of such Registered Exchange Offer to enable each Holder of Entitled Securities electing to exchange the Initial Securities for Exchange Securities (assuming that such Holder is not an “affiliate,” as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, of the Company, acquires the Exchange Securities in the ordinary course of such Holder’s business and at the time of the commencement of the Registered Exchange Offer it has no arrangements or understandings with any person to participate in the distribution of the Exchange Securities within the meaning of the Securities Act and is not prohibited by any law or policy of the Commission from participating in the Registered Exchange Offer) to trade such Exchange Securities from and after their receipt without any limitations or restrictions under the Securities Act and without material restrictions under the securities laws of the several states of the United States; *provided, however*, that Participating Broker-Dealers (as defined below) receiving Exchange Securities in the Registered Exchange Offer will have a prospectus delivery requirement with respect to the resale of such Exchange Securities.

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

The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement effective and to amend and supplement the prospectus contained therein, in order to permit such prospectus to be lawfully delivered by all persons subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act for such period of time as such persons must comply with such requirements in order to resell the Exchange Securities; *provided, however*, that (i) in the case where such prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto must be delivered by an Exchanging Dealer or an Initial Purchaser, such period shall be the lesser of 180 days following the consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer and the date on which all Exchanging Dealers and the Initial Purchasers have sold all Exchange Securities held by them (unless such period is extended pursuant to Section 3(j) below) and (ii) the Company shall make such prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto available upon request to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any resale of any Exchange Securities for a period of not less than 180 days following the effective date of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement (or such shorter period in which such persons are required by applicable law to deliver such prospectus).

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

described in Section 6 hereof) to the Initial Securities (the “**Private Exchange Securities**”). The Initial Securities, the Exchange Securities and the Private Exchange Securities are herein collectively called the “**Securities**”.

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

- (a) mail to each Holder a copy of the prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, together with an appropriate letter of transmittal and related documents;
- (b) keep the Registered Exchange Offer open for not less than 30 days (or longer, if required by applicable law) after the date notice thereof is mailed to the Holders;
- (c) utilize the services of a depository for the Registered Exchange Offer with an address in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, which may be the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee;
- (d) permit Holders to withdraw tendered Initial Securities at any time prior to the close of business, New York time, on the last business day on which the Registered Exchange Offer shall remain open; and
- (e) otherwise comply with all applicable laws.

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

- (x) accept for exchange all the Initial Securities validly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer or the Private Exchange, as the case may be;
- (y) deliver to the Trustee for cancellation all the Initial Securities so accepted for exchange; and
- (z) cause the Trustee to authenticate and deliver promptly to each Holder of the Initial Securities, Exchange Securities or Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be, equal in principal amount to the Initial Securities of such Holder so accepted for exchange.

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

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

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

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

2. *Shelf Registration.* If (i) the Company and the Guarantors are not permitted to effect a Registered Exchange Offer, as contemplated by Section 1 hereof, because the Registered Exchange Offer is not permitted by applicable law or Commission policy or (ii) any Holder of Entitled Securities (other than an Exchanging Dealer) notifies the Company prior to the 20th business day following consummation of the Registered Exchange Offer that (x) it is prohibited by law or SEC policy from participating in the Registered Exchange Offer, (y) it may not resell the Exchange Securities acquired by it in the Registered Exchange Offer to the public without delivering a prospectus and the prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not appropriate or available for such resales, or (z) it is a broker-dealer and owns Entitled Securities acquired directly from the Company or an affiliate of the Company, then, upon written request, the Company shall take the following actions:

(a) The Company shall, at its cost, as promptly as practicable (but in no event more than 30 days after so requested pursuant to this Section 2) (such 30th day being a “**Shelf Registration Statement Filing Deadline**”) file with the Commission and thereafter shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective (unless it becomes effective automatically upon filing) a registration statement (the “**Shelf Registration Statement**”) and, together with the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, a “**Registration Statement**”) on an appropriate form under the Securities Act relating to the offer and sale of the Entitled Securities by the Holders thereof from time to time in accordance with the methods of distribution set forth in the Shelf Registration Statement and Rule 415 under the Securities Act (hereinafter, along with any document or information incorporated by reference therein, the “**Shelf Registration**”) in the case of clause (i) above on or prior to the later to occur of (A) the 360th day following the Issue Date and (B) the 120th day after the date of the event described in clause (i) above, and on or prior to the 120th day after the date on which the Shelf Registration Statement is required to be filed in the case of clauses (ii) above; provided, however, that no Holder (other than an Initial Purchaser) shall be entitled to have the Securities held by it covered by such Shelf Registration Statement unless such Holder agrees in writing to be bound by all the provisions of this Agreement applicable to such Holder.

(b) The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective in order to permit the prospectus included therein to be lawfully delivered by the Holders of the relevant Securities, until the earlier of (i) two years (or for such longer period if extended pursuant to Section 3(j) below) from the Issue Date and (ii) the date on which no Securities are Entitled Notes (the “**Shelf Registration Period**”).

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

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

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

Commission Rule 430B(f)) that is delivered to any Holder pursuant to Section 3(d) and Section 3(f) hereof, the names of the Holders, who propose to sell Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, as selling security holders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

any Participating Broker-Dealer and such other persons required to deliver a prospectus following the Registered Exchange Offer in connection with the offering and sale of the Exchange Securities covered by the prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, included in such Exchange Offer Registration Statement.

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

(i) Unless the Securities are in book entry form, the Company shall cooperate with the Holders to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing the Securities to be sold pursuant to any Registration Statement free of any restrictive legends and in such denominations and registered in such names as the Holders may request a reasonable period of time prior to sales of the Securities pursuant to such Registration Statement.

(j) Upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by paragraphs (ii) through (v) of Section 3(b) above during the period for which the Company is required to maintain an effective Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly prepare and file a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or a supplement to the related prospectus and any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to Holders or purchasers of Securities, the prospectus will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. If the Company notifies the Initial Purchasers, the Holders and any known Participating Broker-Dealer in accordance with paragraphs (ii) through (v) of Section 3(b) above to suspend the use of the prospectus until the requisite changes to the prospectus have been made, then the Initial Purchasers, the Holders and any such Participating Broker-Dealers shall suspend use of such prospectus, and the period of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement provided for in Section 2(b) above and the Exchange Offer Registration Statement provided for in Section 1 above shall each be extended by the number of days from and including the date of the giving of such notice to and including the date when the Initial Purchasers, the Holders and any known Participating Broker-Dealer shall have received such amended or supplemented prospectus pursuant to this Section 3(j). During the period during which the Company is required to maintain an effective Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to this Agreement, the Company will prior to the three-year expiration of that Shelf Registration Statement file, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective (unless it becomes effective automatically upon filing) within a period that avoids any interruption in the ability of Holders of Securities covered by the expiring Shelf Registration Statement to make registered dispositions, a new registration statement relating to the Securities, which shall be deemed the "Shelf Registration Statement" for purposes of this Agreement.

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

(l) The Company will comply with all rules and regulations of the Commission to the extent and so long as they are applicable to the Registered Exchange Offer or the Shelf Registration and will make generally available to its security holders (or otherwise provide in accordance with Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder) an earnings statement satisfying the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder, no later than 45 days after the end of a 12-month period (or 90 days, if such period is a fiscal year) beginning with the first month of the Company's first fiscal quarter commencing after the effective date of the Registration Statement, which statement shall cover such 12-month period.

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

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

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

(p) In the case of any Shelf Registration, if requested by the Company subject to the delivery of customary confidentiality agreements (with customary exceptions) by all parties prior to review of such information, the Company shall (i) make reasonably available for inspection by the Holders, any underwriter participating in any disposition pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by the Holders or any such underwriter, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, all relevant financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company and (ii) cause the Company's officers, directors, employees, accountants and auditors to supply all relevant information reasonably requested by the Holders or any such underwriter, attorney, accountant or agent in connection with the Shelf Registration Statement, in each case, as shall be reasonably necessary to enable such persons, to conduct a reasonable investigation within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act; provided, however, that the foregoing inspection and information gathering shall be coordinated on behalf of the Initial Purchasers by you and on behalf of the other parties, by one counsel designated by and on behalf of such other parties as described in Section 4 hereof, and the Company shall have no obligation to pay the fees and expenses of such persons or entities other than as contemplated by Section 4.

(q) In the case of any Shelf Registration, the Company, if requested by any Holder of Securities covered thereby, shall cause: (i) its counsel to deliver an opinion and negative assurance letter and updates thereof relating to the Securities addressed to such Holders and the Managing Underwriters (as defined in Section 8 hereof), if any, in form, scope and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Managing Underwriters, covering the matters customarily covered in opinions and negative assurance letters, reasonably requested in underwritten offerings, and dated, in the case of the initial opinion and negative assurance letter, the effective date of such Shelf Registration Statement; (ii) its officers to execute and deliver all customary documents and certificates and updates thereof requested by any underwriters of the applicable Securities; (iii) its independent public accountants to provide to the selling Holders of the applicable Securities and any underwriter therefor a comfort letter in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in comfort letters in connection with primary underwritten offerings, subject to receipt of appropriate documentation as contemplated, and only if permitted, by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 72 (or any successor bulletins); and (iv) its independent reserve engineers to provide to the selling Holders of the applicable Securities and any underwriter therefor a comfort letter in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in reserve engineer comfort letters in connection with primary underwritten offerings, subject to receipt of appropriate documentation as contemplated.

(r) In the case of the Registered Exchange Offer, if requested by any Initial Purchaser or any known Participating Broker-Dealer, the Company shall cause (i) its counsel to deliver to such Initial Purchaser or such Participating Broker-Dealer signed opinions in the forms set forth in Schedule D and Schedule E of the Purchase Agreement with such changes as are customary in connection with the preparation of a Registration Statement, (ii) its independent public accountants to deliver to such Initial Purchaser or such Participating Broker-Dealer a comfort letter, in customary form, meeting the requirements as to the substance as set forth in the Purchase Agreement, with appropriate date changes, and (iii) its independent reserve engineers to deliver to such Initial Purchaser or such Participating Broker-Dealer a comfort letter, in customary form, meeting the requirements as to the substance thereof as set forth in the Purchase Agreement, with appropriate date changes.

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

(t) If so requested by Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Securities covered by such Registration Statement, or by the managing underwriters, if any, the Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts

to (a) if the Initial Securities have been rated prior to the initial sale of such Initial Securities, confirm such ratings will apply to the Securities covered by a Registration Statement, or (b) if the Initial Securities were not previously rated, cause the Securities covered by a Registration Statement to be rated with the appropriate rating agencies.

(u) In the event that any broker-dealer registered under the Exchange Act shall underwrite any Securities or participate as a member of an underwriting syndicate or selling group or “assist in the distribution” (within the meaning of the Conduct Rules (the “**Rules**”) of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“**FINRA**”)) thereof, whether as a Holder of such Securities or as an underwriter, a placement or sales agent or a broker or dealer in respect thereof, or otherwise, the Company will assist such broker-dealer in complying with the requirements of such Rules, including, without limitation, by (i) if such Rules, including Rule 5121, shall so require, engaging a “qualified independent underwriter” (as defined in Rule 5121) to participate in the preparation of the Registration Statement relating to such Securities, to exercise usual standards of due diligence in respect thereto and, if any portion of the offering contemplated by such Registration Statement is an underwritten offering or is made through a placement or sales agent, to recommend the yield of such Securities, (ii) indemnifying any such qualified independent underwriter to the extent of the indemnification of underwriters provided in Section 5 hereof and (iii) providing such information to such broker-dealer as may be required in order for such broker-dealer to comply with the requirements of the Rules.

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

4. *Registration Expenses.* The Company shall bear all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations under Sections 1 through 3 hereof (including the reasonable fees and expenses, if any, of Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Initial Purchasers, incurred in connection with the Registered Exchange Offer), whether or not the Registered Exchange Offer is consummated or a Registration Statement is filed or becomes effective, and, in the event of a Shelf Registration, shall bear or reimburse the Holders of the Securities covered thereby for the reasonable fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel designated by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Initial Securities covered thereby to act as counsel for the Holders of the Initial Securities in connection therewith.

5. *Indemnification.* (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Holder, any Participating Broker-Dealer and each person, if any, who controls such Holder or such Participating Broker-Dealer within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act (each Holder, any Participating Broker-Dealer and such controlling persons are referred to collectively as the “**Indemnified Parties**”) from and against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, or any actions in respect thereof (including, but not limited to, any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or actions relating to purchases and sales of the Securities) to which each Indemnified Party may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or actions arise out of or are based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in a Registration Statement or prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus or “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Commission Rule 433 (“**Issuer FWP**”), relating to a Shelf Registration, or arise out of, or are based upon, the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and shall reimburse, as incurred, the Indemnified Parties for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such loss, claim, damage, liability or action in respect thereof; provided, however, that (i) the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in a Registration Statement or prospectus or in any amendment or supplement thereto or in any preliminary prospectus or Issuer FWP relating to a Shelf Registration in reliance upon and in conformity with written information pertaining to such Holder and furnished to the Company by or on behalf of such Holder specifically for inclusion therein and (ii) with respect to any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in any preliminary prospectus relating to a Shelf Registration Statement, the indemnity agreement contained in this subsection (a) shall not inure to the benefit of any Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer from whom the person asserting any such losses, claims, damages or liabilities purchased the Securities concerned, to the extent that a prospectus relating to such Securities was required to be delivered (including through satisfaction of the conditions of Commission Rule 172) by such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer under the Securities Act in connection with such purchase and any such loss, claim, damage or liability of such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer results from the fact that there was not conveyed to such person, at or prior to the time of the sale of such Securities to such person, an amended or supplemented prospectus or, if permitted by Section 3(d), an Issuer FWP correcting such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission if the Company had previously furnished copies thereof to such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer; provided further, however, that this indemnity agreement will be in addition to any liability which the Company may otherwise have to such Indemnified Party. The Company shall also indemnify underwriters, their officers and directors and each person who controls such underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act to the same extent as provided above with respect to the indemnification of the Holders if requested by such Holders.

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

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 5 of notice of the commencement of any action or proceeding (including a governmental investigation), such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under this Section 5, notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof; but the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability that it may have under Section 5(a) or Section 5(b) above except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses) by such failure; and provided further that the failure to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to an indemnified party otherwise than under Section 5(a) or Section 5(b) above. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party, and it notifies the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it may wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party), and after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 5 for any legal or other expenses, other than reasonable costs of investigation, subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the contrary; (ii) the indemnifying party has failed within a reasonable time to retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party; (iii) the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it that are different from or in addition to those available to the indemnifying party; or (iv) the named parties in any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. It is understood and agreed that the indemnifying party shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceeding in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all indemnified parties, and that all such fees and expenses shall be reimbursed as they are incurred. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party effect any settlement of any pending or threatened action in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party unless such settlement (i) includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on any claims that are the subject matter of such action, and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 5 is unavailable or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under Section 5(a) or Section 5(b) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to in Section 5(a) or Section 5(b) above (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other from the exchange of the Securities, pursuant to the Registered Exchange Offer, or (ii) if the allocation provided by the foregoing clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the indemnifying party or parties on the one hand and the indemnified party on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the parties shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or such Holder or such other indemnified party, as the case may be, on the other, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The amount paid by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages

or liabilities referred to in the first sentence of this subsection (d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim which is the subject of this subsection (d). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 5(d), the Holders shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the net proceeds received by such Holders from the sale of the Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement exceeds the amount of damages which such Holders have otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this subsection (d), each person, if any, who controls such indemnified party within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such indemnified party and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

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

6. *Special Interest Under Certain Circumstances.* (a) Special interest (the “**Special Interest**”) with respect to the Initial Securities shall be assessed as follows if any of the following events occur (each such event in clauses (i) through (iv) below a “**Registration Default**”):

(i) If (a) the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not filed with the Commission on or prior to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement Filing Deadline, or (b) the Shelf Registration Statement required by this Agreement is not filed with the Commission on or prior to the Shelf Registration Filing Deadline;

(ii) If on or prior to the 360th day following the Issue Date, the Exchange Offer Registration Statement has not been declared effective by the Commission;

(iii) If the Company and the Guarantors fail to consummate the Registered Exchange Offer on or prior to 30 business days, or longer, if required by applicable securities laws, after the date on which the Exchange Offer Registration Statement was declared effective by the Commission;

(iv) If the Shelf Registration Statement (if required in lieu of the Registered Exchange Offer) has not been declared effective by the Commission on or prior to the applicable date specified in Section 2(a) hereof; or

(v) If after either the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or the Shelf Registration Statement is declared (or becomes automatically) effective (A) such Registration Statement thereafter ceases to be effective; or (B) such Registration Statement or the related prospectus ceases to be usable (except as permitted in Section 6(b) hereof) in connection with resales of Entitled Securities during the periods specified herein, and in either case such failure to remain effective or usable, as the case may be, continues for 30 consecutive days.

Special Interest shall accrue on the principal amount of the Initial Securities over and above the interest set forth in the title of the Securities from and including the date on which any such Registration Default shall occur to but excluding the earlier of (y) the date on which all such Registration Defaults have been cured and (z) the date on which no Initial Securities are Entitled Securities, at a rate of 0.25% per annum for the first 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of such Registration Default. The Special Interest rate shall increase by an additional 0.25% per annum with respect to each subsequent 90-day period until all Registration Defaults have been cured, up to a maximum Special Interest rate of 0.50% per annum.

(b) A Registration Default referred to in Section 6(a)(v) hereof shall be deemed not to have occurred and be continuing in relation to a Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus if (i) such Registration Default has occurred solely as a result of (x) the filing of a post-effective amendment to such Shelf Registration Statement to incorporate annual audited financial information with respect to the Company where such post-effective amendment is not yet effective and needs to be declared effective to permit Holders to use the related prospectus or (y) other material events with respect to the Company that would need to be described in such Shelf Registration Statement or the related prospectus and (ii) in the case of clause (y), the Company is proceeding promptly and in good faith to amend or supplement such Shelf Registration Statement and related prospectus to describe such events; provided, however, that in any case if such Registration Default occurs for a continuous period in excess of 30 days, Special Interest shall be payable in accordance with the above paragraph from the day such Registration Default occurs until such Registration Default is cured.

(c) The remedy set forth in Section 6(a) hereof shall constitute liquidated damages and shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the Holders for each and any Registration Default.

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

(e) “**Entitled Securities**” means each Security until the earliest of (i) the date on which such Entitled Security has been exchanged by a person other than a broker-dealer for a freely transferable Exchange Security in the Registered Exchange Offer, (ii) following the exchange by a broker-dealer in the Registered Exchange Offer of an Initial Security for an Exchange Security, the date on which such Exchange Security is sold to a purchaser who receives from such broker-dealer on or prior to the date of such sale a copy of the prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, (iii) the date on which such Initial Security has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the Shelf Registration Statement; and (iv) the date on which such Initial Security is disposed of to the public in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing in this Section 6: (i) the amount of Special Interest payable shall not increase because more than one Registration Default has occurred and is pending; (ii) a Holder of an Entitled Security who is not entitled to the benefits of the Shelf Registration Statement (i.e., such Holder has not elected to furnish information to the Company in accordance with Section 3(n) hereof) shall not be entitled to Special Interest with respect to a Registration Default relating to the Shelf Registration Statement; and (iii) no Holder who (x) was eligible to exchange such Holder’s outstanding Securities at the time the Exchange Offer was pending and consummated and (y) failed to validly tender such Securities for exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offer shall be entitled to receive any Special Interest that would otherwise accrue subsequent to the date the Exchange Offer is consummated.

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

8. *Underwritten Registrations.* Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Securities covered by a Shelf Registration Statement may be sold in an underwritten offering under the Shelf Registration Statement without the prior written consent of the Company. If any of the Entitled Securities covered by any Shelf Registration are to be sold in an underwritten offering, the investment banker or investment bankers and manager or managers that will administer the offering (“**Managing Underwriters**”) will be selected by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Entitled Securities to be included in such offering, subject to the Company’s consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).

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

9. *Miscellaneous.*

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

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

(1) if to a Holder, at the most current address given by such Holder to the Company.

(2) if to the Initial Purchasers:

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

(ii) Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
200 West Street
New York, New York 10282-2198
Fax: (212) 902-9316
Attention: Registration Department

with a copy to:

Latham & Watkins LLP
811 Main Street, Suite 3700
Houston, Texas 77002
Fax: (713) 546-5401
Attention: Michael Chambers

(3) if to the Company, at its address as follows:

Diamondback Energy, Inc.
500 West Texas, Suite 1200
Midland, Texas 79701
Fax: (405) 286-5920
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

with a copy to:

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP
1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 4100
Dallas, TX 75201
Attention: Seth R. Molay, P.C.

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

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

(d) *Successors and Assigns.* This Agreement shall be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns.

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

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

(g) *Governing Law.* THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

DIAMONDBACK ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial
Officer and Assistant Secretary

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial
Officer and Assistant Secretary

DIAMONDBACK O&G LLC

By: /s/ Teresa L. Dick
Name: Teresa L. Dick
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial
Officer and Assistant Secretary

[Signature Page to the Registration Rights Agreement]

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

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

*Acting on behalf of themselves and as representatives of
the several Initial Purchasers*

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH
INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Sam Kazdal

Name: Sam Kazdal

Title: Managing Director

GOLDMAN SACHS & CO. LLC

By: /s/ Ariel Fox

Name: /s/ Ariel Fox

Title: Vice President

[Signature Page to the Registration Rights Agreement]

Annex A

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

Annex B

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

Annex C

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each broker-dealer that receives Exchange Securities for its own account pursuant to the Exchange Offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities. This Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of Exchange Securities received in exchange for Initial Securities where such Initial Securities were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. The Company has agreed that, for a period of 180 days after the Effective Date, it will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until _____, 20____, all dealers effecting transactions in the Exchange Securities may be required to deliver a prospectus.⁽¹⁾

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

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

⁽¹⁾In addition, the legend required by Item 502(b) of Regulation S-K will appear on the back cover page of the Exchange Offer prospectus.

Annex D

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

SCHEDULE A

Initial Purchasers

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
Capital One Securities, Inc.
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC
BOK Financial Securities, Inc.
CIBC World Markets Corp.
ING Financial Markets LLC
PNC Capital Markets LLC
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
IBERIA Capital Partners L.L.C.
West Texas National Bank