# 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): February 24, 2022

# **CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-33366

20-5913059

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

Delaware

(Commission File Number)

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

700 Milam Street, Suite 1900 Houston, Texas 77002 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 375-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
<b>Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests</b>	CQP	NYSE American

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  $\Box$ 

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.  $\Box$ 

## Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 24, 2022, Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") issued a press release announcing the Partnership's results of operations for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

The information included in this Item 2.02 of Current Report on Form 8-K, including the attached Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1*	Press Release, dated February 24, 2022.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

\* Furnished herewith.

# SIGNATURES

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

# CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS,

L.P.

By: Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, its general partner

February 24,

/s/ Zach Davis By: Zach Davis Name: Executive Vice President Title: and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: 2022

# CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. NEWS RELEASE

# Cheniere Partners Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2021 Results, Updates Distribution Plans and Raises Full Year 2022 Distribution Guidance

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. ("Cheniere Partners") (NYSE American: CQP) today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2021.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Net income of \$506 million and \$1.6 billion for the fourth quarter and full year 2021, respectively.
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$868 million and \$3.1 billion for the fourth quarter and full year 2021, respectively.
- Paid a distribution of \$0.700 per common unit on February 14, 2022 to unitholders of record as of February 7, 2022.
- Raising full year 2022 distribution guidance to \$4.00 \$4.25 per common unit and announcing the initiation of quarterly distributions to be comprised of a base amount plus a variable amount, which are expected to begin with the distribution related to the first quarter of 2022. It is anticipated that the quarterly distribution with respect to the first quarter of 2022 will be comprised of a base amount equal to \$0.775 (\$3.10 annualized), and a variable amount equal to the remaining available cash per unit, which will take into consideration, among other things, amounts reserved for annual debt repayment and capital allocation goals, anticipated capex to be funded with cash, and cash reserves to provide for the proper conduct of the business.
- On February 4, 2022, substantial completion was achieved on Train 6 of the SPL Project (defined below), upon which Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. ("Bechtel") turned over care, custody, and control of Train 6 to Cheniere Partners. Cheniere Partners began producing and exporting commissioning LNG from Train 6 in December with a total of 12 TBtu exported in the fourth quarter.

## 2022 FULL YEAR DISTRIBUTION GUIDANCE

	2022 Previous		2022 Revised	
Distribution per Unit	\$ 3.00 - \$	3.25	\$ 4.00 - \$	4.25

#### SUMMARY AND REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

(in millions, except LNG data)	Three Months Ended December 31,					Year Ended December 31,				
	 2021	2020 % Change		2021			2020	% Change		
Revenues	\$ 3,257	\$	1,997	63 %	\$	9,434	\$	6,167	53 %	
Net income	\$ 506	\$	409	24 %	\$	1,630	\$	1,183	38 %	
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	\$ 868	\$	772	12 %	\$	3,076	\$	2,762	11 %	
LNG exported:										
Number of cargoes	97		89	9 %		359		275	31 %	
Volumes (TBtu)	345		315	10 %		1,284		971	32 %	
LNG volumes loaded (TBtu)	342		318	8 %		1,280		974	31 %	

Net income increased \$97 million and \$447 million while Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup> increased \$96 million and \$314 million during the fourth quarter and full year 2021, respectively, as compared to the corresponding 2020 periods, primarily

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Non-GAAP financial measure. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures" for further details.

as a result of increases in both margin per MMBtu of LNG and volume delivered, partially offset by the non-recurrence of revenues recognized on cancelled LNG cargoes.

During the fourth quarter and full year 2021, we recognized in income 330 and 1,269 TBtu, respectively, of LNG loaded from the SPL Project. Additionally, for the year ended December 31, 2021, we recognized in income 8 TBtu of LNG procured by Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC ("SPL") from Cheniere Energy, Inc.'s Corpus Christi liquefaction facility. During the fourth quarter, approximately 12 TBtu of commissioning LNG was exported from the SPL Project.

During the fourth quarter and full year 2020, we recognized \$40 million and \$553 million, respectively, in LNG revenues associated with cancelled LNG cargoes. LNG revenues during fourth quarter 2020 excluded \$21 million that would have otherwise been recognized during the quarter if the cargoes were lifted pursuant to the delivery schedules with the customers, as these revenues were recognized during third quarter 2020 when cancellations were received. We did not have any such revenue timing impacts during the fourth quarter 2021.

#### BALANCE SHEET MANAGEMENT

#### **Capital Resources**

As of December 31, 2021, our total liquidity position was over \$2.5 billion. We had cash and cash equivalents of \$0.9 billion. In addition, we had current restricted cash and cash equivalents of \$98 million, \$750 million of available commitments under our 2019 CQP Credit Facilities, and \$805 million of available commitments under the SPL Working Capital Facility.

#### **KEY FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS**

In December 2021, SPL issued Senior Secured Notes due 2037 on a private placement basis for an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$482 million (the "2037 SPL Private Placement Senior Secured Notes"). The proceeds of the 2037 SPL Private Placement Senior Secured Notes, net of related fees, costs and expenses, were used to redeem a portion of the 2022 SPL Senior Notes. The remaining balance of the 2022 SPL Senior Notes was redeemed with cash on hand, including proceeds from the CQP 2032 Notes issued in September 2021. The 2037 SPL Private Placement Senior Secured Notes are fully amortizing, with a weighted average life of over 10 years and a weighted average interest rate of 3.07%.

#### SPL PROJECT OVERVIEW

We own natural gas liquefaction facilities consisting of six operational liquefaction Trains, with a total production capacity of approximately 30 million tonnes per annum ("mtpa") of LNG at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal (the "SPL Project"). On February 4, 2022, Train 6 of the SPL Project reached substantial completion.

As of February 18, 2022, over 1,550 cumulative LNG cargoes totaling approximately 110 million tonnes of LNG have been produced, loaded, and exported from the SPL Project.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS

We paid a cash distribution of \$0.700 per common unit to unitholders of record as of February 7, 2022 and the related general partner distribution on February 14, 2022.

#### INVESTOR CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

Cheniere Energy, Inc. will host a conference call to discuss its financial and operating results for the fourth quarter and full year 2021 on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 11 a.m. Eastern time / 10 a.m. Central time. A listen-only webcast of the call and an accompanying slide presentation may be accessed through our website at www.cheniere.com. Following the call, an archived recording will be made available on our website. The call and accompanying slide presentation may include financial and operating results or other information regarding Cheniere Partners.

#### About Cheniere Partners

Cheniere Partners owns the Sabine Pass LNG terminal located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which has natural gas liquefaction facilities consisting of six operational liquefaction Trains with a total production capacity of approximately 30 mtpa of LNG. The

Sabine Pass LNG terminal also has operational regasification facilities that include five LNG storage tanks, vaporizers, and two marine berths with a third marine berth under construction. Cheniere Partners also owns the Creole Trail Pipeline, which interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate pipelines.

For additional information, please refer to the Cheniere Partners website at www.cheniere.com and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to disclosing financial results in accordance with U.S. GAAP, the accompanying news release contains a non-GAAP financial measure. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that is used to facilitate comparisons of operating performance across periods. This non-GAAP measure should be viewed as a supplement to and not a substitute for our U.S. GAAP measures of performance and the financial results calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and the reconciliation from these results should be carefully evaluated.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains certain statements that may include "forward-looking statements." All statements, other than statements of historical or present facts or conditions, included herein are "forward-looking statements." Included among "forward-looking statements" are, among other things, (i) statements regarding Cheniere Partners' financial and operational guidance, business strategy, plans and objectives, including the development, construction and operation facilities, (ii) statements regarding Cheniere Partners' anticipated quarterly distributions and ability to make quarterly distributions at the base amount or any amount, (iii) statements regarding regulatory authorization and approval expectations, (iv) statements expressing beliefs and expectations regarding the development of Cheniere Partners' LNG terminal and liquefaction business, (v) statements regarding the business operations and prospects of third-parties, (vii) statements regarding potential financing arrangements, (vii) statements regarding future discussions and entry into contracts, and (viii) statements regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our business and operating results. Although Cheniere Partners believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, they do involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and these expectations may prove to be incorrect. Cheniere Partners' periodic reports that are field with and available from the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Other than as required under the securities laws, Cheniere Partners dudy to update these forward-looking statements.

(Financial Tables Follow)

# Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Consolidated Statements of Income (in millions, except per unit data)<sup>(1)</sup>

		Three Months Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,			
		2021		2020		2021		2020
Revenues	•		•		•		•	
LNG revenues	\$	2,582	\$	1,607	\$	1	\$	5,195
LNG revenues—affiliate		594		310		1,472		662
LNG revenues—related party						1		_
Regasification revenues		67		67		269		269
Other revenues		14		13		53		41
Total revenues		3,257		1,997		9,434		6,167
Operating costs and expenses								
Cost of sales (excluding items shown separately below)		2,112		954		5,290		2,505
Cost of sales—affiliate		22		39		84		77
Cost of sales—related party		16		_		17		_
Operating and maintenance expense		170		166		635		629
Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate		39		37		142		152
Operating and maintenance expense—related party		12		13		46		13
Development expense				_		1		_
Development expense—affiliate		1		_		1		_
General and administrative expense		2		2		9		14
General and administrative expense—affiliate		21		23		85		96
Depreciation and amortization expense		140		138		557		551
Impairment expense and loss on disposal of assets		4		—		10		5
Total operating costs and expenses		2,539		1,372		6,877		4,042
Income from operations		718		625		2,557		2,125
Other income (expense)								
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest		(195)		(218)		(831)		(909)
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt		(20)		—		(101)		(43)
Other income, net		1		_		3		8
Other income—affiliate		2		2		2		2
Total other expense		(212)		(216)	_	(927)	_	(942)
Net income	\$	506	\$	409	\$	1,630	\$	1,183
Basic and diluted net income per common unit	\$	0.93	\$	0.77	\$	3.00	<u>\$</u>	2.32
Weighted average number of common units outstanding used for basic and diluted net income per common unit calculation		484.0		484.0		484.0		399.3

(1) Please refer to the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

# Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions, except unit data) <sup>(1)</sup>

		Decen	ber 3	-		
		2021		2020		
ASSETS						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	876	\$	1.210		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	Ŧ	98	Ŧ	97		
Accounts and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses		580		318		
Accounts receivable—affiliate		232		184		
Accounts receivable—related party		1				
Advances to affiliate		141		144		
Inventory		176		107		
Current derivative assets		21		14		
Other current assets		87		61		
Total current assets		2,212		2,135		
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Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		16,830		16,723		
Operating lease assets		98		99		
Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization		12		17		
Derivative assets		33		11		
Other non-current assets, net		173		160		
Total assets	\$	19,358	\$	19,145		
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LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	21	\$	12		
Accrued liabilities		1,073		658		
Accrued liabilities—related party		4		4		
Due to affiliates		67		53		
Deferred revenue		155		137		
Deferred revenue—affiliate		1		1		
Current operating lease liabilities		8		7		
Current derivative liabilities		16		11		
Total current liabilities		1,345		883		
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Long-term debt, net of premium, discount and debt issuance costs		17,177		17,580		
Non-current deferred revenue—affiliate				_		
Operating lease liabilities		89		90		
Derivative liabilities		11		35		
Other non-current liabilities		_		1		
Other non-current liabilities—affiliate		18		17		
Partners' equity						
Common unitholders' interest (484.0 million units issued and outstanding at both December 31, 2021 and 2020)		1,024		714		
General partner's interest (2% interest with 9.9 million units issued and outstanding at December 31, 2021 and 2020)		(306)		(175)		
Total partners' equity		718		539		
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$	19,358	\$	19,145		
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(1) Please refer to the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures Regulation G Reconciliations

# Adjusted EBITDA

The following table reconciles our Adjusted EBITDA to U.S. GAAP results for the quarters ended and years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 (in millions):

	Three	e Months End	ded December 31,	Year Ended December 31,			
	2021		2020	2021		2020	
Net income	\$	506	\$ 409	\$ 1,630	\$	1,183	
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest		195	218	831		909	
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt		20	—	101		43	
Other income, net		(1)	—	(3	)	(8)	
Other income—affiliate		(2)	(2)	(2	)	(2)	
Income from operations	\$	718	\$ 625	\$ 2,557	\$	2,125	
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to Adjusted EBITDA:							
Depreciation and amortization expense		140	138	557		551	
Loss (gain) from changes in fair value of commodity derivatives, net <sup>(1)</sup>		5	9	(49	)	45	
Impairment expense and loss on disposal of assets		4	—	10		5	
Incremental costs associated with COVID-19 response		1	—	1		36	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	868	\$ 772	\$ 3,076	\$	2,762	

(1) Change in fair value of commodity derivatives prior to contractual delivery or termination

Adjusted EBITDA is commonly used as a supplemental financial measure by our management and external users of our Consolidated Financial Statements to assess the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structures, or historical cost basis. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flows from operations or net income as defined by U.S. GAAP and is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

We believe Adjusted EBITDA provides relevant and useful information to management, investors and other users of our financial information in evaluating the effectiveness of our operating performance in a manner that is consistent with management's evaluation of financial and operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA is calculated by taking net income before interest expense, net of capitalized interest, depreciation and amortization, and adjusting for the effects of certain non-cash items, other non-operating income or expense items and other items not otherwise predictive or indicative of ongoing operating performance, including the effects of modification or extinguishment of debt, impairment expense and loss on disposal of assets, changes in the fair value of our commodity derivatives prior to contractual delivery or termination, and non-recurring costs related to our response to the COVID-19 outbreak which are incremental to and separable from normal operations. The change in fair value of commodity derivatives is considered in determining Adjusted EBITDA given that the timing of recognizing gains and losses on these derivative contracts differs from the recognition of the related item economically hedged. We believe the exclusion of these items enables investors and other users of our financial information to assess our sequential and year-over-year performance and operating trends on a more comparable basis and is consistent with management's own evaluation of performance.

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