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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

or

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-33366

**Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**20-5913059**

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

**845 Texas Avenue, Suite 1250**

**Houston, Texas 77002**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(713) 375-5000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Title of each class

Trading Symbol

Name of each exchange on which registered

**Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests**

**CQP**

**New York Stock Exchange**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation to its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common units held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$ 1.8 billion as of June 30, 2023.

As of February 16, 2024, the registrant had 484,040,623 common units outstanding.

Documents incorporated by reference: **None**

CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.

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**DEFINITIONS**

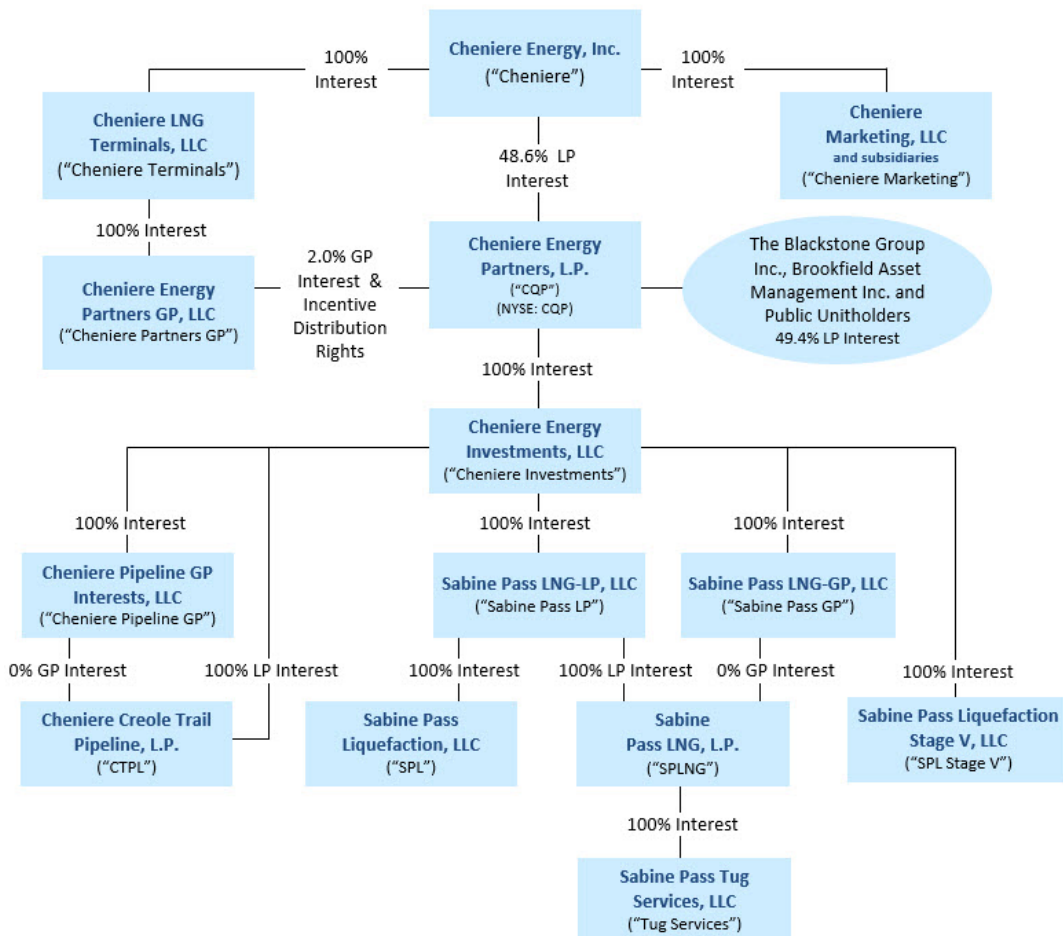
As used in this annual report, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

**Common Industry and Other Terms**

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| ASU               | Accounting Standards Update  |
| Bcf               | billion cubic feet   |
| Bcf/d             | billion cubic feet per day   |
| Bcf/yr            | billion cubic feet per year  |
| Bcfe              | billion cubic feet equivalent  |
| DOE               | U.S. Department of Energy  |
| EPC               | engineering, procurement and construction  |
| ESG               | environmental, social and governance   |
| FASB              | Financial Accounting Standards Board   |
| FERC              | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission   |
| FID               | final investment decision  |
| FOB               | free-on-board  |
| FTA countries     | countries with which the United States has a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas  |
| GAAP              | generally accepted accounting principles in the United States  |
| Henry Hub         | the final settlement price (in U.S. dollars per MMBtu) for the New York Mercantile Exchange's Henry Hub natural gas futures contract for the month in which a relevant cargo's delivery window is scheduled to begin |
| IPM agreements    | integrated production marketing agreements in which the gas producer sells to us gas on a global LNG or natural gas index price, less a fixed liquefaction fee, shipping and other costs                             |
| LIBOR             | London Interbank Offered Rate  |
| LNG               | liquefied natural gas, a product of natural gas that, through a refrigeration process, has been cooled to a liquid state, which occupies a volume that is approximately 1/600th of its gaseous state                 |
| MMBtu             | million British thermal units; one British thermal unit measures the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit   |
| mtpa              | million tonnes per annum   |
| non-FTA countries | countries with which the United States does not have a free trade agreement providing for national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is permitted  |
| SEC               | U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  |
| SOFR              | Secured Overnight Financing Rate   |
| SPA               | LNG sale and purchase agreement  |
| TBtu              | trillion British thermal units; one British thermal unit measures the amount of energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit  |
| Train             | an industrial facility comprised of a series of refrigerant compressor loops used to cool natural gas into LNG   |
| TUA               | terminal use agreement   |

### Abbreviated Legal Entity Structure

The following diagram depicts our abbreviated legal entity structure as of December 31, 2023, including our ownership of certain subsidiaries, and the references to these entities used in this annual report:



Unless the context requires otherwise, references to "CQP," the "Partnership," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT  
REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This annual report contains certain statements that are, or may be deemed to be, “forward-looking statements.” All statements, other than statements of historical or present facts or conditions, included herein or incorporated herein by reference are “forward-looking statements.” Included among “forward-looking statements” are, among other things:

- statements regarding our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders;
- statements regarding our expected receipt of cash distributions from SPLNG, SPL or CTPL;
- statements that we expect to commence or complete construction of our proposed LNG terminal, liquefaction facility, pipeline facility or other projects, or any expansions or portions thereof, by certain dates, or at all;
- statements regarding future levels of domestic and international natural gas production, supply or consumption or future levels of LNG imports into or exports from North America and other countries worldwide or purchases of natural gas, regardless of the source of such information, or the transportation or other infrastructure or demand for and prices related to natural gas, LNG or other hydrocarbon products;
- statements regarding any financing transactions or arrangements, or our ability to enter into such transactions;
- statements regarding our future sources of liquidity and cash requirements;
- statements relating to the construction of our Trains, including statements concerning the engagement of any EPC contractor or other contractor and the anticipated terms and provisions of any agreement with any EPC or other contractor, and anticipated costs related thereto;
- statements regarding any SPA or other agreement to be entered into or performed substantially in the future, including any revenues anticipated to be received and the anticipated timing thereof, and statements regarding the amounts of total LNG regasification, natural gas liquefaction or storage capacities that are, or may become, subject to contracts;
- statements regarding counterparties to our commercial contracts, construction contracts and other contracts;
- statements regarding our planned development and construction of additional Trains, including the financing of such Trains;
- statements that our Trains, when completed, will have certain characteristics, including amounts of liquefaction capacities;
- statements regarding our business strategy, our strengths, our business and operation plans or any other plans, forecasts, projections, or objectives, including anticipated revenues, capital expenditures, maintenance and operating costs and cash flows, any or all of which are subject to change;
- statements regarding legislative, governmental, regulatory, administrative or other public body actions, approvals, requirements, permits, applications, filings, investigations, proceedings or decisions;
- any other statements that relate to non-historical or future information; and
- other factors described in [Item 1A. Risk Factors](#) in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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

## PART I

### ITEMS 1. AND 2. BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES

#### General

We are a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership formed in 2006 by Cheniere. We provide clean, secure and affordable LNG to integrated energy companies, utilities and energy trading companies around the world. We aspire to conduct our business in a safe and responsible manner, delivering a reliable, competitive and integrated source of LNG to our customers.

LNG is natural gas (methane) in liquid form. The LNG we produce is shipped all over the world, turned back into natural gas (called “regasification”) and then transported via pipeline to homes and businesses and used as an energy source that is essential for heating, cooking, other industrial uses and back up for intermittent energy sources. Natural gas is a cleaner-burning, abundant and affordable source of energy. When LNG is converted back to natural gas, it can be used instead of coal, which reduces the amount of pollution traditionally produced from burning fossil fuels, like sulfur dioxide and particulate matter that enters the air we breathe. Additionally, compared to coal, it produces significantly fewer carbon emissions. By liquefying natural gas, we are able to reduce its volume by 600 times so that we can load it onto special LNG carriers designed to keep the LNG cold and in liquid form for efficient transport overseas.

We own a natural gas liquefaction and export facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana at Sabine Pass (the “**Sabine Pass LNG Terminal**”), one of the largest LNG production facilities in the world, which has six operational Trains, for a total production capacity of approximately 30 mtpa of LNG (the “**Liquefaction Project**”). The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal also has operational regasification facilities that include five LNG storage tanks with aggregate capacity of approximately 17 Bcfe, vaporizers with regasification capacity of approximately 4 Bcf/d as well as three marine berths, two of which can accommodate vessels with nominal capacity of up to 266,000 cubic meters and the third berth which can accommodate vessels with nominal capacity of up to 200,000 cubic meters. We also own a 94-mile natural gas supply pipeline through our subsidiary, CTPL, that interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal to several interstate and intrastate pipelines (the “**Creole Trail Pipeline**”).

Our long-term customer arrangements form the foundation of our business and provide us with significant, stable, long-term cash flows. We have contracted most of our anticipated production capacity under SPAs, in which our customers are generally required to pay a fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes irrespective of their election to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes, and under IPM agreements, in which the gas producer sells natural gas to us on a global LNG or natural gas index price, less a fixed liquefaction fee, shipping and other costs. The SPAs also have a variable fee component, which is generally structured to cover the cost of natural gas purchases, transportation and liquefaction fuel consumed to produce LNG. Since we procure most of our feedstock for LNG production from the U.S., the structure of these contracts helps limit our exposure to fluctuations in U.S. natural gas prices. Through our SPAs and IPM agreement, we have contracted approximately 85% of the total anticipated production from the Liquefaction Project with approximately 14 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2023, excluding volumes that are contractually subject to additional liquefaction capacity beyond what is currently in construction or operation.

We remain focused on safety, operational excellence and customer satisfaction. Increasing demand for LNG has allowed us to expand our liquefaction infrastructure in a financially disciplined manner. We have increased available liquefaction capacity at our Liquefaction Project as a result of debottlenecking and other optimization projects. We believe these factors provide a foundation for additional growth in our portfolio of customer contracts in the future. We hold a significant land position at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, which provides opportunity for further liquefaction capacity expansion. In May 2023, certain of our subsidiaries entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC under the National Environmental Policy Act (“**NEPA**”) for an expansion adjacent to the Liquefaction Project with a potential production capacity of up to approximately 20 mtpa of total LNG capacity, inclusive of estimated debottlenecking opportunities (the “**SPL Expansion Project**”). The development of the SPL Expansion Project or other projects, including infrastructure projects in support of natural gas supply and LNG demand, will require, among other things, acceptable commercial and financing arrangements before a positive FID is made.

## Our Business Strategy

Our primary business strategy is to develop, construct and operate assets to meet our long-term customers' energy demands. We plan to implement our strategy by:

- safely, efficiently and reliably operating and maintaining our assets, including our Trains;
- procuring natural gas and pipeline transport capacity to our facility;
- commencing commercial delivery for our long-term SPA customers, of which we have initiated for nine of eleven third party long-term SPA customers as of December 31, 2023;
- continuing to secure long-term customer contracts to support our planned expansion, including the FID of potential expansion projects;
- maximizing the production of LNG to serve our customers and generating steady and stable revenues and operating cash flows;
- optimizing the Liquefaction Project by leveraging existing infrastructure;
- maintaining a prudent and cost-effective capital structure; and
- strategically identifying actionable and economic environmental solutions.

## Our Business

Below is a discussion of our operations. For further discussion of our contractual obligations and cash requirements related to these operations, refer to [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#) in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

### *Sabine Pass LNG Terminal*

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, as described above under the caption [General](#), is one of the largest LNG production facilities in the world with six Trains, five storage tanks and three marine berths. Additionally, in May 2023, certain of our subsidiaries entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC under the NEPA for the SPL Expansion Project.

The following summarizes the volumes of natural gas for which we have received approvals from FERC to site, construct and operate the Trains at the Liquefaction Project and the orders we have received from the DOE authorizing the export of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal through December 31, 2050:

|                   | FERC Approved Volume |                  | DOE Approved Volume |                  |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                   | <i>(in Bcf/yr)</i>   | <i>(in mtpa)</i> | <i>(in Bcf/yr)</i>  | <i>(in mtpa)</i> |
| FTA countries     | 1,661.94             | 33               | 1,661.94            | 33               |
| Non-FTA countries | 1,661.94             | 33               | 1,661.94            | 33               |

### *Natural Gas Supply, Transportation and Storage*

SPL has secured natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project through long-term natural gas supply agreements, including an IPM agreement. SPL Stage V has also entered into an IPM agreement to supply the SPL Expansion Project, subject to Cheniere making a positive FID on the first train of the SPL Expansion Project. Additionally, to ensure that SPL is able to transport natural gas feedstock to the Liquefaction Project and manage inventory levels, it has entered into firm pipeline transportation and storage contracts with third parties and CTPL.

### *Regasification Facilities*

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, as described above under the caption [General](#), has operational regasification capacity of approximately 4 Bcf/d and aggregate LNG storage capacity of approximately 17 Bcfe. SPLNG has a long-term, third party TUA for 1 Bcf/d with TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. ("**TotalEnergies**"), under which TotalEnergies is required to pay fixed monthly fees, whether or not it uses the regasification capacity it has reserved. Prior to its cancellation effective December 31, 2022, SPLNG also had a TUA for 1 Bcf/d with Chevron U.S.A. Inc. ("**Chevron**"). Approximately 2

Bcf/d of the remaining capacity has been reserved under a TUA by SPL, which also has a partial TUA assignment agreement with TotalEnergies, as further described in [Note 13—Revenues](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Customers

The concentration of our customer credit risk in excess of 10% of total revenues was as follows:

|   | Percentage of Total Revenues from External Customers |      |      |
|---|--|------|------|
|   | Year Ended December 31,                              |      |      |
|   | 2023   | 2022 | 2021 |
| BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC and affiliates         | 23%  | 22%  | 24%  |
| Korea Gas Corporation                         | 16%  | 15%  | 17%  |
| GAIL (India) Limited                          | 16%  | 15%  | 17%  |
| Naturgy LNG GOM, Limited                      | 15%  | 15%  | 16%  |
| TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. | 11%  | 10%  | 11%  |

All of the above customers contribute to our LNG revenues through SPA contracts.

Additional information regarding our customer contracts can be found in [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#) in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and [Note 17—Customer Concentration](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Governmental Regulation

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and the Creole Trail Pipeline are subject to extensive regulation under federal, state and local statutes, rules, regulations and laws. These laws require that we engage in consultations with appropriate federal and state agencies and that we obtain and maintain applicable permits and other authorizations. These rigorous regulatory requirements increase the cost of construction and operation, and failure to comply with such laws could result in substantial penalties and/or loss of necessary authorizations.

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The design, construction, operation, maintenance and expansion of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, the import or export of LNG and the purchase and transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce through the Creole Trail Pipeline are highly regulated activities subject to the jurisdiction of the FERC pursuant to the Natural Gas Act of 1938, as amended (the "NGA"). Under the NGA, the FERC's jurisdiction generally extends to the transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce, to the sale for resale of natural gas in interstate commerce, to natural gas companies engaged in such transportation or sale and to the construction, operation, maintenance and expansion of LNG terminals and interstate natural gas pipelines.

The FERC's authority to regulate interstate natural gas pipelines and the services that they provide generally includes regulation of:

- rates and charges, and terms and conditions for natural gas transportation, storage and related services;
- the certification and construction of new facilities and modification of existing facilities;
- the extension and abandonment of services and facilities;
- the administration of accounting and financial reporting regulations, including the maintenance of accounts and records;
- the acquisition and disposition of facilities;
- the initiation and discontinuation of services; and
- various other matters.

Under the NGA, our pipeline is not permitted to unduly discriminate or grant undue preference as to rates or the terms and conditions of service to any shipper, including its own marketing affiliate. Those rates, terms and conditions must be public, and on file with the FERC. In contrast to pipeline regulation, the FERC does not require LNG terminal owners to



provide open-access services at cost-based or regulated rates. Although the provisions that codified the FERC's policy in this area expired on January 1, 2015, we see no indication that the FERC intends to change its policy in this area. On February 18, 2022, the FERC updated its 1999 Policy Statement on certification of new interstate natural gas facilities and the framework for the FERC's decision-making process, modifying the standards that the FERC uses to evaluate applications to include, among other things, reasonably foreseeable greenhouse gas emissions ("GHG") that may be attributable to the project and the project's impact on environmental justice communities. On March 24, 2022, the FERC rescinded the Policy Statement, re-issued it as a draft and it remains pending. At this time, we do not expect it to have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We are permitted to make sales of natural gas for resale in interstate commerce pursuant to a blanket marketing certificate granted by the FERC with the issuance of our Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to our marketing affiliates. Our sales of natural gas will be affected by the availability, terms and cost of pipeline transportation. As noted above, the price and terms of access to pipeline transportation are subject to extensive federal and state regulation.

In order to site, construct and operate the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, we received and are required to maintain authorizations from the FERC under Section 3 of the NGA as well as other material governmental and regulatory approvals and permits. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (the "EPAAct") amended Section 3 of the NGA to establish or clarify the FERC's exclusive authority to approve or deny an application for the siting, construction, expansion or operation of LNG terminals, unless specifically provided otherwise in the EPAAct, amendments to the NGA. For example, nothing in the EPAAct amendments to the NGA were intended to affect otherwise applicable law related to any other federal agency's authorities or responsibilities related to LNG terminals or those of a state acting under federal law.

In May 2023, certain of our subsidiaries entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC under the NEPA for the SPL Expansion Project.

The FERC's Standards of Conduct apply to interstate pipelines that conduct transmission transactions with an affiliate that engages in natural gas marketing functions. The general principles of the FERC Standards of Conduct are: (1) independent functioning, which requires transmission function employees to function independently of marketing function employees; (2) no-conduit rule, which prohibits passing transmission function information to marketing function employees; and (3) transparency, which imposes posting requirements to detect undue preference due to the improper disclosure of non-public transmission function information. We have established the required policies, procedures and training to comply with the FERC's Standards of Conduct.

All of our FERC construction, operation, reporting, accounting and other regulated activities are subject to audit by the FERC, which may conduct routine or special inspections and issue data requests designed to ensure compliance with FERC rules, regulations, policies and procedures. The FERC's jurisdiction under the NGA allows it to impose civil and criminal penalties for any violations of the NGA and any rules, regulations or orders of the FERC up to approximately \$1.3 million per day per violation, including any conduct that violates the NGA's prohibition against market manipulation.

Several other governmental and regulatory approvals and permits are required throughout the life of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and the Creole Trail Pipeline. In addition, our FERC orders require us to comply with certain ongoing conditions, reporting obligations and maintain other regulatory agency approvals throughout the life of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and Creole Trail Pipeline. For example, throughout the life of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and the Creole Trail Pipeline, we are subject to regular reporting requirements to the FERC, the Department of Transportation's ("DOT") Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration ("PHMSA") and applicable federal and state regulatory agencies regarding the operation and maintenance of our facilities. To date, we have been able to obtain and maintain required approvals as needed, and the need for these approvals and reporting obligations has not materially affected our construction or operations.

#### *DOE Export Licenses*

The DOE has authorized the export of domestically produced LNG by vessel from the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, as discussed in *Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and Expansion Project*. Although it is not expected to occur, the loss of an export authorization could be a force majeure event under our SPAs.

Under Section 3 of the NGA, applications for exports of natural gas to FTA countries, which allow for national treatment for trade in natural gas, are "deemed to be consistent with the public interest" and shall be granted by the DOE without "modification or delay." FTA countries currently recognized by the DOE for exports of LNG include Australia, Bahrain,

Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea and Singapore. FTAs with Israel and Costa Rica do not require national treatment for trade in natural gas. Applications for export of LNG to non-FTA countries are considered by the DOE in a notice and comment proceeding whereby the public and other interveners are provided the opportunity to comment and may assert that such authorization would not be consistent with the public interest. In January 2024, the Biden Administration announced a temporary pause on pending decisions on exports of LNG to non-FTA countries until the DOE can update the underlying analyses for authorizations. We do not believe such a pause will have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, or liquidity. We have no projects pending non-FTA export approval with the DOE at this time, although we would anticipate seeking non-FTA export authorization from the DOE on the SPL Expansion Project in the future, having entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC in May 2023. See *Sabine Pass LNG Terminal* section above for FERC and DOE approved volumes on our existing Liquefaction Project.

#### *Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration*

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal as well as the Creole Trail Pipeline are subject to regulation by PHMSA. PHMSA is authorized by the applicable pipeline safety laws to establish minimum safety standards for certain pipelines and LNG facilities. The regulatory standards PHMSA has established are applicable to the design, installation, testing, construction, operation, maintenance and management of natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities and LNG facilities that affect interstate or foreign commerce. PHMSA has also established training, worker qualification and reporting requirements.

PHMSA performs inspections of pipeline and LNG facilities and has authority to undertake enforcement actions, including issuance of civil penalties up to approximately \$266,000 per day per violation, with a maximum administrative civil penalty of approximately \$2.7 million for any related series of violations.

#### *Other Governmental Permits, Approvals and Authorizations*

Construction and operation of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal requires additional permits, orders, approvals and consultations to be issued by various federal and state agencies, including the DOT, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”), U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”), U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (the “LDEQ”).

The USACE issues its permits under the authority of the Clean Water Act (“CWA”) (Section 404) and the Rivers and Harbors Act (Section 10). The EPA administers the Clean Air Act (“CAA”), and has delegated authority to the LDEQ to issue the Title V Operating Permit and the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit. These two permits are issued by the LDEQ for the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and CTPL.

#### *Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”)*

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”) amended the Commodity Exchange Act to provide for federal regulation of the over-the-counter derivatives market and entities, such as us, that participate in those markets. The CFTC has enacted a number of regulations pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, including the speculative position limit rules. Given the enactment of the speculative position limit rules, as well as the impact of other rules and regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act, the impact of such rules and regulations on our business continues to be uncertain, but is not expected to be material.

As required by the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFTC and federal banking regulators also adopted rules requiring swap dealers (as defined in the Dodd-Frank Act), including those that are regulated financial institutions, to collect initial and/or variation margin with respect to uncleared swaps from their counterparties that are financial end users, registered swap dealers or major swap participants. These rules do not require collection of margin from non-financial-entity end users who qualify for the end user exception from the mandatory clearing requirement or from non-financial end users or certain other counterparties in certain instances. We qualify as a non-financial-entity end user with respect to the swaps that we enter into to hedge our commercial risks.

Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFTC adopted additional anti-manipulation and anti-disruptive trading practices regulations that prohibit, among other things, manipulative, deceptive or fraudulent schemes or material misrepresentation in

the futures, options, swaps and cash markets. In addition, separate from the Dodd-Frank Act, our use of futures and options on commodities is subject to the Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations, as well as the rules of futures exchanges on which any of these instruments are executed. Should we violate any of these laws and regulations, we could be subject to a CFTC or an exchange enforcement action and material penalties, possibly resulting in changes in the rates we can charge.

### ***Environmental Regulation***

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal is subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment and natural resources. These environmental laws and regulations can affect the cost and output of operations and may impose substantial penalties for non-compliance and substantial liabilities for pollution, as further described in the risk factor *Existing and future safety, environmental and similar laws and governmental regulations could result in increased compliance costs or additional operating costs or construction costs and restrictions* in [Risks Relating to Regulations](#) within Item 1A. Risk Factors. Many of these laws and regulations, such as those noted below, restrict or prohibit impacts to the environment or the types, quantities and concentration of substances that can be released into the environment and can lead to substantial administrative, civil and criminal fines and penalties for non-compliance.

#### *Clean Air Act*

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal is subject to the federal CAA and comparable state and local laws. We may be required to incur certain capital expenditures over the next several years for air pollution control equipment in connection with maintaining or obtaining permits and approvals addressing air emission-related issues. However, we do not believe any such requirements will have a material adverse effect on our operations, or the construction and operations at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal.

On February 28, 2022, the EPA removed a stay of formaldehyde standards in the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (“**NESHAP**”) Subpart YYYY for stationary combustion turbines located at major sources of hazardous air pollutant (“**HAP**”) emissions. Owners and operators of lean remix gas-fired turbines and diffusion flame gas-fired turbines at major sources of HAP that were installed after January 14, 2003 were required to comply with NESHAP Subpart YYYY by March 9, 2022 and demonstrate initial compliance with those requirements by September 5, 2022. We do not believe that the construction and operations of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal will be materially and adversely affected by such regulatory actions.

We are supportive of regulations reducing GHG emissions over time. Since 2009, the EPA has promulgated and finalized multiple GHG emissions regulations related to reporting and reductions of GHG emissions from our facilities. On December 2, 2023, the EPA issued final rules to reduce methane and volatile organic compounds (“**VOC**”) emissions from new, existing and modified emission sources in the oil and gas sector. These regulations will require monitoring of methane and VOC emissions at our compressor stations. We do not believe such regulations will have a material adverse effect on our operations, financial condition, or results of operations.

From time to time, Congress has considered proposed legislation directed at reducing GHG emissions. On August 16, 2022, President Biden signed H.R. 5376(P.L. 117-169), the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (“**IRA**”) which includes a charge on methane emissions above a certain methane intensity threshold for facilities that report their GHG emissions under the EPA’s Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Program Part 98 regulations. The charge starts at \$900 per metric ton of methane in 2024, \$1,200 per metric ton in 2025, and increasing to \$1,500 per metric ton in 2026 and beyond. In January 2024, the EPA issued a proposed rule to impose and collect the methane emissions charge authorized under the IRA. We do not believe the methane charge to have a material adverse effect on our operations, financial condition or results of operations.

#### *Coastal Zone Management Act (“**CZMA**”)*

The siting and construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal within the coastal zone is subject to the requirements of the CZMA. The CZMA is administered by the states (in Louisiana, by the Department of Natural Resources). This program is implemented to ensure that impacts to coastal areas are consistent with the intent of the CZMA to manage the coastal areas.

#### *Clean Water Act*

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal is subject to the federal CWA and analogous state and local laws. The CWA imposes strict controls on the discharge of pollutants into the navigable waters of the United States, including discharges of wastewater and storm water runoff and fill/discharges into waters of the United States. Permits must be obtained prior to discharging pollutants into state and federal waters. The CWA is administered by the EPA, the USACE and by the states (in Louisiana, by the LDEQ). The CWA regulatory programs, including the Section 404 dredge and fill permitting program and Section 401 water quality certification program carried out by the states, are frequently the subject of shifting agency interpretations and legal challenges, which at times can result in permitting delays.

#### *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”)*

The federal RCRA and comparable state statutes govern the generation, handling and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes and require corrective action for releases into the environment. When such wastes are generated in connection with the operations of our facilities, we are subject to regulatory requirements affecting the handling, transportation, treatment, storage and disposal of such wastes.

#### *Protection of Species, Habitats and Wetlands*

Various federal and state statutes, such as the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the CWA and the Oil Pollution Act, prohibit certain activities that may adversely affect endangered or threatened animal, fish and plant species and/or their designated habitats, wetlands, or other natural resources. If the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal or the Creole Trail Pipeline adversely affect a protected species or its habitat, we may be required to develop and follow a plan to avoid those impacts. In that case, siting, construction or operations may be delayed or restricted and cause us to incur increased costs.

It is not possible at this time to predict how future regulations or legislation may address protection of species, habitats and wetlands and impact our business. However, we do not believe such regulatory actions will have a material adverse effect on our operations, or the construction and operations at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal.

### **Market Factors and Competition**

#### *Market Factors*

Our ability to enter into additional long-term SPAs to underpin the development of additional Trains or develop new projects is subject to market factors. These factors include changes in worldwide supply and demand for natural gas, LNG and substitute products, the relative prices for natural gas, crude oil and substitute products in North America and international markets, the extent of energy security needs in the European Union and elsewhere, the rate of fuel switching for power generation from coal, nuclear or oil to natural gas and other overarching factors such as global economic growth and the pace of any transition from fossil-based systems of energy production and consumption to alternative energy sources. In addition, our ability to obtain additional funding to execute our business strategy is subject to the investment community’s appetite for investment in LNG and natural gas infrastructure and our ability to access capital markets.

We expect that global demand for natural gas and LNG will continue to increase as nations seek more abundant, reliable and environmentally cleaner fuel alternatives to oil and coal. Market participants around the globe have shown commitments to environmental goals consistent with many policy initiatives that we believe are constructive for LNG demand and infrastructure growth. Currently, significant amounts of money are being invested across Europe, Asia and Latin America in natural gas projects under construction, and more continues to be earmarked to planned projects globally. In Europe, there are various plans to install more than 85 mtpa of import capacity over the near-term to secure access to LNG and displace Russian gas imports. In India, there are more than 11,000 kilometers of gas pipelines under construction to expand the gas distribution network and increase access to natural gas. And in China, billions of U.S. dollars have already been invested and hundreds of billions of U.S. dollars are expected to be further invested all along the natural gas value chain to enable growth and decrease harmful emissions. Furthermore, some of the existing integrated liquefaction facilities outside of the U.S. have been experiencing issues related to reduced feed gas as a result of depleting upstream resources. Global supply contributions from these plants have been decreasing and LNG supply growth is expected to help support these shortages.

As a result of these dynamics, we expect natural gas and LNG to continue to play an important role in satisfying energy demand going forward. In its forecast published in the third quarter of 2023, Wood Mackenzie Limited (“**WoodMac**”) forecasted that global demand for LNG would increase by approximately 60%, from approximately 411 mtpa, or 19.7 Tcf, in 2022, to 657 mtpa, or 31.5 Tcf, in 2040 and to 709 mtpa or 34 Tcf in 2050. In its forecast published in the third quarter of 2023, WoodMac also forecasted LNG production from existing operational facilities and new facilities already under construction would be able to supply the market with approximately 544 mtpa in 2040, declining to 477 mtpa in 2050. This could result in a market need for construction of an additional approximately 113 mtpa of LNG production by 2040 and about 231 mtpa by 2050. As a cleaner burning fuel with lower emissions than coal or liquid fuels in power generation, we expect natural gas and LNG to play a central role in balancing grids, serving as back up for intermittent energy sources and contributing to a low carbon energy system globally. We believe the capital and operating costs of the uncommitted capacity of our Liquefaction Project, as well as our proposed expansion at Sabine Pass is competitive with new proposed projects globally and we are well-positioned to capture a portion of this incremental market need.

We have limited exposure to oil price movements as we have contracted a significant portion of our LNG production capacity under long-term sale and purchase agreements indexed to Henry Hub. These agreements contain fixed fees that are required to be paid even if the customers elect to cancel or suspend delivery of LNG cargoes. Through our SPAs and IPM agreement, we have contracted approximately 85% of the total anticipated production from the Liquefaction Project, with approximately 14 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2023, excluding volumes that are contractually subject to additional liquefaction capacity beyond what is currently in construction or operation. Customers are required to pay a fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes, irrespective of their election to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes.

### **Competition**

Despite the long term nature of our SPAs, when SPL needs to replace or amend any existing SPA or enter into new SPAs, SPL will compete on the basis of price per contracted volume of LNG with other natural gas liquefaction projects throughout the world, including our affiliate Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (“**CCL**”), which operates three Trains at a natural gas liquefaction facility near Corpus Christi, Texas. Revenues associated with any incremental volumes of the Liquefaction Project, including those made available to Cheniere Marketing, will also be subject to market-based price competition. Many of the companies with which we compete are major energy corporations with longer operating histories, more development experience, greater name recognition, greater financial, technical and marketing resources and greater access to LNG markets than us.

### **Corporate Responsibility**

As described in [Market Factors and Competition](#), we expect that global demand for natural gas and LNG will continue to increase as nations seek more abundant, reliable and environmentally cleaner fuel alternatives to oil and coal. Our vision is to provide clean, secure and affordable energy to the world. This vision underpins our focus on responding to the world’s shared energy challenges—expanding the global supply of clean, secure and affordable energy, improving air quality, reducing emissions and supporting the transition to a lower-carbon future. Our approach to corporate responsibility is guided by our Climate and Sustainability Principles: Transparency, Science, Supply Chain and Operational Excellence. In August 2023, Cheniere published *The Power of Connection*, its fourth Corporate Responsibility (“**CR**”) report, which details Cheniere’s approach and progress on ESG matters. Cheniere’s CR report is available at [www.cheniere.com/our-responsibility/reporting-center](http://www.cheniere.com/our-responsibility/reporting-center). Information on Cheniere’s website, including the CR report, is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Cheniere’s climate strategy is to measure and mitigate emissions – to better position our LNG supplies to remain competitive in a lower carbon future, providing energy, economic and environmental security to our customers across the world. To maximize the environmental benefits of our LNG, we believe it is important to develop future climate goals and strategies based on an accurate and holistic assessment of the emissions profile of our LNG, accounting for all steps in the supply chain.

Consequently, Cheniere has collaborated with natural gas midstream companies, technology providers and leading academic institutions on life-cycle assessment (“**LCA**”) models, quantification, monitoring, reporting and verification (“**QMRV**”) of GHG emissions and other research and development projects. Cheniere also co-founded and sponsored the Energy Emissions Modeling and Data Lab (“**EEMDL**”), a multidisciplinary research and education initiative led by the University of Texas at Austin in collaboration with Colorado State University and the Colorado School of Mines. In addition,

Cheniere commenced providing Cargo Emissions Tags (“**CE Tags**”) to its long-term customers in June 2022, and in October 2022 joined the Oil and Gas Methane Partnership (“**OGMP**”) 2.0, the United Nations Environment Programme’s (“**UNEP**”) flagship oil and gas methane emissions reporting and mitigation initiative.

Our total incremental expenditures related to climate initiatives, including capital expenditures, were not material to our Consolidated Financial Statements during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021. However, as governments consider and implement actions to reduce GHG emissions and the transition to a lower-carbon economy continues to evolve, as described in [Market Factors and Competition](#), we expect the scope and extent of our future climate and sustainability initiatives to evolve accordingly. While we have not incurred material direct expenditures related to climate change, we are proactive in our management of climate risks and opportunities, including compliance with existing and future government regulations. We face certain business and operational risks associated with physical impacts from climate change, such as exposure to severe weather events or changes in weather patterns, in addition to transition risks. Please see [Item 1A. Risk Factors](#) for additional discussion.

### **Subsidiaries**

Substantially all of our assets are held by our subsidiaries. We conduct most of our business through these subsidiaries, including the development, construction and operation of our LNG terminal business.

### **Employees**

We have no employees. We rely on our general partner to manage all aspects of the development, construction, operations, maintenance and management of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and to conduct our business. Because our general partner has no employees, it relies on subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the personnel necessary to allow it to meet its management obligations to us, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL. As of December 31, 2023, Cheniere and its subsidiaries had 1,605 full-time employees, including 501 employees who directly supported the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal operations. See [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the services agreements with subsidiaries of Cheniere.

### **Available Information**

Our common units have been publicly traded since March 21, 2007 and are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CQP.” Our principal executive offices are located at 845 Texas Avenue, Suite 1250, Houston, Texas 77002, and our telephone number is (713) 375-5000. Our internet address is [www.cheniere.com](http://www.cheniere.com). We provide public access to our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file those materials with, or furnish those materials to, the SEC under the Exchange Act. These reports may be accessed free of charge through our internet website. We make our website content available for informational purposes only. The website should not be relied upon for investment purposes and is not incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K.

We will also make available to any unitholder, without charge, copies of our annual report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC. For copies of this, or any other filing, please contact: Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P, Investor Relations Department, 845 Texas Avenue, Suite 1250, Houston, Texas 77002 or call (713) 375-5000. The SEC maintains an internet site ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) that contains reports and other information regarding issuers.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Limited partner interests are inherently different from the capital stock of a corporation, although many of the business risks to which we are subject are similar to those that would be faced by a corporation engaged in a similar business. The following are some of the important factors that should be considered when investing in us, as such risk factors could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows or have other adverse impacts and could cause actual results to differ materially from estimates or expectations contained in our forward-looking statements. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently deem to be immaterial, may also adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flows, liquidity and prospects.

The risk factors in this report are grouped into the following categories:

- [Risks Relating to Our Financial Matters](#);
- [Risks Relating to Our Operations and Industry](#);
- [Risks Relating to Regulations](#);
- [Risks Relating to Our Relationship with Our General Partner](#);
- [Risks Relating to an Investment in Us and Our Common Units](#) and
- [Risks Relating to Tax Matters](#).

### Risks Relating to Our Financial Matters

*An inability to source capital to supplement our available cash resources and existing revolving credit facilities could cause us to have inadequate liquidity and could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.*

As of December 31, 2023, we had, on a consolidated basis, \$575 million of cash and cash equivalents, \$56 million of restricted cash and cash equivalents, a total of \$1.7 billion of available commitments under our credit facilities and \$16.0 billion of total debt outstanding (before unamortized discount and debt issuance costs). SPL and CQP operate with independent capital structures as further detailed in [Note 11—Debt](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We incur, and will incur, significant interest expense relating to financing the assets at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, and we anticipate drawing on current committed facilities and/or incurring additional debt to finance the construction of the SPL Expansion Project if a positive FID is made. Our ability to fund our capital expenditures and refinance our indebtedness will depend on our ability to access additional project financing as well as the debt and equity capital markets. A variety of factors beyond our control could impact the availability or cost of capital, including domestic or international economic conditions, increases in key benchmark interest rates and/or credit spreads, the adoption of new or amended banking or capital market laws or regulations, lending institutions' evolving policies on financing businesses linked to fossil fuels and the repricing of market risks and volatility in capital and financial markets. Our financing costs could increase or future borrowings or equity offerings may be unavailable to us or unsuccessful, which could cause us to be unable to pay or refinance our indebtedness or to fund our other liquidity needs. We also rely on borrowings under our credit facilities to fund our capital expenditures. If any of the lenders in the syndicates backing these facilities was unable to perform on its commitments, we may need to seek replacement financing, which may not be available as needed, or may be available in more limited amounts or on more expensive or otherwise unfavorable terms.

*Our ability to generate cash is substantially dependent upon the performance by customers under long-term contracts that we have entered into, and we could be materially and adversely affected if any significant customer fails to perform its contractual obligations for any reason.*

Our future results and liquidity are substantially dependent upon performance by our customers to make payments under long-term contracts. As of December 31, 2023, we had SPAs with initial terms of 10 or more years with a total of 11 different third party customers.

While substantially all of our long-term third party customer arrangements are executed with a creditworthy parent company or secured by a parent company guarantee or other form of collateral, we are nonetheless exposed to credit risk in the event of a customer default that requires us to seek recourse.

Additionally, our long-term SPAs entitle the customer to terminate their contractual obligations upon the occurrence of certain events which include, but are not limited to: (1) if we fail to make available specified scheduled cargo quantities; (2) delays in the commencement of commercial operations; and (3) under the majority of our SPAs, upon the occurrence of certain events of force majeure.

Although we have not had a history of material customer default or termination events, the occurrence of such events are largely outside of our control and may expose us to unrecoverable losses. We may not be able to replace these customer arrangements on desirable terms, or at all, if they are terminated. As a result, our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

***Our subsidiaries may be restricted under the terms of their indebtedness from making distributions to us under certain circumstances, which may limit our ability to pay or increase distributions to our unitholders and could materially and adversely affect the market price of our common units.***

The agreements governing our subsidiaries' indebtedness restrict payments that our subsidiaries can make to us in certain events. For example, SPL is restricted from making distributions under agreements governing its indebtedness generally unless, among other requirements, appropriate reserves have been established for debt service using cash or letters of credit and a debt service coverage ratio of 1.25:1.00 is satisfied.

Our subsidiaries' inability to pay distributions to us as a result of the foregoing restrictions in the agreements governing their indebtedness may inhibit our ability to pay or increase distributions to our unitholders, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***Our efforts to manage commodity and financial risks through derivative instruments, including our IPM agreements, could adversely affect our earnings reported under GAAP and our liquidity.***

We use derivative instruments to manage commodity, currency and financial market risks. The extent of our derivative position at any given time depends on our assessments of the markets for these commodities and related exposures. We currently account for our derivatives at fair value, with immediate recognition of changes in the fair value in earnings, as described in [Note 3—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Such valuations are primarily valued based on estimated forward commodity prices and are more susceptible to variability particularly when markets are volatile, which could have a significant adverse effect on our earnings reported under GAAP. For example, as described in [Results of Operations](#) in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, our net income for the year ended December 31, 2022 included \$1.1 billion of losses resulting from changes in the fair values of our derivatives, of which substantially all of such losses were related to commodity derivative instruments indexed to international LNG prices, mainly our IPM agreement in force.

These transactions and other derivative transactions have and may continue to result in substantial volatility in results of operations reported under GAAP, particularly in periods of significant commodity, currency or financial market variability. For certain of these instruments, in the absence of actively quoted market prices and pricing information from external sources, the value of these financial instruments involves management's judgment or use of estimates. Changes in the underlying assumptions or use of alternative valuation methods could affect the reported fair value of these contracts.

In addition, our liquidity may be adversely impacted by the cash margin requirements of the commodities exchanges or the failure of a counterparty to perform in accordance with a contract. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had collateral posted with counterparties by us of zero and \$35 million, respectively, which are included in margin deposits in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

***Restrictions in agreements governing our subsidiaries' indebtedness may prevent our subsidiaries from engaging in certain beneficial transactions, which could materially and adversely affect us.***

In addition to restrictions on the ability of us and SPL to make distributions or incur additional indebtedness, the agreements governing SPL's indebtedness also contain various other covenants that may prevent them from engaging in beneficial transactions, including limitations on their ability to:

- make certain investments;



- purchase, redeem or retire equity interests;
- issue preferred stock;
- sell or transfer assets;
- incur liens;
- enter into transactions with affiliates;
- consolidate, merge, sell or lease all or substantially all of its assets; and
- enter into sale and leaseback transactions.

Any restrictions on the ability to engage in beneficial transactions could materially and adversely affect us.

## **Risks Relating to Our Operations and Industry**

***Catastrophic weather events or other disasters could result in an interruption of our operations, a delay in the construction of our Liquefaction Project, damage to our Liquefaction Project and increased insurance costs, all of which could adversely affect us.***

Weather events such as major hurricanes and winter storms have caused interruptions or temporary suspension in construction or operations at our facilities or caused minor damage to our facilities. In August 2020, SPL entered into an arrangement with its affiliate to provide the ability, in limited circumstances, to potentially fulfill commitments to LNG buyers from the other facility in the event operational conditions impact operations at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal or at its affiliate's terminal. During the year ended December 31, 2021, eight TBtu was loaded at affiliate facilities pursuant to this agreement. Our risk of loss related to weather events or other disasters is limited by contractual provisions in our SPAs, which can provide under certain circumstances relief from operational events, and partially mitigated by insurance we maintain. Aggregate direct and indirect losses associated with the aforementioned weather events, net of insurance reimbursements, have not historically been material to our Consolidated Financial Statements, and we believe our insurance coverages maintained, existence of certain protective clauses within our SPAs and other risk management strategies mitigate our exposure to material losses. However, future adverse weather events and collateral effects, or other disasters such as explosions, fires, floods or severe droughts, could cause damage to, or interruption of operations at our terminal or related infrastructure, which could impact our operating results, increase insurance premiums or deductibles paid and delay or increase costs associated with the construction and development of our other facilities. Our LNG terminal infrastructure and LNG facility located in or near Sabine Pass, Louisiana are designed in accordance with requirements of 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 193, *Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Federal Safety Standards*, and all applicable industry codes and standards.

***Disruptions to the third party supply of natural gas to our pipeline and facilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.***

We depend upon third party pipelines and other facilities that provide gas delivery options to our Liquefaction Project and to and from the Creole Trail Pipeline. If any pipeline connection were to become unavailable for current or future volumes of natural gas due to repairs, damage to the facility, lack of capacity, failure to replace contracted firm pipeline transportation capacity on economic terms, or any other reason, our ability to receive natural gas volumes to produce LNG or to continue shipping natural gas from producing regions or to end markets could be adversely impacted. Such disruptions to our third party supply of natural gas may also be caused by weather events or other disasters described in the risk factor *Catastrophic weather events or other disasters could result in an interruption of our operations, a delay in the construction of our Liquefaction Project, damage to our Liquefaction Project and increased insurance costs, all of which could adversely affect us*. While certain contractual provisions in our SPAs can limit the potential impact of disruptions, and historical indirect losses incurred by us as a result of disruptions to our third party supply of natural gas have not been material, any significant disruption to our natural gas supply where we may not be protected could result in a substantial reduction in our revenues under our long-term SPAs or other customer arrangements, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***We may not be able to purchase or receive physical delivery of sufficient natural gas to satisfy our delivery obligations under the SPAs, which could have a material adverse effect on us.***

Under the SPAs with our customers, we are required to make available to them a specified amount of LNG at specified times. The supply of natural gas to our Liquefaction Project to meet our LNG production requirements timely and at sufficient quantities is critical to our operations and the fulfillment of our customer contracts. However, we may not be able to purchase or receive physical delivery of natural gas as a result of various factors, including non-delivery or untimely delivery by our suppliers, depletion of natural gas reserves within regional basins and disruptions to pipeline operations as described in the risk factor *Disruptions to the third party supply of natural gas to our pipelines and facilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects*. Our risk is in part mitigated by the diversification of our natural gas supply and transportation across suppliers and pipelines, and regionally across basins, and additionally, we have provisions within our supplier contracts that provide certain protections against non-performance. Further, provisions within our SPAs provide certain protection against force majeure events. While historically we have not incurred significant or prolonged disruptions to our natural gas supply that have resulted in a material adverse impact to our operations, due to the criticality of natural gas supply to our production of LNG, our failure to purchase or receive physical delivery of sufficient quantities of natural gas under circumstances where we may not be protected could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***We are subject to significant construction and operating hazards and uninsured risks, one or more of which may create significant liabilities and losses for us.***

The construction and operation of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and the operation of the Creole Trail Pipeline are, and will be, subject to the inherent risks associated with these types of operations as discussed throughout our risk factors, including explosions, breakdowns or failures of equipment, operational errors by vessel or tug operators, pollution, release of toxic substances, fires, hurricanes and adverse weather conditions and other hazards, each of which could result in significant delays in commencement or interruptions of operations and/or in damage to or destruction of our facilities or damage to persons and property. In addition, our operations and the facilities and vessels of third parties on which our operations are dependent face possible risks associated with acts of aggression or terrorism.

We do not, nor do we intend to, maintain insurance against all of these risks and losses. We may not be able to maintain desired or required insurance in the future at rates that we consider reasonable. Although losses incurred as a result of self insured risk have not been material historically, the occurrence of a significant event not fully insured or indemnified against could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***Cyclical or other changes in the demand for and price of LNG and natural gas may adversely affect our LNG business and the performance of our customers and could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.***

Our LNG business and the development of domestic LNG facilities and projects generally is based on assumptions about the future availability and price of natural gas and LNG and the prospects for international natural gas and LNG markets. Natural gas and LNG prices have been, and are likely to continue to be, volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to one or more of the following factors:

- competitive liquefaction capacity in North America;
- insufficient or oversupply of natural gas liquefaction or receiving capacity worldwide;
- insufficient LNG tanker capacity;
- weather conditions, including temperature volatility resulting from climate change, and extreme weather events may lead to unexpected distortion in the balance of international LNG supply and demand;
- reduced demand and lower prices for natural gas;
- increased natural gas production deliverable by pipelines, which could suppress demand for LNG;
- decreased oil and natural gas exploration activities which may decrease the production of natural gas, including as a result of any potential ban on production of natural gas through hydraulic fracturing;

- cost improvements that allow competitors to provide natural gas liquefaction capabilities at reduced prices;
- changes in supplies of, and prices for, alternative energy sources which may reduce the demand for natural gas;
- changes in regulatory, tax or other governmental policies regarding imported LNG, natural gas or alternative energy sources, which may reduce the demand for imported LNG and/or natural gas;
- political conditions in customer regions;
- sudden decreases in demand for LNG as a result of natural disasters or public health crises, including the occurrence of a pandemic, and other catastrophic events;
- adverse relative demand for LNG compared to other markets, which may decrease LNG exports from North America; and
- cyclical trends in general business and economic conditions that cause changes in the demand for natural gas.

Adverse trends or developments affecting any of these factors could result in decreases in the price of LNG and/or natural gas, which could materially and adversely affect our LNG business and the performance of our customers, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***Failure of exported LNG to be a long term competitive source of energy for international markets could adversely affect our customers and could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.***

Operations of the Liquefaction Project are dependent upon the ability of our SPA customers to deliver LNG supplies from the United States, which is primarily dependent upon LNG being a competitive source of energy internationally. The success of our business plan is dependent, in part, on the extent to which LNG can, for significant periods and in significant volumes, be supplied from the United States and delivered to international markets at a lower cost than the cost of alternative energy sources. Through the use of improved exploration technologies, additional sources of natural gas may be discovered outside the United States, which could increase the available supply of natural gas outside the United States and could result in natural gas in those markets being available at a lower cost than LNG exported to those markets.

Political instability in foreign countries that import or export natural gas, or strained relations between such countries and the United States, may also impede the willingness or ability of LNG purchasers or suppliers and merchants in such countries to import LNG from the United States. Furthermore, some foreign purchasers or suppliers of LNG may have economic or other reasons to obtain their LNG from, or direct their LNG to, non-U.S. markets or from or to our competitors' liquefaction facilities in the United States.

As described in [Market Factors and Competition](#), it is expected that global demand for natural gas and LNG will continue to increase as nations seek more abundant, reliable and environmentally cleaner fuel alternatives to alternative fossil fuel energy sources such as oil and coal. However, as a result of transitions globally from fossil-based systems of energy production and consumption to renewable energy sources, LNG may face increased competition from alternative, cleaner sources of energy as such alternative sources emerge. Additionally, LNG from the Liquefaction Project also competes with other sources of LNG, including LNG that is priced to indices other than Henry Hub. Some of these sources of energy may be available at a lower cost than LNG from the Liquefaction Project in certain markets. The cost of LNG supplies from the United States, including the Liquefaction Project, may also be impacted by an increase in natural gas prices in the United States.

As described in [Market Factors and Competition](#), we have contracted through our SPAs and IPM agreement approximately 85% of the total anticipated production from the Liquefaction Project with approximately 14 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2023, excluding volumes that are contractually subject to additional liquefaction capacity beyond what is currently in construction or operation. However, as a result of the factors described above and other factors, the LNG we produce may not remain a long term competitive source of energy internationally, particularly when our existing long term contracts begin to expire. Any significant impediment to the ability to continue to secure long term commercial contracts or deliver LNG from the United States could have a material adverse effect on our customers and on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***We face competition based upon the international market price for LNG.***

Our Liquefaction Project is subject to the risk of LNG price competition at times when we need to replace any existing SPA, whether due to natural expiration, default or otherwise, or enter into new SPAs. Factors relating to competition may prevent us from entering into a new or replacement SPA on economically comparable terms as existing SPAs, or at all. Such an event could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects. Factors which may negatively affect potential demand for LNG from our Liquefaction Project are diverse and include, among others:

- increases in worldwide LNG production capacity and availability of LNG for market supply;
- increases in demand for LNG but at levels below those required to maintain current price equilibrium with respect to supply;
- increases in the cost to supply natural gas feedstock to our Liquefaction Project;
- decreases in the cost of competing sources of natural gas or alternate fuels such as coal, heavy fuel oil and diesel;
- decreases in the price of non-U.S. LNG, including decreases in price as a result of contracts indexed to lower oil prices;
- increases in capacity and utilization of nuclear power and related facilities; and
- displacement of LNG by pipeline natural gas or alternate fuels in locations where access to these energy sources is not currently available.

***A cyber attack involving our business, operational control systems or related infrastructure, or that of third party pipelines which supply the Liquefaction Project, could negatively impact our operations, result in data security breaches, impede the processing of transactions or delay financial or compliance reporting. These impacts could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow and liquidity.***

The pipeline and LNG industries are increasingly dependent on business and operational control technologies to conduct daily operations. We rely on control systems, technologies and networks to run our business and to control and manage our pipeline, liquefaction and shipping operations. Cyber attacks on businesses have escalated in recent years, including as a result of geopolitical tensions, and use of the internet, cloud services, mobile communication systems and other public networks exposes our business and that of other third parties with whom we do business to potential cyber attacks, including third party pipelines which supply natural gas to our Liquefaction Project. For example, in 2021 Colonial Pipeline suffered a ransomware attack that led to the complete shutdown of its pipeline system for six days. Should multiple of the third party pipelines which supply our Liquefaction Project suffer similar concurrent attacks, the Liquefaction Project may not be able to obtain sufficient natural gas to operate at full capacity, or at all. A cyber attack involving our business or operational control systems or related infrastructure, or that of third party pipelines with which we do business, could negatively impact our operations, result in data security breaches, impede the processing of transactions, or delay financial or compliance reporting. These impacts could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow and liquidity.

***Outbreaks of infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, at our facilities could adversely affect our operations.***

Our facilities at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal are critical infrastructure and continued to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic through our implementation of workplace controls and pandemic risk reduction measures. While the COVID-19 pandemic, including subsequent variants, had no adverse impact on our on-going operations, the risk of future variants and other infectious diseases is unknown. While we believe we can continue to mitigate any significant adverse impact to our employees and operations at our critical facilities related to the virus in its current form, the outbreak of a more potent variant or another infectious disease in the future at one or more of our facilities could adversely affect our operations.

## Risks Relating to Regulations

***Failure to obtain and maintain approvals and permits from governmental and regulatory agencies with respect to the design, construction and operation of our facilities, the development and operation of our pipeline and the export of LNG could impede operations and construction and could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.***

The design, construction and operation of interstate natural gas pipelines, our LNG terminal, including the Liquefaction Project, the SPL Expansion Project and other facilities, as well as the export of LNG and the purchase and transportation of natural gas, are highly regulated activities. Approvals of the FERC and DOE under Section 3 and Section 7 of the NGA, as well as several other material governmental and regulatory approvals and permits, including several under the CAA and the CWA, are required in order to construct and operate an LNG facility and an interstate natural gas pipeline and export LNG.

To date, the FERC has issued orders under Section 3 of the NGA authorizing the siting, construction and operation of the six Trains and related facilities of the Liquefaction Project, as well as orders under Section 7 of the NGA authorizing the construction and operation of the Creole Trail Pipeline. In May 2023, certain of our subsidiaries entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC under the NEPA for the SPL Expansion Project. To date, the DOE has also issued orders under Section 4 of the NGA authorizing SPL to export domestically produced LNG. In January 2024, the Biden Administration announced a temporary pause on pending decisions on exports of LNG to non-FTA countries until the DOE can update the underlying analyses for authorizations. We do not believe such a pause will have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, or liquidity. We have no projects pending non-FTA export approval with the DOE at this time, although we would anticipate seeking non-FTA export authorization from the DOE on the SPL Expansion Project in the future, having entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC in May 2023. Additionally, we hold certificates under Section 7(c) of the NGA that grant us land use rights relating to the situation of our pipeline on land owned by third parties. If we were to lose these rights or be required to relocate our pipelines, our business could be materially and adversely affected.

Authorizations obtained from the FERC, DOE and other federal and state regulatory agencies contain ongoing conditions that we must comply with. Failure to comply with or our inability to obtain and maintain existing or newly imposed approvals, permits and filings that may arise due to factors outside of our control such as a U.S. government disruption or shutdown, political opposition or local community resistance to our operations could impede the operation and construction of our infrastructure. In addition, certain of these governmental permits, approvals and authorizations are or may be subject to rehearing requests, appeals and other challenges. There is no assurance that we will obtain and maintain these governmental permits, approvals and authorizations, or that we will be able to obtain them on a timely basis. Any impediment could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***Our Creole Trail Pipeline and its FERC gas tariff are subject to FERC regulation. If we fail to comply with such regulation, we could be subject to substantial penalties and fines.***

The Creole Trail Pipeline is subject to regulation by the FERC under the NGA and the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (the“**NGPA**”). The FERC regulates the purchase and transportation of natural gas in interstate commerce, including the construction and operation of pipelines, the rates, terms and conditions of service and abandonment of facilities. Under the NGA, the rates charged by our Creole Trail Pipeline must be just and reasonable, and we are prohibited from unduly preferring or unreasonably discriminating against any potential shipper with respect to pipeline rates or terms and conditions of service. If we fail to comply with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations and orders, our Creole Trail Pipeline could be subject to substantial penalties and fines.

In addition, as a natural gas market participant, should we fail to comply with all applicable FERC-administered statutes, rules, regulations and orders, we could be subject to substantial penalties and fines. Under the EPCA, the FERC has civil penalty authority under the NGA and the NGPA to impose penalties for current violations of up to \$1.5 million per day for each violation.

Although the FERC has not imposed fines or penalties on us to date, we are exposed to substantial penalties and fines if we fail to comply with such regulations.

***Existing and future safety, environmental and similar laws and governmental regulations could result in increased compliance costs or additional operating costs or construction costs and restrictions.***

Our business is and will be subject to extensive federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to our construction and operation activities relating to, among other things, air quality, water quality, waste management, natural resources and health and safety. Many of these laws and regulations, such as the CAA, the Oil Pollution Act, the CWA and the RCRA, and analogous state laws and regulations, restrict or prohibit the types, quantities and concentration of substances that can be released into the environment in connection with the construction and operation of our facilities, and require us to maintain permits and provide governmental authorities with access to our facilities for inspection and reports related to our compliance. In addition, certain laws and regulations authorize regulators having jurisdiction over the construction and operation of our LNG terminal, docks and pipeline, including FERC, PHMSA, EPA and the United States Coast Guard, to issue regulatory enforcement actions, which may restrict or limit operations or increase compliance or operating costs. Violation of these laws and regulations could lead to substantial liabilities, compliance orders, fines and penalties, difficulty obtaining and maintaining permits from regulatory agencies or increased capital expenditures that could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects. Federal and state laws impose liability, without regard to fault or the lawfulness of the original conduct, for the release of certain types or quantities of hazardous substances into the environment. As the owner and operator of our facilities, we could be liable for the costs of cleaning up hazardous substances released into the environment at or from our facilities and for resulting damage to natural resources.

The EPA has finalized or proposed multiple GHG regulations that impact our assets and supply chain. On December 2, 2023, the EPA issued final rules to reduce methane and volatile organic compounds (“VOC”) emissions from new, existing and modified emission sources in the oil and gas sector. These regulations will require monitoring of methane and VOC emissions at our compressor stations. Further, the IRA includes a charge on methane emissions above certain emissions thresholds employing empirical emissions data that will apply to our facilities beginning in calendar year 2024. In January 2024, the EPA issued a proposed rule to impose and collect the methane emissions charge authorized under the IRA. In addition, other international, federal and state initiatives may be considered in the future to address GHG emissions through treaty commitments, direct regulation, market-based regulations such as a GHG emissions tax or cap-and-trade programs or clean energy or performance-based standards. Such initiatives could affect the demand for or cost of natural gas, which we consume at our terminals, or could increase compliance costs for our operations.

Revised, reinterpreted or additional guidance, laws and regulations at local, state, federal or international levels that result in increased compliance costs or additional operating or construction costs and restrictions could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects. It is not possible at this time to predict how future regulations or legislation may address GHG emissions and impact our business.

On February 28, 2022, the EPA removed a stay of formaldehyde standards in the NESHAP Subpart YYYYY for stationary combustion turbines located at major sources of HAP emissions. Owners and operators of lean remix gas-fired turbines and diffusion flame gas-fired turbines at major sources of HAP that were installed after January 14, 2003 were required to comply with NESHAP Subpart YYYYY by March 9, 2022 and demonstrate initial compliance with those requirements by September 5, 2022. We do not believe that our operations, or the construction and operations of our liquefaction facilities, will be materially and adversely affected by such regulatory actions.

Other future legislation and regulations, such as those relating to the transportation and security of LNG imported to or exported from the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal or climate policies of destination countries in relation to their obligations under the Paris Agreement or other national climate change-related policies, could cause additional expenditures, restrictions and delays in our business and to our proposed construction activities, the extent of which cannot be predicted and which may require us to limit substantially, delay or cease operations in some circumstances.

Total expenditures related to environmental and similar laws and governmental regulations, including capital expenditures, were immaterial to our Consolidated Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021. Revised, reinterpreted or additional laws and regulations that result in increased compliance, operating or construction costs or restrictions could have a material adverse effect on our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***Pipeline safety and compliance programs and repairs may impose significant costs and liabilities on us.***

The PHMSA requires pipeline operators to develop management programs to safely operate and maintain their pipelines and to comprehensively evaluate certain areas along their pipelines and take additional measures where necessary to protect pipeline segments located in “high or moderate consequence areas” where a leak or rupture could potentially do the most harm. As an operator, we are required to:

- perform ongoing assessments of pipeline safety and compliance;
- identify and characterize applicable threats to pipeline segments that could impact a high consequence area;
- improve data collection, integration and analysis;
- repair and remediate the pipeline as necessary; and
- implement preventative and mitigating actions.

We are required to utilize pipeline integrity management programs that are intended to maintain pipeline integrity. Any repair, remediation, preventative or mitigating actions may require significant capital and operating expenditures. Should we fail to comply with applicable statutes and the Office of Pipeline Safety’s rules and related regulations and orders, we could be subject to significant penalties and fines, which for certain violations can aggregate up to as high as \$2.7 million.

**Risks Relating to Our Relationship with Our General Partner**

***We are entirely dependent on our general partner, Cheniere, including employees of Cheniere and its subsidiaries, for key personnel, and the unavailability of skilled workers or Cheniere’s failure to attract and retain qualified personnel could adversely affect us. In addition, changes in our general partner’s senior management or other key personnel could affect our business results.***

As of December 31, 2023, Cheniere and its subsidiaries had 1,605 full-time employees, including 501 employees who directly supported the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal operations. We have contracted with subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the personnel necessary for the operation, maintenance and management of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, the Creole Trail Pipeline and construction and operation of the Liquefaction Project. We depend on Cheniere’s subsidiaries hiring and retaining personnel sufficient to provide support for the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. Cheniere competes with other liquefaction projects in the United States and globally, other energy companies and other employers to attract and retain qualified personnel with the technical skills and experience required to construct and operate our facilities and pipelines and to provide our customers with the highest quality service. We also compete with any other project Cheniere is developing, including its liquefaction project at Corpus Christi, Texas, for the time and expertise of Cheniere’s personnel. Further, we and Cheniere face competition for these highly skilled employees in the immediate vicinity of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and more generally from the Gulf Coast hydrocarbon processing and construction industries.

The executive officers of our general partner are officers and employees of Cheniere and its affiliates. We do not maintain key person life insurance policies on any personnel, and our general partner does not have any employment contracts or other agreements with key personnel binding them to provide services for any particular term. The loss of the services of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, our future success will depend in part on our general partner’s ability to engage, and Cheniere’s ability to attract and retain, additional qualified personnel.

A shortage in the labor pool of skilled workers, remoteness of our site locations, general inflationary pressures, changes in applicable laws and regulations or labor disputes could make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified personnel and could require an increase in the wage and benefits packages that are offered, thereby increasing our operating costs. In addition, we are also subject to increased competition for skilled workers from new entrants to the LNG market. Any increase in our operating costs could materially and adversely affect our business, contracts, financial condition, operating results, cash flow, liquidity and prospects.

***Our general partner and its affiliates have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary duties, which may permit them to favor their own interests to the detriment of us and our unitholders.***

Cheniere owns and controls our general partner, which has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Some of our general partner's directors are also directors of Cheniere, and certain of our general partner's officers are officers of Cheniere. Therefore, conflicts of interest may arise between Cheniere and its affiliates, including our general partner, on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. In resolving these conflicts, our general partner may favor its own interests and the interests of its affiliates over the interests of us and our unitholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

- neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires Cheniere to pursue a business strategy that favors us. Cheniere's directors and officers have a fiduciary duty to make these decisions in favor of the owners of Cheniere, which may be contrary to our interests;
- our general partner controls the interpretation and enforcement of contractual obligations between us, on the one hand, and Cheniere, on the other hand, including provisions governing administrative services and acquisitions;
- our general partner is allowed to take into account the interests of parties other than us, such as Cheniere and its affiliates, in resolving conflicts of interest, which has the effect of limiting its fiduciary duty to us and our unitholders;
- our general partner has limited its liability and reduced its fiduciary duties under the partnership agreement, while also restricting the remedies available to our unitholders for actions that, without these limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty;
- Cheniere is not limited in its ability to compete with us. Cheniere is not restricted from competing with us and is free to develop, operate and dispose of, and is currently developing, LNG facilities, pipelines and other assets without any obligation to offer us the opportunity to develop or acquire those assets;
- our general partner determines the amount and timing of asset purchases and sales, capital expenditures, borrowings, issuances of additional partnership securities, and the establishment, increase or decrease in the amounts of reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders;
- our general partner determines the amount and timing of any capital expenditures and whether a capital expenditure is a maintenance capital expenditure, which reduces operating surplus, or an expansion capital expenditure, which does not reduce operating surplus. This determination can affect the amount of cash that is distributed to our unitholders;
- our partnership agreement does not restrict our general partner from causing us to pay it or its affiliates for any services rendered on terms that are fair and reasonable to us or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf;
- our general partner intends to limit its liability regarding our contractual and other obligations and, in some circumstances, is entitled to be indemnified by us;
- our general partner may exercise its limited right to call and purchase common units if it and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units; and
- our general partner decides whether to retain separate counsel, accountants or others to perform services for us.

We also have agreements to compensate and to reimburse expenses of affiliates of Cheniere. All of these agreements involve conflicts of interest between us, on the one hand, and Cheniere and its other affiliates, on the other hand. In addition, Cheniere is currently operating three Trains at a natural gas liquefaction facility near Corpus Christi, Texas and CCL has entered into fixed price SPAs with third-parties for the sale of LNG from this natural gas liquefaction facility, and may continue to enter in commercial arrangements with respect to this liquefaction facility that might otherwise have been entered into with respect to any of our future Trains.

We have or will have numerous contracts and commercial arrangements with Cheniere and its affiliates, including future SPAs, transportation, interconnection, marketing and gas balancing arrangements, as well as servicing and other agreements and arrangements that cannot now be anticipated. In those circumstances where additional contracts with Cheniere and its affiliates may be necessary or desirable, additional conflicts of interest may be involved.



In the event Cheniere favors its interests over our interests, we may have less available cash to make distributions on our units than we otherwise would have if Cheniere had favored our interests.

#### **Risks Relating to an Investment in Us and Our Common Units**

***Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's fiduciary duties to our unitholders and restricts the remedies available to our unitholders for actions taken by our general partner that might otherwise constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.***

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that reduce the standards to which our general partner would otherwise be held by state fiduciary duty law. For example, our partnership agreement:

- permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. This entitles our general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and it has no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our affiliates or any limited partner. Examples include the exercise of its limited call right, the exercise of its rights to transfer or vote the units it owns, the exercise of its registration rights and its determination whether or not to consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership or amendment to the partnership agreement;
- provides that our general partner will not have any liability to us or our unitholders for decisions made in its capacity as general partner, as long as it acted in good faith, meaning that it believed the decision was in the best interests of our partnership, including in resolution of conflicts of interest;
- generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of our general partner and not involving a vote of unitholders must be on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or be "fair and reasonable" to us and that, in determining whether a transaction or resolution is "fair and reasonable," our general partner may consider the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to us;
- provides that our general partner, its affiliates and their officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to us or our limited partners for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that our general partner or those other persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that such conduct was criminal; and
- provides that in resolving conflicts of interest, it will be presumed that in making its decision the conflicts committee or the general partner acted in good faith, and in any proceedings brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or us, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption.

By purchasing a common unit, a unitholder will become bound by the provisions of our partnership agreement, including the provisions described above.

***Holders of our common units have limited voting rights and are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors, which could reduce the price at which our common units trade.***

Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, our unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business and, therefore, limited ability to influence management's decisions regarding our business. Our unitholders have no right to elect our general partner or its board of directors on an annual or other continuing basis. The board of directors of our general partner is chosen entirely by affiliates of Cheniere. As a result, the price at which the common units trade could be diminished because of the absence or reduction of a control premium in the trading price.

The vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of all outstanding common units (including any units owned by our general partner and its affiliates), voting together as a single class is required to remove our general partner. Cheniere owns 48.6% of our outstanding common units, but it is contractually prohibited from voting our units that it holds in favor of the removal of our general partner.

Additionally, our partnership agreement restricts unitholders' voting rights by providing that any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than our general partner and its affiliates, their transferees and persons who acquired such units with the prior approval of the board of directors of our general partner, cannot vote on any matter. Our partnership agreement also contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management.

***Any change of our general partner or the replacement of the board of directors or officers of our partnership, which can occur without the consent of our unitholders, can impact our future operations and have an adverse impact on the trading price of our common units.***

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of our unitholders. Furthermore, our partnership agreement does not restrict the ability of the owners of our general partner from transferring all or a portion of their respective ownership interest in our general partner to a third party. The new owners of our general partner would then be in a position to replace the board of directors and officers of our general partner with its own choices and thereby influence the decisions taken by the board of directors and officers. Any change in our general partner or the replacement of the board of directors or officers of our partnership can impact our future operations and have an adverse impact on the trading price of our common units.

***Our partnership agreement prohibits a unitholder (other than our general partner and its affiliates) who acquires 15% or more of our limited partner units without the approval of our general partner from engaging in a business combination with us for three years unless certain approvals are obtained. This provision could discourage a change of control that our unitholders may favor, which could negatively affect the price of our common units.***

Our partnership agreement effectively adopts Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"). Section 203 of the DGCL as it applies to us prevents an interested unitholder defined as a person (other than our general partner and its affiliates) who owns 15% or more of our outstanding limited partner units from engaging in business combinations with us for three years following the time such person becomes an interested unitholder unless certain approvals are obtained. Section 203 broadly defines "business combination" to encompass a wide variety of transactions with or caused by an interested unitholder, including mergers, asset sales and other transactions in which the interested unitholder receives a benefit on other than a pro rata basis with other unitholders. This provision of our partnership agreement could have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by our general partner, including discouraging takeover attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for our common units.

***Our unitholders may not have limited liability if a court finds that unitholder action constitutes control of our business.***

A general partner of a partnership generally has unlimited liability for the obligations of the partnership, except for contractual obligations of the partnership that are expressly made without recourse to the general partner. We are organized under Delaware law, and we conduct business in other states. As a limited partner in a partnership organized under Delaware law, holders of our common units could be held liable for our obligations to the same extent as a general partner if a court determined that the right or the exercise of the right by our unitholders as a group to remove or replace our general partner, to approve some amendments to our partnership agreement or to take other action under our partnership agreement constituted participation in the "control" of our business. In addition, limitations on the liability of holders of limited partner interests for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in many jurisdictions.

***Our unitholders may have liability to repay distributions wrongfully made.***

Under certain circumstances, our unitholders may have to repay amounts wrongfully distributed to them. Under Section 17-607 of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, we may not make a distribution to our unitholders if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Delaware law provides that, for a period of three years from the date of the impermissible distribution, partners who received such a distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Delaware law will be liable to the partnership for the distribution amount. Liabilities to partners on account of their partner interests and liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are not counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted.

*Affiliates of our general partner or affiliates of Blackstone Inc. (“Blackstone”) or Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (“Brookfield”) may sell limited partner units, which sales could have an adverse impact on the trading price of our common units.*

Sales by us or any of our affiliated unitholders or affiliates of Blackstone of a substantial number of our common units, or the perception that such sales might occur, could have a material adverse effect on the price of our common units or could impair our ability to obtain capital through an offering of equity securities. As of December 31, 2023, Cheniere owned approximately 239.9 million of our common units. We also filed a registration statement for the resale of 202,450,687 common units owned by Blackstone and its affiliates in 2017. Any sales of these units could have an adverse impact on the price of our common units.

#### **Risks Relating to Tax Matters**

*Our tax treatment depends on our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, and our not being subject to a material amount of entity-level taxation by individual states. If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or if we were to become subject to material additional amounts of entity-level taxation for state tax purposes, then our cash available for distribution to our unitholders would be substantially reduced.*

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Despite the fact that we are a limited partnership under Delaware law, we will be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes unless we satisfy a “qualifying income” requirement. Based upon our current operations, we believe we satisfy the qualifying income requirement. Failing to meet the qualifying income requirement or a change in current law could cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to taxation as an entity.

If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, we would pay federal income tax on our taxable income at the corporate tax rate and would likely pay state and local income taxes at varying rates. Distributions to our unitholders would generally be taxed again as corporate dividends, and no income, gains, losses or deductions would flow through to our unitholders. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, the cash available for distributions to our unitholders would be substantially reduced. Therefore, treatment of us as a corporation would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax return to our unitholders, likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our common units.

At the state level, several states have been evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. Imposition of such taxes on us in jurisdictions in which we operate, or to which we may expand our operations, may substantially reduce the cash available for distribution to our unitholders and, therefore, negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units.

Our partnership agreement provides that if a law is enacted or existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that subjects us to taxation as a corporation or otherwise subjects us to entity-level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, then the initial quarterly distribution amount and the target distribution amounts may be adjusted to reflect the impact of that law on us.

*We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our common units each month based upon the ownership of our common units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular common unit is transferred.*

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our common units each month based upon the ownership of our common units on the first business day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. Although final Treasury Regulations allow publicly traded partnerships to use a similar monthly simplifying convention to allocate tax items among transferor and transferee unitholders, such tax items must be prorated on a daily basis and these regulations do not specifically authorize all aspects of the proration method we have adopted. If the IRS were to successfully challenge this method or new Treasury Regulations were issued, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

***A successful Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) contest of the federal income tax positions that we take, may adversely impact the market for our common units, and the costs of any contest will be borne by our unitholders and our general partner.***

The IRS may adopt positions that differ from the positions that we take, even positions taken with advice of counsel. It may be necessary to resort to administrative or court proceedings to sustain some or all of the positions that we take. A court may not agree with some or all of the positions that we take. Any contest with the IRS may adversely impact the taxable income reported to our unitholders and the income taxes they are required to pay. As a result, any such contest with the IRS may materially and adversely impact the market for our common units and the price at which our common units trade. In addition, the costs of any contest with the IRS, principally legal, accounting and related fees, will result in a reduction in cash available for distribution to our unitholders and our general partner and thus will be borne indirectly by our unitholders and our general partner.

***If the IRS makes audit adjustments to our income tax returns for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, it (and some states) may assess and collect any taxes (including any applicable penalties and interest) resulting from such audit adjustment directly from us, in which case our cash available for distribution to our unitholders might be substantially reduced.***

For tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, if the IRS makes audit adjustments to our income tax returns, it (and some states) may assess and collect any taxes (including any applicable penalties and interest) resulting from such audit adjustment directly from us. To the extent possible under applicable rules, our general partner may pay such amounts directly to the IRS or, if we are eligible, elect to issue a revised Schedule K-1 to each unitholder with respect to an audited and adjusted return. No assurances can be made that such election will be practical, permissible, or effective in all circumstances. As a result, our current unitholders may bear some or all of the economic burden resulting from such audit adjustment, even if such unitholders did not own units in us during the tax year under audit. If, as a result of any such audit adjustment, we are required to make payments of taxes, penalties and interest, our cash available for distribution to our unitholders might be substantially reduced.

***Our unitholders may be required to pay taxes on their share of our taxable income even if they do not receive any cash distributions from us.***

Our unitholders are required to pay any U.S. federal income taxes and, in some cases, state and local income taxes, on their share of our taxable income irrespective of whether they receive cash distributions from us. Unitholders may not receive cash distributions from us equal to their share of our taxable income or even equal to the actual tax liability attributable to their share of our taxable income.

***Tax gain or loss on the disposition of our common units could be different than expected.***

If our unitholders sell any of their common units, they will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized and their tax basis in those common units. Because distributions in excess of the unitholders’ allocable share of our net taxable income decrease the unitholders’ tax basis in their common units, the amount, if any, of such prior excess distributions with respect to the units sold will, in effect, become taxable income to the unitholder if they sell such units at a price greater than their tax basis in those units, even if the price received is less than their original cost. A substantial portion of the amount realized, whether or not representing gain, may be ordinary income due to the potential recapture items, including depreciation recapture. In addition, because the amount realized may include a unitholder’s share of our nonrecourse liabilities, a unitholder that sells common units may incur a tax liability in excess of the amount of cash received from the sale.

***Tax-exempt entities face unique tax issues from owning common units that may result in adverse tax consequences to them.***

Investments in common units by tax-exempt entities, such as individual retirement accounts (known as IRAs), raises issues unique to them. For example, virtually all of our income allocated to unitholders who are organizations exempt from federal income tax, including individual retirement accounts and other retirement plans, will be unrelated business taxable income and will be taxable to them. Tax-exempt entities should consult a tax advisor before investing in our common units.

***Non-U.S. unitholders will be subject to U.S. taxes and withholding with respect to their income and gain from owning our common units.***

Non-U.S. unitholders are generally taxed and subject to income tax filing requirements by the United States on income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business (“effectively connected income”). A unitholder’s share of our income, gain, loss and deduction, and any gain from the sale or disposition of our common units will generally be considered to be “effectively connected” with a U.S. trade or business and subject to U.S. federal income tax. As a result, distributions to a non-U.S. unitholder will be subject to withholding at the highest applicable effective tax rate and a non-U.S. unitholder who sells or otherwise disposes of a common unit will also be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the gain realized from the sale or disposition of that common unit.

Moreover, upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of a common unit by a non-U.S. unitholder, withholding at a rate of 10% may be required on the amount realized unless the disposing unitholder certifies that it is not a foreign person. Treasury regulations provide that the “amount realized” on a transfer of an interest in a publicly traded partnership, such as our common units, will generally be the amount of gross proceeds paid to the broker effecting the applicable transfer on behalf of the unitholder. Quarterly distributions made to our non-U.S. unitholders will also be subject to withholding under these rules to the extent a portion of a distribution is attributable to an amount in excess of our cumulative net income that has not previously been distributed. We intend to treat all of our distributions as being in excess of our cumulative net income for such purposes and subject to the additional 10% withholding tax. For transfers of, or distributions on, interests in a publicly traded partnership occurring before January 1, 2023, and after that date, if effected through a broker, the obligation to withhold is imposed on the transferor’s broker. Non-U.S. unitholders should consult their tax advisors regarding the impact of these rules on an investment in our common units.

***Our unitholders will likely be subject to state and local taxes and return filing requirements as a result of an investment in our common units.***

In addition to federal income taxes, our unitholders will likely be subject to other taxes, including state and local income taxes, unincorporated business taxes and estate, inheritance or intangible taxes that are imposed by the various jurisdictions in which we do business or own property, even if the unitholder does not live in any of those jurisdictions. Our unitholders may be required to file state and local income tax returns and pay state and local income taxes in some or all of these various jurisdictions. Furthermore, our unitholders may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. As we make acquisitions or expand our business, we may own property or conduct business in additional states or foreign countries that impose a personal tax or an entity level tax. Unitholders may be subject to penalties for failure to comply with those requirements. It is the responsibility of our unitholders to file all United States federal, state and local tax returns.

***We have adopted certain valuation methodologies in determining a unitholder’s allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction. The IRS may challenge these methodologies or the resulting allocations, and such a challenge could adversely affect the value of our common units.***

In determining the items of income, gain, loss and deduction allocable to our unitholders, we must routinely determine the fair market value of our assets. Although we may from time to time consult with professional appraisers regarding valuation matters, we make many fair market value estimates ourselves using a methodology based on the market value of our common units as a means to determine the fair market value of our assets. The IRS may challenge these valuation methods and the resulting allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction.

A successful IRS challenge to these methods or allocations could adversely affect the timing or amount of taxable income or loss being allocated to our unitholders. It also could affect the amount of gain from our unitholders’ sale of common units and could have a negative impact on the value of the common units or result in audit adjustments to our unitholders’ tax returns without the benefit of additional deductions.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

## ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY

Cyberattacks represent a potentially significant risk to the Partnership and its industry. We have implemented policies and procedures that are intended to manage and reduce this risk, including those managed by affiliates of Cheniere through our service agreements with them, as further discussed in [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### *Risk Management and Strategy*

As part of our broader approach to risk management, our cybersecurity program is designed to follow an “identify, protect, detect, respond and recover” approach to cybersecurity that is based off of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework (“CSF”). Our strategy also includes segmentation of corporate and operations networks, defense in depth and the least privileged access principle. Operational networks have fundamentally distinct safety and reliability standards and pose unique threats in comparison to information technology networks. Realizing these differences, we routinely evaluate opportunities to refine our cybersecurity program in order to mitigate operational network risks. We include business continuity planning as a component of our strategy to help ensure critical systems are available to support the Partnership in the instance of a disruptive event. We also participate in various industry organizations to stay abreast of recent trends and developments.

On an ongoing basis, we and Cheniere assess our people, processes and technology and, when necessary, adjust the overall program in an effort to adapt to the ever-evolving cyber and geopolitical landscapes. We conduct regular assessments and audits, cross-functional risk mitigation exercises and risk strategy sessions to identify cybersecurity risks, applicable regulatory requirements and industry standards. These engagements are also designed to exercise, assess the maturity of, and enhance our Cyber Incident Response Plan. To support these efforts, we have contracted with third parties to perform facility and system penetration tests, compromise assessments of information technology systems, and security maturity assessments of our corporate and operational networks. Cheniere maintains a training program to help its personnel identify and assist in mitigating cybersecurity and data security risks. Cheniere’s employees and the board of directors of our general partner participate in annual training, user awareness campaigns and additional issue-specific training as needed. Cheniere also provides annual training for certain contractors who have access to its information technology networks.

With respect to third party service providers, Cheniere’s information security program includes conducting risk-based due diligence of certain service providers’ information security programs prior to onboarding. We seek to contractually require third party service providers with access to our information technology systems, sensitive business data or personal information to maintain reasonable security controls and restrict their ability to use Cheniere’s data, including personal information, for purposes other than to provide services to us, except as required by applicable law. Cheniere also seeks to negotiate contractual requirements which compel our service providers to notify us of information security incidents occurring on their systems which may affect Cheniere’s systems or data, including personal information.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, cybersecurity incidents and threats did not materially affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

### *Governance*

We rely on Cheniere’s cybersecurity leadership team, which consists of its Director and Chief Information Security Officer (“CISO”), Vice President and Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President of Shared Services. These individuals collectively provide the strategic oversight of our cybersecurity governance, cyber risk management and security operations and are responsible for maintaining our technology defense posture and program. They have decades of experience managing strategic technology operations, including the identification of cybersecurity risk and the defense of information technology assets from global threats. Cheniere’s CISO’s experience includes assessing risks, implementing governance programs, and responding to threats in oil and gas, electric and natural gas utilities and nuclear power generation companies. He maintains a Certified Information Security Manager certification from ISACA, secret clearance from the Department of Homeland Security and has played an active role in the development of various cybersecurity standards including the CSF.

Risks that could affect us are an integral part of the board of directors of our general partner and Audit Committee deliberations throughout the year. The board of directors of our general partner has oversight responsibility for assessing the primary risks facing us (including cybersecurity risks), the relative magnitude of these risks and management’s plan for

mitigating these risks, while the Audit Committee has been delegated the authority to oversee and periodically review the security of Cheniere’s information technology systems and controls, including programs and defenses against cybersecurity threats. The Audit Committee discusses with management our cybersecurity risk exposures and the steps management has taken to mitigate such exposures, including our risk assessment and risk management policies. On a quarterly basis, Cheniere’s cybersecurity leadership team updates the Audit Committee on the overall status of our cybersecurity program, key operational metrics, current assessments, cybersecurity issues or events and pertinent events related to cybersecurity.

For additional information about cybersecurity risks, see the risk *A cyber attack involving our business, operational control systems or related infrastructure, or that of third party pipelines which supply the Liquefaction Project, could negatively impact our operations, result in data security breaches, impede the processing of transactions or delay financial or compliance reporting* under [Risks Relating to Our Operations and Industry](#) in Item 1A.Risk Factors.

### **ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

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

#### *LDEQ Matter*

Certain of our subsidiaries are in discussions with the LDEQ to resolve alleged non-compliance with national emission standards for formaldehyde from combustion turbines at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. The allegations are identified in a Consolidated Compliance Order and Notice of Potential Penalty, Tracking No. AE-CN-22-00833 (the “**2023 Compliance Order**”) issued by the LDEQ on April 12, 2023. In August 2004, the EPA stayed the application of the emission standard to combustion turbines such as those at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. In March 2022, the EPA lifted the stay, and in June 2022 our subsidiaries petitioned the EPA and LDEQ for approval of additional operating parameters to demonstrate compliance with the emission limitation. The petition remains pending. Our subsidiaries continue to work with the LDEQ to resolve the matters identified in the 2023 Compliance Order, including the petition pending with the EPA. As of December 2023, our subsidiaries have filed test results with the LDEQ indicating that all 44 turbines meet the relevant compliance standard. We do not expect that any ultimate penalty will have a material adverse impact on our financial results.

### **ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE**

Not applicable.

**PART II****ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT’S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED UNITHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Our common units trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “CQP”, and previously traded on the NYSE American or its predecessors under the symbol “CQP” from our initial public offering on March 21, 2007 through February 3, 2024. As of February 16, 2024, we had 484.0 million common units outstanding held by 10 record owners.

We consider cash distributions to unitholders on a quarterly basis, although there is no assurance as to the future cash distributions since they are dependent upon future earnings, cash flows, capital requirements, financial condition and other factors.

**Cash Distribution Policy**

Our cash distribution policy is consistent with the terms of our partnership agreement, which requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly.

**General Partner Units and Incentive Distribution Rights (“IDRs”)**

IDRs represent the right to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the initial quarterly distribution. Our general partner currently holds the IDRs but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest.

Assuming we do not issue any additional classes of units that are paid distributions and our general partner maintains its 2% interest, if we have made distributions to our unitholders from operating surplus in an amount equal to the initial quarterly distribution for any quarter, assuming no arrearages, then we will distribute any additional available cash from operating surplus for that quarter among the unitholders and our general partner as follows:

|                                | Total Quarterly Distribution<br>Target Amount | Marginal Percentage<br>Interest Distributions |                 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
|                                |   | Common and Subordinated<br>Unitholders        | General Partner |
| Initial quarterly distribution | \$0.425                                       | 98%   | 2%              |
| First Target Distribution      | Above \$0.425 up to \$0.489                   | 98%   | 2%              |
| Second Target Distribution     | Above \$0.489 up to \$0.531                   | 85%   | 15%             |
| Third Target Distribution      | Above \$0.531 up to \$0.638                   | 75%   | 25%             |
| Thereafter                     | Above \$0.638                                 | 50%   | 50%             |

**ITEM 6. [Reserved]**



## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Introduction

The following discussion and analysis presents management's view of our business, financial condition and overall performance and should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. This information is intended to provide investors with an understanding of our past performance, current financial condition and outlook for the future. Discussion of 2021 items and variance drivers between the year ended December 31, 2022 as compared to December 31, 2021 are not included herein and can be found in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our [annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022](#).

Our discussion and analysis includes the following subjects:

- [Overview](#)
- [Overview of Significant Events](#)
- [Market Environment](#)
- [Results of Operations](#)
- [Liquidity and Capital Resources](#)
- [Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates](#)
- [Recent Accounting Standards](#)

### Overview

We are a limited partnership formed by Cheniere to provide clean, secure and affordable LNG to integrated energy companies, utilities and energy trading companies around the world. We own the natural gas liquefaction and export facility at Sabine Pass, Louisiana. For further discussion of our business, see [Items 1. and 2. Business and Properties](#).

Our long-term customer arrangements form the foundation of our business and provide us with significant, stable, long-term cash flows. Through our SPAs and IPM agreement, we have contracted approximately 85% of the total anticipated production from the Liquefaction Project with approximately 14 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2023, excluding volumes that are contractually subject to additional liquefaction capacity beyond what is currently in construction or operation. The majority of our contracts are fixed-priced, long-term SPAs consisting of a fixed fee per MMBtu of LNG plus a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG, with the variable fees generally structured to cover the cost of natural gas purchases, transportation and liquefaction fuel consumed to produce LNG. Since we procure most of our feedstock for LNG production from the U.S., the structure of these contracts helps limit our exposure to fluctuations in U.S. natural gas prices. We believe that continued global demand for natural gas and LNG, as further described in [Market Factors and Competition](#) in Items 1. and 2. Business and Properties, will provide a foundation for additional growth in our portfolio of customer contracts in the future.

### Overview of Significant Events

Our significant events since January 1, 2023 and through the filing date of this Form 10-K include the following:

#### *Strategic*

- In November 2023, Cheniere announced that SPL Stage V entered into an IPM agreement with ARC Resources U.S. Corp., a subsidiary of ARC Resources Ltd., to purchase 140,000 MMBtu per day of natural gas at a price based on the Dutch Title Transfer Facility ("TTF") less a fixed regasification fee, fixed LNG shipping costs and a fixed liquefaction fee, for a term of approximately 15 years commencing with commercial operations of the first train of the SPL Expansion Project. This agreement is subject to Cheniere making a positive FID on the first train of the SPL Expansion Project or us unilaterally waiving that requirement.

- In May 2023, certain of our subsidiaries entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC under the NEPA for the SPL Expansion Project, and in April 2023, one of our subsidiaries executed a contract with Bechtel Energy Inc. to provide the front end engineering and design work on the project.
- On January 2, 2023, Corey Grindal, formerly Executive Vice President, Worldwide Trading, was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Cheniere Partners GP.

#### **Operational**

- As of February 16, 2024, approximately 2,410 cumulative LNG cargoes totaling approximately 165 million tonnes of LNG have been produced, loaded and exported from the Liquefaction Project.

#### **Financial**

- We closed the following debt transactions:
  - In September and November 2023, SPL redeemed an aggregate of \$100 million of its 5.750% Senior Secured Notes due 2024 (the“**2024 SPL Senior Notes**”).
  - In June 2023, we issued \$1.4 billion aggregate principal amount of 5.950% Senior Notes due 2033 (the“**2033 CQP Senior Notes**”). Using contributed proceeds from the 2033 CQP Senior Notes together with cash on hand, SPL redeemed \$1.4 billion of its 2024 SPL Senior Notes in July 2023.
  - In June 2023, we entered into a \$1.0 billion Senior Unsecured Revolving Credit and Guaranty Agreement (the“**CQP Revolving Credit Facility**”), and SPL entered into a \$1.0 billion Senior Secured Revolving Credit and Guaranty Agreement (the“**SPL Revolving Credit Facility**”). The CQP Revolving Credit Facility and SPL Revolving Credit Facility each refinanced and replaced the respective existing credit facilities to, among other things, (1) extend the maturity date thereunder, (2) reduce the rate of interest and commitment fees applicable thereunder and (3) make certain other changes to the terms and conditions of the prior credit facilities.
- In August 2023, Fitch Ratings (“**Fitch**”) upgraded SPL’s senior secured debt and issuer credit ratings from BBB to BBB+ with a stable outlook.
- In February 2023, S&P Global Ratings (“**S&P**”) upgraded its issuer credit rating of SPL from BBB to BBB+ with a stable outlook.
- We declared aggregate distributions of \$4.12 per common unit for the year ended December 31, 2023. On January 26, 2024, with respect to the fourth quarter of 2023, we declared a cash distribution of \$1.035 per common unit to unitholders of record as of February 7, 2024 and the related general partner distribution that was paid on February 14, 2024. These distributions consist of a base amount of \$0.775 per unit and a variable amount of \$0.260 per unit.

#### **Market Environment**

In 2023, the LNG market continued to rebalance with robust LNG flows to Europe maintaining the region’s underground storage inventories at high levels, and weak demand in Japan and Korea largely offsetting a modest rebound in China and other emerging economies in Asia. Price levels started moving towards pre-Russia-Ukraine war levels in the second quarter of 2023 and have for the most part normalized versus pre-war levels, as concerns about physical market tightness dissipated. However, extensive upstream maintenance in Norway and concerns about tight supply capacity amid strike threats in Australia elevated prices during the third quarter of 2023 and brought some volatility back to the market, albeit not at much lower levels than those seen in 2022. These conditions were quickly resolved, and winter prices remained within a more normal level, despite the eruption of military conflict in the Middle East in October.

The TTF monthly settlement prices averaged \$13.73/MMBtu in 2023, over 66% lower year-over-year and 4.6% lower than 2021. Similarly, the 2023 average settlement price for the Japan Korea Marker (“**JKM**”) decreased 53% year-over-year to an average of \$16.13/MMBtu in 2023. Prices in the fourth quarter of 2023 also decreased, with TTF averaging \$13.66/MMBtu and JKM \$14.97/MMBtu - both significantly below levels seen in the previous two years. The Henry Hub benchmark also

witnessed a similar year-over-year drop albeit from a much lower base. The Henry Hub average settlement price in 2023 was \$2.74, down approximately 59% from \$6.64/MMBtu in 2022 during the height of the energy crisis in Europe.

The U.S. played a significant role in balancing the global market in 2023, exporting approximately 86 million tonnes of LNG, a gain of approximately 13% from 2022, due in part to the return of Freeport LNG to operations. Exports from our Liquefaction Project reached approximately 30 million tonnes in aggregate, representing over 34% of total U.S. exports for the year, according to Kpler data.

Global LNG demand grew by approximately 3% from 2022, adding 10.5 million tonnes to the overall market. Although overall Asian demand has increased from 2022, weakness in Japan, mainly due to improved nuclear availability, along with continued gas demand destruction in Europe, especially in the residential sector, exerted downward pressure on the market and kept LNG and gas prices from increasing. Despite the decrease in Japanese demand, which was down approximately 8% or 6 mtpa year-over-year, Asia's LNG imports increased roughly 4% year-over-year in 2023 to approximately 263 mtpa. This uptick was largely due to an approximately 8.4 mtpa year-over-year growth in South and Southeast Asia's demand and a modest rebound in China's economy, which resulted in approximately 12% or 7.5 mtpa increase in LNG imports into the country. In Europe, despite continued declines in gas demand, LNG imports were flat year-over-year as pipeline flows from Russia to the EU remained low at 27 billion cubic meters ("Bcm"), down 36 Bcm or 57% year-over-year.

The market dynamics brought on by the need to displace and replace Russian gas into Europe in 2023 resulted in a notable uptick in long-term LNG contracting and a push for LNG project FIDs. Commercial activity in 2023 continued to build on last year's momentum with executed long-term SPAs in the U.S. reaching approximately 23 mtpa for the year, of which Cheniere's SPAs and IPM agreements totaled approximately 6.5 mtpa. This contractual momentum over the past two years led to the positive FID of nearly 40 mtpa of U.S. LNG capacity in 2023, and we anticipate that a portion of these contracts will support our future growth.

Despite the global impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war, we do not believe we have significant exposure to adverse direct or indirect impacts of the war, as we do not conduct business in Russia and refrain from business dealings with Russian entities. Additionally, we are not aware of any specific adverse direct or indirect effects of the Russia-Ukraine war or the Israel-Hamas war on our supply chain. Consequently, we believe we are well positioned to help meet the increased demand of our international LNG customers to overcome their supply shortages.

**Results of Operations**

|  | Year Ended December 31, |           | Variance   |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022      |            |
| <i>(in millions, except per unit data)</i>             |                         |           |            |
| <b>Revenues</b>  |                         |           |            |
| LNG revenues   | \$ 6,991                | \$ 11,507 | \$ (4,516) |
| LNG revenues—affiliate                                 | 2,475                   | 4,568     | (2,093)    |
| Regasification revenues                                | 135                     | 1,068     | (933)      |
| Other revenues   | 63                      | 63        | —          |
| Total revenues   | 9,664                   | 17,206    | (7,542)    |
| <b>Operating costs and expenses</b>                    |                         |           |            |
| Cost of sales (excluding items shown separately below) | 2,721                   | 11,887    | (9,166)    |
| Cost of sales—affiliate                                | 22                      | 213       | (191)      |
| Operating and maintenance expense                      | 879                     | 757       | 122        |
| Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate            | 166                     | 166       | —          |
| Operating and maintenance expense—related party        | 62                      | 72        | (10)       |
| General and administrative expense                     | 10                      | 5         | 5          |
| General and administrative expense—affiliate           | 89                      | 92        | (3)        |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                  | 672                     | 634       | 38         |
| Other  | 6                       | —         | 6          |
| Other—affiliate  | 1                       | —         | 1          |
| Total operating costs and expenses                     | 4,628                   | 13,826    | (9,198)    |
| Income from operations                                 | 5,036                   | 3,380     | 1,656      |
| <b>Other income (expense)</b>                          |                         |           |            |
| Interest expense, net of capitalized interest          | (823)                   | (870)     | 47         |
| Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt         | (6)                     | (33)      | 27         |
| Interest and dividend income                           | 46                      | 21        | 25         |
| Other income, net                                      | 1                       | —         | 1          |
| Total other expense                                    | (782)                   | (882)     | 100        |
| Net income   | \$ 4,254                | \$ 2,498  | \$ 1,756   |
| Basic and diluted net income per common unit           | \$ 6.95                 | \$ 3.27   | \$ 3.68    |

**Volumes loaded and recognized from the Liquefaction Project**

|   | Year Ended December 31, |       | Variance |
|---|-------------------------|-------|----------|
|   | 2023                    | 2022  |          |
| LNG volumes loaded and recognized as revenues (in TBtu) | 1,536                   | 1,520 | 16       |

### ***Net income***

The increase of \$1.8 billion in net income between the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was primarily attributable to the favorable variance of \$3.2 billion from changes in fair value and settlements of derivatives. During the year ended December 31, 2023, we recognized gains of \$1.8 billion due to non-cash favorable changes in fair value of the IPM agreement with Tourmaline Oil Marketing Corp. (the “**Tourmaline IPM Agreement**”) as a result of lower volatility in international gas prices and declines in international forward commodity curves, as compared to a loss of \$757 million in the year ended December 31, 2022 following the assignment of the Tourmaline IPM Agreement to SPL from Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC (“**CCL Stage III**”) in March 2022. The 2022 loss following the assignment was primarily attributed to SPL’s lower credit risk profile relative to that of CCL Stage III, resulting in a higher derivative liability given reduced risk of SPL’s own nonperformance and shifts in the international forward commodity curve. The increase was partially offset by a reduction in LNG revenues, net of cost of sales and excluding the aforementioned effect of derivatives, of \$492 million between the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, which was attributable to lower margins on LNG delivered. The remaining offsetting variance is primarily attributable to a decrease in our regasification revenues primarily as a result of the early termination of one of our TUA agreements in December 2022.

The following is an additional discussion of the significant drivers of the variance in net income by line item:

#### ***Revenues***

The \$7.5 billion decrease in revenues between the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was primarily attributable to:

- \$6.7 billion decrease in revenues due to lower pricing per MMBtu, from decreased Henry Hub pricing; and
- \$933 million decrease in regasification revenues due to the accelerated recognition of revenues associated with the termination of one of our TUA agreements in December 2022. See [Note 13—Revenues](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the termination agreement.

#### ***Operating costs and expenses***

The \$9.2 billion decrease in operating costs and expenses between the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was primarily attributable to:

- \$6.1 billion decrease in cost of sales excluding the effect of derivative changes described below, primarily as a result of \$6.0 billion decrease in cost of natural gas feedstock largely due to lower U.S. natural gas prices; and
- \$3.2 billion favorable variance from changes in fair value and settlements of derivatives included in cost of sales, from a loss of \$1.2 billion in the year ended December 31, 2022 to a gain of \$2.1 billion in the year ended December 31, 2023, primarily due to decreased international gas prices resulting in non-cash favorable changes in fair value of our commodity derivatives indexed to such prices, specifically associated with the Tourmaline IPM Agreement as discussed above under *Net income*.

#### ***Significant factors affecting our results of operations***

Below are significant factors that affect our results of operations.

#### ***Gains and losses on derivative instruments***

Derivative instruments are utilized to manage our exposure to commodity-related marketing and price risks and are reported at fair value on our Consolidated Financial Statements. For commodity derivative instruments related to our IPM agreements, the underlying LNG sales being economically hedged are accounted for under the accrual method of accounting, whereby revenues expected to be derived from the future LNG sales are recognized only upon delivery or realization of the underlying transaction. Notwithstanding the operational intent to mitigate risk exposure over time, the recognition of derivative instruments at fair value has the effect of recognizing gains or losses relating to future period exposure, and given the significant volumes, long-term duration and volatility in price basis for certain of our derivative contracts, the use of derivative instruments may result in continued volatility of our results of operations based on changes in market pricing, counterparty credit risk and other relevant factors that may be outside of our control. For example, as described in [Note 8—Derivative](#)

[Instruments](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, the fair value of our Liquefaction Supply Derivatives incorporates market participant-based assumptions pertaining to certain contractual uncertainties, including those related to the availability of market information for delivery points, which may require future development of infrastructure, as well as the timing of both satisfaction of contractual events or states of affairs and delivery commencement. We may recognize changes in fair value through earnings that could be significant to our results of operations if and when such uncertainties are resolved.

#### *Commissioning cargoes*

Prior to substantial completion of a Train, amounts received from the sale of commissioning cargoes from that Train are offset against LNG terminal construction-in-process, because these amounts are earned or loaded during the testing phase for the construction of that Train. During the year ended December 31, 2022, we realized offsets to LNG terminal costs of \$148 million corresponding to 13 TBtu attributable to the sale of commissioning cargoes from Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project. We did not have any commissioning cargoes during the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The following information describes our ability to generate and obtain adequate amounts of cash to meet our requirements in the short term and the long term. In the short term, we expect to meet our cash requirements using operating cash flows and available liquidity, consisting of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and available commitments under our credit facilities. Additionally, we expect to meet our long term cash requirements by using operating cash flows and other future potential sources of liquidity, which may include debt offerings by us or our subsidiaries and equity offerings by us. The table below provides a summary of our available liquidity (in millions). Future material sources of liquidity are discussed below.

|  | <b>December 31, 2023</b> |
|--|--------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 575                   |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents designated for the Liquefaction Project | 56                       |
| Available commitments under our credit facilities (1):                       |                          |
| SPL Revolving Credit Facility  | 720                      |
| CQP Revolving Credit Facility  | 1,000                    |
| Total available commitments under our credit facilities                      | 1,720                    |
| Total available liquidity  | \$ 2,351                 |

(1) Available commitments represent total commitments less loans outstanding and letters of credit issued under each of our credit facilities as of December 31, 2023. See [Note 11—Debt](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our credit facilities and other debt instruments.

Our liquidity position subsequent to December 31, 2023 will be driven by future sources of liquidity and future cash requirements as further discussed under the caption *Future Sources and Uses of Liquidity*.

Although our sources and uses of cash are presented below from a consolidated standpoint, we and our subsidiary SPL operate with independent capital structures. Certain restrictions under debt instruments executed by SPL limit its ability to distribute cash, including the following:

- SPL is required to deposit all cash received into restricted cash and cash equivalents accounts under certain of their debt agreements. The usage or withdrawal of such cash is restricted to the payment of liabilities related to the Liquefaction Project and other restricted payments. In addition, SPL's operating costs are managed by subsidiaries of Cheniere under affiliate agreements, which may require SPL to advance cash to the respective affiliates; and
- SPL is restricted by affirmative and negative covenants included in certain of its debt agreements in its ability to make certain payments, including distributions, unless specific requirements are satisfied.

Despite the restrictions noted above, we believe that sufficient flexibility exists to enable each independent capital structure to meet its currently anticipated cash requirements. The sources of liquidity at SPL primarily fund the cash

requirements of SPL, and any remaining liquidity not subject to restriction, as supplemented by liquidity provided by SPLNG, is available to enable CQP to meet its cash requirements.

***Supplemental Guarantor Information***

The 2033 CQP Senior Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by each of our current and future subsidiaries who guarantee the CQP Revolving Credit Facility and the \$1.5 billion of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2029, \$1.5 billion of 4.000% Senior Notes due 2031 and \$1.2 billion of 3.25% Senior Notes due 2032 (together with the 2033 CQP Senior Notes, the “**CQP Senior Notes**”) are jointly and severally guaranteed by each of our subsidiaries other than SPL and, subject to certain conditions governing its guarantee, Sabine Pass LP (each a “**Guarantor**” and collectively, the “**CQP Guarantors**”).

The CQP Guarantors’ guarantees are full and unconditional, subject to certain release provisions including (1) the sale, disposition or transfer (by merger, consolidation or otherwise) of the capital stock or all or substantially all of the assets of the CQP Guarantors, (2) upon the liquidation or dissolution of a Guarantor, (3) following the release of a Guarantor from another guarantee that resulted in the creation of its guarantee of the CQP Senior Notes and (4) upon the legal defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of obligations under the indenture governing the CQP Senior Notes. In the event of a default in payment of the principal or interest by us, whether at maturity of the CQP Senior Notes or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise, legal proceedings may be instituted against the CQP Guarantors to enforce the guarantee.

The rights of holders of the CQP Senior Notes against the CQP Guarantors may be limited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or state fraudulent transfer or conveyance law. Each guarantee contains a provision intended to limit the Guarantor’s liability to the maximum amount that it could incur without causing the incurrence of obligations under its guarantee to be a fraudulent conveyance or transfer under U.S. federal or state law. However, there can be no assurance as to what standard a court will apply in making a determination of the maximum liability of the CQP Guarantors. Moreover, this provision may not be effective to protect the guarantee from being voided under fraudulent conveyance laws. There is a possibility that the entire guarantee may be set aside, in which case the entire liability may be extinguished.

The following tables include summarized financial information of CQP (the“**Parent Issuer**”), and the CQP Guarantors (together with the Parent Issuer, the“**Obligor Group**”) on a combined basis. Investments in and equity in the earnings of SPL and, subject to certain conditions governing its guarantee, Sabine Pass LP (collectively with SPL, the“**Non-Guarantors**”), which are not currently members of the Obligor Group, have been excluded. Intercompany balances and transactions between entities in the Obligor Group have been eliminated. Although the creditors of the Obligor Group have no claim against the Non-Guarantors, the Obligor Group may gain access to the assets of the Non-Guarantors upon bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of the Non-Guarantors due to its investment in these entities. However, such claims to the assets of the Non-Guarantors would be subordinated to any claims by the Non-Guarantors’ creditors, including trade creditors.

**Summarized Balance Sheets (in millions)**

|  | December 31, |          |
|--|--------------|----------|
|  | 2023         | 2022     |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |              |          |
| Current assets   |              |          |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 575       | \$ 904   |
| Accounts receivable from Non-Guarantors                          | 55           | 55       |
| Other current assets   | 39           | 40       |
| Current assets—affiliate   | 86           | 171      |
| Current assets with Non-Guarantors                               | 1            | —        |
| Total current assets   | 756          | 1,170    |
| Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation   | 2,915        | 2,946    |
| Other non-current assets, net                                    | 110          | 109      |
| Total assets   | \$ 3,781     | \$ 4,225 |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |              |          |
| Current liabilities  |              |          |
| Due to affiliates  | \$ 121       | \$ 193   |
| Deferred revenue from Non-Guarantors                             | 3            | 24       |
| Other current liabilities  | 177          | 95       |
| Other current liabilities from Non-Guarantors                    | —            | 2        |
| Total current liabilities  | 301          | 314      |
| Long-term debt, net of premium, discount and debt issuance costs | 5,542        | 4,159    |
| Finance lease liabilities  | 14           | 18       |
| Other non-current liabilities                                    | 67           | 78       |
| Non-current liabilities—affiliate                                | 18           | 18       |
| Total liabilities  | \$ 5,942     | \$ 4,587 |

**Summarized Statement of Income (in millions)**

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2023 |
|---|------------------------------|
| Revenues                                    | \$ 199                       |
| Revenues from Non-Guarantors                | 549                          |
| Total revenues                              | 748                          |
| Operating costs and expenses                | 247                          |
| Operating costs and expenses—affiliate      | 188                          |
| Operating costs and expenses—Non-Guarantors | 12                           |
| Total operating costs and expenses          | 447                          |
| Income from operations                      | 301                          |
| Net income                                  | 105                          |



**Future Sources and Uses of Liquidity**

The following discussion of our future sources and uses of liquidity includes estimates that reflect management’s assumptions and currently known market conditions and other factors as of December 31, 2023. Estimates are not guarantees of future performance and actual results may differ materially as a result of a variety of factors described in this annual report on Form 10-K.

*Future Sources of Liquidity under Executed SPAs*

As described in [Items 1. and 2. Business and Properties](#), our long-term customer arrangements form the foundation of our business and provide us with significant, stable, long-term cash flows. Substantially all of our future revenues are contracted under SPAs and because many of these contracts have long-term durations, we are contractually entitled to significant future consideration under these contracts which has not yet been recognized as revenue. This future consideration is, in most cases, not yet legally due to us and was not reflected on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2023. In addition, a significant portion of this future consideration is subject to variability as discussed more specifically below. We anticipate that this consideration will be available to meet liquidity needs in the future. The following table summarizes our estimate of future material sources of liquidity to be received from executed SPAs as of December 31, 2023 (in billions):

|                                  | Estimated Revenues Under Executed SPAs by Period (1) (2) |             |            |          |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|----------|
|                                  | 2024   | 2025 - 2028 | Thereafter | Total    |
| LNG revenues (fixed fees)        | \$ 3.9   | \$ 14.1     | \$ 31.0    | \$ 49.0  |
| LNG revenues (variable fees) (3) | 5.1  | 24.4        | 60.1       | 89.6     |
| Total                            | \$ 9.0   | \$ 38.5     | \$ 91.1    | \$ 138.6 |

- (1) Agreements in force as of December 31, 2023 that have terms dependent on project milestone dates are based on the estimated dates as of December 31, 2023. The timing of revenue recognition under GAAP may not align with cash receipts, although we do not consider the timing difference to be material. We may enter into contracts to sell LNG that are conditioned upon one or both of the parties achieving certain milestones such as reaching FID on a certain liquefaction Train, obtaining financing or achieving substantial completion of a Train and any related facilities. These contracts are included in the revenues above when the conditions are considered probable of being met.
- (2) LNG revenues (including \$1.4 billion and \$7.6 billion of fixed fees and variable fees, respectively, from affiliates) exclude revenues from contracts with original expected durations of one year or less. Fixed fees are fees that are due to us regardless of whether a customer exercises, in certain instances, their contractual right to not take delivery of an LNG cargo under the contract. Variable fees are receivable only in connection with LNG cargoes that are delivered.
- (3) LNG revenues (variable fees, including affiliate) reflect the assumption that customers elect to take delivery of all cargoes made available under the contract. LNG revenues (variable fees, including affiliate) are based on estimated forward prices and basis spreads as of December 31, 2023. The pricing structure of many of our SPA arrangements with our customers incorporates a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub, which is paid upon delivery, thus limiting our net exposure to future increases in natural gas prices.

Through our SPAs and IPM agreement, we have contracted approximately 85% of the total anticipated production from the Liquefaction Project, with approximately 14 years of weighted average remaining life as of December 31, 2023, excluding volumes that are contractually subject to additional liquefaction capacity beyond what is currently in construction or operation. The majority of the contracted capacity is comprised of fixed-price, long-term SPAs that SPL has executed with third parties to sell LNG from the Liquefaction Project. Under the SPAs, the customers purchase LNG on an FOB basis (delivered to the customer at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal) generally for a price consisting of a fixed fee per MMBtu of LNG (a portion of which is subject to annual adjustment for inflation) plus a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub. Certain customers may elect to cancel or suspend deliveries of LNG cargoes, with advance notice as governed by each respective SPA, in which case the customers would still be required to pay the fixed fee with respect to the contracted volumes that are not delivered as a result of such cancellation or suspension. The variable fees under our SPAs were generally sized with the intention to cover the costs of gas purchases, transportation and liquefaction fuel consumed to produce the LNG to be sold under each such SPA. In aggregate, the annual fixed fee portion to be paid by the third party SPA customers is approximately \$3.4 billion. Our long-term SPA customers consist of creditworthy counterparties, with an average credit rating

of A, A2 and A by S&P Global Ratings, Moody's and Fitch, respectively. A discussion of revenues under our SPAs can be found in [Note 13—Revenues](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

In addition to the third party SPAs discussed above, SPL has executed agreements with Cheniere Marketing under SPAs and letter agreements at a price equal to 115% of Henry Hub plus a fixed fee, except for an SPA associated with an IPM agreement for which pricing is linked to international natural gas prices.

In August 2020, we entered into an arrangement with subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the ability, in limited circumstances, to potentially fulfill commitments to LNG buyers in the event certain conditions impact operations at either the Sabine Pass or Corpus Christi liquefaction facilities. The purchase price for such cargoes would be (i) 115% of the applicable natural gas feedstock purchase price or (ii) a free-on-board U.S. Gulf Coast LNG market price, whichever is greater.

#### *Additional Future Sources of Liquidity*

##### *Regasification Revenues*

SPLNG has a long-term, third party TUA with TotalEnergies, under which TotalEnergies is required to pay fixed fees of approximately \$125 million annually, whether or not it uses the regasification capacity it has reserved. SPL has a partial TUA assignment agreement with TotalEnergies, whereby SPL gained access to substantially all of TotalEnergies' capacity and other services provided under TotalEnergies' TUA with SPLNG. Notwithstanding any arrangements between TotalEnergies and SPL, payments required to be made by TotalEnergies to SPLNG will continue to be made by TotalEnergies to SPLNG in accordance with its TUA and we continue to recognize the payments received from TotalEnergies as revenue. Costs incurred by SPL to TotalEnergies under this partial TUA assignment agreement are recognized in operating and maintenance expense. Full discussion of the partial TUA assignment and SPLNG's revenues under the TUA agreements can be found in [Note 13—Revenues](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

##### *Available Commitments under Credit Facilities*

As of December 31, 2023, we had \$1.7 billion in available commitments under our credit facilities, as detailed earlier in the table summarizing our available liquidity, subject to compliance with the applicable covenants, to potentially meet liquidity needs. Our credit facilities mature in 2028.

##### *Financially Disciplined Growth*

Our significant land position at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal provides potential development and investment opportunities for further liquefaction capacity expansion at a strategically advantaged location with proximity to pipeline infrastructure and resources. In May 2023, certain subsidiaries of CQP entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC under the NEPA for the SPL Expansion Project. The development of this sites or other projects, including infrastructure projects in support of natural gas supply and LNG demand, will require, among other things, acceptable commercial and financing arrangements before we make a positive FID.

*Future Cash Requirements for Operations and Capital Expenditures under Executed Contracts*

We are committed to make future cash payments for operations and capital expenditures pursuant to certain of our contracts. The following table summarizes our estimate of material cash requirements for operations related to our core operations under executed contracts as of December 31, 2023 (in billions):

|   | Estimated Payments Due Under Executed Contracts by Period (1) |             |            |         |
|---|---|-------------|------------|---------|
|   | 2024  | 2025 - 2028 | Thereafter | Total   |
| Purchase obligations (2):                                     |   |             |            |         |
| Natural gas supply agreements (3)                             | \$ 3.5  | \$ 10.0     | \$ 5.2     | \$ 18.7 |
| Natural gas transportation and storage service agreements (4) | 0.3   | 0.9         | 2.3        | 3.5     |
| Other purchase obligations (5)                                | 0.2   | 0.9         | 1.1        | 2.2     |
| Leases (6)  | —   | 0.1         | 0.1        | 0.2     |
| Total   | \$ 4.0  | \$ 11.9     | \$ 8.7     | \$ 24.6 |

- (1) Agreements in force as of December 31, 2023 that have terms dependent on project milestone dates are based on the estimated dates as of December 31, 2023.
- (2) Purchase obligations consist of agreements to purchase goods or services that are enforceable and legally binding that specify fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased. We include contracts for which we have an early termination option if the option is not currently expected to be exercised. We include contracts with unsatisfied contractual conditions if the conditions are currently expected to be met.
- (3) Pricing of natural gas supply agreements is based on estimated forward prices and basis spreads as of December 31, 2023. Pricing of our IPM agreements is based on global gas market prices less fixed liquefaction fees and certain costs incurred by us. Includes \$0.8 billion under natural gas supply agreements with unsatisfied contractual conditions.
- (4) Includes \$0.2 billion of purchase obligations to related parties under the natural gas transportation and storage service agreements.
- (5) Includes \$1.2 billion of purchase obligations to affiliates under services agreements and payments under SPL's partial TUA assignment agreement with TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. ("**TotalEnergies**"), as discussed in [Note 13—Revenues](#) of our Notes to Financial Statements.
- (6) Includes payments under operating leases and finance leases. Certain of our leases also contain variable payments, such as inflation, which are not included above unless the contract terms require in-substance fixed payments that are, in effect, unavoidable. Payments during renewal options that are exercisable at our sole discretion are included only to the extent that the option is believed to be reasonably certain to be exercised.

*Natural Gas Supply, Transportation and Storage Service Agreements*

We have secured natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project through long-term natural gas supply agreements, including an IPM agreement. Under our IPM agreement, we pay for natural gas feedstock based on global gas market prices less fixed liquefaction fees and certain costs incurred by us. While our IPM agreement is not a revenue contract for accounting purposes, the payment structure for the purchase of natural gas under the IPM agreement generates a take-or-pay style fixed liquefaction fee, assuming that LNG produced from the natural gas feedstock is subsequently sold at a price approximating the global gas market price paid for the natural gas feedstock purchase.

As of December 31, 2023, we have secured approximately 77% of the natural gas supply required to support the total forecasted production capacity of the Liquefaction Project during 2024. Natural gas supply secured decreases as a percentage of forecasted production capacity beyond 2024. Natural gas supply is generally secured on an indexed pricing basis plus a fixed fee, with title transfer occurring upon receipt of the commodity. As further described in the *LNG Revenues* section above, the pricing structure of our SPA arrangements with our customers often incorporates a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub, which is paid upon delivery, thus limiting our net exposure to future increases in natural gas prices. Inclusive of amounts under contracts with unsatisfied contractual conditions that are currently considered probable of being met and exclusive of extension options that were uncertain to be taken as of December 31, 2023, we have secured up to 5,169 TBtu of natural gas feedstock through agreements with remaining fixed terms of up to approximately 14 years. A

discussion of our natural gas supply and IPM agreements can be found in [Note 8—Derivative Instruments](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

To ensure that we are able to transport natural gas feedstock to the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, we have entered into firm pipeline transportation and other agreements to secure firm pipeline transportation capacity from third party interstate and intrastate pipeline companies. We have also entered into firm storage services agreements with third parties to assist in managing variability in natural gas needs for the Liquefaction Project.

#### *Capital Expenditures*

Although we do not currently have any material capital expenditures under executed contracts, we expect to incur ongoing capital expenditures to maintain our facilities and other assets, as well as to optimize our existing assets and purchase new assets that are intended to grow our productive capacity. See *Financially Disciplined Growth* section for further discussion.

#### *Leases*

We have entered into leases for the use of tug vessels and land sites. A discussion of our lease obligations can be found in [Note 12—Leases](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### *Additional Future Cash Requirements for Operations and Capital Expenditures*

#### *Operational Services*

We rely on our general partner to manage all aspects of the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and to conduct our business. Because our general partner has no employees, it relies on subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the personnel necessary to allow it to meet its management obligations to us, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL. As of December 31, 2023, Cheniere and its subsidiaries had 1,605 full-time employees, including 501 employees who directly supported the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal operations. See [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the services agreements pursuant to which general and administrative services are provided to us, SPLNG, SPL and CTPL.

#### *Financially Disciplined Growth*

Our significant land position at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal provides potential development and investment opportunities for further liquefaction capacity expansion at strategically advantaged locations with proximity to pipeline infrastructure and resources. In May 2023, certain of our subsidiaries entered the pre-filing review process with the FERC under the NEPA for the SPL Expansion Project, and in April 2023, one of our subsidiaries executed a contract with Bechtel Energy Inc. to provide the front end engineering and design work on the project. We expect that the SPL Expansion Project and any further expansion at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal would increase cash requirements to support expanded operations, although expansion may be designed to leverage shared infrastructure to reduce the incremental costs of any potential expansion.

*Future Cash Requirements for Financing under Executed Contracts*

We are committed to make future cash payments for financing pursuant to certain of our contracts. The following table summarizes our estimate of material cash requirements for financing under executed contracts as of December 31, 2023 (in billions):

|                   | Estimated Payments Due Under Executed Contracts by Period (1) |             |            |         |
|-------------------|---|-------------|------------|---------|
|                   | 2024  | 2025 - 2028 | Thereafter | Total   |
| Debt              | \$ 0.3  | \$ 6.7      | \$ 9.0     | \$ 16.0 |
| Interest payments | 0.9   | 2.2         | 1.2        | 4.3     |
| Total             | \$ 1.2  | \$ 8.9      | \$ 10.2    | \$ 20.3 |

- (1) Debt and interest payments are based on the total debt balance, scheduled contractual maturities and fixed or estimated forward interest rates in effect at December 31, 2023. Debt and interest payments do not contemplate repurchases, repayments and retirements that we may make prior to contractual maturity.

*Debt*

As of December 31, 2023, our debt complex was comprised of senior notes with an aggregate outstanding principal balance of \$16.0 billion and credit facilities with no outstanding loan balances. As of December 31, 2023, we and SPL were in compliance with all covenants related to their respective debt agreements. Further discussion of our debt obligations, including the restrictions imposed by these arrangements, can be found in [Note 11—Debt](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Interest*

As of December 31, 2023, our senior notes had a weighted average contractual interest rate of 4.83%. Borrowings under our credit facilities are indexed to SOFR. Undrawn commitments under our credit facilities are subject to commitment fees ranging from 0.075% to 0.300%, subject to change based on the applicable entity's credit rating. Issued letters of credit under our credit facilities are subject to letter of credit fees ranging from 1.00% to 2.00%, subject to change based on the applicable entity's credit rating. We had \$280 million aggregate amount of issued letters of credit under our credit facilities as of December 31, 2023.

*Additional Future Cash Requirements for Financing**CQP Distribution*

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash, which, as defined in our partnership agreement, consists of cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions paid to date have been made from accumulated operating surplus.

*Capital Allocation Plan*

In September 2022, the board of directors of Cheniere approved a revised long-term capital allocation plan, which may involve the repayment, redemption or repurchase, on the open market or otherwise, of debt, including senior notes of CQP and SPL.

**Sources and Uses of Cash**

The following table summarizes the sources and uses of our cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents (in millions). The table presents capital expenditures on a cash basis; therefore, these amounts differ from the amounts of capital expenditures, including accruals, which are referred to elsewhere in this report. Additional discussion of these items follows the table.

|  | Year Ended December 31, |          |
|--|-------------------------|----------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | \$ 3,109                | \$ 4,149 |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (227)                   | (451)    |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (3,247)                 | (3,676)  |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents | \$ (365)                | \$ 22    |

*Operating Cash Flows*

The \$1.0 billion decrease between the periods was primarily related to lower cash receipts from the sale of LNG cargoes from lower pricing per MMBtu, as a result of decreased Henry Hub pricing, and regasification fees. The decrease was partially offset by lower cash outflows for natural gas feedstock, mostly due to lower U.S. natural gas prices.

*Investing Cash Flows*

Cash outflows for property, plant and equipment during the year ended December 31, 2023 were primarily related to optimization and other site improvement projects. Cash outflows for property, plant and equipment during the year ended December 31, 2022 were primarily related to the construction costs for Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project, which achieved substantial completion on February 4, 2022.

*Financing Cash Flows*

The following table summarizes our financing activities (in millions):

|                                       | Year Ended December 31, |            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|                                       | 2023                    | 2022       |
| Proceeds from issuances of debt       | \$ 1,397                | \$ 559     |
| Redemptions and repayments of debt    | (1,700)                 | (1,560)    |
| Distributions                         | (2,907)                 | (2,635)    |
| Other                                 | (37)                    | (40)       |
| Net cash used in financing activities | \$ (3,247)              | \$ (3,676) |

*Debt Activity*

During the year ended December 31, 2023, we issued an aggregate principal amount of \$1.4 billion of 2033 CQP Senior Notes, the proceeds of which were used, together with cash on hand, to redeem \$1.4 billion of the 2024 SPL Senior Notes. Additionally, during the year ended December 31, 2023, SPL purchased \$200 million of the 2024 SPL Senior Notes in the open market and redeemed an additional \$100 million of the 2024 SPL Senior Notes, which leaves only \$300 million to be repaid for debt maturing in 2024.

*Cash Distributions to Unitholders*

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash (as defined in our partnership agreement). Our available cash is our cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions paid to date have been made from accumulated operating surplus.

The following provides a summary of distributions paid by us during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

| Date Paid         | Period Covered by Distribution | Distribution Per Common Unit | Total Distribution (in millions) |                       |                               |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
|                   |                                |                              | Common Units                     | General Partner Units | Incentive Distribution Rights |
| November 14, 2023 | July 1 - September 30, 2023    | \$ 1.030                     | \$ 499                           | \$ 14                 | \$ 201                        |
| August 14, 2023   | April 1 - June 30, 2023        | 1.030                        | 499                              | 14                    | 201                           |
| May 15, 2023      | January 1 - March 31, 2023     | 1.030                        | 499                              | 14                    | 201                           |
| February 14, 2023 | October 1 - December 31, 2022  | 1.070                        | 518                              | 15                    | 220                           |
| November 14, 2022 | July 1 - September 30, 2022    | \$ 1.070                     | \$ 518                           | \$ 15                 | \$ 220                        |
| August 12, 2022   | April 1 - June 30, 2022        | 1.060                        | 513                              | 15                    | 215                           |
| May 13, 2022      | January 1 - March 31, 2022     | 1.050                        | 508                              | 15                    | 210                           |
| February 14, 2022 | October 1 - December 31, 2021  | 0.700                        | 339                              | 8                     | 47                            |

In addition, Tug Services distributed \$13 million and \$12 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, to Cheniere Terminals in accordance with their terminal marine service agreement, which is recognized as part of the distributions to the holder of our general partner interest.

On January 26, 2024, with respect to the fourth quarter of 2023, we declared a cash distribution of \$1.035 per common unit to unitholders of record as of February 7, 2024 and the related general partner distribution that was paid on February 14, 2024. These distributions consist of a base amount of \$0.775 per unit and a variable amount of \$0.260 per unit.

### Summary of Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. Management evaluates its estimates and related assumptions regularly, including those related to the valuation of derivative instruments. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates, and actual results may differ from these estimates. Management considers the following to be its most critical accounting estimates that involve significant judgment.

#### *Fair Value of Level 3 Physical Liquefaction Supply Derivatives*

All of our derivative instruments are recorded at fair value, as described in [Note 3—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We record changes in the fair value of our derivative positions through earnings based on the value for which the derivative instrument could be exchanged between willing parties. Valuation of our physical liquefaction supply derivative contracts is often developed through the use of internal models which includes significant unobservable inputs representing Level 3 fair value measurements as further described in [Note 3—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. In instances where observable data is unavailable, consideration is given to the assumptions that market participants may use in valuing the asset or liability. To the extent valued using an option pricing model, we consider the future prices of energy units for unobservable periods to be a significant unobservable input to estimated net fair value. In estimating the future prices of energy units, we make judgments about market risk related to liquidity of commodity indices and volatility utilizing available market data. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates and judgments, and actual results may differ from these estimates and judgments. We derive our volatility assumptions based on observed historical settled global LNG market pricing or accepted proxies for global LNG market pricing as well as settled domestic natural gas pricing. Such volatility assumptions also contemplate, as of the balance sheet date, observable forward curve data of such indices, as well as evolving available industry data and independent studies. In developing our volatility assumptions, we acknowledge that the global LNG industry is inherently influenced by events such as unplanned supply constraints, geopolitical incidents, unusual climate events including drought and uncommonly mild, by historical standards, winters and summers, and real or threatened disruptive operational impacts to global energy infrastructure. Our current estimate of volatility does not exclude the impact of otherwise rare events unless we believe market participants would exclude such events on account of their assertion that those events were specific to our company and deemed within our control.

Our fair value estimates incorporate market participant-based assumptions pertaining to applicable contractual uncertainties, including those related to the availability of market information for delivery points, as well as the timing of both satisfaction of contractual events or states of affairs and delivery commencement. We may recognize changes in fair value through earnings that could be significant to our results of operations if and when such uncertainties are resolved.

Additionally, the valuation of certain physical liquefaction supply derivatives requires significant judgment in estimating underlying forward commodity curves due to periods of unobservability or limited liquidity. Such valuations are more susceptible to variability particularly when markets are volatile. Provided below are the changes in fair value from valuation of instruments valued through the use of internal models which incorporate significant unobservable inputs for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 (in millions), which entirely consisted of physical liquefaction supply derivatives. The changes in fair value shown are limited to instruments still held at the end of each respective period.

|   | Year Ended December 31, |            |
|---|-------------------------|------------|
|   | 2023                    | 2022       |
| Favorable (unfavorable) changes in fair value relating to instruments still held at the end of the period | \$ 1,318                | \$ (1,032) |

The changes in fair value on instruments held at the end of both years are primarily attributed to a significant variance in the estimated and observable forward international LNG commodity prices on our IPM agreement during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The estimated fair value of level 3 derivatives recognized in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 amounted to a liability of \$1.7 billion and \$3.7 billion, respectively, consisting entirely of physical liquefaction supply derivatives.

The ultimate fair value of our derivative instruments is uncertain, and we believe that it is reasonably possible that a material change in the estimated fair value could occur in the near future, particularly as it relates to commodity prices given the level of volatility in the current year. See [Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk](#) for further analysis of the sensitivity of the fair value of our derivatives to hypothetical changes in underlying prices.

#### Recent Accounting Standards

For a summary of recently issued accounting standards, see [Note 3—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

### ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### Marketing and Trading Commodity Price Risk

SPL has commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas supply contracts for the operation of the Liquefaction Project (the “**Liquefaction Supply Derivatives**”). In order to test the sensitivity of the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives to changes in underlying commodity prices, management modeled a 10% change in the commodity price for natural gas for each delivery location as follows (in millions):

|                                 | December 31, 2023 |                      | December 31, 2022 |                      |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                                 | Fair Value        | Change in Fair Value | Fair Value        | Change in Fair Value |
| Liquefaction Supply Derivatives | \$ (1,657)        | \$ 362               | \$ (3,741)        | \$ 565               |

See [Note 8—Derivative Instruments](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details about our derivative instruments.



**ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

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**MANAGEMENT’S REPORT TO THE UNITHOLDERS OF CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.**

**Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

As management, we are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (“**Cheniere Partners**”) and its subsidiaries. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we have conducted an assessment, including testing using the criteria in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“**COSO**”). Cheniere Partners’ system of internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements and, even when determined to be effective, can only provide reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Based on our assessment, we have concluded that Cheniere Partners maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the COSO.

Cheniere Partners’ independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, has issued an audit report on Cheniere Partners’ internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, which is contained in this Form 10-K.

**Management’s Certifications**

The certifications of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere Partners’ general partner required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 have been included as Exhibits 31 and 32 in Cheniere Partners’ Form 10-K.

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Jack A. Fusco  
Jack A. Fusco  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Zach Davis  
Zach Davis  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Unitholders of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and  
Board of Directors of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC  
Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.:

### *Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements*

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and subsidiaries (the Partnership) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of income, partners' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes and financial statement schedule I (collectively, the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Partnership as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2023, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, and our report dated February 21, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

### *Basis for Opinion*

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### *Critical Audit Matter*

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of a critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

#### *Fair value of the level 3 liquefaction supply derivatives*

As discussed in Notes 3 and 8 to the consolidated financial statements, the Partnership recorded fair value of level 3 liquefaction supply derivatives of \$(1,676) million as of December 31, 2023, which included the fair value of IPM agreements. The IPM agreements are natural gas supply contracts for the operation of the liquefied natural gas facilities. The fair value of the IPM agreements is developed using internal models, including option pricing models. The models incorporate significant unobservable inputs, including future prices of energy units in unobservable periods and volatility.

We identified the evaluation of the fair value of the level 3 liquefaction supply derivatives for certain IPM agreements as a critical audit matter. Specifically, complex auditor judgment and specialized skills and knowledge were required to evaluate the appropriateness and application of the option pricing model as well as the assumptions for future prices of energy units in unobservable periods and volatility.

The following are the primary procedures we performed to address this critical audit matter. We evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of certain internal controls related to the valuation of liquefaction supply derivatives, including those under certain IPM agreements. This included controls related to the appropriateness and application of the option pricing model and the evaluation of assumptions for future prices of energy units in unobservable periods and volatility. We involved valuation professionals with specialized skills and knowledge who assisted in testing management's process for developing the fair value of certain IPM agreements by:

- evaluating the design and testing the operating effectiveness of certain internal controls related to the appropriateness and application of the option pricing model
- evaluating the appropriateness and application of the option pricing model by inspecting the contractual agreements and model documentation to determine whether the model is suitable for its intended use
- evaluating the reasonableness of management's assumptions for future prices of energy units in unobservable periods and volatility by comparing to market data.

/s/ KPMG LLP  
KPMG LLP

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We have served as the Partnership's auditor since 2014.

Houston, Texas  
February 21, 2024

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Unitholders of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and  
Board of Directors of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC  
Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.:

### *Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

We have audited Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and subsidiaries' (the Partnership) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. In our opinion, the Partnership maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Partnership as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of income, partners' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes and financial statement schedule I (collectively, the consolidated financial statements), and our report dated February 21, 2024 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

### *Basis for Opinion*

The Partnership's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### *Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ KPMG LLP  
KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas  
February 21, 2024

**CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(in millions, except per unit data)

|   | Year Ended December 31, |           |          |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
|   | 2023                    | 2022      | 2021     |
| <b>Revenues</b>   |                         |           |          |
| LNG revenues  | \$ 6,991                | \$ 11,507 | \$ 7,639 |
| LNG revenues—affiliate  | 2,475                   | 4,568     | 1,472    |
| LNG revenues—related party  | —                       | —         | 1        |
| Regasification revenues   | 135                     | 1,068     | 269      |
| Other revenues  | 63                      | 63        | 53       |
| Total revenues  | 9,664                   | 17,206    | 9,434    |
| <b>Operating costs and expenses</b>                                   |                         |           |          |
| Cost of sales (excluding items shown separately below)                | 2,721                   | 11,887    | 5,290    |
| Cost of sales—affiliate   | 22                      | 213       | 84       |
| Cost of sales—related party   | —                       | —         | 17       |
| Operating and maintenance expense                                     | 879                     | 757       | 635      |
| Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate                           | 166                     | 166       | 142      |
| Operating and maintenance expense—related party                       | 62                      | 72        | 46       |
| General and administrative expense                                    | 10                      | 5         | 9        |
| General and administrative expense—affiliate                          | 89                      | 92        | 85       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                                 | 672                     | 634       | 557      |
| Other   | 6                       | —         | 11       |
| Other—affiliate   | 1                       | —         | 1        |
| Total operating costs and expenses                                    | 4,628                   | 13,826    | 6,877    |
| Income from operations  | 5,036                   | 3,380     | 2,557    |
| <b>Other income (expense)</b>   |                         |           |          |
| Interest expense, net of capitalized interest                         | (823)                   | (870)     | (831)    |
| Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt                        | (6)                     | (33)      | (101)    |
| Interest and dividend income  | 46                      | 21        | 1        |
| Other income, net   | 1                       | —         | 2        |
| Other income—affiliate  | —                       | —         | 2        |
| Total other expense   | (782)                   | (882)     | (927)    |
| Net income  | \$ 4,254                | \$ 2,498  | \$ 1,630 |
| Basic and diluted net income per common unit (1)                      | \$ 6.95                 | \$ 3.27   | \$ 3.00  |
| Weighted average basic and diluted number of common units outstanding | 484.0                   | 484.0     | 484.0    |

(1) In computing basic and diluted net income per common unit, net income is reduced by the amount of undistributed net income allocated to participating securities other than common units, as required under the two-class method. See [Note 15—Net Income per Common Unit](#).

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

**CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**(in millions, except unit data)**

|   | December 31, |           |
|---|--------------|-----------|
|   | 2023         | 2022      |
| <b>ASSETS</b>   |              |           |
| Current assets  |              |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 575       | \$ 904    |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents  | 56           | 92        |
| Trade and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses  | 373          | 627       |
| Trade receivables—affiliate   | 278          | 551       |
| Advances to affiliate   | 84           | 177       |
| Inventory   | 142          | 160       |
| Current derivative assets   | 30           | 24        |
| Margin deposits   | —            | 35        |
| Other current assets, net   | 43           | 50        |
| Total current assets  | 1,581        | 2,620     |
| Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation  | 16,212       | 16,725    |
| Operating lease assets  | 81           | 89        |
| Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization  | 16           | 8         |
| Derivative assets   | 40           | 28        |
| Other non-current assets, net   | 172          | 163       |
| Total assets  | \$ 18,102    | \$ 19,633 |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT</b>  |              |           |
| Current liabilities   |              |           |
| Accounts payable  | \$ 69        | \$ 32     |
| Accrued liabilities   | 806          | 1,378     |
| Accrued liabilities—related party   | 5            | 6         |
| Current debt, net of discount and debt issuance costs   | 300          | —         |
| Due to affiliates   | 55           | 74        |
| Deferred revenue  | 114          | 144       |
| Deferred revenue—affiliate  | 3            | 3         |
| Current derivative liabilities  | 196          | 769       |
| Other current liabilities   | 18           | 15        |
| Total current liabilities   | 1,566        | 2,421     |
| Long-term debt, net of discount and debt issuance costs   | 15,606       | 16,198    |
| Operating lease liabilities   | 71           | 80        |
| Finance lease liabilities   | 14           | 18        |
| Derivative liabilities  | 1,531        | 3,024     |
| Other non-current liabilities   | 75           | —         |
| Other non-current liabilities—affiliate   | 23           | 23        |
| Commitments and contingencies (see <a href="#">Note 16</a> )  |              |           |
| Partners' deficit   |              |           |
| Common unitholders' interest (484.0 million units issued and outstanding at both December 31, 2023 and 2022)              | 1,038        | (1,118)   |
| General partner's interest (2% interest with 9.9 million units issued and outstanding at both December 31, 2023 and 2022) | (1,822)      | (1,013)   |
| Total partners' deficit   | (784)        | (2,131)   |
| Total liabilities and partners' deficit   | \$ 18,102    | \$ 19,633 |

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



CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PARTNERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)  
(in millions)

|  | Common Unitholders' Interest |          | General Partner's Interest |            | Total Partners' Equity<br>(Deficit) |
|--|------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | Units                        | Amount   | Units                      | Amount     |                                     |
| Balance at December 31, 2020                         | 484.0                        | \$ 714   | 9.9                        | \$ (175)   | \$ 539                              |
| Net income   | —                            | 1,597    | —                          | 33         | 1,630                               |
| Distributions  |                              |          |                            |            |                                     |
| Common units, \$2.66/unit                            | —                            | (1,287)  | —                          | —          | (1,287)                             |
| General partner units                                | —                            | —        | —                          | (164)      | (164)                               |
| Balance at December 31, 2021                         | 484.0                        | 1,024    | 9.9                        | (306)      | 718                                 |
| Net income   | —                            | 2,448    | —                          | 50         | 2,498                               |
| Novated IPM Agreement (see <a href="#">Note 18</a> ) | —                            | (2,712)  | —                          | —          | (2,712)                             |
| Distributions  |                              |          |                            |            |                                     |
| Common units, \$3.88/unit                            | —                            | (1,878)  | —                          | —          | (1,878)                             |
| General partner units                                | —                            | —        | —                          | (757)      | (757)                               |
| Balance at December 31, 2022                         | 484.0                        | (1,118)  | 9.9                        | (1,013)    | (2,131)                             |
| Net income   | —                            | 4,169    | —                          | 85         | 4,254                               |
| Distributions  |                              |          |                            |            |                                     |
| Common units, \$4.16/unit                            | —                            | (2,013)  | —                          | —          | (2,013)                             |
| General partner units                                | —                            | —        | —                          | (894)      | (894)                               |
| Balance at December 31, 2023                         | 484.0                        | \$ 1,038 | 9.9                        | \$ (1,822) | \$ (784)                            |

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

**CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in millions)

|  | Year Ended December 31, |          |          |
|--|-------------------------|----------|----------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022     | 2021     |
| Cash flows from operating activities   |                         |          |          |
| Net income   | \$ 4,254                | \$ 2,498 | \$ 1,630 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:          |                         |          |          |
| Depreciation and amortization expense  | 672                     | 634      | 557      |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs, premium and discount                                  | 28                      | 30       | 29       |
| Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt   | 6                       | 33       | 101      |
| Total losses (gains) on derivative instruments, net  | (2,082)                 | 1,158    | (29)     |
| Total gains on derivatives instruments, net—related party                                  | —                       | —        | (2)      |
| Net cash used for settlement of derivative instruments                                     | (2)                     | (102)    | (17)     |
| Other  | 20                      | 44       | 27       |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   |                         |          |          |
| Trade and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses                         | 254                     | (112)    | (204)    |
| Trade receivables—affiliate  | 273                     | (335)    | (32)     |
| Accounts receivable—related party  | —                       | —        | (1)      |
| Advances to affiliate  | 85                      | (36)     | 2        |
| Inventory  | 18                      | 12       | (68)     |
| Margin deposits  | 35                      | (28)     | (3)      |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | (467)                   | 354      | 321      |
| Accrued liabilities—related party  | (2)                     | 3        | (1)      |
| Due to affiliates  | (18)                    | 20       | 1        |
| Total deferred revenue   | 46                      | (11)     | 18       |
| Other, net   | (11)                    | (24)     | (38)     |
| Other, net—affiliate   | —                       | 11       | —        |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 3,109                   | 4,149    | 2,291    |
| Cash flows from investing activities   |                         |          |          |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   | (220)                   | (451)    | (648)    |
| Other  | (7)                     | —        | —        |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (227)                   | (451)    | (648)    |
| Cash flows from financing activities   |                         |          |          |
| Proceeds from issuances of debt  | 1,397                   | 559      | 3,182    |
| Redemptions and repayments of debt   | (1,700)                 | (1,560)  | (3,600)  |
| Distributions  | (2,907)                 | (2,635)  | (1,451)  |
| Other  | (37)                    | (40)     | (107)    |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (3,247)                 | (3,676)  | (1,976)  |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents | (365)                   | 22       | (333)    |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period        | 996                     | 974      | 1,307    |
| Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents—end of period              | \$ 631                  | \$ 996   | \$ 974   |

**Balances per Consolidated Balance Sheets:**

|   | December 31, |        |
|---|--------------|--------|
|   | 2023         | 2022   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 575       | \$ 904 |
| Restricted cash and cash equivalents                                  | 56           | 92     |
| Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents | \$ 631       | \$ 996 |

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

**CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
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**NOTE 1—ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

We own the natural gas liquefaction and export facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana at Sabine Pass (the “**Sabine Pass LNG Terminal**”) which has six operational Trains, for a total production capacity of approximately 30 mtpa of LNG (the “**Liquefaction Project**”). The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal also has operational regasification facilities that include five LNG storage tanks, vaporizers and three marine berths. Additionally, the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal includes a 94-mile natural gas supply pipeline owned by our subsidiary, CTPL, that interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal with several large interstate and intrastate pipelines (the “**Creole Trail Pipeline**”).

We are pursuing a certain expansion project to provide additional liquefaction capacity, and we have commenced commercialization to support the additional liquefaction capacity associated with this expansion project.

We do not have employees and thus we and our subsidiaries have various services agreements with affiliates of Cheniere in the ordinary course of business, including services required to construct, operate and maintain the Liquefaction Project, and administrative services. See [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) for additional details of the activity under these services agreements during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

We are not subject to federal or state income taxes, as our partners are taxed individually on their allocable share of our taxable income. At December 31, 2023, the tax basis of our assets and liabilities was \$9.9 billion less than the reported amounts of our assets and liabilities. See [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) for details about income taxes under our tax sharing agreements.

As of December 31, 2023, Cheniere owned 48.6% of our limited partner interest in the form of 239.9 million of our common units. Cheniere also owns 100% of our general partner interest and our incentive distribution rights (“**IDRs**”).

**NOTE 2—UNITHOLDERS’ EQUITY**

The common units represent limited partner interests in us, which entitle the unitholders to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights and privileges available to limited partners under our partnership agreement. Although common unitholders are not obligated to fund losses of the Partnership, their capital account, which would be considered in allocating the net assets of the Partnership were it to be liquidated, continues to share in losses.

The general partner interest is entitled to at least 2% of all distributions made by us. In addition, the general partner holds IDRs, which allow the general partner to receive a higher percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus as additional target levels are met, but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest. The higher percentages range from 15% to 50%, inclusive of the general partner interest.

Our partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, we distribute all of our available cash, which, as defined in our partnership agreement, is generally our cash on hand at the end of a quarter less the amount of any reserves established by our general partner. All distributions we have paid to date have been made from accumulated operating surplus as defined in the partnership agreement.

As of December 31, 2023, our total securities beneficially owned in the form of common units were held 48.6% by Cheniere, 41.5% by CQP Target Holdco L.L.C. (“**CQP Target Holdco**”) and other affiliates of Blackstone Inc. (“**Blackstone**”) and Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (“**Brookfield**”) and 7.9% by the public. All of our 2% general partner interest was held by Cheniere. CQP Target Holdco’s equity interests are 50.0% owned by BIP Chinook Holdco L.L.C., an affiliate of Blackstone, and 50.0% owned by BIF IV Cypress Aggregator (Delaware) LLC, an affiliate of Brookfield. The ownership of CQP Target Holdco, Blackstone and Brookfield are based on their most recent filings with the SEC.

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**NOTE 3—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Presentation**

Our Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of CQP and its majority owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Estimates**

The preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying notes. Management evaluates its estimates and related assumptions regularly, including those related to fair value measurements of derivatives and other instruments, useful lives of property, plant and equipment and certain valuations including leases and asset retirement obligations (“AROs”), each as further discussed under the respective sections within this note. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates, and actual results may differ from these estimates.

**Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Hierarchy Levels 1, 2 and 3 are terms for the priority of inputs to valuation approaches used to measure fair value. Hierarchy Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Hierarchy Level 2 inputs are inputs that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability, other than quoted prices included within Level 1. Hierarchy Level 3 inputs are inputs that are not observable in the market.

In determining fair value, we use observable market data when available, or models that incorporate observable market data. In addition to market information, we incorporate transaction-specific details that, in management’s judgment, market participants would take into account in measuring fair value. We attempt to maximize our use of observable inputs and minimize our use of unobservable inputs in arriving at fair value estimates.

Recurring fair-value measurements are performed for derivative instruments, as disclosed in [Note 8—Derivative Instruments](#).

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses, contract assets, margin deposits, accounts payable and accrued liabilities reported on the Consolidated Balance Sheets approximates fair value. The fair value of debt is the estimated amount we would have to pay to repurchase our debt in the open market, including any premium or discount attributable to the difference between the stated interest rate and market interest rate at each balance sheet date. Refer to [Note 11—Debt](#) for our debt fair value estimates, including our estimation methods.

**Revenue Recognition**

We recognize revenues when we transfer control of promised goods or services to our customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. See [Note 13—Revenues](#) for further discussion of our revenue streams and accounting policies related to revenue recognition.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

We consider all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of funds that are contractually or legally restricted as to usage or withdrawal and have been presented separately from cash and cash equivalents on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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**Inventory**

LNG and natural gas inventory are recorded at the lower of weighted average cost and net realizable value. Materials and other inventory are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Inventory is charged to expense when sold, or for certain qualifying costs, capitalized to property, plant and equipment when issued, primarily using the weighted average method.

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost. Expenditures for construction and commissioning activities, major renewals and betterments that extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized, while expenditures for maintenance and repairs (including those for planned major maintenance projects) to maintain property, plant and equipment in operating condition are generally expensed as incurred.

Generally, we begin capitalizing the costs of our LNG terminal once the individual project meets the following criteria: (1) regulatory approval has been received, (2) financing for the project is available and (3) management has committed to commence construction. Prior to meeting these criteria, most of the costs associated with a project are expensed as incurred. These costs primarily include professional fees associated with preliminary review and selection of equipment alternatives, costs of securing necessary regulatory approvals and other preliminary investigation and development activities related to our LNG terminal.

Generally, costs that are capitalized prior to a project meeting the criteria otherwise necessary for capitalization include: land acquisition costs, detailed engineering design work and certain permits that are capitalized as other non-current assets.

We realize offsets to LNG terminal costs for sales of commissioning cargoes that were earned or loaded prior to the start of commercial operations of the respective Train during the testing phase for its construction.

We depreciate our property, plant and equipment using the straight-line depreciation method over assigned useful lives. Refer to [Note 7—Property, Plant and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation](#) for additional discussion of our useful lives by asset category. Upon retirement or other disposition of property, plant and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the account, and the resulting gains or losses on disposal are recorded in other operating costs and expenses.

Management tests property, plant and equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances have indicated that the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment might not be recoverable. Assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are identifiable cash flows that are largely independent of the cash flows of other groups of assets for purposes of assessing recoverability. Recoverability generally is determined by comparing the carrying value of the asset to the expected undiscounted future cash flows of the asset. If the carrying value of the asset is not recoverable, the amount of impairment loss is measured as the excess, if any, of the carrying value of the asset over its estimated fair value.

We did not record any material impairments related to property, plant and equipment during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021.

**Advances of Cash and Conveyed Assets to Service Providers**

We may convey cash or physical assets to service providers in support of infrastructure maintained by them, which is necessary to support our own operations. Such conveyances are recognized within other non-current assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets and amortized within depreciation and amortization expense on our Consolidated Statements of Income over the shorter of the contractual term of the arrangement with the service provider or the useful life of the physical asset. The weighted average amortization period of these assets was approximately 30 years as of both December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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**Interest Capitalization**

We capitalize interest costs mainly during the construction period of our LNG terminal and related assets. Upon placing the underlying asset in service, these costs are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the corresponding assets which interest costs were incurred, except for capitalized interest associated with land, which is not depreciated.

**Derivative Instruments**

We use derivative instruments to hedge our exposure to cash flow variability from commodity price risk. Derivative instruments are recorded at fair value and included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as current or non-current assets or liabilities depending on the derivative position and the expected timing of settlement. When we have the contractual right and intent to net settle, derivative assets and liabilities are reported on a net basis.

Changes in the fair value of our derivative instruments are recorded in earnings. We did not have any derivative instruments designated as cash flow, fair value or net investment hedges during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021. See [Note 8—Derivative Instruments](#) for additional details about our derivative instruments.

**Leases**

We determine if an arrangement is, or contains, a lease at inception of the arrangement. When we determine the arrangement is, or contains, a lease in which we are the lessee, we classify the lease as either an operating lease or a finance lease. Operating and finance leases are recognized on our Consolidated Balance Sheets by recording a lease liability representing the obligation to make future lease payments and a right-of-use asset representing the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term.

Operating and finance lease right-of-use assets and liabilities are generally recognized based on the present value of minimum lease payments over the lease term. In determining the present value of minimum lease payments, we use the implicit interest rate in the lease if readily determinable. In the absence of a readily determinable implicit interest rate, we discount our expected future lease payments using our relevant subsidiary's incremental borrowing rate. The incremental borrowing rate is an estimate of the interest rate that a given subsidiary would have to pay to borrow on a collateralized basis over a similar term to that of the lease term. Options to renew a lease are included in the lease term and recognized as part of the right-of-use asset and lease liability, only to the extent they are reasonably certain to be exercised.

We have elected practical expedients to (1) omit leases with an initial term of 12 months or less from recognition on our balance sheet and (2) to combine both the lease and non-lease components of an arrangement in calculating the right-of-use asset and lease liability for all classes of leased assets.

Lease expense for operating lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease expense for finance leases is recognized as the sum of the amortization of the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis and the interest on lease liabilities using the effective interest method over the lease term.

Certain of our leases also contain variable payments that are included in the right-of-use asset and lease liability only when the payments are in-substance fixed payments that are, in effect, unavoidable.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to a concentration of credit risk consist principally of derivative instruments and accounts receivable and contract assets related to our long-term SPAs and regasification contracts, each discussed further below. Additionally, we maintain cash balances at financial institutions, which may at times be in excess of federally insured levels. We have not incurred credit losses related to these cash balances to date.

The use of derivative instruments exposes us to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that a counterparty will be unable to meet its commitments. Certain of our commodity derivative transactions are executed through over-the-counter contracts which are subject to nominal credit risk as these transactions are settled on a daily margin basis with investment grade financial institutions. Collateral deposited for such contracts is recorded within margin deposits on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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We monitor counterparty creditworthiness on an ongoing basis; however, we cannot predict sudden changes in counterparties' creditworthiness. In addition, even if such changes are not sudden, we may be limited in our ability to mitigate an increase in counterparty credit risk. Should one of these counterparties not perform, we may not realize the benefit of some of our derivative instruments.

As of December 31, 2023, SPL had SPAs with initial terms of 10 or more years with a total of 11 different third party customers and had agreements with Cheniere Marketing. SPL is dependent on the respective customers' creditworthiness and their willingness to perform under their respective SPAs.

Our arrangements with our customers incorporate certain provisions to mitigate our exposure to credit losses and include, under certain circumstances, customer collateral, netting of exposures through the use of industry standard commercial agreements and, as described above, margin deposits with certain counterparties in the over-the-counter derivative market, with such margin deposits primarily facilitated by independent system operators and by clearing brokers. Payments on margin deposits, either by us or by the counterparty depending on the position, are required when the value of a derivative exceeds our pre-established credit limit with the counterparty. Margin deposits are returned to us (or to the counterparty) on or near the settlement date for non-exchange traded derivatives, and we exchange margin calls on a daily basis for exchange traded transactions.

**Debt**

Our debt consists of current and long-term secured and unsecured debt securities and credit facilities with banks and other lenders. Debt issuances are placed directly by us or through securities dealers or underwriters and are held by institutional and retail investors.

Debt is recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at par value adjusted for unamortized discount or premium and net of unamortized debt issuance costs related to term notes. Debt issuance costs consist primarily of arrangement fees, professional fees, legal fees, printing costs and in certain cases, commitment fees. If debt issuance costs are incurred in connection with a line of credit arrangement or on undrawn funds, the debt issuance costs are presented as an asset on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Discounts, premiums and debt issuance costs directly related to the issuance of debt are amortized over the life of the debt and are recorded in interest expense, net of capitalized interest using the effective interest method.

We classify debt on our Consolidated Balance Sheets based on contractual maturity, with the following exceptions:

- We classify term debt that is contractually due within one year as long-term debt if management has the intent and ability to refinance the current portion of such debt with future cash proceeds from an executed long-term debt agreement.
- We evaluate the classification of long-term debt extinguished after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued based on facts and circumstances existing as of the balance sheet date.

**Asset Retirement Obligations**

We recognize AROs for legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the asset and for conditional AROs in which the timing or method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within our control. The fair value of a liability for an ARO is recognized in the period in which it is incurred, if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The fair value of the liability is added to the carrying amount of the associated asset. This additional carrying amount is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset.

We have not recorded an ARO associated with the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. Based on the real property lease agreements at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, at the expiration of the term of the leases we are required to surrender the LNG terminal in good working order and repair, with normal wear and tear and casualty expected. Our property lease agreements at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal have terms of up to 90 years including renewal options. We have determined that the cost to surrender the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal in good order and repair, with normal wear and tear and casualty expected, is immaterial.

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We have not recorded an ARO associated with the Creole Trail Pipeline. We believe that it is not feasible to predict when the natural gas transportation services provided by the Creole Trail Pipeline will no longer be utilized. In addition, our right-of-way agreements associated with the Creole Trail Pipeline have no stipulated termination dates. We intend to operate the Creole Trail Pipeline as long as supply and demand for natural gas exists in the United States and intend to maintain it regularly.

**Business Segment**

We have determined that we operate as a single operating and reportable segment. Substantially all of our long-lived assets are located in the United States. Our chief operating decision maker is regularly provided with consolidated financial information to make resource allocation decisions and assesses performance in the delivery of an integrated source of LNG to our customers. The financial measures regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker that are most consistent with GAAP are net income (loss) and total consolidated assets, as presented in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Recent Accounting Standards**

**ASU 2020-04**

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting*. This guidance primarily provides temporary optional expedients which simplify the accounting for contract modifications to existing contracts as a result of the market transition from LIBOR to alternative reference rates. The temporary optional expedients under the standard became effective March 12, 2020 and will be available until December 31, 2024 following a subsequent amendment to the standard.

As further detailed in [Note 11—Debt](#), all of our existing credit facilities include a variable interest rate indexed to SOFR, incorporated through replacements of previous credit facilities subsequent to the effective date of ASU 2020-04. We elected to apply the optional expedients as applicable to certain replaced facilities; however, the impact of applying the optional expedients was not material, and the transition to SOFR did not have a material impact on our cash flows.

**ASU 2023-07**

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-07, *Segment Reporting (Topic 280)*. This guidance requires a public entity, including entities with single reportable segment, to disclose significant segment expenses and other segment items on an annual and interim basis and provide in interim periods all disclosures about a reportable segment's profit or loss and assets that are currently required annually. We plan to adopt this guidance and conform with the applicable disclosures retrospectively when it becomes mandatorily effective for our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2024.

**NOTE 4—RESTRICTED CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had \$56 million and \$92 million of restricted cash and cash equivalents, respectively, for which the usage or withdrawal of such cash is contractually or legally restricted to the payment of liabilities related to the Liquefaction Project as required under certain debt arrangements.

**NOTE 5—TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, NET OF CURRENT EXPECTED CREDIT LOSSES**

Trade and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses, consisted of the following (in millions):

|  | December 31,  |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2023          | 2022          |
| Trade receivables  | \$ 364        | \$ 603        |
| Other receivables  | 9             | 24            |
| Total trade and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses | <u>\$ 373</u> | <u>\$ 627</u> |



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**NOTE 6—INVENTORY**

Inventory consisted of the following (in millions):

|                        | December 31,  |               |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                        | 2023          | 2022          |
| Materials              | \$ 107        | \$ 103        |
| LNG                    | 12            | 27            |
| Natural gas            | 22            | 28            |
| Other                  | 1             | 2             |
| <b>Total inventory</b> | <b>\$ 142</b> | <b>\$ 160</b> |

**NOTE 7—PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION**

Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation consisted of the following (in millions):

|   | December 31,     |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
|   | 2023             | 2022             |
| <b>LNG terminal</b>   |                  |                  |
| Terminal and interconnecting pipeline facilities                          | \$ 20,176        | \$ 20,072        |
| Construction-in-process   | 189              | 140              |
| Accumulated depreciation  | (4,173)          | (3,512)          |
| <b>Total LNG terminal, net of accumulated depreciation</b>                | <b>16,192</b>    | <b>16,700</b>    |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>   |                  |                  |
| Fixed assets  | 29               | 29               |
| Accumulated depreciation  | (26)             | (25)             |
| <b>Total fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation</b>                | <b>3</b>         | <b>4</b>         |
| <b>Assets under finance leases</b>  |                  |                  |
| Tug vessels   | 23               | 23               |
| Accumulated depreciation  | (6)              | (2)              |
| <b>Total assets under finance leases, net of accumulated depreciation</b> | <b>17</b>        | <b>21</b>        |
| <b>Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation</b>     | <b>\$ 16,212</b> | <b>\$ 16,725</b> |

The following table shows depreciation expense and offsets to LNG terminal costs (in millions):

|                                   | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                   | 2023                    | 2022   | 2021   |
| Depreciation expense              | \$ 667                  | \$ 630 | \$ 552 |
| Offsets to LNG terminal costs (1) | —                       | 148    | 105    |

- (1) We recognize offsets to LNG terminal costs related to the sale of commissioning cargoes because these amounts were earned or loaded prior to the start of commercial operations of the respective Trains of the Liquefaction Project during the testing phase for its construction.

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**LNG Terminal Costs**

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal is depreciated using the straight-line depreciation method applied to groups of LNG terminal assets with varying useful lives. The identifiable components of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal have depreciable lives between 6 and 50 years, as follows:

| Components                                   | Useful life (years) |
|--|---------------------|
| LNG storage tanks                            | 50                  |
| Natural gas pipeline facilities              | 40                  |
| Marine berth, electrical, facility and roads | 35                  |
| Water pipelines                              | 30                  |
| Regasification processing equipment          | 30                  |
| Sendout pumps                                | 20                  |
| Liquefaction processing equipment            | 6-50                |
| Other  | 10-30               |

**Fixed Assets**

Our fixed assets are recorded at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line method based on estimated lives of the individual assets or groups of assets.

**Assets under Finance Leases**

Our assets under finance leases consists of certain tug vessels that meet the classification of a finance lease. These assets are depreciated on a straight-line method over the respective lease term. See [Note 12—Leases](#) for additional details of our finance leases.

**NOTE 8—DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

We have commodity derivatives consisting of natural gas supply contracts, including those under our IPM agreements, for the operation of the Liquefaction Project and expansion project, as well as the associated economic hedges (collectively, the “**Liquefaction Supply Derivatives**”).

We recognize our derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities and measure those instruments at fair value. None of SPL’s derivative instruments are designated as cash flow, fair value or net investment hedging instruments, and changes in fair value are recorded within our Consolidated Statements of Income to the extent not utilized for the commissioning process, in which case such changes are capitalized.

The following table shows the fair value of our derivative instruments, which are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis, by the fair value hierarchy levels prescribed by GAAP (in millions):

|  | Fair Value Measurements as of                   |   |   |            |   |   |   |            |
|--|---|---|---|------------|---|---|---|------------|
|  | December 31, 2023                               |   |   |            | December 31, 2022                               |   |   |            |
|  | Quoted Prices in<br>Active Markets<br>(Level 1) | Significant Other<br>Observable Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total      | Quoted Prices in<br>Active Markets<br>(Level 1) | Significant Other<br>Observable Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable Inputs<br>(Level 3) | Total      |
| Liquefaction Supply Derivatives asset<br>(liability) | \$ 18   | \$ 1  | \$ (1,676)                                      | \$ (1,657) | \$ (12)   | \$ (10)   | \$ (3,719)                                      | \$ (3,741) |

We value the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives using a market or option-based approach incorporating present value techniques, as needed, which incorporates observable commodity price curves, when available, and other relevant data.

We include a significant portion of our Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as Level 3 within the valuation hierarchy as the fair value is developed through the use of internal models which incorporate significant unobservable inputs. In instances where observable data is unavailable, consideration is given to the assumptions that market participants may use in valuing the asset or liability. To the extent valued using an option pricing model, we consider the future prices of energy units for

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unobservable periods to be a significant unobservable input to estimated net fair value. In estimating the future prices of energy units, we make judgments about market risk related to liquidity of commodity indices and volatility utilizing available market data. Changes in facts and circumstances or additional information may result in revised estimates and judgments, and actual results may differ from these estimates and judgments. We derive our volatility assumptions based on observed historical settled global LNG market pricing or accepted proxies for global LNG market pricing as well as settled domestic natural gas pricing. Such volatility assumptions also contemplate, as of the balance sheet date, observable forward curve data of such indices, as well as evolving available industry data and independent studies.

In developing our volatility assumptions, we acknowledge that the global LNG industry is inherently influenced by events such as unplanned supply constraints, geopolitical incidents, unusual climate events including drought and uncommonly mild, by historical standards, winters and summers, and real or threatened disruptive operational impacts to global energy infrastructure. Our current estimate of volatility includes the impact of otherwise rare events unless we believe market participants would exclude such events on account of their assertion that those events were specific to our company and deemed within our control. Our fair value estimates incorporate market participant-based assumptions pertaining to certain contractual uncertainties, including those related to the availability of market information for delivery points, as well as the timing of both satisfaction of contractual events or states of affairs and delivery commencement. We may recognize changes in fair value through earnings that could be significant to our results of operations if and when such uncertainties are resolved.

The Level 3 fair value measurements of the natural gas positions within the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives could be materially impacted by a significant change in certain natural gas and international LNG prices. The following table includes quantitative information for the unobservable inputs for the Level 3 Liquefaction Supply Derivatives as of December 31, 2023:

|                                 | Net Fair Value Liability<br>(in millions) | Valuation Approach                                     | Significant Unobservable Input                              | Range of Significant Unobservable Inputs<br>/ Weighted Average (1) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Liquefaction Supply Derivatives | \$(1,676)                                 | Market approach incorporating present value techniques | Henry Hub basis spread                                      | \$(0.483) - \$0.423 / \$0.014                                      |
|                                 |   | Option pricing model                                   | International LNG pricing spread, relative to Henry Hub (2) | 113% - 379% / 194%   |

- (1) Unobservable inputs were weighted by the relative fair value of the instruments.
- (2) Spread contemplates U.S. dollar-denominated pricing.

Increases or decreases in basis or pricing spreads, in isolation, would decrease or increase, respectively, the fair value of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives.

The following table shows the changes in the fair value of the Level 3 Liquefaction Supply Derivatives (in millions):

|   | Year Ended December 31, |                   |              |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|   | 2023                    | 2022              | 2021         |
| Balance, beginning of period  | \$ (3,719)              | \$ 38             | \$ (21)      |
| Realized and change in fair value gains (losses) included in net income (1):                              |                         |                   |              |
| Included in cost of sales, existing deals (2)   | 1,302                   | (228)             | 74           |
| Included in cost of sales, new deals (3)  | 16                      | (804)             | —            |
| Purchases and settlements:  |                         |                   |              |
| Purchases (4)   | —                       | (2,712)           | (10)         |
| Settlements (5)   | 724                     | (13)              | (5)          |
| Transfers out of level 3 (6)  | 1                       | —                 | —            |
| Balance, end of period  | <u>\$ (1,676)</u>       | <u>\$ (3,719)</u> | <u>\$ 38</u> |
| Favorable (unfavorable) changes in fair value relating to instruments still held at the end of the period | <u>\$ 1,318</u>         | <u>\$ (1,032)</u> | <u>\$ 74</u> |

- (1) Does not include the realized value associated with derivative instruments that settle through physical delivery, as settlement is equal to contractually fixed price from trade date multiplied by contractual volume. See settlements line item in this table.
- (2) Impact to earnings on deals that existed at the beginning of the period and continue to exist at the end of the period.

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- (3) Impact to earnings on deals that were entered into during the reporting period and continue to exist at the end of the period.
- (4) Includes any day one gain (loss) recognized during the reporting period on deals that were entered into during the reporting period which continue to exist at the end of the period, in addition to any derivative contracts acquired from entities at a value other than zero on acquisition date, such as derivatives assigned or novated during the reporting period and continuing to exist at the end of the period. For further discussion of the IPM agreement that was novated to us in 2022, see [Note 18—Supplemental Cash Flow Information](#).
- (5) Roll-off in the current period of amounts recognized in our Consolidated Balance Sheets at the end of the previous period due to settlement of the underlying instruments in the current period.
- (6) Transferred out of Level 3 as a result of observable market for the underlying natural gas purchase agreements.

All counterparty derivative contracts provide for the unconditional right of set-off in the event of default. We have elected to report derivative assets and liabilities arising from those derivative contracts with the same counterparty and the unconditional contractual right of set-off on a net basis. The use of derivative instruments exposes SPL to counterparty credit risk, or the risk that a counterparty will be unable to meet its commitments, in instances when the derivative instruments are in an asset position. Additionally, counterparties are at risk that SPL will be unable to meet its commitments in instances where the derivative instruments are in a liability position. We incorporate both SPL's nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in fair value measurements depending on the position of the derivative. In adjusting the fair value of the derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, set-off rights and guarantees.

**Liquefaction Supply Derivatives**

SPL holds Liquefaction Supply Derivatives which are primarily indexed to the natural gas market and international LNG indices. As of December 31, 2023, the remaining fixed terms of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives ranged up to approximately 15 years, some of which commence upon the satisfaction of certain events or states of affairs.

The forward notional amount for the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives was approximately 6,245 TBtu and 5,972 TBtu as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, inclusive of amounts under contracts with unsatisfied contractual conditions, and exclusive of extension options that were uncertain to be taken as of December 31, 2023.

The following table shows the effect and location of the Liquefaction Supply Derivatives recorded on our Consolidated Statements of Income (in millions):

| Consolidated Statements of Income Location (1) | Gain (Loss) Recognized in Consolidated Statements of Income |         |        |
|--|---|---------|--------|
|  | Year Ended December 31,                                     |         |        |
|  | 2023  | 2022    | 2021   |
| LNG revenues                                   | \$ —  | \$ 1    | \$ (1) |
| Cost of sales                                  | 2,082   | (1,159) | 30     |
| Cost of sales—related party                    | —   | —       | 2      |

- (1) Does not include the realized value associated with Liquefaction Supply Derivatives that settle through physical delivery. Fair value fluctuations associated with commodity derivative activities are classified and presented consistently with the item economically hedged and the nature and intent of the derivative instrument.

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**Fair Value and Location of Derivative Assets and Liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets**

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

| Consolidated Balance Sheets Location | Fair Value Measurements as of (1) |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | December 31, 2023                 | December 31, 2022 |
| Current derivative assets            | \$ 30                             | \$ 24             |
| Derivative assets                    | 40                                | 28                |
| Total derivative assets              | 70                                | 52                |
| Current derivative liabilities       | (196)                             | (769)             |
| Derivative liabilities               | (1,531)                           | (3,024)           |
| Total derivative liabilities         | (1,727)                           | (3,793)           |
| Derivative liability, net            | \$ (1,657)                        | \$ (3,741)        |

- (1) Does not include collateral posted by counterparties to us of \$4 million as of December 31, 2023, which is included in other current liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, and collateral posted with counterparties by us of \$35 million as of December 31, 2022, which is included in margin deposits on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Consolidated Balance Sheets Presentation**

The following table shows the fair value of the derivatives outstanding on a gross and net basis (in millions) for the derivative instruments that are presented on a net basis on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

|                    | Liquefaction Supply Derivatives |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
|                    | December 31, 2023               | December 31, 2022 |
| Gross assets       | \$ 88                           | \$ 57             |
| Offsetting amounts | (18)                            | (5)               |
| Net assets         | \$ 70                           | \$ 52             |
| Gross liabilities  | \$ (1,746)                      | \$ (3,814)        |
| Offsetting amounts | 19                              | 21                |
| Net liabilities    | \$ (1,727)                      | \$ (3,793)        |

**NOTE 9—OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS, NET**

Other non-current assets, net consisted of the following (in millions):

|   | December 31, |        |
|---|--------------|--------|
|   | 2023         | 2022   |
| Advances of cash and conveyed assets to service providers for infrastructure to support LNG terminal, net of accumulated amortization | \$ 120       | \$ 109 |
| Tax-related prepayments and receivables   | 17           | 17     |
| Other, net  | 35           | 37     |
| Total other non-current assets, net   | \$ 172       | \$ 163 |

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**NOTE 10—ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following (in millions):

|   | December 31,  |                 |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
|   | 2023          | 2022            |
| Natural gas purchases                   | \$ 464        | \$ 1,017        |
| Interest costs and related debt fees    | 256           | 218             |
| LNG terminal and related pipeline costs | 77            | 137             |
| Other accrued liabilities               | 9             | 6               |
| <b>Total accrued liabilities</b>        | <b>\$ 806</b> | <b>\$ 1,378</b> |

**NOTE 11—DEBT**

Debt consisted of the following (in millions):

|  | December 31,     |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2023             | 2022             |
| <b>SPL:</b>  |                  |                  |
| Senior Secured Notes:  |                  |                  |
| 5.750% due 2024 (the “2024 SPL Senior Notes”)  | \$ 300           | \$ 2,000         |
| 5.625% due 2025  | 2,000            | 2,000            |
| 5.875% due 2026  | 1,500            | 1,500            |
| 5.00% due 2027   | 1,500            | 1,500            |
| 4.200% due 2028  | 1,350            | 1,350            |
| 4.500% due 2030  | 2,000            | 2,000            |
| 4.746% weighted average rate due 2037  | 1,782            | 1,782            |
| <b>Total SPL Senior Secured Notes</b>  | <b>10,432</b>    | <b>12,132</b>    |
| Working capital revolving credit and letter of credit reimbursement agreement (the “SPL Working Capital Facility”) | —                | —                |
| Revolving credit and guaranty agreement (the “SPL Revolving Credit Facility”)                                      | —                | —                |
| <b>Total debt - SPL</b>  | <b>10,432</b>    | <b>12,132</b>    |
| <b>CQP:</b>  |                  |                  |
| Senior Notes:  |                  |                  |
| 4.500% due 2029  | 1,500            | 1,500            |
| 4.000% due 2031  | 1,500            | 1,500            |
| 3.25% due 2032   | 1,200            | 1,200            |
| 5.950% due 2033 (the “2033 CQP Senior Notes”)  | 1,400            | —                |
| <b>Total CQP Senior Notes</b>  | <b>5,600</b>     | <b>4,200</b>     |
| Credit facilities (the “CQP Credit Facilities”)  | —                | —                |
| Revolving credit and guaranty agreement (the “CQP Revolving Credit Facility”)                                      | —                | —                |
| <b>Total debt - CQP</b>  | <b>5,600</b>     | <b>4,200</b>     |
| <b>Total debt</b>  | <b>16,032</b>    | <b>16,332</b>    |
| Current debt, net of discount and debt issuance costs  | (300)            | —                |
| Long-term portion of unamortized discount and debt issuance costs, net   | (126)            | (134)            |
| <b>Total long-term debt, net of discount and debt issuance costs</b>   | <b>\$ 15,606</b> | <b>\$ 16,198</b> |

**Senior Notes**

***SPL Senior Secured Notes***

The SPL Senior Secured Notes are senior secured obligations of SPL, ranking equally in right of payment with SPL’s other existing and future senior debt that is secured by the same collateral and senior in right of payment to any of its future subordinated debt. Subject to permitted liens, the SPL Senior Secured Notes are secured on a *pari passu* first-priority basis by a

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security interest in all of the membership interests in SPL and substantially all of SPL's assets. SPL may, at any time, redeem all or part of the SPL Senior Secured Notes at specified prices set forth in the respective indentures governing the SPL Senior Secured Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. The series of SPL Senior Secured Notes due in 2037 are fully amortizing according to a fixed sculpted amortization schedule, as set forth in the respective indentures.

**CQP Senior Notes**

The CQP Senior Notes, except the 2033 CQP Senior Notes, are jointly and severally guaranteed by each of our subsidiaries other than SPL and, subject to certain conditions governing its guarantee, Sabine Pass LP and the 2033 CQP Senior Notes are jointly and severally guaranteed by each of our current and future subsidiaries who guarantee the CQP Revolving Credit Facility from time to time (each a "Guarantor" and collectively, the "CQP Guarantors"). The CQP Senior Notes are our senior obligations, ranking equally in right of payment with our other existing and future unsubordinated debt and senior to any of its future subordinated debt. In the event that the aggregate amount of our secured indebtedness and the secured indebtedness of the CQP Guarantors (other than the CQP Senior Notes or any other series of notes issued under the CQP Base Indenture) outstanding at any one time exceeds the greater of (1) \$1.5 billion and (2) 10% of net tangible assets (or 15% in the case of 2033 CQP Senior Notes), the CQP Senior Notes will be secured by a first-priority lien (subject to permitted encumbrances) on substantially all of our existing and future tangible and intangible assets and rights and the CQP Guarantors and equity interests in the CQP Guarantors. The liens securing the CQP Senior Notes, if applicable, will be shared equally and ratably (subject to permitted liens) with the holders of any other senior secured obligations. We may, at any time, redeem all or part of the CQP Senior Notes at specified prices set forth in the respective indentures governing the CQP Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

Below is a schedule of future principal payments that we are obligated to make on our outstanding debt at December 31, 2023 (in millions):

| Years Ending December 31, | Principal Payments |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 2024                      | \$ 300             |
| 2025                      | 2,052              |
| 2026                      | 1,607              |
| 2027                      | 1,612              |
| 2028                      | 1,468              |
| Thereafter                | 8,993              |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 16,032</u>   |

**Credit Facilities**

Below is a summary of our credit facilities outstanding as of December 31, 2023 (in millions):

|  | SPL Revolving Credit Facility (1) (2)  | CQP Revolving Credit Facility (1)(3)   |
|--|--|--|
| Total facility size                    | \$ 1,000   | \$ 1,000   |
| Less:                                  |  |  |
| Outstanding balance                    | —  | —  |
| Letters of credit issued               | 280  | —  |
| Available commitment                   | <u>\$ 720</u>  | <u>\$ 1,000</u>  |
| Priority ranking                       | Senior secured   | Senior unsecured   |
| Interest rate on available balance (4) | SOFR plus credit spread adjustment of 0.1%, plus margin of 1.0% - 1.75% or base rate plus 0.0% - 0.75% | SOFR plus credit spread adjustment of 0.1%, plus margin of 1.125% - 2.0% or base rate plus 0.125% - 1.0% |
| Commitment fees on undrawn balance (4) | 0.075% - 0.30%   | 0.10% - 0.30%  |
| Maturity date                          | June 23, 2028  | June 23, 2028  |

(1) In June 2023, we and SPL refinanced and replaced the CQP Credit Facilities and the SPL Working Capital Facility with the CQP Revolving Credit Facility and the SPL Revolving Credit Facility, respectively, resulting in extended maturity dates, revised borrowing capacities, reduced rate of interest and commitment fees applicable thereunder and certain other changes to terms and conditions.

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- (2) The obligations of SPL under the SPL Revolving Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of SPL as well as a pledge of all of the membership interests in SPL and certain future subsidiaries of SPL on a *pari passu* basis by a first priority lien with the SPL Senior Secured Notes. The SPL Revolving Credit Facility contains customary contractual conditions for extensions of credit.
- (3) The obligations under the CQP Revolving Credit Facility are jointly, severally and unconditionally guaranteed by Cheniere Investments, SPLNG, CTPL, Sabine Pass LNG-GP, LLC, Sabine Pass Tug Services, LLC and Cheniere Pipeline GP Interests, LLC.
- (4) The margin on the interest rate and the commitment fees is subject to change based on the applicable entity’s credit rating.

**Loss on Extinguishment of Debt Related to Termination Agreement with Chevron**

Our loss on modification or extinguishment of debt for the year ended December 31, 2022 includes a loss on extinguishment of prospective payment obligations of \$31 million associated with a premium paid to Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (“**Chevron**”) to terminate a revenue sharing arrangement under the terminal marine services agreement with them. See [Note 13—Revenues](#) for further discussion of the termination of agreements with Chevron.

**Restrictive Debt Covenants**

The indentures governing our senior notes and other agreements underlying our debt contain customary terms and events of default and certain covenants that, among other things, may limit us and our restricted subsidiaries’ ability to make certain investments or pay dividends or distributions. SPL is restricted from making distributions under agreements governing its indebtedness generally until, among other requirements, appropriate reserves have been established for debt service using cash or letters of credit and a historical debt service coverage ratio and projected debt service coverage ratio of at least 1.25:1.00 is satisfied. At December 31, 2023, our restricted net assets of consolidated subsidiaries were approximately \$56 million.

As of December 31, 2023, we and SPL were in compliance with all covenants related to our respective debt agreements.

**Interest Expense**

Total interest expense, net of capitalized interest, consisted of the following (in millions):

|   | Year Ended December 31, |               |               |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | 2023                    | 2022          | 2021          |
| Total interest cost                                 | \$ 831                  | \$ 910        | \$ 963        |
| Capitalized interest                                | (8)                     | (40)          | (132)         |
| Total interest expense, net of capitalized interest | <u>\$ 823</u>           | <u>\$ 870</u> | <u>\$ 831</u> |

**Fair Value Disclosures**

The following table shows the carrying amount and estimated fair value of our senior notes (in millions):

|              | December 31, 2023 |                          | December 31, 2022 |                          |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|              | Carrying Amount   | Estimated Fair Value (1) | Carrying Amount   | Estimated Fair Value (1) |
| Senior notes | \$ 16,032         | \$ 15,636                | \$ 16,332         | \$ 15,386                |

- (1) As of both December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$1.3 billion of the fair value of our senior notes were classified as Level 3 since these senior notes were valued by applying an unobservable illiquidity adjustment to the price derived from trades or indicative bids of instruments with similar terms, maturities and credit standing. The remainder of our senior notes are classified as Level 2, based on prices derived from trades or indicative bids of the instruments.

The estimated fair value of our credit facilities approximates the principal amount outstanding because the interest rates are variable and reflective of market rates and the debt may be repaid, in full or in part, at any time without penalty.



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**NOTE 12—LEASES**

Our leased assets consist primarily of tug vessels and land sites. All of our leases are classified as operating leases except for certain of our tug vessels, which are classified as finance leases.

The following table shows the classification and location of our right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

|   | Consolidated Balance Sheets Location                           | December 31, |               |
|---|--|--------------|---------------|
|   |  | 2023         | 2022          |
| Right-of-use assets—Operating           | Operating lease assets   | \$ 81        | \$ 89         |
| Right-of-use assets—Financing           | Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation | 17           | 21            |
| <b>Total right-of-use assets</b>        |  | <b>\$ 98</b> | <b>\$ 110</b> |
| Current operating lease liabilities     | Other current liabilities                                      | 10           | 10            |
| Current finance lease liabilities       | Other current liabilities                                      | 4            | 4             |
| Non-current operating lease liabilities | Operating lease liabilities                                    | 71           | 80            |
| Non-current finance lease liabilities   | Finance lease liabilities                                      | 14           | 18            |
| <b>Total lease liabilities</b>          |  | <b>\$ 99</b> | <b>\$ 112</b> |

The following table shows the classification and location of our lease costs on our Consolidated Statements of Income (in millions):

|                                     | Consolidated Statements of Income Location    | Year Ended December 31, |              |              |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                     |   | 2023                    | 2022         | 2021         |
| Operating lease cost (1)            | Operating costs and expenses (2)              | \$ 13                   | \$ 13        | \$ 12        |
| Finance lease cost:                 |   |                         |              |              |
| Amortization of right-of-use assets | Depreciation and amortization expense         | 4                       | 2            | —            |
| Interest on lease liabilities       | Interest expense, net of capitalized interest | 1                       | —            | —            |
| <b>Total lease cost</b>             |   | <b>\$ 18</b>            | <b>\$ 15</b> | <b>\$ 12</b> |

(1) Includes \$1 million of variable lease costs incurred during each of the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

(2) Presented in cost of sales, operating and maintenance expense, general and administrative expense or general and administrative expense—affiliate consistent with the nature of the asset under lease.

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Future annual minimum lease payments for operating and finance leases as of December 31, 2023 are as follows (in millions):

| Years Ending December 31,          | Operating Leases |      | Finance Leases |     |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------|----------------|-----|
| 2024                               | \$               | 12   | \$             | 5   |
| 2025                               |                  | 12   |                | 5   |
| 2026                               |                  | 12   |                | 5   |
| 2027                               |                  | 12   |                | 5   |
| 2028                               |                  | 3    |                | —   |
| Thereafter                         |                  | 92   |                | —   |
| Total lease payments               |                  | 143  |                | 20  |
| Less: Interest                     |                  | (62) |                | (2) |
| Present value of lease liabilities | \$               | 81   | \$             | 18  |

The following table shows the weighted-average remaining lease term and the weighted-average discount rate for our operating leases and finance leases:

|  | December 31, 2023 |                | December 31, 2022 |                |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
|  | Operating Leases  | Finance Leases | Operating Leases  | Finance Leases |
| Weighted-average remaining lease term (in years) | 24.6              | 4.1            | 23.8              | 5.1            |
| Weighted-average discount rate                   | 3.9 %             | 4.8 %          | 3.8 %             | 4.8 %          |

The following table includes other quantitative information for our operating and finance leases (in millions):

|  | Year Ended December 31, |      |      |
|--|-------------------------|------|------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022 | 2021 |
| Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:  |                         |      |      |
| Operating cash flows from operating leases                               | 12                      | 10   | 11   |
| Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities | 1                       | —    | 7    |
| Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for finance lease liabilities   | —                       | 23   | —    |

**NOTE 13—REVENUES**

The following table represents a disaggregation of revenue earned (in millions):

|  | Year Ended December 31, |           |          |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|----------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022      | 2021     |
| Revenues from contracts with customers       |                         |           |          |
| LNG revenues                                 | \$ 6,991                | \$ 11,506 | \$ 7,640 |
| LNG revenues—affiliate                       | 2,475                   | 4,568     | 1,472    |
| LNG revenues—related party                   | —                       | —         | 1        |
| Regasification revenues                      | 135                     | 1,068     | 269      |
| Other revenues                               | 63                      | 63        | 53       |
| Total revenues from contracts with customers | 9,664                   | 17,205    | 9,435    |
| Net derivative gain (loss) (1)               | —                       | 1         | (1)      |
| Total revenues                               | \$ 9,664                | \$ 17,206 | \$ 9,434 |

(1) See [Note 8—Derivative Instruments](#) for additional information about our derivatives.

**LNG Revenues**

We have entered into numerous SPAs with third party customers for the sale of LNG on an FOB basis (delivered to the customer at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal). Our customers generally purchase LNG for a price consisting of a fixed fee per MMBtu of LNG (a portion of which is subject to annual adjustment for inflation) plus a variable fee per MMBtu of LNG generally equal to 115% of Henry Hub. The fixed fee component is the amount payable to us regardless of a cancellation or suspension of LNG cargo deliveries by the customers. The variable fee component is the amount generally payable to us only upon delivery of LNG plus all future adjustments to the fixed fee for inflation. The SPAs and contracted volumes to be made

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available under the SPAs are not tied to a specific Train; however, the term of each SPA generally commences upon the date of first commercial delivery of a specified Train. Additionally, we have agreements with Cheniere Marketing for which the related revenues are recorded as LNG revenues—affiliate. See [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) for additional information regarding these agreements.

Revenues from the sale of LNG are recognized at a point in time when the LNG is delivered to the customer, at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal, which is the point legal title, physical possession and the risks and rewards of ownership transfer to the customer. Each individual molecule of LNG is viewed as a separate performance obligation. We allocate the contract price (including both fixed and variable fees) in each LNG sales arrangement based on the stand-alone selling price of each performance obligation as of the time the contract was negotiated. We have concluded that the variable fees meet the exception for allocating variable consideration to specific parts of the contract. As such, the variable consideration for these contracts is allocated to each distinct molecule of LNG and recognized when that distinct molecule of LNG is delivered to the customer. Because of the use of the exception, variable consideration related to the sale of LNG is also not included in the transaction price.

Fees received pursuant to SPAs are recognized as LNG revenues only after substantial completion of the respective Train. Prior to substantial completion, sales generated during the commissioning phase are offset against the cost of construction for the respective Train, as the production and removal of LNG from storage is necessary to test the facility and bring the asset to the condition necessary for its intended use.

Sales of natural gas where, in the delivery of the natural gas to the end customer, we have concluded that we acted as a principal are presented within revenues in our Consolidated Statements of Income, and where we have concluded that we acted as an agent are netted within cost of sales in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

### **Regasification Revenues**

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal has operational regasification capacity of approximately 4 Bcf/d. Approximately 1 Bcf/d of the regasification capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal has been reserved under a long-term TUA with TotalEnergies Gas & Power North America, Inc. (“TotalEnergies”), under which they are required to pay fixed monthly fees to SPLNG, regardless of their use of the LNG terminal, aggregating approximately \$125 million annually for 20 years that commenced in 2009, which is representative of fixed consideration in the contract. A portion of this fee is adjusted annually for inflation which is considered variable consideration. Prior to its cancellation effective December 31, 2022, SPLNG also had a TUA for 1 Bcf/d with Chevron, as further described below. Approximately 2 Bcf/d of regasification capacity of the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal has been reserved by SPL, for which the associated revenues are eliminated in consolidation.

Because SPLNG is continuously available to provide regasification service on a daily basis with the same pattern of transfer, we have concluded that SPLNG provides a single performance obligation to its customers on a continuous basis over time. We have determined that an output method of recognition based on elapsed time best reflects the benefits of this service to the customer and accordingly, LNG regasification capacity reservation fees are recognized as regasification revenues on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective TUAs.

In 2012, SPL entered into a partial TUA assignment agreement with TotalEnergies, whereby upon substantial completion of Train 5 of the Liquefaction Project, SPL gained access to substantially all of TotalEnergies’ capacity and other services provided under TotalEnergies’ TUA with SPLNG. This agreement provides SPL with additional berthing and storage capacity at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal that may be used to provide increased flexibility in managing LNG cargo loading and unloading activity and permit SPL to more flexibly manage its LNG storage capacity. Notwithstanding any arrangements between TotalEnergies and SPL, payments required to be made by TotalEnergies to SPLNG will continue to be made by TotalEnergies to SPLNG in accordance with its TUA and we continue to recognize the payments received from TotalEnergies as revenue. Cost incurred to TotalEnergies are recognized in operating and maintenance expense. During the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, SPL recorded \$132 million, \$131 million and \$129 million, respectively, as operating and maintenance expense under this partial TUA assignment agreement.

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**Termination Agreement with Chevron**

In June 2022, Chevron entered into an agreement with SPLNG providing for the early termination of the TUA and an associated terminal marine services agreement between the parties and their affiliates (the “**Termination Agreement**”), effective July 2022, for a lump sum fee of \$765 million (the “**Termination Fee**”). Obligations pursuant to the TUA and associated agreement, including Chevron’s obligation to pay SPLNG capacity payments totaling \$ 125 million annually (adjusted for inflation) from 2023 through 2029, terminated on December 31, 2022, upon SPLNG’s receipt of the Termination Fee in December 2022. We allocated the \$765 million Termination Fee to the terminated commitments, with \$796 million in cash inflows allocable to the termination of the TUA, which was recognized ratably over the July 6, 2022 to December 31, 2022 period as regasification revenues on our Consolidated Statements of Income, and an offsetting \$31 million reported, upon receipt of the Termination Fee, as a loss on extinguishment of debt on our Consolidated Statements of Income allocable to a premium paid to Chevron to terminate a revenue sharing arrangement with them that was accounted for as debt.

**Contract Assets and Liabilities**

The following table shows our contract assets, net of current expected credit losses, which are classified as other current assets, net and other non-current assets, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

|  | December 31, |      |
|--|--------------|------|
|  | 2023         | 2022 |
| Contract assets, net of current expected credit losses | \$ 1         | \$ 1 |

Contract assets represent our right to consideration for transferring goods or services to the customer under the terms of a sales contract when the associated consideration is not yet due.

The following table reflects the changes in our contract liabilities, which we classify as deferred revenue and other non-current liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2023 |       |
|---|------------------------------|-------|
| Deferred revenue, beginning of period           | \$                           | 144   |
| Cash received but not yet recognized in revenue |                              | 190   |
| Revenue recognized from prior period deferral   |                              | (144) |
| Deferred revenue, end of period                 | \$                           | 190   |

The following table reflects the changes in our contract liabilities to affiliate, which we classify as deferred revenue—affiliate and other non-current liabilities—affiliate on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions):

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2023 |     |
|---|------------------------------|-----|
| Deferred revenue—affiliate, beginning of period | \$                           | 8   |
| Cash received but not yet recognized in revenue |                              | 5   |
| Revenue recognized from prior period deferral   |                              | (8) |
| Deferred revenue—affiliate, end of period       | \$                           | 5   |

We record deferred revenue when we receive consideration, or such consideration is unconditionally due from a customer, prior to transferring goods or services to the customer under the terms of a sales contract. Changes in deferred revenue during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are primarily attributable to differences between the timing of revenue recognition and the receipt of advance payments related to delivery of LNG under certain SPAs.

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**Transaction Price Allocated to Future Performance Obligations**

Because many of our sales contracts have long-term durations, we are contractually entitled to significant future consideration which we have not yet recognized as revenue. The following table discloses the aggregate amount of the transaction price that is allocated to performance obligations that have not yet been satisfied:

|                         | December 31, 2023                                 |   | December 31, 2022                                 |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|                         | Unsatisfied<br>Transaction Price<br>(in billions) | Weighted Average<br>Recognition Timing (years)<br>(1) | Unsatisfied<br>Transaction Price<br>(in billions) | Weighted Average<br>Recognition Timing (years)<br>(1) |
| LNG revenues (2)        | \$ 47.6   | 8   | \$ 50.8   | 8   |
| LNG revenues—affiliate  | 1.4   | 2   | 2.0   | 2   |
| Regasification revenues | 0.7   | 3   | 0.8   | 4   |
| Total revenues          | \$ 49.7   |   | \$ 53.6   |   |

- (1) The weighted average recognition timing represents an estimate of the number of years during which we shall have recognized half of the unsatisfied transaction price.
- (2) We may enter into contracts to sell LNG that are conditioned upon one or both of the parties achieving certain milestones such as reaching FID on a certain liquefaction Train, obtaining financing or achieving substantial completion of a Train and any related facilities. These contracts are considered completed contracts for revenue recognition purposes and are included in the transaction price above when the conditions are considered probable of being met and consideration is not otherwise constrained from ultimate pricing and receipt.

We have elected the following exemptions which omit certain potential future sources of revenue from the table above:

- (1) We omit from the table above all performance obligations that are part of a contract that has an original expected duration of one year or less.
- (2) The table above excludes substantially all variable consideration under our SPAs and TUAs. We omit from the table above all variable consideration that is allocated entirely to a wholly unsatisfied performance obligation or to a wholly unsatisfied promise to transfer a distinct good or service that forms part of a single performance obligation when that performance obligation qualifies as a series. The amount of revenue from variable fees that is not included in the transaction price will vary based on the future prices of the underlying variable index, primarily Henry Hub, throughout the contract terms, to the extent customers elect to take delivery of their LNG, and adjustments to the consumer price index. Certain of our contracts contain additional variable consideration based on the outcome of contingent events and the movement of various indexes. We have not included such variable consideration in the transaction price to the extent the consideration is considered constrained due to the uncertainty of ultimate pricing and receipt. Additionally, we have excluded variable consideration related to volumes that contractually are subject to additional liquefaction capacity beyond what is currently in construction or operation. The following table summarizes the amount of variable consideration earned under contracts with customers included in the table above:

|                         | Year Ended December 31, |      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------|
|                         | 2023                    | 2022 |
| LNG revenues            | 56 %                    | 74 % |
| LNG revenues—affiliate  | 69 %                    | 75 % |
| Regasification revenues | 7 %                     | 2 %  |

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**NOTE 14—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Below is a summary of our transactions with our affiliates and other related parties, all in the ordinary course of business, as reported on our Consolidated Statements of Income (in millions):

|  | Year Ended December 31, |          |          |
|--|-------------------------|----------|----------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022     | 2021     |
| <b>LNG revenues—affiliate</b>  |                         |          |          |
| SPAs and Letter Agreements with Cheniere Marketing (1)                           | \$ 2,472                | \$ 4,565 | \$ 1,453 |
| Contracts for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and LNG with other affiliates (2) | 3                       | 3        | 19       |
| Total LNG revenues—affiliate   | 2,475                   | 4,568    | 1,472    |
| <b>LNG revenues—related party</b>  |                         |          |          |
| Natural Gas Transportation and Storage Agreements (3)                            | —                       | —        | 1        |
| <b>Cost of sales—affiliate</b>   |                         |          |          |
| Cheniere Marketing Agreements (1)  | —                       | —        | 34       |
| Contracts for Sale and Purchase of Natural Gas and LNG (2)                       | 22                      | 213      | 50       |
| Total cost of sales—affiliate  | 22                      | 213      | 84       |
| <b>Cost of sales—related party</b>   |                         |          |          |
| Natural Gas Transportation and Storage Agreements (3)                            | —                       | —        | 1        |
| Natural Gas Supply Agreements (4)  | —                       | —        | 16       |
| Total cost of sales—related party  | —                       | —        | 17       |
| <b>Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate</b>                               |                         |          |          |
| Services Agreements (5)  | 166                     | 166      | 142      |
| <b>Operating and maintenance expense—related party</b>                           |                         |          |          |
| Natural Gas Transportation and Storage Agreements (3)                            | 62                      | 72       | 46       |
| <b>General and administrative expense—affiliate</b>                              |                         |          |          |
| Services Agreements (5)  | 89                      | 92       | 85       |
| <b>Other—affiliate</b>   |                         |          |          |
| Services Agreements (5)  | 1                       | —        | 1        |
| <b>Other income—affiliate</b>  |                         |          |          |
| Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (6)   | —                       | —        | 2        |

- (1) SPL primarily sells LNG to Cheniere Marketing under SPAs and letter agreements at a price equal to 115% of Henry Hub plus a fixed fee, except for an SPA associated with an IPM agreement for which pricing is linked to international natural gas prices. SPL also has a master SPA agreement with Cheniere Marketing that allows us to sell and purchase LNG with Cheniere Marketing by executing and delivering confirmations under this agreement. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, SPL had \$272 million and \$551 million of trade receivables—affiliate, respectively, under these agreements with Cheniere Marketing. In addition, SPL has an arrangement with subsidiaries of Cheniere to provide the ability, in limited circumstances, to potentially fulfill commitments to LNG buyers in the event operational conditions impact operations at either the Sabine Pass or Corpus Christi liquefaction facilities. The purchase price for such cargoes would be the greater of: (a) 115% of the applicable natural gas feedstock purchase price or (b) an FOB U.S. Gulf Coast LNG market price.
- (2) SPL has an agreement with Corpus Christi Liquefaction, LLC (“CCL”) that allows them to sell and purchase natural gas and LNG from each other. Natural gas purchased under these agreements is initially recorded as inventory and then to cost of sales—affiliate upon its sale, except for purchases related to commissioning activities which are capitalized as LNG terminal construction-in-process. Additionally, SPLNG is able to sell and purchase natural gas and LNG under agreements with Cheniere Marketing. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had \$4 million and zero of trade receivables—affiliate, respectively, under these agreements.

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- (3) SPL is party to various natural gas transportation and storage agreements and CTPL is party to an operational balancing agreement with a related party in the ordinary course of business for the operation of the Liquefaction Project. This related party is partially owned by Brookfield, who indirectly owns a portion of our limited partner interests. SPL recorded accrued liabilities—related party of \$5 million and \$6 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, with this related party.
- (4) We were a party to a natural gas supply agreement with a related party in the ordinary course of business, to obtain a fixed minimum daily volume of feed gas for the operation of the Liquefaction Project. This related party was partially owned by Blackstone, who also partially owns CQP's limited partner interests. However, this entity was acquired by a non-related party on December 31, 2021; therefore, as of such date, this agreement ceased to be considered a related party agreement.
- (5) We do not have employees and thus we and our subsidiaries have various services agreements with affiliates of Cheniere in the ordinary course of business, including services required to construct, operate and maintain the Liquefaction Project, and administrative services. Prior to the substantial completion of each Train of the Liquefaction Project, our payments under the services agreements were primarily based on a cost reimbursement structure, and following the completion of each Train, our payments include a fixed monthly fee (indexed for inflation) per mtpa in addition to the reimbursement of costs. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had \$84 million and \$177 million of advances to affiliates, respectively, under the services agreements. The non-reimbursement amounts incurred under these agreements are recorded in general and administrative expense—affiliate.
- (6) SPLNG executed Cooperative Endeavor Agreements (“CEAs”) with various Cameron Parish, Louisiana taxing authorities that allowed them to collect certain advanced payments of annual ad valorem taxes from SPLNG from 2007 through 2016. This initiative represented an aggregate commitment of \$25 million over 10 years in order to aid in their reconstruction efforts following Hurricane Rita. In exchange for SPLNG's advance payments of annual ad valorem taxes, Cameron Parish granted SPLNG a dollar-for-dollar credit against future ad valorem taxes to be levied against the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal as early as 2019. In 2018, SPLNG entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, which forgave approximately \$7.5 million of the dollar-for-dollar credits, and in 2022, an agreement was reached to defer the commencement of the dollar-for-dollar credits until 2027. As of both December 31, 2023 and 2022, we had \$17 million of amounts associated with dollar-for-dollar credits due on advance tax payments to the taxing authorities recorded to other non-current assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Beginning in September 2007, SPLNG entered into various agreements with Cheniere Marketing, pursuant to which Cheniere Marketing would pay SPLNG additional TUA revenues equal to any and all amounts payable by SPLNG to the Cameron Parish taxing authorities under the CEAs. In exchange for such amounts received as TUA revenues from Cheniere Marketing, SPLNG will make payments to Cheniere Marketing equal to the dollar-for-dollar credit applied to the ad valorem tax levied against the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. We had \$17 million of other non-current liabilities—affiliate as of both December 31, 2023 and 2022 from these payments received from Cheniere Marketing.

We had \$55 million and \$74 million due to affiliates as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, under agreements with affiliates as described above.

Disclosure of future consideration under revenue contracts with affiliates is included in [Note 13—Revenues](#). Additionally, disclosure of future contractual obligations with affiliates and related parties is included in [Note 16—Commitments and Contingencies](#).

#### **Other Agreements**

##### ***Terminal Marine Services Agreement***

In connection with its tug boat leases, Tug Services entered into an agreement with Cheniere Terminals to provide its LNG cargo vessels with tug boat and marine services at the Sabine Pass LNG Terminal. The agreement also provides that Tug Services shall contingently pay Cheniere Terminals a portion of its future revenues. Under this agreement, Tug Services distributed \$13 million, \$12 million and \$9 million during the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively, to Cheniere Terminals, which is recognized as part of the distributions to our general partner interest holders on our Consolidated Statements of Partners' Equity (Deficit).

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*State Tax Sharing Agreements*

SPLNG, SPL and CTPL each have a state tax sharing agreement with Cheniere. Under these agreements, Cheniere has agreed to prepare and file all state and local tax returns which each of the entities and Cheniere are required to file on a combined basis and to timely pay the combined state and local tax liability. If Cheniere, in its sole discretion, demands payment, each of the respective entities will pay to Cheniere an amount equal to the state and local tax that each of the entities would be required to pay if its state and local tax liability were calculated on a separate company basis. To date, there have been no state and local tax payments demanded by Cheniere under the tax sharing agreements. The agreements for SPLNG, SPL and CTPL are effective for tax returns due on or after January 2008, August 2012 and May 2013, respectively.

**NOTE 15—NET INCOME PER COMMON UNIT**

Net income per common unit for a given period is based on the distributions we incur to the common unitholders with respect to earnings or losses of the reporting period plus an allocation of undistributed net income (loss) based on provisions of the partnership agreement, divided by the weighted average number of common units outstanding. Distributions declared by us during the period are presented on the Consolidated Statements of Partners' Equity (Deficit). On January 26, 2024, we declared a cash distribution of \$1.035 per common unit to unitholders of record as of February 7, 2024 and the related general partner distribution that was paid on February 14, 2024 with respect to the three months ended December 31, 2023. These distributions consist of a base amount of \$0.775 per unit and a variable amount of \$0.260 per unit.

The two-class method dictates that net income for a period be reduced by the amount of available cash that will be distributed with respect to that period and that any residual amount representing undistributed net income be allocated to common unitholders and other participating unitholders to the extent that each unit may share in net income as if all of the net income for the period had been distributed in accordance with the partnership agreement. Undistributed income is allocated to participating securities based on the distribution waterfall for available cash specified in the partnership agreement. Undistributed losses (including those resulting from distributions in excess of net income) are allocated to common units and other participating securities on a pro rata basis based on provisions of the partnership agreement. Distributions are treated as distributed earnings in the computation of earnings per common unit even though cash distributions are not necessarily derived from current or prior period earnings.



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The following table provides a reconciliation of net income and the allocation of net income to the common units, the subordinated units, the general partner units and IDRs for purposes of computing basic and diluted net income per unit (in millions, except per unit data).

|  | Total    | Limited Partner<br>Common Units | General Partner Units | IDR    |
|--|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| <b>Year Ended December 31, 2023</b>                |          |                                 |                       |        |
| Net income   | \$ 4,254 |                                 |                       |        |
| Declared distributions                             | 2,861    | 1,997                           | 57                    | 807    |
| Assumed allocation of undistributed net income (1) | \$ 1,393 | 1,366                           | 28                    | —      |
| Assumed allocation of net income                   |          | \$ 3,363                        | \$ 85                 | \$ 807 |
| Weighted average units outstanding                 |          | 484.0                           |                       |        |
| Basic and diluted net income per unit              |          | \$ 6.95                         |                       |        |
| <b>Year Ended December 31, 2022</b>                |          |                                 |                       |        |
| Net income   | \$ 2,498 |                                 |                       |        |
| Declared distributions                             | 2,982    | 2,057                           | 60                    | 865    |
| Assumed allocation of undistributed net loss (1)   | \$ (484) | (474)                           | (10)                  | —      |
| Assumed allocation of net income                   |          | \$ 1,583                        | \$ 50                 | \$ 865 |
| Weighted average units outstanding                 |          | 484.0                           |                       |        |
| Basic and diluted net income per unit              |          | \$ 3.27                         |                       |        |
| <b>Year Ended December 31, 2021</b>                |          |                                 |                       |        |
| Net income   | \$ 1,630 |                                 |                       |        |
| Declared distributions                             | 1,486    | 1,309                           | 30                    | 147    |
| Assumed allocation of undistributed net income (1) | \$ 144   | 141                             | 3                     | —      |
| Assumed allocation of net income                   |          | \$ 1,450                        | \$ 33                 | \$ 147 |
| Weighted average units outstanding                 |          | 484.0                           |                       |        |
| Basic and diluted net income per unit (2)          |          | \$ 3.00                         |                       |        |

- (1) Under our partnership agreement, the IDRs participate in net income only to the extent of the amount of cash distributions actually declared, thereby excluding the IDRs from participating in undistributed net income (loss).
- (2) Basic and diluted net income per unit in the table may not recalculate exactly due to rounding because it is calculated based on whole numbers, not the rounded numbers presented.

**NOTE 16—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Commitments**

We have various future commitments under executed contracts that include unconditional purchase obligations and other commitments which do not meet the definition of a liability as of December 31, 2023 and thus are not recognized as liabilities in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

***Natural Gas Supply, Transportation and Storage Service Agreements***

SPL has a physical natural gas supply contracts to secure natural gas feedstock for the Liquefaction Project. As of December 31, 2023, the remaining fixed terms of these contracts ranged up to 15 years, with renewal options for certain contracts and some of which commence upon the satisfaction of certain events or states of affairs.

Additionally, SPL has natural gas transportation and storage service agreements for the Liquefaction Project. The initial fixed terms of the natural gas transportation agreements range up to 20 years, with renewal options for certain contracts and some of which commence upon the satisfaction of certain events or states of affairs. The initial fixed terms of SPL's natural gas storage service agreements range up to 10 years.

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As of December 31, 2023, SPL's obligations under natural gas supply, transportation and storage service agreements for contracts in which contractual conditions were met or are currently expected to be met were as follows (in billions):

| Years Ending December 31, | Payments Due to Third Parties (1)<br>(2) | Payments Due to Related Parties<br>(1) |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 2024                      | \$ 3.7                                   | \$ 0.1                                 |
| 2025                      | 3.5                                      | 0.1                                    |
| 2026                      | 2.8                                      | —                                      |
| 2027                      | 2.4                                      | —                                      |
| 2028                      | 2.1                                      | —                                      |
| Thereafter                | 7.5                                      | —                                      |
| Total                     | <u>\$ 22.0</u>                           | <u>\$ 0.2</u>                          |

- (1) Pricing of natural gas supply agreements is based on estimated forward prices and basis spreads as of December 31, 2023. Pricing of IPM agreements is based on global gas market prices less fixed liquefaction fees and certain costs incurred by us. Global gas market prices are based on estimates as of December 31, 2023 to the extent forward prices are not available and assume the highest price in cases of price optionality available under the agreement. Some of our contracts may not have been negotiated as part of arranging financing for the underlying assets providing the natural gas supply, transportation and storage services.
- (2) Includes \$0.8 billion under natural gas supply agreements with unsatisfied contractual conditions.

**Services and Other Agreements**

We have certain fixed commitments under services and other agreements of \$1.0 billion with third parties and \$1.2 billion with affiliates. See [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) for additional information regarding such agreements with affiliates.

**Environmental and Regulatory Matters**

The Sabine Pass LNG Terminal and CTPL are subject to extensive regulation under federal, state and local statutes, rules, regulations and laws. These laws require that we engage in consultations with appropriate federal and state agencies and that we obtain and maintain applicable permits and other authorizations. Failure to comply with such laws could result in legal proceedings, which may include substantial penalties. We believe that, based on currently known information, compliance with these laws and regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

**Legal Proceedings**

We may in the future be involved as a party to various legal proceedings, which are incidental to the ordinary course of business. We regularly analyze current information and, as necessary, provide accruals for probable liabilities on the eventual disposition of these matters. We recognize legal costs in connection with legal and regulatory matters as they are incurred. In the opinion of management, as of December 31, 2023, there were no pending legal matters that would reasonably be expected to have a material impact on our operating results, financial position or cash flows.

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**NOTE 17—CUSTOMER CONCENTRATION**

The concentration of our customer credit risk in excess of 10% of total revenues and/or trade and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses and contract assets, net of current expected credit losses was as follows:

|            | Percentage of Total Revenues from External Customers |      |      | Percentage of Trade and Other Receivables, Net and Contract Assets, Net from External Customers |      |
|------------|--|------|------|---|------|
|            | Year Ended December 31,                              |      |      | December 31,  |      |
|            | 2023   | 2022 | 2021 | 2023  | 2022 |
| Customer A | 23%  | 22%  | 24%  | 22%   | 27%  |
| Customer B | 16%  | 15%  | 17%  | 16%   | *    |
| Customer C | 16%  | 15%  | 17%  | 12%   | 18%  |
| Customer D | 15%  | 15%  | 16%  | 15%   | 18%  |
| Customer E | 11%  | 10%  | 11%  | 12%   | *    |
| Customer F | *  | *    | *    | —%  | 13%  |

\* Less than 10%

The following table shows revenues from external customers attributable to the country in which the revenues were derived (in millions). We attribute revenues from external customers to the country in which the party to the applicable agreement has its principal place of business. Substantially all of our long-lived assets are located in the United States.

|                 | Revenues from External Customers |       |      |        |      |       |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------|------|-------|
|                 | Year Ended December 31,          |       |      |        |      |       |
|                 | 2023                             |       | 2022 |        | 2021 |       |
| United States   | \$                               | 2,601 | \$   | 5,278  | \$   | 2,872 |
| South Korea     |                                  | 1,169 |      | 1,932  |      | 1,336 |
| India           |                                  | 1,119 |      | 1,951  |      | 1,342 |
| Ireland         |                                  | 1,058 |      | 1,858  |      | 1,237 |
| United Kingdom  |                                  | 717   |      | 1,026  |      | 966   |
| Switzerland     |                                  | 245   |      | 593    |      | 208   |
| Other countries |                                  | 280   |      | —      |      | —     |
| Total           | \$                               | 7,189 | \$   | 12,638 | \$   | 7,961 |

**NOTE 18—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

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

|  | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |
|--|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022   | 2021   |
| Cash paid during the period for interest on debt, net of amounts capitalized             | \$ 748                  | \$ 777 | \$ 812 |
| Non-cash investing activity:   |                         |        |        |
| Unpaid purchases of property, plant and equipment, net and other non-current assets, net | 32                      | 103    | 76     |

**Novation of IPM Agreement from Corpus Christi Liquefaction Stage III, LLC (“CCL Stage III”)**

In March 2022, in connection with a prior commitment from Cheniere to collateralize financing for Train 6 of the Liquefaction Project, SPL and CCL Stage III, formerly a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Cheniere that merged with and into CCL, entered into an agreement to assign to SPL an IPM agreement to purchase 140,000 MMBtu per day of natural gas at a price based on the Platts Japan Korea Marker (“JKM”), for a term of approximately 15 years beginning in early 2023. The transaction was accounted for as a transfer between entities under common control, which required us to recognize the obligations assumed at the historical basis of Cheniere. Upon the transfer, which occurred on March 15, 2022, we recognized \$2.7 billion in distributions to Cheniere’s common unitholder interest within our Consolidated Statements of Partners’ Equity (Deficit) based on our assumption of current derivative liabilities and derivative liabilities of \$142 million and \$2.6 billion, respectively, which represented a non-cash financing activity.

**ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

None.

**ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our general partner's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on their evaluation as of the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, our general partner's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act are (1) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and (2) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

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

**Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Our [Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting](#) is included in our Consolidated Financial Statements and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION**

Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act provides an affirmative defense that enables prearranged transactions in securities in a manner that avoids concerns about initiating transactions at a future date while possibly in possession of material nonpublic information. Our Insider Trading Policy permits the directors and executive officers of our general partner to enter into trading plans designed to comply with Rule 10b5-1. During the three-month period ending December 31, 2023, none of the executive officers or directors of our general partner adopted or terminated a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan or adopted or terminated a non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement (as defined in Item 408(c) of Regulation S-K).

**ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS**

Not applicable.

## PART III

### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF OUR GENERAL PARTNER AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Management of Cheniere Partners**

Cheniere Partners GP, as our general partner, manages our operations and activities. Our general partner is not elected by our unitholders and is not subject to re-election on a regular basis in the future. The directors of our general partner are elected by the sole member of the general partner. Unitholders are not entitled to elect the directors of our general partner or to participate directly or indirectly in our management or operations.

#### ***Audit Committee***

The board of directors of our general partner has appointed an audit committee composed of Lon McCain, chairman, Vincent Pagano, Jr. and Oliver G. Richard, III, each of whom is an independent director and satisfies the additional independence and financial literacy requirements for audit committee members provided for in the listing standards of the NYSE and the Exchange Act. In addition, the board of directors of our general partner has determined that Lon McCain and Oliver G. Richard, III meet the qualifications of an audit committee financial expert as such term is defined by the SEC.

The audit committee assists the board of directors of our general partner in its oversight of the integrity of our Consolidated Financial Statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and partnership policies and controls. The audit committee has the sole authority to retain and terminate our independent registered public accounting firm, approve all audit services and related fees and the terms thereof and pre-approve any non-audit services to be rendered by our independent registered public accounting firm. The audit committee is also responsible for confirming the independence and objectivity of our independent registered public accounting firm. Our independent registered public accounting firm has been given unrestricted access to the audit committee. Our audit committee charter is posted at <https://cqipir.cheniere.com/company-information/governance-documents>.

#### ***Conflicts Committee***

Under our partnership agreement, the board of directors of our general partner has appointed a conflicts committee composed of the independent directors, Vincent Pagano, Jr., chairman, James R. Ball, Lon McCain and Oliver G. Richard, III, to review specific matters that the board believes may involve conflicts of interest. The conflicts committee will determine if the resolution of a conflict of interest is fair and reasonable to us. The members of the conflicts committee may not be security holders, officers or employees of our general partner, directors, officers, or employees of affiliates of the general partner or holders of any ownership interest in us other than common units or other publicly traded units and must meet the independence standards established by the NYSE, the Exchange Act and other federal securities laws. Any matter approved by the conflicts committee is conclusively deemed to be fair and reasonable to us, approved by all of our partners and not a breach by our general partner of any duties that it may owe us or our unitholders.

#### ***CMI SPA Committee***

The board of directors of our general partner has formed a CMI SPA Committee, composed of James Ball, chairman, Taylor Johnson and Scott Peak to approve LNG sales entered into between Cheniere Marketing and SPL.

#### ***Other***

We do not have a nominating committee because the directors of our general partner manage our operations.

We also do not have a compensation committee. We have no employees, directors or officers. We are managed by our general partner, Cheniere Partners GP. Our general partner has paid no cash compensation to its executive officers since its inception. All of the executive officers of our general partner are also executive officers of Cheniere. Cheniere compensates these officers for the performance of their duties as executive officers of Cheniere, which includes managing our partnership. Cheniere does not allocate this compensation between services for us and services for Cheniere and its affiliates.

**Directors and Executive Officers of Our General Partner**

The following sets forth information, as of February 16, 2024, regarding the individuals who currently serve on the board of directors and as executive officers of our general partner. The appointments of Messrs. Baker, Dell’Amore, and Peak to the board of directors of our general partner were made pursuant to the rights of CQP Holdco LP (f/k/a Blackstone CQP Holdco) (“**CQP Holdco**”) under the Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of our general partner (the “**GP LLC Agreement**”) to appoint certain directors to the board of directors of our general partner.

| Name                   | Age | Election Date  | Position with Our General Partner                                 |
|------------------------|-----|----------------|---|
| Jack A. Fusco          | 61  | May 2016       | Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer   |
| Brian Baker            | 53  | April 2023     | Director  |
| James R. Ball          | 73  | September 2012 | Director  |
| Zach Davis             | 39  | August 2020    | Director and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |
| Christopher Dell’Amore | 34  | January 2023   | Director  |
| Corey Grindal          | 52  | September 2022 | Director and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer |
| Taylor Johnson         | 44  | June 2023      | Director and Deputy General Counsel                               |
| Lon McCain             | 76  | March 2007     | Director  |
| Vincent Pagano, Jr.    | 73  | December 2012  | Director  |
| Scott Peak             | 43  | April 2023     | Director  |
| Oliver G. Richard, III | 71  | September 2012 | Director  |

**Jack A. Fusco**

*Chairman of the Board and President and Chief Executive Officer of our general partner*

Mr. Fusco has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere since May 2016 and as a director since June 2016. In addition, Mr. Fusco serves as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of our general partner. Mr. Fusco is also a Manager, President and Chief Executive Officer of the general partner of Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. and Chief Executive Officer of Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC. Mr. Fusco received recognition as Best CEO in the electric industry by Institutional Investor in 2012 as ranked by all industry analysts and for Best Investor Relations by a CEO or Chairman among all mid-cap companies by IR Magazine in 2013. Institutional Investor also recognized Mr. Fusco as the 2020 All-American Executive Team Best CEO in the natural gas industry.

Mr. Fusco served as Chief Executive Officer of Calpine Corporation (“**Calpine**”) from August 2008 to May 2014 and as Executive Chairman of Calpine from May 2014 through May 11, 2016. Mr. Fusco served as a member of the board of directors of Calpine from August 2008 until March 2018, when the sale of Calpine to an affiliate of Energy Capital Partners and a consortium of other investors was completed. Mr. Fusco was recruited by Calpine’s key shareholders in 2008, just as that company was emerging from bankruptcy. Calpine grew to become America’s largest generator of electricity from natural gas, safely and reliably meeting the needs of an economy that demands cleaner, more fuel-efficient and dependable sources of electricity. As Chief Executive Officer of Calpine, Mr. Fusco managed a team of approximately 2,300 employees and led one of the largest purchasers of natural gas in America, a successful developer of new gas-fired power generation facilities and a company that prudently managed the inherent commodity trading and balance sheet risks associated with being a merchant power producer.

Mr. Fusco’s career of over 40 years in the energy industry began with his employment at Pacific Gas & Electric Company upon graduation from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1984. He joined Goldman Sachs 13 years later as a Vice President with responsibility for commodity trading and marketing of wholesale electricity, a role that led to the creation of Orion Power Holdings, an independent power producer that Mr. Fusco helped found with backing from Goldman Sachs, where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 1998-2002. In 2004, he was asked to serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Texas Genco LLC by a group of private institutional investors, and successfully managed the transition of that business from a subsidiary of a regulated utility to a strong and profitable independent company, generating a more than 5-fold return for shareholders upon its merger with NRG in 2006. Mr. Fusco is currently on the board of directors of the American-Italian Cancer Foundation, a non-profit organization supporting cancer research and education. It was determined that Mr. Fusco should serve as a director of our general partner because of his prior experience leading successful energy industry companies and his perspective as President and Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere.

**Brian Baker**

*Director of our general partner and a member of the Executive Committee*

Mr. Baker is an Operating Partner and Regional Head of North America for Brookfield Infrastructure Group, where he is responsible for evaluating investment opportunities, including oversight and investment strategy in the region. Mr. Baker served as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Inter Pipeline Ltd., a major petroleum transportation and natural gas liquids processing business based in Canada, from October 2021 to September 2023, and has served as Chairman of the Board of Inter Pipeline since November 2023. Prior to joining Brookfield in 2007, Mr. Baker was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for several oil and gas production companies in Western Canada. He was previously a Partner at Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants, where he focused on advisory work in the oil and gas sector. Mr. Baker holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Calgary and is a Chartered Professional Accountant. Mr. Baker brings experience as an executive officer for energy companies and insights from his advisory work in the oil and gas sector, and was appointed as a director of our general partner pursuant to the rights of CQP Holdco under the GP LLC Agreement. Mr. Baker has not held any other directorships in a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act during the past five years.

**James R. Ball**

*Director of our general partner, Chairman of the Executive Committee and the CMI SPA Committee and a member of the Conflicts Committee*

Mr. Ball served as a senior advisor to Tachebois Limited, an energy and equities advisory firm from 2011 to 2019. Mr. Ball served as a Non-Executive Director of Gas Strategies Group Ltd, a professional services company providing commercial energy advisory services, from September 2011 to June 2013. From 1988 through 2003, he served as Chief Executive and Chairman of Gas Strategies Group, a company he founded and where he spent his career advising on financing, developing, and operating many of the world's largest LNG projects. From 2004 until August 2011, he also served as an Executive Director of Gas Strategies Group. Mr. Ball has over 40 years of experience in the LNG business. Mr. Ball is a Fellow of the Energy Institute and Companion of the Institute of Gas Engineers and Managers. Mr. Ball received a B.A. in Economics from the University of Colorado and an M.S. from Bayes Business School. It was determined that Mr. Ball should serve as a director of our general partner because of his background as an advisor in the energy industry. Mr. Ball has not held any other directorships in a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "**Investment Company Act**") during the past five years.

**Zach Davis**

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of our general partner, Director of our general partner and a member of the Executive Committee*

Mr. Davis has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere and our general partner since February 2022, and previously served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from August 2020 to February 2022. Mr. Davis also serves as a director of the Cheniere Foundation. Institutional Investor recognized Mr. Davis as the All-America Executive Team Best CFO in Energy - Natural Gas & Master Limited Partnership Sector for 2023 and 2024 by the buy-side and sell-side investor community.

Mr. Davis joined Cheniere in November 2013. He previously served as Senior Vice President, Finance from February 2020 to August 2020 and as Vice President, Finance and Planning from October 2016 to February 2020. Mr. Davis has over 17 years of finance experience, primarily in the LNG, power, renewable energy, midstream and infrastructure sectors. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Davis held energy investment banking and project finance roles at Credit Suisse, Marathon Capital and HSH Nordbank. Mr. Davis received a B.S. in Economics from Duke University. It was determined that Mr. Davis should serve as a director of our general partner because of his background in energy finance and his perspective as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere. Mr. Davis has not held any other directorships in a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act during the past five years.

**Christopher Dell'Amore**

*Director of our general partner and a member of the Executive Committee*

Mr. Dell'Amore is a Principal in the Infrastructure Group for Blackstone Inc. Since joining Blackstone, Mr. Dell'Amore has been involved in the execution of Blackstone's investment in Mundys, while also serving on the board of directors of Tallgrass Energy since 2023. Prior to joining Blackstone, Mr. Dell'Amore worked at Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners (MSIP) and Fortress Investment Group, focusing on investments in the energy, power and transportation sectors. Prior to that, Mr. Dell'Amore was an Analyst at Société Générale in the Energy group. Mr. Dell'Amore previously served as a director of Høegh LNG Holdings Ltd., a leading owner and operator of floating storage and regasification units and LNG carriers, as a Board Alternate/Observer from May 2021 to September 2021. Mr. Dell'Amore received a B.A. in Economics and Spanish Language & Literature from Colgate University, where he graduated magna cum laude and with honors, an M.B.A. from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and an M.A. in International Studies (Latin America) from The Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Dell'Amore also serves as a board member of America Needs You (New York). Mr. Dell'Amore was appointed as a director of our general partner pursuant to the rights of CQP Holdco under the GP LLC Agreement, and brings energy and infrastructure investment experience to the board.

**Corey Grindal**

*Director and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of our general partner*

Mr. Grindal has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Cheniere and Cheniere Partners GP since January 2023. Mr. Grindal previously served as Executive Vice President, Worldwide Trading from November 2020 to January 2023. Mr. Grindal served as Senior Vice President, Gas Supply from September 2016 to September 2020, after joining Cheniere in June of 2013 as Vice President of Supply. Mr. Grindal was brought in to develop the required infrastructure needed for firm and reliable deliveries to Cheniere's LNG terminals, establish the required relationships with the United States' producer community, and set up the needed systems, processes and personnel for Cheniere to be the premier United States LNG exporter. Mr. Grindal has over 30 years of experience in pipeline construction and operations, project management and natural gas and power trading. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Grindal was with Deutsche Bank and was responsible for physical and financial trading. Prior to Deutsche Bank, Mr. Grindal held positions with Louis Dreyfus and the Tenneco/ El Paso companies. Mr. Grindal holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin. It was determined that Mr. Grindal should serve as a director of our general partner because of his background in the energy, oil and natural gas trading and marketing industry. Mr. Grindal has not held any other directorships in a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act during the past five years.

**Taylor Johnson**

*Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of our general partner, Director of our general partner and a member of the CMI SPA Committee*

Mr. Johnson has served as Deputy General Counsel of Cheniere and Cheniere Partners GP since March 2023. Mr. Johnson joined Cheniere in April 2017 as Assistant General Counsel, providing legal support and strategic advice for Cheniere's commercial transactions, project development activities, and climate and sustainability initiatives. Mr. Johnson has over 15 years of experience in LNG project development, LNG marketing, LNG trading, and LNG operations. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Johnson held senior legal and commercial positions with Veresen Inc. and BG Group. Mr. Johnson received a B.B.A. from Abilene Christian University and a J.D. from the University of Houston. It was determined that Mr. Johnson should serve as a director of our general partner because of his background in commercial transactions and his perspective as Deputy General Counsel of Cheniere. Mr. Johnson has not held any other directorships in a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act during the past five years.



**Lon McCain**

*Director of our general partner, Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Conflicts Committee*

Mr. McCain was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Ellora Energy Inc., a private, independent exploration and production company from July 2009 to August 2010. Prior to that, he was Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Westport Resources Corporation, a publicly traded exploration and production company, from 2001 until the sale of that company to Kerr-McGee Corporation in 2004. From 1992 until joining Westport, Mr. McCain was Senior Vice President and Principal of Petrie Parkman & Co., an investment banking firm specializing in the oil and gas industry. From 1978 until joining Petrie Parkman, Mr. McCain held senior financial management positions with Presidio Oil Company, Petro-Lewis Corporation and Ceres Capital. He is currently on the board of directors of Crescent Energy Company, a publicly traded energy investment company. Mr. McCain previously served on the board of directors of Continental Resources, Inc., a publicly traded oil and natural gas exploration and production company, from 2006 through its private acquisition in 2022. He also previously served on the board of directors of Contango Oil and Gas Company, which combined with Independence Energy, LLC to form Crescent Energy Company in December 2021. Mr. McCain received a B.S. in Business Administration and an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Denver. Mr. McCain was also an Adjunct Professor of Finance at the University of Denver from 1982 to 2005. It was determined that Mr. McCain should serve as a director of our general partner because of his experience as a chief financial officer for energy companies and his background as an investment banker in the energy industry.

**Vincent Pagano, Jr.**

*Director of our general partner, Chairman of the Conflicts Committee and a member of the Audit Committee*

Mr. Pagano served as a senior corporate partner of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, a law firm, with a focus on capital markets transactions and public company advisory matters from 1981 until his retirement at the end of 2012. Mr. Pagano earned a law degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School and a B.S. in Engineering, summa cum laude, from Lehigh University and an M.S. in Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Pagano also serves as a director of Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc., a publicly traded homebuilding company, and served as a director of L3 Technologies, Inc., an aerospace and defense company, from 2013 until its merger with Harris Corporation in June 2019. It was determined that Mr. Pagano should serve as a director of our general partner because of his capital markets expertise and his experience as an advisor to public companies on a variety of corporate matters.

**Scott Peak**

*Director of our general partner, member of the Executive Committee and a member of the CMI SPA Committee*

Mr. Peak is a Managing Partner and Head of North America for Brookfield's Infrastructure Group. In this role, he is responsible for regional oversight and investment strategy leadership in the Americas and is involved in the screening and evaluation of global investment initiatives. Mr. Peak previously served as Chief Investment Officer for North America for Brookfield's Infrastructure Group, where he was responsible for infrastructure investments, and is head of the Houston office. Prior to joining Brookfield in January 2016, Mr. Peak spent a decade at Macquarie Group Ltd., where he focused on the infrastructure sector. Previously, Mr. Peak worked in the mergers and acquisitions group at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein in New York. Mr. Peak previously served as a director of Cheniere Energy, Inc. from April 2022 to April 2023 and the general partner of Cheniere Partners from September 2020 to April 2022. Mr. Peak holds a Master of Finance with distinction from INSEAD and a B.A. in Economics from Bates College. Mr. Peak has significant energy and infrastructure investment experience, and was appointed as a director of our general partner pursuant to the rights of CQP Holdco under the GP LLC Agreement. Mr. Peak has not held any other directorships in a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act or subject to the requirements of Section 15(d) of such Act or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act during the past five years.

**Oliver G. Richard, III**

*Director of our general partner and a member of the Audit Committee and Conflicts Committee*

Mr. Richard is the owner and president of Empire of the Seed, LLC, a private consulting firm in the energy and management industries. Mr. Richard served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Energy Group, a natural gas company, from 1995 until 2000, and as a director of Buckeye Partners, L.P., a publicly traded petroleum product pipeline and terminal company, from 2009 through its acquisition in 2019. Mr. Richard was a Commissioner on the FERC from 1982 until 1985. Mr. Richard served as a director of American Electric Power Company, Inc., a publicly traded electric utility, from January 2013 until September 2023. Mr. Richard received a B.S. in Journalism, a J.D. from Louisiana State University and a Master of Law in Taxation from Georgetown University. It was determined that Mr. Richard should serve as a director of our general partner because of his extensive background in the energy industry, including his experience in both the public and private sectors of the energy industry.

## **Code of Ethics**

Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics covers a wide range of business practices and procedures and furthers our fundamental principles of honesty, loyalty, fairness and forthrightness. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics was approved by the directors of our general partner. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which is applicable to all of our directors, officers and employees, is posted at <https://cqipir.cheniere.com/company-information/governance-documents>. We also intend to post any changes to or waivers of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for the executive officers of our general partner on our website.

## **Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports**

Section 16 of the Exchange Act requires the directors and executive officers of our general partner and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the SEC. Such persons are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on our review of the copies of such forms furnished to us and written representations from the directors and executive officers of our general partner (or otherwise based on our knowledge), we believe that all Section 16(a) filing requirements were met during 2023 in a timely manner.

## **ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

### ***Compensation Discussion and Analysis***

Our general partner has paid no cash compensation to its executive officers since its inception. All of the executive officers of our general partner are also executive officers of Cheniere. Cheniere compensates these officers for the performance of their duties as executive officers of Cheniere, which includes managing our partnership. Cheniere does not allocate this compensation between services for us and services for Cheniere and its affiliates. Instead, an affiliate of Cheniere provides us various general and administrative services for our benefit, such as technical, commercial, regulatory, financial, accounting, treasury, tax and legal staffing and related support services, pursuant to a services agreement for which we pay a quarterly non-accountable overhead reimbursement charge of \$3 million (adjusted for inflation). For a description of the services agreement, see [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements under Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

In 2007, the board of directors of our general partner adopted the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan for employees, consultants and directors of our general partner, employees of its affiliates and consultants to its subsidiaries. The purpose of the plan is to enhance attraction and retention of qualified individuals who are essential for the successful operation of our partnership and to encourage them to align their interests with our interests through an equity ownership stake in us. The plan allows for the grant of options, restricted units, phantom units and unit appreciation rights. Up to 1,250,000 units may be granted under the plan. The only awards that have been granted under the plan have been made to the non-management directors of our general partner in the form of phantom units to be settled, at the director's election, in common units, cash or in equal amounts over a four-year vesting period.

### ***Compensation Committee Report***

As discussed above, the board of directors of our general partner does not have a compensation committee. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the board of directors of our general partner, acting in lieu of a compensation committee, has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management. Based on this review and discussion, the board of directors of our general partner recommended that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this annual report on Form 10-K.

By the members of the board of directors of our general partner:

Jack A. Fusco  
Brian Baker  
James R. Ball  
Zach Davis  
Christopher Dell'Amore  
Corey Grindal  
Taylor Johnson  
Lon McCain  
Vincent Pagano, Jr.  
Scott Peak  
Oliver G. Richard, III

### ***Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation***

As discussed above, the board of directors of our general partner does not have a compensation committee. If any compensation is to be paid to our general partners' officers, the compensation would be reviewed and approved by the entire board of directors of our general partner because they perform the functions of a compensation committee in the event such committee is needed. None of the directors or executive officers of our general partner served as a member of a compensation committee of another entity that has or has had an executive officer who served as a member of the board of directors of our general partner during 2023.

### **Director Compensation**

On July 22, 2014, the board of directors of our general partner approved an annual fee of \$70,000 to each non-management director of our general partner for services as a director effective pro-rata as of the date of the approval. Also approved were annual fees of \$30,000 for the chairman of the audit committee; \$15,000 for the members of the audit committee other than the chairman; \$10,000 for the chairman of the conflicts committee; \$2,500 per meeting for the members of the conflicts committee, including the chairman; \$10,000 for the chairman of the executive committee; \$2,500 per meeting for the non-employee members of the executive committee, including the chairman; and \$30,000 for the chairman of the CMI SPA Committee. All directors' fees are pro-rated from the date of election to the board and are payable quarterly.

In addition to the annual fees paid to the non-management directors, Messrs. Ball, McCain, Pagano and Richard each receive 3,000 phantom units annually. Vesting will occur for one-fourth of the phantom units on each anniversary of the grant date beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. Upon vesting, the phantom units will be payable, at the director's election, in common units, cash in an amount equal to fair market value of a common unit on such date, or an equal amount of both. The directors receive no distributions, and no distributions accrue, on the outstanding phantom units. Mr. Baker serves as an Operating Partner for Brookfield's Infrastructure Group, Mr. Dell'Amore serves as a Principal in the Infrastructure Group for Blackstone Inc. and Mr. Peak serves as a Managing Partner and Head of North America for Brookfield's Infrastructure Group. They do not receive additional compensation for service as directors.

The following table shows the compensation paid for service as a member of the board of directors of our general partner for the 2023 fiscal year:

| Name                          | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash | Unit Awards (1) | Option Awards | Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation | Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings | All Other Compensation | Total   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--|---|------------------------|---------|
| Jack A. Fusco (2)             | \$ —                        | \$ —            | \$ —          | \$ —                                   | \$ —  | \$ —                   | \$ —    |
| Brian Baker (3)(4)            | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| James R. Ball (5)             | 112,500                     | 159,780         | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | 272,280 |
| Zach Davis (2)                | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Christopher Dell'Amore (3)(4) | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Corey Grindal (2)             | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Taylor Johnson (2)(3)         | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Adam Kuhnley (3)(4)           | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Lon McCain (6)                | 100,000                     | 134,730         | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | 234,730 |
| Mark Murski (3)(4)            | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Vincent Pagano, Jr. (7)       | 95,000                      | 177,900         | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | 272,900 |
| Scott Peak (3)(4)             | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Oliver G. Richard, III (8)    | 85,000                      | 159,780         | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | 244,780 |
| Matthew Runkle (3)(4)         | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |
| Tim Wyatt (2)(3)              | —                           | —               | —             | —                                      | —   | —                      | —       |

- (1) Reflects aggregate grant date fair value. The phantom units are to be settled, at the director's election, in common units, cash, or an equal amount of both. The units are valued using the closing unit price on the date of grant and are revalued on a quarterly basis through the date of vesting.
- (2) Messrs. Fusco, Davis and Grindal served as executive officers of our general partner and as executive officers of Cheniere during fiscal year 2023. Mr. Johnson served as an officer of our general partner and as an officer of Cheniere since June 28, 2023. Mr. Wyatt served as an officer of our general partner and as an executive officer of Cheniere from January 1 until June 28, 2023. Cheniere compensates these officers for the performance of their duties as employees of Cheniere, which includes managing our partnership. They do not receive additional compensation for service as directors.
- (3) Effective as of January 31, 2023, Messr. Dell'Amore was appointed to the board of directors of our general partner and Messr. Kuhnley resigned as a member of the board of directors of our general partner. Effective April 4, 2023, Messrs. Baker and Peak were appointed to the board of directors of our general partner and Messrs. Murski and Runkle each resigned as a member of the board of directors of our general partner. Effective as of June 28, 2023, Messr. Johnson was appointed to the board of directors of our general partner and Messr. Wyatt resigned as a member of the board of directors of our general partner.
- (4) Messrs. Baker, Dell'Amore, Kuhnley, Murski, Peak, and Runkle are employees of Blackstone or Brookfield, as applicable. They do not receive additional compensation for service as directors.
- (5) Mr. Ball was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2023 with a grant date fair value of \$159,780. In addition, Mr. Ball received \$119,835 in cash and 750 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2023. As of December 31, 2023, he held 7,500 phantom units and 6,750 common units for a total of 14,250 units.
- (6) Mr. McCain was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2023 with a grant date fair value of \$134,730. In addition, Mr. McCain received \$33,683 in cash and 2,250 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2023. As of December 31, 2023, he held 7,500 phantom units and 13,875 common units for a total of 21,375 units.
- (7) Mr. Pagano was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2023 with a grant date fair value of \$177,900. In addition, Mr. Pagano received \$88,950 in cash and 1,500 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2023. As of December 31, 2023, he held 7,500 phantom units and 11,625 common units for a total of 19,125 units.
- (8) Mr. Richard was granted 3,000 phantom units in 2023 with a grant date fair value of \$159,780. In addition, Mr. Richard received \$79,890 in cash and 1,500 common units on account of 3,000 phantom units granted in earlier years that vested in 2023. As of December 31, 2023, he held 7,500 phantom units and 15,750 common units for a total of 23,250 units.

**Indemnification of Directors**

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors, which provide for indemnification with respect to all expenses and claims that a director incurs as a result of actions taken, or not taken, on our behalf while serving as a director, officer, employee, controlling person, selling unitholder, agent or fiduciary of Cheniere Partners GP or any of our subsidiaries. Pursuant to the agreements, no indemnification will generally be provided (1) for claims brought by the director, except for a claim of indemnity under the indemnification agreement, if we approve the bringing of such claim, or if the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act requires providing indemnification because our director has been successful on the merits of such claim, (2) for claims under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, or (3) if there has been a final judgment entered by a court determining that the director acted in bad faith, engaged in fraud or willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the conduct was unlawful. Indemnification will be provided to the extent permitted by law, Cheniere Partners GP’s certificate of formation and limited liability company agreement, and to a greater extent if, by law, the scope of coverage is expanded after the date of the indemnification agreements. In all events, the scope of coverage will not be less than what was in existence on the date of the indemnification agreements.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT, AND RELATED UNITHOLDER MATTERS**

The limited partner interest in our partnership is divided into units. As of February 16, 2024, the following units were outstanding: 484.0 million common units and 9.9 million general partner units.

The amounts and percentage of units beneficially owned are reported on the basis of regulations of the SEC governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under the rules of the SEC, a person is deemed to be a “beneficial owner” of a security if that person has or shares “voting power,” which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, or “investment power,” which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of the same securities, and a person may be deemed a beneficial owner of securities as to which he has no economic interest.

Except as indicated by footnote, the persons named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all units shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable. Except as indicated by footnote, the address for the beneficial owners listed below is 845 Texas Avenue, Suite 1250, Houston, Texas 77002.

**Owners of More than Five Percent of Outstanding Units**

The following table shows the beneficial owners known by us to own more than five percent of our common units and/or general partner units as of February 16, 2024:

| Name of Beneficial Owner             | Common Units Beneficially Owned | Percentage of Common Units Beneficially Owned | Percentage of Total Securities Beneficially Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Cheniere Energy, Inc. (1)            | 239,872,502                     | 50%   | 51%   |
| Blackstone Inc. (2)                  | 203,984,605                     | 42%   | 41%   |
| Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (3) | 204,321,313                     | 42%   | 41%   |

(1) Cheniere Energy, Inc. also owns 9,878,047 of our general partner units.

(2) Information is based on filings of Form 4 with the SEC on April 4, 2023 by CQP Rockies Platform LLC, CQP Common Holdco L.P., BIP Chinook Holdco L.L.C. (record holder of 338,242 common units), BIP-V Chinook Holdco II L.L.C. (record holder of 123,848 common units), BIP Holdings Manager, L.L.C., Blackstone Infrastructure Associates L.P., BIA GP L.P., BIA GP L.L.C., Blackstone Holdings III L.P., Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P., Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C., Blackstone Inc. (formerly known as The Blackstone Group Inc.), Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., and Stephen A. Schwarzman, which also lists CQP Holdco LP as the record holder of 190,070,316 common units and BIP-V Chinook Holdco L.L.C. (“**BIP-V**”) as the record holder of 13,170,436 common units. In addition, Harvest Fund Advisors LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Blackstone Inc., is the beneficial owner of 281,763 common units based on Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on September 28, 2020 by

Blackstone Inc. and its affiliates. The address of the various persons identified in this footnote is 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154.

- (3) Information is based on Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on September 30, 2020 and Form 4 filed with the SEC on June 9, 2021 by Brookfield Asset Management Inc. (“**Brookfield**”), BIF IV Cypress Aggregator (Delaware) LLC (“**BIF IV Cypress Aggregator**”), Brookfield Infrastructure Fund IV GP LLC (“**BIF**”), Brookfield Asset Management Private Institutional Capital Adviser (Canada), LP (“**BAMPIC Canada**”) and BAM Partners Trust (formerly known as Partners Limited) (“**Partners**”). Investment funds managed by Brookfield Public Securities Group LLC are the beneficial owners of 1,080,561 common units. 190,070,316 of the common units reported herein as being beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons are directly held by CQP Holdco LP. 13,170,436 of the common units reported herein as being beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons are directly held by BIP-V. CQP Target Holdco L.L.C. (formerly known as BX CQP Target Holdco L.L.C.) (“**Target Holdco**”) is the indirect equity holder of all of the equity interests in each of Blackstone CQP Common Holdco L.P. (“**Blackstone Common Holdco**”), CQP Holdco LP, and BX Rockies Platform Co LLC (“**BX Rockies**”) and, by virtue of its relationship with BIP-V, may be deemed to share beneficial ownership over the common units held directly by BIP-V. BIF IV Cypress Aggregator is a member of Target Holdco. BIF serves as the indirect general partner of BIF IV Cypress Aggregator. BAMPIC Canada serves as the investment adviser to BIF. Brookfield is the ultimate parent of Brookfield Infrastructure Fund III GP and BAMPIC Canada. As a result, Brookfield, BIF IV Cypress Aggregator, BIF, BAMPIC Canada and Partners may be deemed to beneficially own the common units held of record by each of Blackstone Common Holdco, CQP Holdco LP, BX Rockies and BIP-V. The address of the various persons identified in this footnote is 181 Bay Street, Suite 300, Brookfield Place, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2T3, Canada.

### Directors and Executive Officers

The following table sets forth information with respect to our common units beneficially owned as of February 16, 2024, by each director and executive officer of our general partner and by all current directors and executive officers of our general partner as a group. On February 16, 2024, the current directors and executive officers of CQP beneficially owned an aggregate of 48,000 common units (less than 1% of the outstanding common units at the time).

The table also presents information with respect to Cheniere Energy, Inc.’s common stock beneficially owned as of February 16, 2024, by each current director and executive officer of our general partner and by all directors and executive officers of our general partner as a group. As of February 16, 2024, Cheniere Energy, Inc. had approximately 235 million shares of common stock outstanding.

| Name of Beneficial Owner   | Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.            |                  | Cheniere Energy, Inc.                     |                  |
|--|---|------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership | Percent of Class | Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership | Percent of Class |
| Jack A. Fusco  | —   | —%               | 724,063                                   | *%               |
| Zach Davis   | —   | —                | 102,597                                   | *                |
| Corey Grindal  | —   | —                | 143,667                                   | *                |
| Brian Baker (1)  | —   | —                | —   | —                |
| James R. Ball  | 6,750                                     | *                | —   | —                |
| Christopher Dell’Amore (1)   | —   | —                | —   | —                |
| Taylor Johnson   | —   | —                | 40,287                                    | *                |
| Lon McCain   | 13,875                                    | *                | —   | —                |
| Vincent Pagano, Jr.  | 11,625                                    | *                | —   | —                |
| Scott Peak (1)   | —   | —                | —   | —                |
| Oliver G. Richard, III   | 15,750                                    | *                | —   | —                |
| All current directors and executive officers as a group (11 persons) | 48,000                                    | *%               | 1,010,614                                 | *%               |

\* Less than 1%

- (1) Messrs. Baker, Dell’Amore, and Peak were appointed as directors of our general partner pursuant to the rights of CQP Holdco under the GP LLC Agreement to appoint certain directors to the board of directors of our general partner.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

In 2007, the board of directors of our general partner adopted the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan. The following table provides certain information as of December 31, 2023 with respect to this plan:

| Plan Category  | Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (1) | Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights | Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in the first column) (2) |
|--|---|---|---|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders     | —   | N/A   | —   |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | 16,500  | N/A   | 1,175,000   |
| Total  | 16,500  | N/A   | 1,175,000   |

- (1) The phantom units that have been granted are payable, at the director's election, in common units, in cash at the time of vesting in an amount equal to the fair market value of a common unit on such date or an equal amount of both.
- (2) The number of securities remaining available for issuance does not include securities reserved for issuance upon the vesting of unvested phantom units issued to directors for which such directors have made an irrevocable election to receive common units in lieu of cash.

For more information regarding the Long-Term Incentive Plan, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

## ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

### Related-Party Transactions

Prior to the completion of our initial public offering of common units in 2007, the managers of our general partner approved the distributions and payments to be made to our general partner and its affiliates in connection with our ongoing operations and, in the event of, our liquidation. During our operational stage, we will generally make cash distributions to our unitholders, including our affiliates, as described in [Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Unitholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities](#), of this annual report on Form 10-K. Upon our liquidation, our partners, including our general partner, will be entitled to receive liquidating distributions according to their respective capital account balances.

### Procedures for Review, Approval and Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons

Under the audit committee charter, the audit committee of our general partner is required to review and approve all transactions or series of related financial transactions, arrangements or relationships between the partnership and any related-party, if the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and such transactions have not been reviewed by the conflicts committee of our general partner. The following related-party transactions are in addition to those related-party transactions described in [Note 14—Related Party Transactions](#) of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements which is herein incorporated by reference. Except as described below, such related-party transactions were approved by the members of the board of directors of our general partner, which includes each member of the audit committee.

In determining whether to approve or ratify a related party transaction, the audit committee of our general partner will apply the following standards and such other standards it deems appropriate:

- whether the related party transaction is on terms no less favorable than the terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under the same or similar circumstances;
- whether the transaction is material to the Partnership or the related party; and
- the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction.

In addition, pursuant to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics approved by the board of directors of our general partner, the directors, officers and employees of our general partner are expected to bring to the attention of the Compliance

Officer any conflict or potential conflict of interest. If a conflict or potential conflict of interest arises between us and a director, officer or any of our affiliates, the resolution of any such conflict or potential conflict should be addressed by the board in accordance with the provisions of our limited partnership agreement.

### Independent Directors

Because we are a limited partnership, the NYSE American does not require our general partner's board of directors to be composed of a majority of directors who meet the criteria for independence required by NYSE American. The board of our general partner has determined that Messrs. Ball, McCain, Pagano and Richard are independent directors in accordance with the following NYSE American independence standards. A director would not be independent if any of the following relationships exists:

- a director who is, or during the past three years was, employed by the partnership, general partner or by any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner, other than prior employment as an interim executive officer (provided the interim employment did not last longer than one year);
- a director who accepts, or has an immediate family member who accepts, any compensation from the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner in excess of \$120,000 during any twelve consecutive-month period within the three years preceding the determination of independence, other than compensation for board or committee services, or compensation paid to an immediate family member who is a non-executive employee of the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner, among other exceptions;
- a director who is an immediate family member of an individual who is, or at any time during the past three years was, employed by the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner as an executive officer;
- a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, a partner in, or a controlling shareholder or an executive officer of, any organization to which the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner made, or from which the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner received, payments (other than those arising solely from investments in our common units or payments under non-discretionary charitable contribution matching programs) that exceed 5% of the organization's consolidated gross revenues for that year, or \$200,000, whichever is more, in any of the most recent three fiscal years;
- a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, employed as an executive officer of another entity where at any time during the most recent three fiscal years any of the executive officers of the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner serves on the compensation committee of such other entity; or
- a director who is, or has an immediate family member who is, a current partner of the outside auditor of the partnership, general partner or parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner, or was a partner or employee of the outside auditor of the partnership, general partner or any parent or subsidiary of the partnership or general partner who worked on our audit at any time during any of the past three years.

### ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Our independent registered public accounting firm is KPMG LLP, Houston, Texas, Auditor Firm ID 185. The following table sets forth the fees billed by KPMG LLP for professional services rendered for 2023 and 2022 (in millions):

|            | Fiscal 2023 | Fiscal 2022 |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Audit Fees | \$ 3        | \$ 3        |

*Audit Fees*—Audit fees for 2023 and 2022 include fees associated with the integrated audit of our annual Consolidated Financial Statements, reviews of our interim Consolidated Financial Statements and services performed in connection with registration statements and debt offerings, including comfort letters and consents.

*Audit-Related Fees*—There were no audit-related fees in 2023 and 2022.



*Tax Fees*—There were no tax fees in 2023 and 2022.

*Other Fees*—There were no other fees in 2023 and 2022.

***Auditor Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures***

Under the audit committee’s charter, the audit committee is required to review and approve in advance all audit and lawfully permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent accountants and the fees for such services. Pre-approval of non-audit services (other than review and attestation services) shall not be required if such services fall within exceptions established by the SEC. All audit and non-audit services provided to us during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were pre-approved.

**PART IV**

**ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) Financial Statements and Exhibits

(1) Financial Statements—Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.:

|  |                    |
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| <a href="#">Management’s Report to the Unitholders of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.</a> | <a href="#">48</a> |
| <a href="#">Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</a>                 | <a href="#">49</a> |
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(2) Financial Statement Schedules:

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| <a href="#">Schedule I—Condensed Financial Information of Registrant for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021</a> | <a href="#">107</a> |
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(3) Exhibits:

Certain of the agreements filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K contain representations, warranties, covenants and conditions by the parties to the agreements that have been made solely for the benefit of the parties to the agreement. These representations, warranties, covenants and conditions:

- should not in all instances be treated as categorical statements of fact, but rather as a way of allocating the risk to one of the parties if those statements prove to be inaccurate;
- may have been qualified by disclosures that were made to the other parties in connection with the negotiation of the agreements, which disclosures are not necessarily reflected in the agreements;
- may apply standards of materiality that differ from those of a reasonable investor; and
- were made only as of specified dates contained in the agreements and are subject to subsequent developments and changed circumstances.

Accordingly, these representations and warranties may not describe the actual state of affairs as of the date they were made or at any other time. These agreements are included to provide you with information regarding their terms and are not intended to provide any other factual or disclosure information about the Partnership or the other parties to the agreements. Investors should not rely on them as statements of fact.

| Exhibit No. | Description  | Incorporated by Reference (1) |      |         |             |
|-------------|--|-------------------------------|------|---------|-------------|
|             |  | Entity                        | Form | Exhibit | Filing Date |
| 2.1         | <a href="#">Contribution and Conveyance Agreement, by and among the Partnership, Cheniere LNG Holdings, LLC, Cheniere Partners GP, Cheniere Investments, Sabine Pass LNG-GP, Inc. and Sabine Pass LP, effective as of March 26, 2007</a> | CQP                           | 8-K  | 10.4    | 3/26/2007   |
| 2.2         | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, by and among the Partnership, Cheniere Pipeline Company, Grand Cheniere Pipeline, LLC and Cheniere</a>   | CQP                           | 8-K  | 10.2    | 8/9/2012    |

| Exhibit No. | Description   | Incorporated by Reference (1)    |      |         |             |
|-------------|---|----------------------------------|------|---------|-------------|
|             |   | Entity                           | Form | Exhibit | Filing Date |
| 3.1         | <a href="#">Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership</a>   | CQP<br>(SEC File No. 333-139572) | S-1  | 3.1     | 12/21/2006  |
| 3.2         | <a href="#">Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership, dated as of February 14, 2017</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 3.1     | 2/21/2017   |
| 3.3         | <a href="#">Certificate of Formation of Cheniere Partners GP</a>  | CQP<br>(SEC File No. 333-139572) | S-1  | 3.3     | 12/21/2006  |
| 3.4         | <a href="#">Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Cheniere Partners GP, dated as of August 9, 2012</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 3.2     | 8/9/2012    |
| 4.1         | <a href="#">Form of common unit certificate (Included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 3.2 above)</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 3.1     | 2/21/2017   |
| 4.2         | <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of February 1, 2013, by and among SPL, the guarantors that may become party thereto from time to time and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee</a> | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 2/4/2013    |
| 4.3         | <a href="#">First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1.1   | 4/16/2013   |
| 4.4         | <a href="#">Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 16, 2013, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1.2   | 4/16/2013   |
| 4.5         | <a href="#">Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 25, 2013, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 11/25/2013  |
| 4.6         | <a href="#">Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 5/22/2014   |
| 4.7         | <a href="#">Form of 5.750% Senior Secured Note due 2024 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.6 above)</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 5/22/2014   |
| 4.8         | <a href="#">Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 20, 2014, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.2     | 5/22/2014   |
| 4.9         | <a href="#">Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 3, 2015, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 3/3/2015    |
| 4.10        | <a href="#">Form of 5.625% Senior Secured Note due 2025 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.9 above)</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 3/3/2015    |
| 4.11        | <a href="#">Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 14, 2016, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>                                | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 6/14/2016   |
| 4.12        | <a href="#">Form of 5.875% Senior Secured Note due 2026 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.11 above)</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 6/14/2016   |
| 4.13        | <a href="#">Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 19, 2016, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>                            | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 9/23/2016   |
| 4.14        | <a href="#">Ninth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 23, 2016, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>                             | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.2     | 9/23/2016   |
| 4.15        | <a href="#">Form of 5.00% Senior Secured Note due 2027 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.14 above)</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.2     | 9/23/2016   |
| 4.16        | <a href="#">Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 6, 2017, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>                                  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 3/6/2017    |
| 4.17        | <a href="#">Form of 4.200% Senior Secured Note due 2028 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.16 above)</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 3/6/2017    |
| 4.18        | <a href="#">Eleventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 8, 2020, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>                                 | SPL                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 5/8/2020    |
| 4.19        | <a href="#">Form of 4.500% Senior Secured Note due 2030 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.18 above)</a>   | SPL                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 5/8/2020    |
| 4.20        | <a href="#">Twelfth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 29, 2022, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>                            | SPL                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 11/29/2022  |

| Exhibit No. | Description   | Incorporated by Reference (1) |      |         |             |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------|------|---------|-------------|
|             |   | Entity                        | Form | Exhibit | Filing Date |
| 4.21        | <a href="#">Form of 5.900% Senior Secured Amortizing Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.20 above)</a>   | SPL                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 11/29/2022  |
| 4.22        | <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of February 24, 2017, between SPL, the guarantors that may become party thereto from time to time and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a> | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 2/27/2017   |
| 4.23        | <a href="#">Form of 5.00% Senior Secured Note due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.22 above)</a>  | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 2/27/2017   |
| 4.24        | <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.24    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.25        | <a href="#">Form of 2.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.24 above)</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.24    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.26        | <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.26    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.27        | <a href="#">Form of 3.17% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.26 above)</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.26    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.28        | <a href="#">First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>  | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.28    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.29        | <a href="#">Form of 3.19% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.28 above)</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.28    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.30        | <a href="#">Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.30    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.31        | <a href="#">Form of 3.08% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.30 above)</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.30    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.32        | <a href="#">Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 15, 2021, between SPL and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee</a>  | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.32    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.33        | <a href="#">Form of 3.10% Senior Secured Notes due 2037 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.32 above)</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 4.32    | 2/24/2022   |
| 4.34        | <a href="#">Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2017, between the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>                      | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 9/18/2017   |
| 4.35        | <a href="#">First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 18, 2017, between the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>   | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.2     | 9/18/2017   |
| 4.36        | <a href="#">Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2018, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>    | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 9/12/2018   |
| 4.37        | <a href="#">Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 12, 2019, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>     | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 9/12/2019   |
| 4.38        | <a href="#">Form of 4.500% Senior Notes due 2029 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.37 above)</a>  | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 9/12/2019   |
| 4.39        | <a href="#">Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 5, 2020, between the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>    | CQP                           | 10-Q | 4.1     | 11/6/2020   |
| 4.40        | <a href="#">Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 11, 2021, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>         | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 3/11/2021   |
| 4.41        | <a href="#">Form of 4.000% Senior Notes due 2031 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.40 above)</a>  | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 3/11/2021   |
| 4.42        | <a href="#">Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 27, 2021, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>     | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 9/27/2021   |
| 4.43        | <a href="#">Form of 3.25% Senior Notes due 2032 (Included as Exhibit A-1 to Exhibit 4.42 above)</a>   | CQP                           | 8-K  | 4.1     | 9/27/2021   |

| Exhibit No. | Description  | Incorporated by Reference (1)    |      |         |             |
|-------------|--|----------------------------------|------|---------|-------------|
|             |  | Entity                           | Form | Exhibit | Filing Date |
| 4.44        | <a href="#">Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 27, 2021, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 10/1/2021   |
| 4.45        | <a href="#">Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 21, 2023, among the Partnership, the guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee under the Indenture</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 6/21/2023   |
| 4.46        | <a href="#">Form of 5.950% Senior Notes due 2033 (Included as Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.45 above)</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 4.1     | 6/21/2023   |
| 4.47*       | <a href="#">Description of the Registrant's Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934</a>  |                                  |      |         |             |
| 10.1        | <a href="#">Senior Revolving Credit and Guaranty Agreement, among SPL, as borrower, certain subsidiaries of the Company, The Bank of Nova Scotia, as Senior Facility Agent, Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee, the issuing banks and lenders from time to time party thereto and other participants</a>   | SPL<br>(SEC File No. 333-273238) | S-4  | 10.46   | 7/13/2023   |
| 10.2        | <a href="#">Fourth Amended and Restated Common Terms Agreement, among SPL, as borrower, the Secured Debt Holder Group Representatives party thereto, the Secured Hedge Representatives party thereto, the Secured Gas Hedge Representatives party thereto and Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee and the Intercreditor Agent</a>   | SPL<br>(SEC File No. 333-273238) | S-4  | 10.44   | 7/13/2023   |
| 10.3        | <a href="#">Third Amended and Restated Accounts Agreement, among SPL, certain subsidiaries of SPL, Société Générale, as the Common Security Trustee, and Citibank, N.A. as the Accounts Bank</a>   | SPL                              | 8-K  | 10.3    | 3/23/2020   |
| 10.4        | <a href="#">Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of June 23, 2023, among the Partnership, as borrower, certain subsidiaries of the Partnership, as Subsidiary Guarantors, the lenders from time to time party thereto, Société Générale, Natixis, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, The Bank of Nova Scotia, and Wells Fargo Bank, as Issuing Banks, MUFG Bank, LTD as Administrative Agent and Coordinating Lead Arranger, and certain arrangers and other participants</a> | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.2    | 8/3/2023    |
| 10.5†       | <a href="#">Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 10.3    | 3/26/2007   |
| 10.6†       | <a href="#">Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (2012 Reload Award)</a>  | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.9    | 11/2/2012   |
| 10.7†       | <a href="#">Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan</a>  | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.8    | 11/2/2012   |
| 10.8†       | <a href="#">Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Units Settlement)</a>   | CQP                              | 10-K | 10.41   | 2/20/2015   |
| 10.9†       | <a href="#">Form of Phantom Units Agreement under the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Reload Units Settlement)</a>  | CQP                              | 10-K | 10.42   | 2/20/2015   |
| 10.10†      | <a href="#">Form of Indemnification Agreement for officers and/or directors of Cheniere Partners GP</a>  | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.2    | 11/3/2022   |
| 10.11       | <a href="#">Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. (Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a request for confidential treatment.)</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 10.1    | 11/9/2018   |
| 10.12       | <a href="#">Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.; the Change Order CO-00001 Modifications to Insurance Language Change Order, dated June 3, 2019</a>  | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.4    | 8/8/2019    |

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| 10.13       | <a href="#">Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.:</a> (i) the Change Order CO-00002 Fuel Provisional Sum Closure, dated July 8, 2019, (ii) the Change Order CO-00003 Currency Provisional Sum Closure, dated July 8, 2019, (iii) the Change Order CO-00004 Foreign Trade Zone, dated July 2, 2019, (iv) the Change Order CO-00005 NGPL Gate Access Security Coordination Provisional Sum, dated July 17, 2019, (v) the Change Order CO-00006 Alternate to Adams Valves, dated August 14, 2019, (vi) the Change Order CO-00007 E-1503 to HRU Permanent Drain Piping, dated August 14, 2019, (vii) the Change Order CO-00008 Differing Subsurface Soil Conditions - Train 6 ISBL, dated August 27, 2019, (viii) the Change Order CO-00009 LNG Berth 3, dated September 25, 2019 and (ix) the Change Order CO-00010 Cold Box Redesign and Addition of Inspection Boxes on Methane Cold Box, dated September 16, 2019 | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.2    | 11/1/2019   |
| 10.14       | <a href="#">Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.:</a> (i) the Change Order CO-00011 Insurance Provisional Sum Interim Adjustment, dated October 1, 2019 and (ii) the Change Order CO-00012 Replacement of Timber Piles with Pre-Stressed Concrete Piles, dated October 30, 2019   | CQP                           | 10-K | 10.34   | 2/25/2020   |
| 10.15       | <a href="#">Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.:</a> (i) the Change Order CO-00013 Cost to Comply with SPL FTZ (FTZ entries, bonded transports and receipts for AG Pipe Spools Only), dated February 10, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00014 Permanent Access Road to Third Berth, dated February 10, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00015 Modifications to Schedule Bonus Language, dated February 10, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00016 LNG Berth 3 LNTP No 3, dated January 31, 2020 and (v) the Change Order CO-00017 Construction Doc Fender Guards and LP Fuel Gas Overpressure Interlock, dated March 18, 2020   | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.4    | 4/30/2020   |
| 10.16       | <a href="#">Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.:</a> (i) the Change Order CO-00018 Electrical Studies for GTG Grid Modification, dated April 2, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00019 Third Berth - Change in 5kV Electrical Tie-In, dated April 30, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00020 LNG Berth 3 LNTP No. 4, dated May 4, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00021 Train 6 P1601 A/B/ Flange Changes, dated May 27, 2020 and (v) the Change Order CO-00022 Train 6 H2S Skid Modifications to Level Transmitters & GTG Pressure Range Change on PT-573 A/B, dated June 4, 2020   | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.2    | 8/6/2020    |

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| 10.17       | <a href="#">Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00023 Third Berth Vapor Fence Provisional Sum Scope Removal and Closeout, dated June 22, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00024 Train 6 Thermowell Upgrades, dated June 22, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00025 Third Berth Bubble Curtain, dated June 22, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00026 Third Berth Fuel Provisional Sum Closure Change Order, dated July 14, 2020, (v) the Change Order CO-00027 Third Berth Currency Provisional Sum Closure Change Order, dated July 20, 2020, (vi) the Change Order CO-00028 Train 6 Hot Oil WHRU PSV Bypass, dated August 11, 2020 and (vii) the Change Order CO-00029 Change in Law IMO 2020 Regulatory Change – Low Sulphur Emissions on Marine Vessels, dated August 25, 2020</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.1    | 11/6/2020   |
| 10.18       | <a href="#">Change order to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between the SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00030 Third Berth Soil Preparation Provisional Sum Interim Adjustment Change Order, dated September 16, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00031 Provisional Sum Consolidation (PAB, Taxes &amp; Insurance), dated October 2, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00032 COVID-19 Impacts, dated October 2, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00033 Third Berth - Jetty Building (00A-4041) - Clean Agent System, dated November 2, 2020 and (v) the Change Order CO-00034 Vanessa Spare Valves, dated November 18, 2020</a>  | CQP                           | 10-K | 10.34   | 2/24/2021   |
| 10.19       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00035 Impacts from Hurricanes Laura and Delta, dated December 22, 2020, (ii) the Change Order CO-00036 Third Berth - Add N2 Connection on Liquid &amp; Hybrid SVT Loading Arm Apex, dated December 22, 2020, (iii) the Change Order CO-00037 Third Berth Design Vessels Update, dated December 22, 2020, (iv) the Change Order CO-00038 Train 6 PV-16002 &amp; FV-15104 Valve Trim Upgrades, dated January 21, 2021, (v) the Change Order CO-00039 Third Berth Design Update to Supply Bunkering Fuel, dated February 11, 2021, (vi) the Change Order CO-00040 LNG Benchmark 7 Elevation Change, dated February 11, 2021, (vii) the Change Order CO-00041 Costs to Comply with SPL FTZ (Excluding Pipe Spools), dated February 12, 2021 and (viii) the Change Order CO-00042 COVID-19 Impacts 1Q2021, dated March 12, 2021</a> | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.2    | 5/4/2021    |

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| 10.20       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00043 Third Berth SVT Loading Arm Spares, dated April 9, 2021, (ii) the Change Order CO-00044 Third Berth U/G Directional Drilling &amp; Cathodic Protection Provisional Sum Closures, dated April 9, 2021, (iii) the Change Order CO-00045 Winter Storm Impacts, dated April 9, 2021, (iv) the Change Order CO-00046 NGPL Security Provisional Sum Interim Adjustment, dated June 15, 2021, (v) the Change Order CO-00047 80 Acres Bridge, dated June 15, 2021 and (vi) the Change Order CO-00048 AGRU Additions for Lean Solvent Overpressure, dated June 15, 2021</a> | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.1    | 8/5/2021    |
| 10.21       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00049 COVID-19 Impacts 2Q2021, dated July 6, 2021, (ii) CO-00050 Third Berth Bunkering Ship Modifications — Pre-Investment for Foundations, dated July 6, 2021, (iii) CO-00051 Thermal Oxidizer Controls Change, dated September 8, 2021, (iv) CO-00052 Third Berth Spare Beacon and Additional Cable Tray, dated September 8, 2021 and (v) CO-00053 Train 6 Gearbox Assembly Replacement for Unit 1411, dated September 24, 2021</a>  | Cheniere                      | 10-Q | 10.1    | 11/4/2021   |
| 10.22       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00054 80 Acres Bridge Credit, dated November 30, 2021, (ii) CO-00055 Change in Law LPDES Permit - Water Treatment Filter Washing, dated December 15, 2021, (iii) CO-00056 Impacts from Hurricane Ida, dated December 15, 2021 and (iv) CO-00057 Impacts from Hurricane Nicholas, dated December 15, 2021</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K | 10.39   | 2/24/2022   |
| 10.23       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00058 COVID-19 Impacts 3Q2021, dated January 6, 2022, (ii) CO-00059 Spill Containment SIL 2 Interlock, dated January 11, 2022, (iii) the Change Order CO-00060 Third Berth Soil Preparation Provisional Sum Closure, dated March 15, 2022, (iv) the Change Order CO-00061 COVID-19 Impacts 4Q2021, dated March 15, 2022 and (v) the Change Order CO-00062 FERC Condition 61, dated March 15, 2022</a>  | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.1    | 5/4/2022    |
| 10.24       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00063 FERC Condition 78, dated May 6, 2022, (ii) the Change Order CO-00064 FERC Impact to Pipe Installation, dated June 14, 2022, (iii) the Change Order CO-00065 Spill Containment Sil 2 Interlock, dated June 15, 2022 and (iv) the Change Order CO-00066 Marine Dredging and Management Oversight Provisional Sums Closure, dated June 16, 2022</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q | 10.2    | 8/4/2022    |



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| 10.25       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00067 Performance and Attendance Bonus ("PAB") Provisional Sum Closure, dated August 18, 2022, (ii) the Change Order CO-00068 Performance and Attendance Bonus ("PAB") Provisional Sum Closure (Reconciliation to CO-00067), dated August 18, 2022, and (iii) the Change Order CO-00069 COVID-19 Impacts 1Q2022 and 2Q2022, dated August 29, 2022</a>  | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.1    | 11/3/2022   |
| 10.26       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 7, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00070 80-Acres Bridge, dated October 28, 2022, (ii) the Change Order CO-00071 Mooring System Low-Tension Common Alarm, dated October 31, 2022, (iii) the Change Order CO-00072 FERC Hydrocarbon Permit Conditions, dated October 31, 2022, (iv) the Change Order CO-00073 BN#2 Beacon Pile Relocation, dated October 31, 2022 and (v) the Change Order CO-00074 FERC Condition 56: ISA 84 Gas Detection, dated October 31, 2022</a>  | CQP                              | 10-K | 10.44   | 2/23/2023   |
| 10.27       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 8, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: the Change Order CO-00075 Section 232 Duties (Final Settlement FTZ), dated December 16, 2022</a>   | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.1    | 5/2/2023    |
| 10.28       | <a href="#">Change orders to the Lump Sum Turnkey Agreement for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Sabine Pass LNG Stage 4 Liquefaction Facility, dated November 8, 2018, by and between SPL and Bechtel Oil Gas and Chemicals, Inc.: (i) the Change Order CO-00076 Supplemental FERC Condition 80 Requirements, dated May 5, 2023, (ii) the Change Order CO-00077 Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Provisional Sum Closure, dated June 16, 2023, (iii) the Change Order CO-00078 Natural Gas Pipeline (NGPL) Security Coordination Provisional Sum Closure, dated June 22, 2023, (iv) the Change Order CO-00079 Insurance Provisional Sum Closure, dated July 27, 2023 and (v) the Change Order Co-00080 Borrowed Items, dated September 6, 2023</a> | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.1    | 11/2/2023   |
| 10.29       | <a href="#">LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated November 21, 2011, between SPL (Seller) and Gas Natural Aproveisionamientos SDG S.A. (subsequently assigned to Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited) (Buyer)</a>   | CQP                              | 8-K  | 10.1    | 11/21/2011  |
| 10.30       | <a href="#">Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated April 3, 2013, between SPL (Seller) and Gas Natural Aproveisionamientos SDG S.A. (subsequently assigned to Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited) (Buyer)</a>  | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.1    | 5/3/2013    |
| 10.31       | <a href="#">Amendment of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 12, 2017, between SPL (Seller) and Gas Natural Fenosa LNG GOM, Limited (assignee of Gas Natural Aproveisionamientos SDG S.A.) (Buyer)</a>  | SPL<br>(SEC File No. 333-215882) | S-4  | 10.3    | 2/3/2017    |
| 10.32       | <a href="#">Letter agreement regarding change from LIBOR to SOFR, dated June 8, 2023, to LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated November 21, 2011, between SPL and Naturgy LNG GOM, Limited (assignee of Gas Natural Aproveisionamientos SDG S.A.), as amended</a>   | CQP                              | 10-Q | 10.8    | 8/3/2023    |
| 10.33       | <a href="#">LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated December 11, 2011, between SPL (Seller) and GAIL (India) Limited (Buyer)</a>  | CQP                              | 8-K  | 10.1    | 12/12/2011  |

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| 10.34       | <a href="#">Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated February 18, 2013, between SPL (Seller) and GAIL (India) Limited (Buyer)</a>   | CQP                           | 10-K   | 10.18   | 2/22/2013   |
| 10.35       | <a href="#">Letter agreement regarding change from LIBOR to SOFR, dated June 16, 2023, to LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated December 11, 2011, between SPL and GAIL (India) Limited, as amended</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.6    | 8/3/2023    |
| 10.36       | <a href="#">Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 25, 2012, between SPL (Seller) and BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC (Buyer)</a>  | CQP                           | 8-K    | 10.1    | 1/26/2012   |
| 10.37       | <a href="#">Letter agreement regarding change from LIBOR to SOFR, dated May 18, 2023, to LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated January 25, 2012, between SPL and BG Gulf Coast LNG, LLC, as amended</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.5    | 8/3/2023    |
| 10.38       | <a href="#">LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated January 30, 2012, between SPL (Seller) and Korea Gas Corporation (Buyer)</a>  | CQP                           | 8-K    | 10.1    | 1/30/2012   |
| 10.39       | <a href="#">Amendment No. 1 of LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated February 18, 2013, between SPL (Seller) and Korea Gas Corporation (Buyer)</a>  | CQP                           | 10-K   | 10.19   | 2/22/2013   |
| 10.40       | <a href="#">Letter agreement regarding change from LIBOR to SOFR, dated June 30, 2023, to LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated January 30, 2012, between SPL and Korea Gas Corporation, as amended</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.7    | 8/3/2023    |
| 10.41       | <a href="#">Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL (Seller) and Cheniere Marketing, LLC (Buyer)</a>   | SPL                           | 8-K    | 10.1    | 8/11/2014   |
| 10.42       | <a href="#">Letter agreement, dated December 8, 2016, amending the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)</a>   | SPL                           | 10-K   | 10.14   | 2/24/2017   |
| 10.43       | <a href="#">Amendment No. 1 of Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement, dated May 3, 2019, by and between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP</a>  | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.1    | 5/9/2019    |
| 10.44       | <a href="#">Letter Agreement, dated August 4, 2021, regarding the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)</a>    | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.2    | 8/5/2021    |
| 10.45       | <a href="#">Letter Agreement, dated November 24, 2021, regarding the Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB), dated August 5, 2014, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP (as assignee of Cheniere Marketing, LLC)</a> | CQP                           | 8-K    | 10.1    | 11/26/2021  |
| 10.46       | <a href="#">Letter agreement regarding change from LIBOR to SOFR, dated June 26, 2023, to Amended and Restated LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (FOB) between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP, dated August 5, 2014, as amended</a>          | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.9    | 8/3/2023    |
| 10.47       | <a href="#">LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (Tourmaline Oil Marketing Corp), dated June 15, 2022, between SPL and Cheniere Marketing International LLP</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.3    | 11/3/2022   |
| 10.48       | <a href="#">Management Services Agreement, dated May 14, 2012, by and between Cheniere Terminals and SPL</a>   | CQP                           | 8-K    | 10.6    | 5/15/2012   |
| 10.49       | <a href="#">Amendment to Management Services Agreement, dated September 28, 2015, between Cheniere Terminals and SPL</a>   | SPL                           | 10-Q/A | 10.8    | 11/9/2015   |

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| 10.50       | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Management Services Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, by and between Cheniere Terminals and SPLNG</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.6    | 11/2/2012   |
| 10.51       | <a href="#">Management Services Agreement, dated May 27, 2013, by and between Cheniere Terminals and CTPL</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.2    | 8/2/2013    |
| 10.52       | <a href="#">Operation and Maintenance Agreement (Sabine Pass Liquefaction Facilities), dated May 14, 2012, by and between Cheniere LNG O&amp;M Services, LLC, Cheniere Partners GP and SPL</a>  | CQP                           | 8-K    | 10.5    | 5/15/2012   |
| 10.53       | <a href="#">Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Sabine Pass Liquefaction O&amp;M Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, by and between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments</a>   | Cheniere Holdings             | S-1/A  | 10.76   | 12/2/2013   |
| 10.54       | <a href="#">Amendment to Operation and Maintenance Agreement (Sabine Pass Liquefaction Facilities), dated September 28, 2015, by and among Cheniere LNG O&amp;M Services, LLC, Cheniere Investments and SPL</a>   | SPL                           | 10-Q/A | 10.7    | 11/9/2015   |
| 10.55       | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Operation and Maintenance Agreement (Sabine Pass LNG Facilities), dated as of August 9, 2012, by and among Cheniere Partners GP, Cheniere LNG O&amp;M Services, LLC, and SPLNG</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.5    | 11/2/2012   |
| 10.56       | <a href="#">Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Sabine Pass LNG O&amp;M Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, by and between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments</a>  | Cheniere Holdings             | S-1/A  | 10.75   | 12/2/2013   |
| 10.57       | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Management and Administrative Services Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, by and between Cheniere Terminals, the Partnership and Cheniere</a>  | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.4    | 11/2/2012   |
| 10.58       | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Operation and Maintenance Services Agreement (Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline), dated May 27, 2013, by and between CTPL and Cheniere Partners GP</a>  | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.1    | 8/2/2013    |
| 10.59       | <a href="#">Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Creole Trail O&amp;M Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments</a>  | Cheniere Holdings             | S-1/A  | 10.74   | 12/2/2013   |
| 10.60       | <a href="#">Cooperative Endeavor Agreement &amp; Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement with eleven Cameron Parish taxing authorities, dated October 23, 2007, by and between Cheniere Marketing, Inc. and SPLNG</a>  | Cheniere                      | 10-Q   | 10.7    | 11/6/2007   |
| 10.61       | <a href="#">Amended and Restated Services and Secondment Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2012, between Cheniere LNG O&amp;M Services, LLC and Cheniere Partners GP</a>   | CQP                           | 10-Q   | 10.3    | 11/2/2012   |
| 10.62       | <a href="#">Assignment and Assumption Agreement (Services and Secondment Agreement), dated as of November 20, 2013, by and between Cheniere Partners GP and Cheniere Investments</a>  | Cheniere Holdings             | S-1/A  | 10.73   | 12/2/2013   |
| 10.63       | <a href="#">Investors' and Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 31, 2012, by and among Cheniere, Cheniere Partners GP, the Partnership, Cheniere Class B Units Holdings, LLC, Blackstone CQP Holdco LP and the other investors party thereto from time to time</a> | CQP                           | 8-K    | 10.1    | 8/6/2012    |
| 21.1*       | <a href="#">Subsidiaries of the Partnership</a>   |                               |        |         |             |
| 22.1*       | <a href="#">List of Issuers and Guarantor Subsidiaries</a>  |                               |        |         |             |
| 23.1*       | <a href="#">Consent of KPMG LLP</a>   |                               |        |         |             |
| 31.1*       | <a href="#">Certification by Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act</a>  |                               |        |         |             |
| 31.2*       | <a href="#">Certification by Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act</a>  |                               |        |         |             |

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| 32.1**      | <a href="#">Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a> |                               |      |         |             |
| 32.2**      | <a href="#">Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</a> |                               |      |         |             |
| 97*         | <a href="#">Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Clawback Policy</a>  |                               |      |         |             |
| 101.INS*    | XBRL Instance Document  |                               |      |         |             |
| 101.SCH*    | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document   |                               |      |         |             |
| 101.CAL*    | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document   |                               |      |         |             |
| 101.DEF*    | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document  |                               |      |         |             |
| 101.LAB*    | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document  |                               |      |         |             |
| 101.PRE*    | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document  |                               |      |         |             |
| 104*        | Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)  |                               |      |         |             |

(1) Exhibits are incorporated by reference to reports of Cheniere (SEC File No. 001-16383), CQP (SEC File No. 001-33366), Cheniere Energy Partners LP Holdings, LLC (“Cheniere Holdings”) (SEC File No. 333-191298), SPL (SEC File No. 333-192373) and SPLNG (SEC File No. 333-138916), as applicable, unless otherwise indicated.

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* Furnished herewith.

† Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

**SCHEDULE I—CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT****CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.****CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****(in millions)**

|   | Year Ended December 31, |          |          |
|---|-------------------------|----------|----------|
|   | 2023                    | 2022     | 2021     |
| Operating costs and expenses  |                         |          |          |
| General and administrative expense  | \$ (4)                  | \$ (4)   | \$ (3)   |
| General and administrative expense—affiliate                                  | (16)                    | (15)     | (14)     |
| Amortization of capitalized interest associated to investment in subsidiaries | (3)                     | (3)      | (3)      |
| Total operating costs and expenses  | (23)                    | (22)     | (20)     |
| Other income (expense)  |                         |          |          |
| Interest expense, net of capitalized interest                                 | (218)                   | (176)    | (199)    |
| Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt                                | —                       | —        | (97)     |
| Other income  | 32                      | 14       | 1        |
| Equity income of subsidiaries   | 4,463                   | 2,682    | 1,946    |
| Total other income  | 4,277                   | 2,520    | 1,651    |
| Net income  | \$ 4,254                | \$ 2,498 | \$ 1,631 |

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

**SCHEDULE I—CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT**

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

**CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS**

(in millions)

|  | December 31,    |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | 2023            | 2022            |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                 |                 |
| Current assets   |                 |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 572          | \$ 899          |
| Trade receivables—affiliates   | 1               | —               |
| Other current assets   | 1               | 1               |
| Total current assets   | 574             | 900             |
| Capitalized interest associated to investment in subsidiaries, net of accumulated amortization | 74              | 75              |
| Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization   | 7               | 3               |
| Investment in subsidiaries   | 4,204           | 1,106           |
| Total assets   | <u>\$ 4,859</u> | <u>\$ 2,084</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT</b>   |                 |                 |
| Current liabilities  |                 |                 |
| Accrued liabilities  | \$ 97           | \$ 53           |
| Due to affiliates  | 4               | 3               |
| Total current liabilities  | 101             | 56              |
| Long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs   | 5,542           | 4,159           |
| Partners' deficit  | (784)           | (2,131)         |
| Total liabilities and partners' deficit  | <u>\$ 4,859</u> | <u>\$ 2,084</u> |

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**SCHEDULE I—CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT**
**CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P.**
**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**
**(in millions)**

|   | Year Ended December 31, |          |          |
|---|-------------------------|----------|----------|
|   | 2023                    | 2022     | 2021     |
| Cash flows provided by operating activities                   | \$ 2,682                | \$ 2,514 | \$ 1,732 |
| Cash flows from investing activities                          |                         |          |          |
| Capitalized interest associated to investment in subsidiaries | (2)                     | (1)      | (1)      |
| Investments in subsidiaries                                   | (1,470)                 | (454)    | (1,009)  |
| Distributions received from subsidiaries                      | —                       | 601      | 403      |
| Payments of financing costs of subsidiary                     | (2)                     | —        | —        |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities           | (1,474)                 | 146      | (607)    |
| Cash flows from financing activities                          |                         |          |          |
| Proceeds from issuance of debt                                | 1,397                   | —        | 2,700    |
| Redemptions and repayments of debt                            | —                       | —        | (2,600)  |
| Debt issuance and other financing costs                       | (25)                    | —        | (35)     |
| Debt extinguishment costs                                     | —                       | —        | (73)     |
| Distributions to owners                                       | (2,907)                 | (2,635)  | (1,451)  |
| Net cash used in financing activities                         | (1,535)                 | (2,635)  | (1,459)  |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents          | (327)                   | 25       | (334)    |
| Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period                 | 899                     | 874      | 1,208    |
| Cash and cash equivalents—end of period                       | \$ 572                  | \$ 899   | \$ 874   |

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**SCHEDULE I—CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF REGISTRANT**

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

**NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1—BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The Condensed Financial Statements represent the financial information required by Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-X 5-04 for CQP.

In the Condensed Financial Statements, CQP's investments in subsidiaries are presented at the net amount attributable to CQP under the equity method of accounting. Under this method, the assets and liabilities of subsidiaries are not consolidated. The investments in net assets of the subsidiaries are recorded on the Condensed Balance Sheets. Our share of net income or loss from operations of the subsidiaries is reported as equity income or loss of subsidiaries. In our Condensed Statements of Cash Flows, we apply the cumulative earnings approach when determining whether distributions received from subsidiaries shall be treated as returns of or returns on investment. Under this approach, all distributions received by CQP are deemed returns on investment and classified as cash inflows from operating activities unless the cumulative distributions received exceed the cumulative equity earnings recognized by CQP, in which the excess distributions received are deemed returns of investment and classified as cash inflows from investing activities.

A substantial amount of CQP's operating, investing and financing activities are conducted by its subsidiaries. The Condensed Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with CQP's Consolidated Financial Statements.

**NOTE 2—DEBT**

Our debt consisted of the following (in millions):

|   | December 31,    |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | 2023            | 2022            |
| Senior notes:   |                 |                 |
| 4.500% due 2029   | \$ 1,500        | \$ 1,500        |
| 4.000% due 2031   | 1,500           | 1,500           |
| 3.25% due 2032  | 1,200           | 1,200           |
| 5.950% due 2033   | 1,400           | —               |
| Total senior notes                                      | 5,600           | 4,200           |
| Credit facilities                                       | —               | —               |
| Revolving credit and guaranty agreement                 | —               | —               |
| Total debt  | 5,600           | 4,200           |
| Unamortized debt issuance costs                         | (58)            | (41)            |
| <b>Total long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs</b> | <b>\$ 5,542</b> | <b>\$ 4,159</b> |

All of our future principal payments that we are obligated to make on our outstanding debt at December 31, 2023 are due 2029 and thereafter.

**NOTE 3—SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

The following table provides supplemental disclosure of cash flow information, excluding any non-cash contributions from affiliates of Cheniere to our subsidiaries for which the contribution passed through us (in millions):

|  | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |
|--|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|  | 2023                    | 2022   | 2021   |
| Cash paid during the period for interest, net of amounts capitalized | \$ 168                  | \$ 163 | \$ 197 |
| Cash distributions from subsidiaries                                 | 2,838                   | 3,282  | 2,349  |



**ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY**

None.



**Description of the Registrant's Securities  
Registered Pursuant to Section 12 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") has one class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended: common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership ("common units").

The following contains a description of the common units, as well as certain related additional information. This description is a summary only and does not purport to be complete. You should read the complete text of the Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership (as may be amended from time to time, the "partnership agreement"), which is filed as an exhibit to this Annual Report on Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMON UNITS**

The holders of common units are entitled to participate in partnership distributions and exercise the rights or privileges available to limited partners under the partnership agreement. Please read "Cash Distributions" and "The Partnership Agreement" below.

**Listing**

The Partnership's outstanding common units are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CQP."

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

*Duties*

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. serves as registrar and transfer agent for the common units. The Partnership pays all fees charged by the transfer agent for transfers of common units, except the following that must be paid by unitholders:

- surety bond premiums to replace lost or stolen certificates, taxes and other governmental charges;
- special charges for services requested by a holder of a common unit; and
- other similar fees or charges.

There is no charge to unitholders for disbursements of the Partnership's cash distributions. The Partnership will indemnify the transfer agent against all claims and losses that may arise out of all actions of the transfer agent or its agents or subcontractors for their activities in that capacity, except for any liability due to any gross negligence or willful misconduct of the transfer agent or its agents or subcontractors.

*Resignation or Removal*

The transfer agent may resign, by notice to the Partnership, or be removed by the Partnership. The resignation or removal of the transfer agent will become effective upon the Partnership's appointment of a successor transfer agent and registrar and its acceptance of the appointment. If no successor has been appointed and has accepted the appointment within 30 days after notice of the resignation or removal, the Partnership's general partner may act as the transfer agent and registrar until a successor is appointed.

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## Transfer of Common Units

No transfers of a common unit will be recorded by the transfer agent or recognized by the Partnership unless the transferee executes and delivers a properly completed transfer application. By executing and delivering a transfer application, the transferee of common units:

- becomes the record holder of common units and is an assignee until admitted into the Partnership as a substituted limited partner;
- requests admission as a substituted limited partner in the partnership;
- executes and agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of the partnership agreement;
- represents that the transferee has the right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity to enter into the partnership agreement;
- grants powers of attorney to the officers of the Partnership's general partner and any liquidator of the Partnership as specified in the partnership agreement; and
- makes the waivers and gives the consents and approvals contained in the partnership agreement.

An assignee will become a substituted limited partner of the Partnership for the transferred common units automatically upon the recording of the transfer on the Partnership's books and records. The Partnership's general partner will cause any unrecorded transfers for which a properly completed and duly executed transfer application has been received to be recorded on the Partnership's books and records no less frequently than quarterly.

A transferee's broker, agent or nominee may, but is not obligated to, complete, execute and deliver a transfer application. The Partnership is entitled to treat the nominee holder of a common unit as the absolute owner. In that case, the beneficial holder's rights are limited solely to those that it has against the nominee holder as a result of any agreement between the beneficial owner and the nominee holder.

Common units are securities and are transferable according to the laws governing transfer of securities. In addition to other rights acquired upon transfer, the transferor gives the transferee the right to request admission as a substituted limited partner in the Partnership for the transferred common units. A purchaser or transferee of common units who does not execute and deliver a properly completed transfer application obtains only:

- the right to negotiate the common units to a purchaser or other transferee; and
- the right to transfer the right to request admission as a substituted limited partner in the Partnership for the transferred common units.

Thus, a purchaser or transferee of common units who does not execute and deliver a properly completed transfer application:

- will not receive cash distributions;
- will not be allocated any of the Partnership's income, gain, deduction, losses or credits for federal income tax or other tax purposes;
- may not receive some federal income tax information or reports furnished to record holders of common units; and
- will have no voting rights;

unless the common units are held in a nominee or "street name" account and the nominee or broker has executed and delivered a transfer application and certification as to itself and any beneficial holders.

The transferor of common units has a duty to provide the transferee with all information that may be necessary to transfer the common units. The transferor does not have a duty to ensure the execution of the transfer application by the transferee and has no liability or responsibility if the transferee neglects or chooses not to execute and

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deliver a properly completed transfer application to the transfer agent. Please read “The Partnership Agreement—Status as Limited Partner or Assignee” below.

Until a common unit has been transferred on the Partnership’s books, the Partnership and the transfer agent may treat the record holder of the unit as the absolute owner for all purposes, except as otherwise required by law or stock exchange regulations.

## **Cash Distributions**

### **Distributions of Available Cash**

#### ***General***

The partnership agreement requires that, within 45 days after the end of each quarter, the Partnership distribute all of the Partnership’s available cash to unitholders of record on the applicable record date. In this section, references to “unitholders” refer to the Partnership’s common unitholders.

#### ***Definition of Available Cash***

Available cash is defined in the partnership agreement, and it generally means, for each fiscal quarter, the sum of all cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of the quarter:

- less the amount of cash reserves established by the Partnership’s general partner to:
  - provide for the proper conduct of the Partnership’s business;
  - comply with applicable law, any of the Partnership’s debt instruments, or other agreements; and
  - provide funds for distributions to the unitholders and to the Partnership’s general partner for any one or more of the next four quarters;
- plus all additional cash and cash equivalents on hand on the date of determination of available cash for the quarter resulting from working capital borrowings made after the end of the quarter. Working capital borrowings are generally borrowings that are made under a credit facility, commercial paper facility or similar financing arrangement, and in all cases are used solely for working capital purposes or to pay distributions to partners and with the intent of the borrower to repay such borrowings within 12 months.

#### ***Initial Quarterly Distribution***

The Partnership will distribute to the holders of common units on a quarterly basis at least the initial quarterly distribution rate of \$0.425 per unit, or \$1.70 per year, to the extent that the Partnership has sufficient cash from the Partnership’s operations after establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to the Partnership’s general partner. However, there is no guarantee that the Partnership will pay the quarterly distribution on the units at the initial quarterly distribution rate in any quarter. Even if the Partnership’s cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions paid under the Partnership’s policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by the Partnership’s general partner, taking into consideration the terms of the partnership agreement.

#### ***General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights***

The Partnership’s general partner is currently entitled to 2% of all quarterly distributions that the Partnership makes prior to the Partnership’s liquidation. The Partnership’s general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute a proportionate amount of capital to the Partnership to maintain its current general partner interest. The general partner’s 2% interest in these distributions may be reduced if the Partnership issues additional units in the future and the Partnership’s general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to the Partnership to maintain its 2% general partner interest.

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The Partnership's general partner also currently holds incentive distribution rights that entitle it to receive increasing percentages, up to a maximum of 50%, of the cash that the Partnership distributes from operating surplus (as defined below) in excess of \$0.489 per unit per quarter. Please see "— Incentive Distribution Rights" for additional information.

## **Operating Surplus and Capital Surplus**

### ***Overview***

All cash distributed to unitholders will be characterized as either "operating surplus" or "capital surplus." The Partnership treats distributions of available cash from operating surplus differently than distributions of available cash from capital surplus.

### ***Definition of Operating Surplus***

Operating surplus is defined in the partnership agreement, and for any period it generally means:

- \$30 million (as described below); plus
- all of the Partnership's cash receipts, excluding cash from:
  - borrowings that are not working capital borrowings,
  - sales of equity securities and debt securities,
  - sales or other dispositions of assets outside the ordinary course of business,
  - the termination of commodity hedge contracts or interest rate swap agreements prior to the termination date specified therein,
  - capital contributions received, and
  - corporate reorganizations or restructurings; plus
- working capital borrowings made after the end of a quarter but on or before the date of determination of operating surplus for the quarter; plus
- cash distributions paid on equity issued in connection with the construction or development of a capital improvement or replacement asset during the period beginning on the date that the Partnership enters into a binding commitment to commence the construction or development of such capital improvement or replacement asset and ending on the earlier to occur of the date the capital improvement or replacement asset is placed into service and the date that it is abandoned or disposed of; less
- all of the Partnership's operating expenditures (as defined below); less
- the amount of cash reserves established by the Partnership's general partner to provide funds for future operating expenditures; less
- all working capital borrowings not repaid within twelve months after having been incurred or repaid within such twelve-month period with the proceeds of additional working capital borrowings.

If a working capital borrowing, which increases operating surplus, is not repaid during the twelve-month period following the borrowing, it will be deemed repaid at the end of such period, thus decreasing operating surplus at such time. When such working capital is in fact repaid, it will not be treated as a reduction in operating surplus because operating surplus will have been previously reduced by the deemed repayment.

Operating expenditures is defined in the partnership agreement, and it generally means all of the Partnership's expenditures, including, but not limited to, taxes, payments to the Partnership's general partner, reimbursements of expenses incurred by the Partnership's general partner on the Partnership's behalf, non-pro rata repurchases of units, repayment of working capital borrowings, debt service payments, interest payments, payments made in the

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ordinary course of business under commodity hedge contracts and maintenance capital expenditures, provided that operating expenditures will not include, among others, the following:

- repayment of working capital borrowings deducted from operating surplus pursuant to the last bullet point of the definition of operating surplus above when such repayment actually occurs;
- payments (including prepayments) of principal of and premium on indebtedness other than working capital borrowings;
- expansion capital expenditures;
- investment capital expenditures;
- payment of transaction expenses (including taxes) relating to interim capital transactions;
- distributions to the Partnership's partners;
- non-pro rata repurchases of units of any class made with the proceeds of an interim capital transaction (as defined below); and
- cash expenditures made to acquire, own, operate or maintain the operating capacity of Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P. prior to August 1, 2017.

### *Capital Expenditures*

Maintenance capital expenditures are those capital expenditures required to maintain, including over the long-term, the Partnership's operating capacity or asset base. Maintenance capital expenditures include interest (and related fees) on debt incurred and distributions on equity issued to finance the construction or development of a replacement asset during the period from the date the Partnership enters into a binding obligation to commence constructing or developing a replacement asset until the earlier to occur of the date any such replacement asset is placed into service and the date that it is abandoned or disposed.

Expansion capital expenditures are those capital expenditures that the Partnership expects will increase the Partnership's operating capacity or asset base. Expansion capital expenditures include interest (and related fees) on debt incurred and distributions on equity issued to finance the construction or development of a capital improvement during the period from the date the Partnership enters into a binding commitment to commence construction or development of a capital improvement until the earlier to occur of the date any such capital improvement is placed into service and the date that it is abandoned or disposed.

Investment capital expenditures are those capital expenditures that are neither maintenance capital expenditures nor expansion capital expenditures. Examples of investment capital expenditures include traditional capital expenditures for investment purposes, such as purchases of securities, as well as other capital expenditures that might be made in lieu of such traditional investment capital expenditures, such as the acquisition of a capital asset for investment purposes, but which is not expected to expand the Partnership's asset base for more than the short-term.

Neither investment capital expenditures nor expansion capital expenditures are subtracted from operating surplus. Because maintenance capital expenditures and expansion capital expenditures include interest payments (and related fees) on debt incurred and distributions on equity issued to finance the construction or development of a capital improvement or replacement asset during the period from such financing until the earlier to occur of the date any such capital improvement or replacement asset is placed into service or the date that it is abandoned or disposed, such interest payments and equity distributions are also not subtracted from operating surplus (except, in the case of maintenance capital expenditures, to the extent such interest payments and distributions are included in maintenance capital expenditures).

Capital expenditures that are made in part for maintenance capital purposes and in part for investment capital or expansion capital purposes will be allocated as maintenance capital expenditures, investment capital expenditures or expansion capital expenditures by the Partnership's general partner, based upon its good faith determination, subject to concurrence by the Partnership's general partner's conflicts committee.

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### ***Definition of Capital Surplus***

Capital surplus is defined in the partnership agreement and is described in “—Characterization of Cash Distributions” below, and it will generally be generated only by the following, which the Partnership calls “interim capital transactions:”

- borrowings other than working capital borrowings;
- sales of debt and equity securities;
- sales or other dispositions of assets for cash, other than inventory, accounts receivable and other assets sold in the ordinary course of business or as part of normal retirements or replacements of assets;
- the termination of commodity hedge contracts or interest rate swap agreements prior to the termination date specified therein;
- capital contributions received; and
- corporate reorganizations or restructurings.

### ***Characterization of Cash Distributions***

The partnership agreement requires that the Partnership treat all available cash distributed as coming from operating surplus until the sum of all available cash distributed since the Partnership began operations equals the operating surplus as of the most recent date of determination of available cash. The Partnership will treat any amount distributed in excess of operating surplus, regardless of its source, as capital surplus. As reflected above, operating surplus includes a \$30 million “basket.” This amount does not reflect actual cash on hand that is available for distribution to the unitholders. It is instead a provision that enables the Partnership, if the Partnership chooses, to distribute as operating surplus up to \$30 million of cash that the Partnership may receive from interim capital transactions that would otherwise be distributed as capital surplus. The Partnership does not anticipate that the Partnership will make any distributions from capital surplus.

### ***Definition of Adjusted Operating Surplus***

Adjusted operating surplus is defined in the partnership agreement, and for any period, it generally means:

- operating surplus generated with respect to that period; less
- any net increase in working capital borrowings with respect to that period; less
- any net reduction in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period not relating to an operating expenditure made with respect to that period; plus
- any net decrease in working capital borrowings with respect to that period; plus
- any net increase in cash reserves for operating expenditures with respect to that period required by any debt instrument for the repayment of principal, interest or premium.

Adjusted operating surplus is intended to reflect the cash generated from operations during a particular period and therefore excludes the \$30 million operating surplus “basket,” net increases in working capital borrowings, net drawdowns of reserves of cash generated in prior periods.

### ***Definition of Contracted Adjusted Operating Surplus***

Contracted adjusted operating surplus is defined in the partnership agreement and it generally means:

- adjusted operating surplus derived solely from liquefied natural gas sale and purchase agreements (“SPAs”) and terminal use agreements, in each case, with a minimum term of three years with counterparties who are not affiliates of Cheniere Energy, Inc. (“Cheniere”); and
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- excludes revenues and expenses attributable to the portion of payments made under the SPAs related to the final settlement price for the New York Mercantile Exchange's Henry Hub natural gas futures contract for the month in which the relevant cargo's delivery window is scheduled.

### **Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus**

The Partnership will make distributions of available cash from operating surplus for any quarter in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership distributes for each outstanding unit an amount equal to the initial quarterly distribution for that quarter; and
- *Thereafter*, in the manner described in "—Incentive Distribution Rights" below.

The preceding discussion is based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

### **Incentive Distribution Rights**

Incentive distribution rights represent the right to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the initial quarterly distribution. The Partnership's general partner currently holds the incentive distribution rights but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest, subject to restrictions in the partnership agreement.

If for any quarter, the Partnership has distributed available cash from operating surplus to the unitholders in an amount equal to the initial quarterly distribution, then the Partnership will distribute any additional available cash from operating surplus for that quarter among the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.489 per unit for that quarter (the "first target distribution");
- *Second*, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the Partnership's general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.531 per unit for that quarter (the "second target distribution");
- *Third*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the Partnership's general partner, until each unitholder receives a total of \$0.638 per unit for that quarter (the "third target distribution"); and
- *Thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the Partnership's general partner.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Partnership distributes available cash from operating surplus as a result of the refinancing of the Partnership's indebtedness for borrowed money, then the holder of the incentive distribution rights will not be entitled to any such distributions with respect thereto.

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## Percentage Allocations of Available Cash from Operating Surplus

The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of the additional available cash from operating surplus between the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner up to the various target distribution levels. The amounts set forth under "Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions" are the percentage interests of the Partnership's general partner and the unitholders in any available cash from operating surplus that the Partnership distributes up to and including the corresponding amount in the column "Total Quarterly Distribution," until available cash from operating surplus that the Partnership distributes reaches the next target distribution level, if any. The percentage interests shown for the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner for the initial quarterly distribution are also applicable to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the initial quarterly distribution. The percentage interests set forth below for the Partnership's general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights.

|                                | <u>Total Quarterly Distribution</u> | <u>Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions</u> |                        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
|                                | <u>Target Amount</u>                | <u>Common Unitholders</u>                            | <u>General Partner</u> |
| Initial quarterly distribution | \$0.425                             | 98%  | 2%                     |
| First Target Distribution      | above \$0.425 up to \$0.489         | 98%  | 2%                     |
| Second Target Distribution     | above \$0.489 up to \$0.531         | 85%  | 15%                    |
| Third Target Distribution      | above \$0.531 up to \$0.638         | 75%  | 25%                    |
| Thereafter                     | above \$0.638                       | 50%  | 50%                    |

## Distributions from Capital Surplus

### *How Distributions from Capital Surplus Will Be Made*

The Partnership will make distributions of available cash from capital surplus, if any, in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership distributes for each common unit that was issued in the Partnership's initial public offering an amount of available cash from capital surplus equal to the initial public offering price; and
- *Thereafter*, the Partnership will make all distributions of available cash from capital surplus as if they were from operating surplus.

The preceding discussion is based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

### *Effect of a Distribution from Capital Surplus*

The partnership agreement treats a distribution of capital surplus as the repayment of the initial unit price from the Partnership's initial public offering, which is a return of capital. The initial public offering price less any distributions of capital surplus per unit is referred to as the "unrecovered initial unit price." Each time a distribution of capital surplus is made, the initial quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels will be reduced in the same proportion as the corresponding reduction in the unrecovered initial unit price. Because distributions of capital surplus will reduce the initial quarterly distribution, after any of these distributions are made, it may be easier for the Partnership's general partner to receive incentive distributions. However, any distribution of capital surplus before the unrecovered initial unit price is reduced to zero cannot be applied to the payment of the initial quarterly distribution.

Once the Partnership distributes capital surplus on a unit in an amount equal to the initial unit price, the Partnership will reduce the initial quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels to zero. The Partnership will then make all future distributions from operating surplus, with 50% being paid to the unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the Partnership's general partner. The percentage interests shown for the Partnership's general partner include its 2% general partner interest and assume that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights.

#### **Adjustment to the Initial Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels**

In addition to adjusting the initial quarterly distribution and target distribution levels to reflect a distribution of capital surplus, if the Partnership combines the Partnership's units into fewer units or subdivides the Partnership's units into a greater number of units, the Partnership will proportionately adjust:

- the initial quarterly distribution;
- the target distribution levels; and
- the unrecovered initial unit price.
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For example, if a two-for-one split of the common units should occur, the initial quarterly distribution, the target distribution levels and the unrecovered initial unit price would each be reduced to 50% of its initial level. The Partnership will not make any adjustment by reason of the issuance of additional units for cash or property.

In addition, if legislation is enacted or if existing law is modified or interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction so that the Partnership becomes taxable as a corporation or otherwise subjecting the Partnership to a material amount of entity level taxation for federal, state or local income tax purposes, the Partnership's general partner may reduce the initial quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels for each quarter by multiplying each distribution level by a fraction, the numerator of which is available cash for that quarter (after deducting the Partnership's general partner's estimate of the Partnership's aggregate liability for the quarter for such income taxes payable by reason of such legislation or interpretation) and the denominator of which is the sum of available cash for that quarter plus the Partnership's general partner's estimate of the Partnership's aggregate liability for the quarter for such income taxes payable by reason of such legislation or interpretation. To the extent that the actual tax liability differs from the estimated tax liability for any quarter, the difference will be accounted for in subsequent quarters.

#### **Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation**

##### ***General***

If the Partnership dissolves in accordance with the partnership agreement, the Partnership will sell or otherwise dispose of the Partnership's assets in a process called liquidation. The Partnership will first apply the proceeds of liquidation to the payment of the Partnership's creditors. The Partnership will distribute any remaining proceeds to the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner in accordance with their capital account balances, as adjusted below to reflect any income, gain, loss and deduction for the current period and gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of the Partnership's assets in liquidation.

##### ***Manner of Adjustments for Gain***

The manner of the adjustment for gain is set forth in the partnership agreement. Upon the Partnership's liquidation, the Partnership will then allocate any remaining gain to the partners in the following manner:

- *First*, to the general partner and the holders of units who have negative balances in their capital accounts to the extent of and in proportion to those negative balances;
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- *Second*, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the capital account for each common unit is equal to the sum of:
  - (1) the unrecovered initial unit price; and
  - (2) the amount of the initial quarterly distribution for the quarter during which the Partnership's liquidation occurs;
- *Third*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership allocates under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to:
  - (1) the sum of the excess of the first target distribution per unit over the initial quarterly distribution per unit for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; less
  - (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the initial quarterly distribution per unit that the Partnership distributed 98% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, for each quarter of the Partnership's existence;
- *Fourth*, 85% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership allocates under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to:
  - (1) the sum of the excess of the second target distribution per unit over the first target distribution per unit for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; less
  - (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the first target distribution per unit that the Partnership distributed 85% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 15% to the Partnership's general partner for each quarter of the Partnership's existence;
- *Fifth*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the Partnership's general partner, until the Partnership allocates under this paragraph an amount per unit equal to:
  - (1) the sum of the excess of the third target distribution per unit over the second target distribution per unit for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; less
  - (2) the cumulative amount per unit of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus in excess of the second target distribution per unit that the Partnership distributed 75% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 25% to the Partnership's general partner for each quarter of the Partnership's existence; and
- *Thereafter*, 50% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 50% to the Partnership's general partner.

If the allocations described above would result in the common unitholders not being entitled to receive, in the aggregate, an amount equal to 3% of the Partnership's assets available for distribution to the Partnership's partners upon any dissolution and winding up of the Partnership (the "common minimum allocation"), items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be reallocated to cause the capital accounts of the common unitholders to equal, in the aggregate, the common minimum allocation. The percentages set forth above are based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and has not transferred its incentive distribution rights and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

#### ***Manner of Adjustments for Losses***

Upon the Partnership's liquidation, the Partnership will generally allocate any loss to the Partnership's general partner and the unitholders in the following manner:

- *First*, 98% to the holders of common units in proportion to the positive balances in their capital accounts and 2% to the Partnership's general partner, until the capital accounts of the common unitholders have been reduced to zero; and
- *Thereafter*, 100% to the Partnership's general partner.

The 2% interest set forth in the first bullet point above for the Partnership's general partner is based on the assumptions that the Partnership's general partner maintains its 2% general partner interest and that the Partnership does not issue additional classes of equity securities.

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### *Adjustments to Capital Accounts*

The Partnership will make adjustments to capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units. In the event of an issuance of additional units, the Partnership will allocate any unrealized and, for tax purposes, unrecognized gain or loss resulting from the adjustments to the unitholders and the Partnership's general partner in the same manner as the Partnership allocates gain or loss upon liquidation. In the event that the Partnership makes positive adjustments to the capital accounts upon the issuance of additional units, the Partnership will allocate any later negative adjustments to the capital accounts resulting from the issuance of additional units or upon the Partnership's liquidation in a manner which results, to the extent possible, in the Partnership's general partner's capital account balances equaling the amount which they would have been if no earlier positive adjustments to the capital accounts had been made.

## **THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the partnership agreement.

### **Organization and Duration**

The Partnership was organized on November 21, 2006 and has a perpetual existence.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Partnership under the partnership agreement is to engage in, directly or indirectly, any business activity that is approved by the Partnership's general partner and in any event that lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized under Delaware law; provided, that the Partnership's general partner may not cause the Partnership to engage, directly or indirectly, in any business activity that the Partnership's general partner determines would cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes. Any decision by the Partnership's general partner to cause the Partnership or its subsidiaries to engage in activities will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be free from any fiduciary or other duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of the Partnership and the Partnership's limited partners. In general, the Partnership's general partner is authorized to perform all acts it determines to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the Partnership's purposes and to conduct the Partnership's business.

### **Power of Attorney**

Each limited partner and each person who acquires a common unit from a unitholder and executes and delivers a transfer application grants to the Partnership's general partner and, if appointed, a liquidator, a power of attorney to, among other things, execute and file documents required for the Partnership's qualification, continuance or dissolution. The power of attorney also grants the Partnership's general partner the authority under certain circumstances to amend, and to make consents and waivers under, the partnership agreement.

### **Capital Contributions**

Unitholders are not obligated to make additional capital contributions, except as described below under "—Limited Liability."

### **Voting Rights**

The approval of specified matters requires the limited partner vote specified below. Various matters require the approval of a "unit majority," which means the approval of a majority of the outstanding common units.

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In voting their common units, the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates will have no fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of the Partnership and the Partnership's limited partners.

The following is a summary of the vote requirements specified for certain matters under the partnership agreement:

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| Amendment of the partnership agreement  | Certain amendments may be made by the general partner without the approval of the limited partners. Other amendments generally require the approval of a unit majority. Please read "—Amendment of the Partnership Agreement."   |
| Merger or conversion of the Partnership or the sale of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets | Unit majority in certain circumstances. Please read "—Merger, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets."  |
| Dissolution of the Partnership  | Unit majority. Please read "—Termination and Dissolution."   |
| Continuation of the Partnership upon dissolution  | Unit majority. Please read "—Termination and Dissolution."   |
| Withdrawal of the Partnership's general partner   | The Partnership's general partner may withdraw as general partner without first obtaining approval of any unitholder by giving 90 days' written notice. Please read "—Withdrawal or Removal of The Partnership's General Partner."   |
| Removal of the Partnership's general partner  | Not less than 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding common units, including common units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. Please read "—Withdrawal or Removal of the Partnership's General Partner."  |
| Transfer of the Partnership's general partner interest  | The Partnership's general partner may transfer all, but not less than all, of its general partner interest in the Partnership, without a vote of the Partnership's limited partners, to an affiliate or to another person in connection with its merger or consolidation with or into, or sale of all or substantially all of its assets to, such person. Please read "—Transfer of General Partner Interest." |
| Transfer of incentive distribution rights   | The holder of the incentive distribution rights may transfer the incentive distribution rights to a third party without the approval of any unitholder. Please read "—Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights."  |
| Transfer of ownership interests in the Partnership's general partner  | No approval required at any time. Please read "—Transfer of Ownership Interests in the Partnership's General Partner."   |

### **Limited Liability**

Assuming that a limited partner does not participate in the control of the Partnership's business within the meaning of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (the "Delaware Act") and that it otherwise acts in conformity with the provisions of the partnership agreement, its liability under the Delaware Act will be limited, subject to possible exceptions, to the amount of capital that it is obligated to contribute to the Partnership for its limited partner interests plus its share of any undistributed profits and assets. If it were determined, however, that the right of, or exercise of the right by, the limited partners as a group:

- to remove or replace the Partnership's general partner,
  - to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement, or
  - to take other action under the partnership agreement
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constituted “participation in the control” of the Partnership’s business for the purposes of the Delaware Act, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for the Partnership’s obligations under the laws of Delaware to the same extent as the Partnership’s general partner. This liability would extend to persons who transact business with the Partnership who reasonably believe that the limited partner is a general partner. Neither the partnership agreement nor the Delaware Act specifically provides for legal recourse against the Partnership’s general partner if a limited partner were to lose limited liability through any fault of the Partnership’s general partner. While this does not mean that a limited partner could not seek legal recourse, the Partnership knows of no precedent for such a claim in Delaware case law.

Under the Delaware Act, a limited partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if, after the distribution, all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware Act provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited will be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds the nonrecourse liability. The Delaware Act provides that a limited partner who receives a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware Act will be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. Under the Delaware Act, an assignee who becomes a substituted limited partner of a limited partnership is liable for the obligations of his assignor to make contributions to the partnership, except the assignee is not obligated for liabilities unknown to him at the time he became a limited partner and that could not be ascertained from the partnership agreement.

The Partnership conducts business in multiple jurisdictions. Limitations on the liability of limited partners for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in many jurisdictions. Maintenance of the Partnership’s limited liability may require compliance with legal requirements in the jurisdictions in which Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC conducts business, including qualifying its subsidiaries to do business there. If, by virtue of the Partnership’s membership interest in Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC or otherwise, it were determined that the Partnership were conducting business in any state without compliance with the applicable limited partnership statute, or that the right of, or exercise of the right, by the limited partners as a group, to remove or replace the Partnership’s general partner, to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement, or to take other action under the partnership agreement constituted “participation in the control” of the Partnership’s business for purposes of the statutes of any relevant jurisdiction, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for the Partnership’s obligations under the law of that jurisdiction to the same extent as the Partnership’s general partner under the circumstances. The Partnership will operate in a manner that the Partnership’s general partner considers reasonable and necessary or appropriate to preserve the limited liability of the limited partners.

#### **Issuance of Additional Securities**

The partnership agreement authorizes the Partnership to issue an unlimited number of additional partnership securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions determined by the Partnership’s general partner.

It is possible that the Partnership will fund acquisitions and capital expenditures through the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities. Holders of any additional common units that the Partnership issues will be entitled to share equally with the then-existing holders of common units in the Partnership’s distributions of available cash. In addition, the issuance of additional common units or other partnership securities may dilute the value of the interests of the then-existing holders of common units in the Partnership’s net assets.

In accordance with Delaware law and the provisions of the partnership agreement, the Partnership may also issue additional partnership securities that, as determined by the Partnership’s general partner, have special voting

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rights to which the common units are not entitled. In addition, the partnership agreement does not prohibit the issuance by the Partnership's subsidiaries of equity securities, which may effectively rank senior to the common units.

Upon issuance of additional partnership securities, the Partnership's general partner will have the right, but not the obligation, to make additional capital contributions to the extent necessary to maintain its 2% general partner interest in the Partnership. The Partnership's general partner's 2% interest in the Partnership will thus be reduced if the Partnership issues additional partnership securities in the future and the Partnership's general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to the Partnership to maintain its 2% general partner interest. In addition, the Partnership's general partner will have the right, which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates, to purchase common units or other partnership securities to the extent necessary to maintain its and its affiliates' percentage interest in the Partnership, whenever, and on the same terms that, the Partnership issues those securities to persons other than the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. The holders of common units will not have preemptive rights to acquire additional common units or other partnership securities.

## **Amendment of the Partnership Agreement**

### ***General***

Amendments to the partnership agreement may be proposed only by the Partnership's general partner. However, the Partnership's general partner will have no duty or obligation to propose any amendment and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interests of the Partnership or the limited partners. In order to adopt a proposed amendment, other than the amendments discussed below, the Partnership's general partner must seek written approval of the holders of the number of units required to approve the amendment or call a meeting of the limited partners to consider and vote upon the proposed amendment. Except as described below, an amendment must be approved by a unit majority.

### ***Prohibited Amendments***

No amendment may:

- (1) enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, unless approved by at least a majority of the type or class of limited partner interests so affected; or
- (2) enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by the Partnership to the Partnership's general partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of the Partnership's general partner, which may be given or withheld at its option.

The provision of the partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in clauses (1) and (2) above can be amended upon the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding limited partner units, voting together as a single class (including units owned by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates).

### ***No Limited Partner Approval***

The Partnership's general partner may generally make amendments to the partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee to reflect:

- a change in the name of the Partnership, the location of the principal place of business of the Partnership, the registered agent or the registered office of the Partnership;
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- the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of partners in accordance with the partnership agreement;
- a change that the Partnership’s general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the Partnership to qualify or to continue the Partnership’s qualification as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that the Partnership and its subsidiaries will not be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;
- an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of counsel to the Partnership, to prevent the Partnership or the Partnership’s general partner or its directors, officers, trustees or agents from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, as amended, or “plan asset” regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed;
- an amendment that the Partnership’s general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the creation, authorization or issuance of additional partnership securities;
- any amendment expressly permitted in the partnership agreement to be made by the Partnership’s general partner acting alone;
- an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a merger agreement that has been approved under the terms of the partnership agreement;
- any amendment that the Partnership’s general partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect and account for the Partnership’s formation of, or its investment in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, as otherwise permitted by the partnership agreement;
- a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership and related changes;
- mergers with or conveyances to another limited liability entity that is newly formed and has no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of the merger or conveyance other than those that it receives by way of the merger or conveyance; or
- any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described above.

In addition, the Partnership’s general partner may make amendments to the partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee if the Partnership’s general partner determines that those amendments:

- do not adversely affect in any material respect the limited partners considered as a whole or any particular class of limited partners;
- are necessary or appropriate to satisfy any requirements, conditions, or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling, or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute;
- a. are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the trading of limited partner interests or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any securities exchange on which the limited partner interests are or will be listed for trading;
- are necessary or appropriate for any action taken by the Partnership’s general partner relating to splits or combinations of units under the provisions of the partnership agreement; or
- are required to effect the intent of the provisions of the partnership agreement or are otherwise contemplated by the partnership agreement.

***Opinion of Counsel and Limited Partner Approval***

The Partnership’s general partner will not be required to obtain an opinion of counsel that an amendment will not result in a loss of limited liability to the limited partners or result in the Partnership being treated as an entity for federal income tax purposes in connection with any of the amendments described under “—No Limited Partner Approval.” No other amendments to the partnership agreement will become effective without the approval of holders of at least 90% of the outstanding limited partner units voting as a single class unless the Partnership first

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obtains an opinion of counsel to the effect that the amendment will not affect the limited liability under Delaware law of any of its limited partners.

In addition to the above restrictions, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any type or class of outstanding units in relation to other classes of units will require the approval of at least a majority of the type or class of units so affected. Any amendment that reduces the voting percentage required to take any action must be approved by the affirmative vote of limited partners whose aggregate outstanding units constitute not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

#### **Merger, Conversion, Sale or Other Disposition of Assets**

A merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership requires the prior consent of the Partnership's general partner. However, the Partnership's general partner will have no duty or obligation to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion and may decline to do so free of any fiduciary duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or the limited partners, including any duty to act in good faith or in the best interest of the Partnership or the limited partners.

In addition, the partnership agreement generally prohibits the Partnership's general partner, without the prior approval of the holders of units representing a unit majority, from causing the Partnership to, among other things, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, including by way of merger, consolidation, other combination, or sale of ownership interests of its subsidiaries. The Partnership's general partner may, however, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets without that approval. The Partnership's general partner may also sell all or substantially all of the Partnership's assets under a foreclosure or other realization upon those encumbrances without that approval.

The Partnership's general partner may consummate any merger without the prior approval of the Partnership's limited partners if the Partnership is the surviving entity in the transaction, the transaction would not result in a material amendment to the partnership agreement, each of the Partnership's units will be an identical unit of the Partnership following the transaction, the units to be issued do not exceed 20% of the Partnership's outstanding units immediately prior to the transaction and the Partnership's general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding certain limited liability and tax matters.

If the conditions specified in the partnership agreement are satisfied, the Partnership's general partner may convert the Partnership or any of its subsidiaries into a new limited liability entity or merge the Partnership or any of its subsidiaries into, or convey all of the Partnership's assets to, a newly formed entity if the Partnership's general partner has received an opinion of counsel regarding certain limited liability and tax matters, the sole purpose of that conversion, merger or conveyance is to effect a mere change in the Partnership's legal form into another limited liability entity and the governing instruments of the new entity provide the Partnership's partners with the same rights and obligations contained in the partnership agreement. The limited partners are not entitled to dissenters' rights of appraisal under the partnership agreement or applicable Delaware law in the event of a conversion, merger or consolidation, a sale of substantially all of the Partnership's assets or any other transaction or event.

#### **Termination and Dissolution**

The Partnership will continue as a limited partnership until terminated under the partnership agreement. The Partnership will dissolve upon:

- (1) the election of the Partnership's general partner to dissolve the Partnership, if approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority;
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- (2) at any time there are no limited partners, unless the partnership is continued without dissolution in accordance with the Delaware Act;
- (3) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act; or
- (4) the withdrawal or removal of the Partnership's general partner or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the Partnership's general partner other than by reason of a transfer of its general partner interest in accordance with the partnership agreement.

Upon a dissolution under clause (4), the holders of a unit majority may also elect, within 90 days thereafter if the Partnership's general partner withdraws or is removed and otherwise within 180 days thereafter, to reconstitute the Partnership and continue the Partnership's business on the same terms and conditions described in the partnership agreement by appointing as general partner an entity approved by the holders of units representing a unit majority, subject to the Partnership's receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that:

- the action would not result in the loss of limited liability under Delaware law of any limited partner; and
- neither the Partnership nor any of its subsidiaries would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of that right to continue (to the extent not already so treated or taxed).

### **Liquidation and Distribution of Proceeds**

Upon the Partnership's dissolution, unless the Partnership is reconstituted and continued as a new limited partnership, the liquidator authorized to wind up the Partnership's affairs will, acting with all of the powers of the Partnership's general partner that are necessary or appropriate, liquidate the Partnership's assets and apply the proceeds of the liquidation as described in "Cash Distributions—Distributions of Cash Upon Liquidation." The liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of the Partnership's assets for a reasonable period of time or distribute assets to partners in kind if it determines that an immediate sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partnership's partners.

### **Withdrawal or Removal of the Partnership's General Partner**

The Partnership's general partner may withdraw as general partner, without first obtaining approval of any unitholder, by giving 90 days' written notice, and such withdrawal will not constitute a violation of the partnership agreement. In addition, the partnership agreement permits the Partnership's general partner in some instances to sell or otherwise transfer all of its general partner interest in the Partnership without the approval of the limited partners. As of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Partnership's general partner has not withdrawn. Please read "—Transfer of General Partner Interest" and "—Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights."

Upon withdrawal of the Partnership's general partner under any circumstances, other than as a result of a transfer by the Partnership's general partner of all or a part of its general partner interest in the Partnership, the holders of a unit majority may select a successor to that withdrawing general partner. If a successor is not elected, or is elected but an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters cannot be obtained, the Partnership will be dissolved, wound up and liquidated, unless within a specified period of time after that withdrawal, the holders of a unit majority agree in writing to continue the Partnership's business and to appoint a successor general partner. Please read "—Termination and Dissolution."

The Partnership's general partner may not be removed unless that removal is approved by the vote of the holders of not less than 66 2/3% of the outstanding common units, including units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. Any removal of the Partnership's general partner is also subject to the approval of a successor general partner by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units, including units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates. The ownership of more than 33 1/3% of the

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outstanding common units by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates would give them the practical ability to prevent the Partnership's general partner's removal.

The partnership agreement also provides that if the Partnership's general partner is removed as the Partnership's general partner under circumstances where cause does not exist and no units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates are voted in favor of that removal, the Partnership's general partner will have the right to convert its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of the interests at the time.

In the event of removal of the Partnership's general partner under circumstances where cause exists, or withdrawal of the Partnership's general partner where that withdrawal violates the partnership agreement, a successor general partner will have the option to purchase the general partner interest and incentive distribution rights of the departing general partner for a cash payment equal to the fair market value of those interests. Under all other circumstances where the Partnership's general partner withdraws or is removed by the limited partners, the departing general partner will have the option to require the successor general partner to purchase the general partner interest of the departing general partner and its incentive distribution rights for their fair market value. In each case, this fair market value will be determined by agreement between the departing general partner and the successor general partner. If no agreement is reached, an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert selected by the departing general partner and the successor general partner will determine the fair market value, or, if the departing general partner and the successor general partner cannot agree upon an expert, then an expert chosen by agreement of the experts selected by each of them will determine the fair market value.

If the option described above is not exercised by either the departing general partner or the successor general partner, the departing general partner will become a limited partner and the departing general partner's general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights will automatically convert into common units equal to the fair market value of those interests as determined by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected in the manner described in the preceding paragraph.

In addition, the Partnership will be required to reimburse the departing general partner for all amounts due to it, including, without limitation, all employee-related liabilities, including severance liabilities, incurred for the termination of any employees employed by the departing general partner or its affiliates for the Partnership's benefit.

#### **Transfer of General Partner Interest**

The Partnership's general partner may transfer the general partner interest without the approval of any holder of any series or class of units. As a condition of this transfer, the transferee must, among other things, assume the rights and duties of the Partnership's general partner, agree to be bound by the provisions of the partnership agreement and furnish an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters.

The Partnership's general partner and its affiliates may at any time transfer limited partner interests to one or more persons, without unitholder approval.

#### **Transfer of Ownership Interests in the Partnership's General Partner**

At any time, the owners of the Partnership's general partner may sell or transfer all or part of their ownership interests in the Partnership's general partner to an affiliate or a third party without the approval of the unitholders.

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### **Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights**

The Partnership's general partner, its affiliates or a subsequent holder may transfer their incentive distribution rights without the prior approval of the unitholders as long as the transferee agrees to be bound by the partnership agreement.

### **Anti-Takeover Provisions**

The partnership agreement contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to remove Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC as the Partnership's general partner or otherwise change management. If any person or group, other than the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates, acquires beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units, that person or group loses voting rights on all of its units. This loss of voting rights does not apply to any person or group that acquires the units from the Partnership's general partner or its affiliates and any transferees of that person or group approved by the Partnership's general partner provided that the Partnership's general partner has notified such transferees in writing that the loss of voting rights will not apply, or to any person or group who acquires the units with the prior approval of the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner.

The partnership agreement provides that if the Partnership's general partner is removed without cause and no units held by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates are voted in favor of that removal, the Partnership's general partner will have the right to convert its general partner interest and its incentive distribution rights into common units or to receive cash in exchange for those interests based on the fair market value of the interests at the time.

The partnership agreement also contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to take control of the Partnership without the approval of the Partnership's general partner. Specifically, the partnership agreement provides that the Partnership has elected to have Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL, apply to transactions in which an interested unitholder (as described below) seeks to enter into a business combination with the Partnership. Under this provision, such a holder will not be permitted to enter into a business combination with the Partnership for a period of three years following the time that the unitholder became an interested unitholder unless:

- prior to the time the unitholder becomes an interested unitholder, the Partnership's general partner approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the unitholder becoming an interested unitholder;
  - upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the unitholder's becoming an interested unitholder, the interested unitholder owned at least 85% of the Partnership's outstanding limited partner units at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of limited partner units outstanding those limited partner units owned:
    - by persons who are directors and also officers; and
    - by employee unit plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether units held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
  - at or subsequent to such time the business combination is approved by the Partnership's general partner and authorized at an annual or special meeting of holders of the Partnership's limited partner units, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the Partnership's outstanding voting limited partner units that are not owned by the interested unitholder.
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With respect to the Partnership, a “business combination” under Section 203 of the DGCL would generally include:

- any merger or consolidation involving the Partnership and the interested unitholder;
- any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the Partnership involving the interested unitholder;
- subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the Partnership of any limited partner units of the Partnership to the interested unitholder;
- any transaction involving the Partnership that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the units of any class or series of the Partnership beneficially owned by the interested unitholder; or
- the receipt by the interested unitholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the Partnership.

In general, by reference to Section 203, an “interested unitholder” is any person or entity, other than the Partnership’s general partner and its affiliates, that beneficially owns (or within three years did own) 15% or more of the outstanding limited partner units of the Partnership and any entity or person affiliated or associated with such entity or person.

The existence of this provision is expected to have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by the Partnership’s general partner, thereby discouraging attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for units held by unitholders.

### **Limited Call Right**

If at any time the Partnership’s general partner and its affiliates hold more than 80% of the total limited partner interest of any class then outstanding, the Partnership’s general partner will have the right, which it may assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates or to the Partnership, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the remaining limited partner interests of the class held by unaffiliated persons.

The purchase price in the event of such an acquisition will be the greater of:

- (1) the average of the daily closing prices of the Partnership securities of such class over the 20 trading days preceding the date three days before the date the notice is mailed; and
- (2) the highest price paid by the Partnership’s general partner or any of its affiliates for any Partnership securities of the class purchased within the 90 days preceding the date on which the Partnership’s general partner first mails notice of its election to purchase those Partnership securities.

As a result of the Partnership’s general partner’s rights to purchase outstanding units, a holder of units may have his units purchased at an undesirable time or price. The federal income tax consequences to a unitholder of the exercise of this call right are the same as a sale by that unitholder of his common units in the market.

### **Non-Eligible Citizen; Redemption**

If the Partnership or any of the Partnership’s subsidiaries is or becomes subject to any federal, state or local law or regulation that the Partnership’s general partner determines would create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property in which the Partnership or any of the Partnership’s subsidiaries has an interest based on the nationality, citizenship or other related status of a unitholder, the Partnership’s general partner, acting on the Partnership’s behalf, may at any time require any unitholder to certify that the unitholder is an Eligible Citizen. For this purpose, an Eligible Citizen means a person or entity qualified to hold an interest in real property in jurisdictions in which the Partnership or any of the Partnership’s subsidiaries does business or proposes to do business from time to time, and whose status as a unitholder the Partnership’s general partner determines does not

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or would not subject the Partnership or any of the Partnership's subsidiaries to a significant risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any of its properties or any interest therein.

If a unitholder fails to furnish a citizenship certification containing the required certification within 30 days after request or the Partnership's general partner determines, with the advice of counsel, that a unitholder is not an Eligible Citizen the Partnership will have the right to redeem all but not less than all of the units held by such unitholder. Furthermore, the units will not be entitled to any allocations of income or loss, distributions or voting rights while held by such unitholder.

The purchase price in the event of such a redemption for each unit held by such unitholder will be equal to the current market price as calculated pursuant to the partnership agreement as of the date fixed for redemption.

The purchase price will be paid in cash or by delivery of a promissory note, as determined by the Partnership's general partner. Any such promissory note will bear interest at the rate of 5% annually and be payable in three equal annual installments of principal and accrued interest, commencing one year after the redemption date.

### **Non-Taxpaying Assignees; Redemption**

The partnership agreement provides that if the Partnership's general partner, with the advice of counsel, determines that the Partnership's status as a pass-through entity for federal, state or local income tax purposes, coupled with the tax status (or lack of proof thereof) of one or more of the Partnership's limited partners, has, or will have, a material adverse effect on the Partnership's economic interests, then the Partnership's general partner may, in its sole discretion, adopt such amendments to the partnership agreement as it determines necessary or advisable to:

- obtain proof of the federal income tax status of the Partnership's limited partners (and their owners, to the extent relevant); and
- permit the Partnership's general partner to redeem the units held by any limited partner whose tax status has or is reasonably likely to have such a material adverse effect or who fails to comply with the procedures instituted by the Partnership's general partner to obtain proof of the federal income tax status. The redemption price in the case of such a redemption will be the average of the daily closing prices per unit for the 20 consecutive trading days immediately prior to the date set for redemption.

### **Meetings; Voting**

Except as described below regarding a person or group owning 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, unitholders or assignees who are record holders of units on the record date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, meetings of the Partnership's limited partners and to act upon matters for which approvals may be solicited. Common units that are owned by an assignee who is a record holder, but who has not yet been admitted as a limited partner, will be voted by the Partnership's general partner at the written direction of the record holder. Absent direction of this kind, the common units will not be voted.

The Partnership's general partner does not anticipate that any meeting of unitholders will be called in the foreseeable future. Any action that is required or permitted to be taken by the unitholders may be taken either at a meeting of the unitholders or without a meeting if consents in writing describing the action so taken are signed by holders of the number of units necessary to authorize or take that action at a meeting at which all the limited partners were present and voted. Meetings of the unitholders may be called by the Partnership's general partner or by unitholders owning at least 20% of the outstanding limited partner units of the class for which a meeting is proposed (including the outstanding units of such class deemed owned by the general partner). Unitholders may vote either in person or by proxy at meetings. The holders of a majority of the outstanding units of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called, represented in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum unless

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any action by the unitholders requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of the units, in which case the quorum will be the greater percentage.

Each record holder of a unit has a vote according to his percentage interest in the Partnership, although additional limited partner interests having special voting rights could be issued. Please read “—Issuance of Additional Securities.” However, if at any time any person or group, other than the Partnership’s general partner and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of the Partnership’s general partner or its affiliates, acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its units and the units may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum, or for other similar purposes. Common units held in a nominee or street name account will be voted by the broker or other nominee in accordance with the instruction of the beneficial owner unless the arrangement between the beneficial owner and his nominee provides otherwise.

Any notice, demand, request, report, or proxy material required or permitted to be given or made to record holders of common units under the partnership agreement will be delivered to the record holder by the Partnership or by the transfer agent.

#### **Status as Limited Partner or Assignee**

Except as described above under “—Limited Liability,” the common units are fully paid, and unitholders are not required to make additional contributions.

An assignee of a common unit, after executing and delivering a transfer application, but pending its admission as a substituted limited partner, is entitled to an interest equivalent to that of a limited partner with respect to allocations and distributions from the Partnership, including liquidating distributions. The Partnership’s general partner will exercise the voting rights attributable to common units owned by an assignee that has not become a substituted limited partner at the written direction of the assignee. Please read “—Meetings; Voting.” An assignee has no other rights of a limited partner. Transferees who do not execute and deliver a transfer application and certification will not be treated as assignees or as record holders of common units, and will not receive cash distributions, federal income tax allocations, or reports furnished to holders of common units. Please read “—Transfer of Common Units.”

#### **Indemnification**

Under the partnership agreement, the Partnership will indemnify the following persons in most circumstances, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages or similar events:

- (1) the Partnership’s general partner;
- (2) any departing general partner;
- (3) any person who is or was an affiliate of the Partnership’s general partner or any departing general partner;
- (4) any person who is or was a member, manager, partner, director, officer, fiduciary or trustee of any of the Partnership’s subsidiaries or any entity described in (1), (2) or (3) above (other than any person who is or was the Partnership’s limited partner in such person’s capacity as such);
- (5) any person who is or was serving as an officer, director, member, manager, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another person at the request of the Partnership’s general partner or any departing general partner or any of their affiliates; or
- (6) any person designated by the Partnership’s general partner.

Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of the Partnership’s assets. Unless it otherwise agrees, the Partnership’s general partner will not be personally liable for, or have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to the Partnership to enable the Partnership to effectuate, indemnification. The Partnership

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may purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for the Partnership's activities, regardless of whether the Partnership would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under the partnership agreement.

### **Reimbursement of Expenses**

The partnership agreement requires the Partnership to reimburse the Partnership's general partner or Cheniere LNG Terminals, LLC, without duplication, for all direct expenses it incurs or payments it makes on the Partnership's behalf and all other expenses allocable to the Partnership or its subsidiaries or otherwise incurred in connection with operating the Partnership's business. These expenses include the fees and expenses payable by the Partnership pursuant to management services agreements. The Partnership's general partner will determine the expenses allocable to the Partnership and its subsidiaries.

### **Books and Reports**

The Partnership's general partner is required to keep appropriate books and records of the Partnership's business at the Partnership's principal offices. The books will be maintained for financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis. The Partnership's fiscal year is the calendar year.

The Partnership will mail or make available (by posting on the Partnership's website or other reasonable means) to record holders of common units, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an annual report containing audited financial statements and a report on those financial statements by the Partnership's independent public accountants. Except for the Partnership's fourth quarter, the Partnership will also mail or make available summary financial information within 90 days after the close of each quarter.

The Partnership will furnish each record holder of a unit with information reasonably required for tax reporting purposes within 90 days after the close of each calendar year. This information is expected to be furnished in summary form so that some complex calculations normally required of partners can be avoided. The Partnership's ability to furnish this summary information to unitholders will depend on the cooperation of unitholders in supplying the Partnership with specific information. Every unitholder will receive information to assist him in determining his federal and state tax liability and filing his federal and state income tax returns, regardless of whether he supplies the Partnership with information.

### **Right to Inspect the Partnership's Books and Records**

The partnership agreement provides that a limited partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to his interest as a limited partner, upon reasonable written demand and at his own expense, have furnished to him:

- (1) a current list of the name and last known address of each partner;
- (2) a copy of the Partnership's tax returns;
- (3) information as to the amount of cash, and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services, contributed or to be contributed by each partner and the date on which each became a partner;
- (4) copies of the partnership agreement, the Partnership's certificate of limited partnership, related amendments and powers of attorney under which they have been executed;
- (5) information regarding the status of the Partnership's business and financial condition; and
- (6) any other information regarding the Partnership's affairs as is just and reasonable.

The Partnership's general partner may, and intends to, keep confidential from the limited partners trade secrets or other information the disclosure of which the Partnership's general partner believes in good faith is not in the Partnership's best interests or that the Partnership is required by law or by agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

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## **Registration Rights**

Under the partnership agreement, the Partnership has agreed to register for resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and applicable state securities laws any common units or other partnership securities proposed to be sold by the Partnership’s general partner or any of its affiliates or their assignees if an exemption from the registration requirements is not otherwise available. These registration rights continue for two years following any withdrawal or removal of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC as the Partnership’s general partner. The Partnership is obligated to pay all expenses incidental to the registration, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Conflicts of interest exist and may arise in the future as a result of the relationships between the Partnership’s general partner and its affiliates, including Cheniere and Cheniere Energy Partners LP Holdings, LLC, on the one hand, and the Partnership and the Partnership’s limited partners, on the other hand. The directors and officers of the Partnership’s general partner have fiduciary duties to manage the Partnership’s general partner in a manner beneficial to its owners. At the same time, the Partnership’s general partner has a fiduciary duty to manage the Partnership in a manner beneficial to the Partnership and the unitholders. The partnership agreement contains provisions that modify and limit the Partnership’s general partner’s fiduciary duties to the unitholders. The partnership agreement also restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions taken that, without those limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty.

Whenever a conflict arises between the Partnership’s general partner or its affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership or any other partner, on the other hand, the Partnership’s general partner will resolve that conflict. The Partnership’s general partner may, but is not required to, seek the approval of such resolution from the conflicts committee of the board of directors of the Partnership’s general partner. An independent third party is not required to evaluate the fairness of the resolution.

The Partnership’s general partner will not be in breach of its obligations under the partnership agreement or its duties to the Partnership or the unitholders if the resolution of the conflict is:

- approved by a majority of the conflicts committee, although the Partnership’s general partner is not obligated to seek such approval;
- approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding any units owned by the Partnership’s general partner or any of its affiliates;
- on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or
- fair and reasonable to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership.

If the Partnership’s general partner seeks approval from the conflicts committee or does not seek approval from the conflicts committee and the board of directors of the Partnership’s general partner determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the third and fourth bullet points above, then, in each case, it will be presumed that, in making its decision, the board of directors acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or the Partnership, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. Unless the resolution of a conflict is specifically provided for in the partnership agreement, the Partnership’s general partner or the conflicts committee may consider any factors that it determines in good faith to consider when resolving a conflict. When the partnership agreement requires someone to act in good faith, it requires that person to believe that he is acting in the best interests of the partnership.

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## Fiduciary Duties

The Partnership's general partner is accountable to the Partnership and the unitholders as a fiduciary. Fiduciary duties owed to unitholders by the Partnership's general partner are prescribed by law and the partnership agreement. The Delaware Act provides that Delaware limited partnerships may, in their partnership agreements, expand, restrict or eliminate the fiduciary duties otherwise owed by a general partner to limited partners and the Partnership.

The partnership agreement contains various provisions modifying and restricting the fiduciary duties that might otherwise be owed by the Partnership's general partner. The Partnership has adopted these provisions to allow the Partnership's general partner or its affiliates to engage in transactions with the Partnership that otherwise would be prohibited by state law fiduciary standards and to take into account the interests of other parties in addition to the Partnership's interests when resolving conflicts of interest. The Partnership believes this is appropriate and necessary because the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner has fiduciary duties to manage the Partnership's general partner in a manner beneficial both to its indirect owner, Cheniere, as well as to you. Without these modifications, the Partnership's general partner's ability to make decisions involving conflicts of interests would be restricted. The modifications to the fiduciary standards benefit the Partnership's general partner by enabling it to take into consideration all parties involved in the proposed action. These modifications also strengthen the ability of the Partnership's general partner to attract and retain experienced and capable directors. These modifications represent a detriment to the common unitholders because they restrict the remedies available to unitholders for actions that, without those limitations, might constitute breaches of fiduciary duty, as described below, and permit the Partnership's general partner to take into account the interests of third parties in addition to the Partnership's interests when resolving conflicted interests. The following is a summary of:

- the fiduciary duties imposed on the Partnership's general partner by the Delaware Act;
- material modifications of these duties contained in the partnership agreement; and
- certain rights and remedies of unitholders contained in the Delaware Act.

### State law fiduciary duty standards

Fiduciary duties are generally considered to include an obligation to act in good faith and with due care and loyalty. The duty of care, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, would generally require a general partner to act for the partnership in the same manner as a prudent person would act on his own behalf. The duty of loyalty, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, would generally prohibit a general partner of a Delaware limited partnership from taking any action or engaging in any transaction where a conflict of interest is present unless such transaction is entirely fair to the partnership.

### Partnership agreement modified standards

The partnership agreement contains provisions that waive or consent to conduct by the Partnership's general partner and its affiliates that might otherwise raise issues as to compliance with fiduciary duties or applicable law. For example, Section 7.9 of the partnership agreement provides that when the Partnership's general partner is acting in its capacity as the Partnership's general partner, as opposed to in its individual capacity, unless another express standard is provided for in the partnership agreement it must act in "good faith" and will not be subject to any other standard under applicable law. For these purposes, the partnership agreement defines "good faith" as a belief that the determination or other action is in the best interest of the partnership. In addition, when the Partnership's general partner is acting in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as the Partnership's general partner, it may act without any fiduciary obligation to the Partnership or the unitholders whatsoever. These standards reduce the obligations to which the Partnership's general partner would otherwise be held.

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The partnership agreement generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not involving a vote of unitholders and that are not approved by a majority of the conflicts committee of the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner must be:

- on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or
- fair and reasonable to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership).

If the Partnership's general partner does not seek approval from the conflicts committee and the board of directors of the Partnership's general partner determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to the conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in the bullet points above, then it will be presumed that, in making its decision, the board of directors, which may include board members affected by the conflict of interest, acted in good faith, and in any proceeding brought by or on behalf of any limited partner or the Partnership, the person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding will have the burden of overcoming such presumption. These standards reduce the obligations to which the Partnership's general partner would otherwise be held.

The partnership agreement provides that the Partnership's general partner may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers and other consultants and advisers, and any act taken or omitted to be taken by the Partnership's general partner in reliance upon the advice or opinion of such consultants and advisers as to matters that the Partnership's general partner reasonably believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence will be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion. In addition, the partnership agreement provides that the Partnership's general partner is fully protected from liability to the Partnership, its partners or other persons bound to the partnership agreement for such reliance made in good faith. These standards reduce the obligations to which the Partnership's general partner would otherwise be held and limit the remedies available to the Partnership's limited partners when the Partnership takes or omits to take actions in reliance on the advice or opinions of experts.

In addition to the other more specific provisions limiting the obligations of the Partnership's general partner, the partnership agreement further provides that the Partnership's general partner, its affiliates and their officers and directors will not be liable for monetary damages to the Partnership or the Partnership's limited partners for any acts or omissions, unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the Partnership's general partner or its officers and directors acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the indemnitee's conduct was criminal.

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#### Rights and remedies of unitholders

The Delaware Act generally provides that a limited partner may institute legal action on behalf of the partnership to recover damages from a third party where a general partner has refused to institute the action or where an effort to cause a general partner to do so is not likely to succeed. These actions include actions against a general partner for breach of its fiduciary duties or of the partnership agreement. In addition, the statutory or case law of some jurisdictions may permit a limited partner to institute legal action on behalf of itself and all other similarly situated limited partners to recover damages from a general partner for violations of its fiduciary duties to the limited partners.

In order to become one of the Partnership's limited partners, a unitholder is required to agree to be bound by the provisions in the partnership agreement, including the provisions discussed above. Please read "Description of the Common Units—Transfer of Common Units." This is in accordance with the policy of the Delaware Act favoring the principle of freedom of contract and the enforceability of partnership agreements. The failure of a limited partner to sign the partnership agreement does not render the partnership agreement unenforceable against that person.

Under the partnership agreement, the Partnership must indemnify the Partnership's general partner and its officers, directors and members, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by the Partnership's general partner or these other persons. The Partnership must provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that these persons acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. The Partnership also must provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings unless the Partnership's general partner or these other persons acted with knowledge that their conduct was unlawful. Thus, the Partnership's general partner could be indemnified for its negligent acts if it meets the requirements set forth above.

## Subsidiaries of the Registrant as of December 31, 2023

| <b>Entity Name</b>                    | <b>Jurisdiction of Incorporation</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P.  | Delaware                             |
| Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC      | Delaware                             |
| Cheniere Pipeline GP Interests, LLC   | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC         | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass LNG-GP, LLC               | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass LNG-LP, LLC               | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.                 | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass Tug Services, LLC         | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Crossing, LLC                  | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass Project Development, LLC  | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass Carbon Solutions, LLC     | Delaware                             |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction Stage V, LLC | Delaware                             |

**Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.**  
**List of Issuers and Guarantor Subsidiaries**

The following entities are guarantors of the 4.500% Senior Notes due 2029, 4.000% Senior Notes due 2031, 3.250% Senior Notes due 2032 and 5.950% Senior Notes due 2033 issued by Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

| <b>Entity</b>                        | <b>Jurisdiction of Organization</b> | <b>Role</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.       | Delaware                            | Issuer      |
| Cheniere Energy Investments, LLC     | Delaware                            | Guarantor   |
| Sabine Pass LNG-GP, LLC              | Delaware                            | Guarantor   |
| Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.                | Delaware                            | Guarantor   |
| Sabine Pass Tug Services, LLC        | Delaware                            | Guarantor   |
| Cheniere Pipeline GP Interests, LLC  | Delaware                            | Guarantor   |
| Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline, L.P. | Delaware                            | Guarantor   |

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements (No. 333-151155) on Form S-8 and (Nos. 333-220017 and 333-219268) on Form S-3 of our reports dated February 21, 2024, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

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KPMG LLP

Houston, Texas  
February 21, 2024



**CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a) UNDER THE EXCHANGE ACT**

I, Jack A. Fusco, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation;
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 21, 2024

/s/ Jack A. Fusco

Jack A. Fusco  
Chief Executive Officer of  
Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of  
Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

**CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a) AND 15d-14(a) UNDER THE EXCHANGE ACT**

I, Zach Davis, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation;
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 21, 2024

/s/ Zach Davis

Zach Davis

Chief Financial Officer of

Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

**CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the annual report of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Jack A. Fusco, Chief Executive Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to my knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Date: February 21, 2024

/s/ Jack A. Fusco

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Jack A. Fusco

Chief Executive Officer of

Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

**CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the annual report of Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the "Partnership") on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Zach Davis, Chief Financial Officer of Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to my knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Date: February 21, 2024

/s/ Zach Davis

Zach Davis

Chief Financial Officer of

Cheniere Energy Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.

**CHENIERE ENERGY PARTNERS, L.P. CLAWBACK POLICY****I. BACKGROUND**

Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. (the “Company”) has adopted this policy (this “Policy”) to provide for the recovery or “clawback” of certain incentive compensation in the event of a Restatement. This Policy is intended to comply with, and will be interpreted to be consistent with, the requirements of Section 303A.14 of the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) Listed Company Manual (the “Listing Standard”). Certain terms used in this Policy are defined in Section VIII below.

**II. STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The Company shall recover reasonably promptly the amount of erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation in the event that the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, including any required accounting restatement to correct an error in previously issued financial statements that is material to the previously issued financial statements, or that would result in a material misstatement if the error were corrected in the current period or left uncorrected in the current period (a “Restatement”). For the avoidance of doubt, a Restatement does not include situations in which financial statement changes did not result from material non-compliance with financial reporting requirements, such as, but not limited to retrospective: (i) application of a change in accounting principles, (ii) revision to reportable segment information due to a change in the structure of the Company’s internal organization, (iii) reclassification due to a discontinued operation, (iv) application of a change in reporting entity, such as from a reorganization of entities under common control, (v) adjustment to provision amounts in connection with a prior business combination and (vi) revision for stock splits, stock dividends, reverse stock splits or other changes in capital structure.

The Company shall recover erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation in compliance with this Policy except to the extent provided under Section V below.

**III. SCOPE OF POLICY**

**A. Covered Persons and Recovery Period.** This Policy applies to Incentive-Based Compensation received by a person where all of the following are met:

- after beginning service as an Executive Officer,
- who served as an Executive Officer at any time during the performance period for that Incentive-Based Compensation,
- while the Company has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange, and
- during the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date that the Company is required to prepare a Restatement (the “Recovery Period”).

Notwithstanding this look-back requirement, the Company is only required to apply this Policy to Incentive-Based Compensation received on or after October 2, 2023.

For purposes of this Policy, Incentive-Based Compensation shall be deemed “received” in the Company’s fiscal period during which the Financial Reporting Measure (as defined herein)

specified in the Incentive-Based Compensation award is attained, even if the payment or grant of the Incentive-Based Compensation occurs after the end of that period.

**B. Transition Period.** In addition to the Recovery Period, this Policy applies to any transition period (that results from a change in the Company's fiscal year) within or immediately following the Recovery Period (a "Transition Period"), provided that a Transition Period between the last day of the Company's previous fiscal year end and the first day of the Company's new fiscal year that comprises a period of nine to 12 months will be deemed a completed fiscal year.

**C. Determining Recovery Period and Method of Recovery.** For purposes of determining the relevant Recovery Period, the date that the Company is required to prepare the Restatement is the earlier to occur of:

- the date the board of directors of the Company (the "Board"), a committee of the Board, or the officer or officers of the Company authorized to take such action if Board action is not required, concludes, or reasonably should have concluded, that the Company is required to prepare a Restatement, and
- the date a court, regulator, or other legally authorized body directs the Company to prepare a Restatement.

For clarity, the Company's obligation to recover erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation under this Policy is not dependent on if or when a Restatement is filed.

Without limiting this Section III, the Board will have discretion in determining how to accomplish recovery of erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation under this Policy, recognizing that different means of recovery may be appropriate in different circumstances.

#### **IV. AMOUNT SUBJECT TO RECOVERY**

**A. Recoverable Amount.** The amount of Incentive-Based Compensation subject to recovery under this Policy is the amount of Incentive-Based Compensation received that exceeds the amount of Incentive-Based Compensation that otherwise would have been received had it been determined based on the restated amounts, computed without regard to any taxes paid.

**B. Covered Compensation Based on Stock Price or TSR.** For Incentive-Based Compensation based on stock price or total shareholder return ("TSR"), where the amount of erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation is not subject to mathematical recalculation directly from the information in a Restatement, the recoverable amount shall be determined by the Board based on a reasonable estimate of the effect of the Restatement on the stock price or TSR upon which the Incentive-Based Compensation was received. In such event, the Company shall maintain documentation of the determination of that reasonable estimate and provide such documentation to NYSE.

#### **V. EXCEPTIONS**

The Company shall recover erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation in compliance with this Policy except to the extent that the conditions set out below are met and a majority of the independent directors serving on the Board has made a determination that recovery would be impracticable:

**A. Direct Expense Exceeds Recoverable Amount.** The direct expense paid to a third party to assist in enforcing this Policy would exceed the amount to be recovered.

**B. Recovery from Certain Tax-Qualified Retirement Plans** . Recovery would likely cause an otherwise tax-qualified retirement plan, under which benefits are broadly available to employees of the Company, to fail to meet the requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(13) or 26 U.S.C. 411(a) and regulations thereunder.

**C. Violation of Law.** Recovery would violate home country law adopted prior to November 28, 2022.

In the case of clause (A), before concluding it would be impracticable to recover any amount of erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation based on expense of enforcement, the Company shall make a reasonable attempt to recover such erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation, document such reasonable attempt(s) to recover, and provide that documentation to NYSE; and in the case of clause (C), before concluding it would be impracticable to recover any amount of erroneously awarded compensation based on violation of home country law, obtain an opinion of home country counsel, acceptable to NYSE, that recovery would result in such a violation and provide that opinion to NYSE.

## **VI. PROHIBITION AGAINST INDEMNIFICATION**

Notwithstanding the terms of any indemnification arrangement or insurance policy with any individual covered by this Policy, the Company shall not indemnify any Executive Officer or former Executive Officer against the loss of erroneously awarded Incentive-Based Compensation, including any payment or reimbursement for the cost of insurance obtained by any such covered individual to fund amounts recoverable under this Policy.

## **VII. DISCLOSURE**

The Company shall file all disclosures with respect to this Policy and recoveries under this Policy in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Federal securities laws, including the disclosure required by the applicable Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings.

## **VIII. DEFINITIONS**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply for purposes of this Policy:

"Executive Officer" means the individuals identified in accordance with Section 303A.14 of the Listing Standard.

"Financial Reporting Measures" means any of the following: (i) measures that are determined and presented in accordance with the accounting principles used in preparing the Company's financial statements, and any measures that are derived wholly or in part from such measures (including "non-GAAP" financial measures), (ii) stock price and (iii) TSR. A Financial Reporting Measure need not be presented within the Company's financial statements or included in a filing with the SEC.

"Incentive-Based Compensation" means any compensation that is granted, earned, or vested based wholly or in part upon the attainment of a Financial Reporting Measure; however it does not include (i) base salaries, (ii) discretionary cash bonuses, (iii) cash or equity-based awards that are based upon subjective, strategic or operational standards and (iv) equity-based awards that vest solely on the passage of time.

#### **IX. ADMINISTRATION; AMENDMENT; TERMINATION**

This Policy will be administered by the Board. Any determinations of the Board will be final, binding and conclusive and need not be uniform with respect to each individual covered by this Policy.

The Board may amend this Policy from time to time and may terminate this Policy at any time, in each case in its sole discretion.

#### **X. EFFECTIVENESS; OTHER RECOUPMENT RIGHTS**

This Policy shall be effective as amended on February 5, 2024. Any right of recoupment under this Policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies or rights of recoupment that may be available to the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates under applicable law or pursuant to the terms of any similar policy or similar provision in any employment agreement, equity award agreement or similar agreement.