UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): February 23, 2017 (February 22, 2017)

Commission file number: 001-35653

SUNOCO LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 30-0740483

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

8020 Park Lane, Suite 200 Dallas, TX 75231

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip codes)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (832) 234-3600

neck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following ovisions:
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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The following information is furnished under Item 2.02, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition." This information, including the information contained in Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On February 22, 2017, Sunoco LP issued a news release announcing its financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter and full year ended December 31, 2016 and providing access information for an investor conference call to discuss those results. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.02. The conference call will be available for replay approximately 60 days following the date of the call at www.SunocoLP.com, or by telephone through March 3, 2017, by following the telephonic replay instructions provided in the news release.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in the attached Exhibit 99.1 is deemed to be "furnished" and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act.

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description

99.1 News Release of Sunoco LP, dated February 22, 2017.

SIGNATURES

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

SUNOCO LP

By: Sunoco GP LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Leta McKinley

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Vice President, Controller and Principal

Accounting Officer

Date: February 23, 2017





Sunoco LP Announces Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2016 Financial and Operating Results

- Maintained quarterly distribution of 82.55 cents, an increase of 3.0 percent compared to fourth quarter 2015
- Increased gallons sold by 6.7 percent to 2.0 billion gallons compared to fourth quarter 2015
- Opened 14 new-to-industry locations during the fourth quarter and 28 locations during the full year 2016. 10 additional locations were opened during the first two months of 2017
- Completed the acquisition of the convenience store, wholesale motor fuel distribution and commercial fuels distribution businesses from Denny Oil Company

Conference Call Scheduled for 9:00 a.m. CT (10:00 a.m. ET) on Thursday, February 23

DALLAS, February 22, 2017 - Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN) ("SUN" or the "Partnership") today announced financial and operating results for the three and twelve-month periods ended December 31, 2016.

Revenue totaled \$4.3 billion, an increase of 4.9 percent, compared to \$4.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 2015. The increase was the result of growth in wholesale and retail fuel gallons sold and higher merchandise sales, partly offset by a one cent per gallon decrease in the average selling price of fuel.

Total gross profit was \$561.9 million, compared to \$464.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2015. Key drivers of the increase were higher retail and wholesale motor fuel profits due to an increase in total gallons sold.

Loss from operations was \$568.4 million, versus income from operations of \$51.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2015, reflecting a goodwill impairment charge of \$641.6 million and an intangible asset impairment charge of \$32.0 million recorded during the fourth quarter, both of which were non-cash items. General and administrative expenses increased \$17.9 million from the fourth quarter 2015 to \$67.2 million primarily due to acquisition costs and expenses incurred with the opening of a corporate office in Dallas, Texas. Other operating expenses increased \$10.9 million from the fourth quarter 2015 to \$267.2 million as a result of stores acquired or opened in the last 12 months.

Net loss attributable to partners was \$585.2 million, or (\$6.32) per diluted unit, versus net income attributable to partners of \$7.8 million, or (\$0.13) per diluted unit, in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners ⁽¹⁾ for the quarter totaled \$153.6 million, compared with \$188.7 million in the fourth quarter of 2015. The unfavorable year-over-year comparison reflects lower cent per gallon fuel margins in the retail and wholesale segments and lower merchandise gross profit contribution.

Distributable cash flow attributable to partners (1), as adjusted, was \$62.6 million, compared to \$90.1 million a year ago. This year over year decrease reflects an increase in cash interest expense, income tax expense and maintenance capital expenditures.

On a weighted-average basis, fuel margin for all gallons sold decreased to 14.3 cents per gallon, compared to 15.7 cents per gallon in the fourth quarter of 2015. The decrease was primarily attributable to increased product costs experienced during the fourth quarter.

Net income attributable to partners for the wholesale segment was \$61.4 million compared to a net loss of \$10.2 million a year ago. Adjusted EBITDA was \$76.9 million, versus \$82.7 million in the fourth quarter of last year. Total wholesale gallons sold were 1,358.7 million, compared to 1,241.0 million in the fourth quarter of 2015, an increase of 9.5 percent as a result of contribution from third party acquisitions during the last 12 months. This includes gallons sold to consignment stores and third-party customers, including independent dealers, fuel distributors and commercial customers. The Partnership earned 9.0 cents per gallon on these volumes, compared to 9.6 cents per gallon a year earlier.

Net loss attributable to partners for the retail segment was \$646.6 million compared to a net income of \$17.9 million a year ago. Adjusted EBITDA was \$76.7 million, versus \$106.0 million in the fourth quarter of last year. Total retail gallons sold increased by 1.0 percent to 626.1 million gallons as a result of the contribution from third party acquisitions and new-to-industry locations opened during the last 12 months. The Partnership earned 25.7 cents per gallon on these volumes, compared to 27.8 cents per gallon a year earlier.

Total merchandise sales increased by 3.8 percent from a year ago to \$565.8 million, reflecting the contribution from third party acquisitions and new-to-industry locations opened during the last 12 months. Merchandise sales contributed \$169.0 million of gross profit with a retail merchandise margin of 29.9 percent, a decrease of 1.2 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2015.

Same-store merchandise sales were flat during the fourth quarter, reflecting growth in SUN's East Coast operations offset by continued weakness in convenience store operations in Texas, particularly in the oil producing regions. Same-store gallons decreased by 1.9 percent as a result of weakness throughout the state of Texas, particularly lower year-over-year activity in oil producing regions. In the Texas oil producing regions, same-store merchandise sales decreased by 4.2 percent, and same-store gallons declined 3.9 percent. Excluding the oil producing regions, same-store merchandise sales increased by 0.7 percent, and same-store gallons decreased by 1.7 percent.

As of December 31, 2016, SUN operated 1,345 convenience stores and retail fuel outlets along the East Coast, in the Southwest and in Hawaii. Third party wholesale customers totaled 7,845.

SUN's other recent accomplishments include the following:

- Completed the previously announced acquisition of the convenience store, wholesale motor fuel distribution and commercial fuels distribution businesses serving East Texas and Louisiana from Denny Oil Company for \$54.6 million plus inventory on hand at closing, subject to closing adjustments. The acquisition includes six company-operated locations and 127 supply contracts with dealer-owned and dealer-operated sites and over 500 commercial customers. This transaction closed on October 12, 2016.
- Retained NRC Realty & Capital Advisors, LLC on January 18, 2017 to assist with strategic alternatives for 99 real estate assets. Real estate assets in this
 process are company-owned locations, undeveloped greenfield sites and other excess real estate.

SUN's segment results and other supplementary data are provided after the financial tables below.

FY 2016 Compared to FY 2015

Revenue for the full year 2016 totaled \$15.7 billion, a 15.0 percent decrease compared to full year 2015. Gross profit for this period increased 11.8 percent year-over-year to \$2.2 billion.

Wholesale gallons sold to third parties increased by 2.6 percent to 5.3 billion gallons. Retail gallons sold increased by 1.1 percent to 2.5 billion gallons. On a weighted-average basis, fuel margin for all gallons sold decreased to 14.4 cents per gallon for the full year 2016, versus 14.9 cents per gallon in the full year 2015.

Total merchandise sales increased by 4.3 percent from full year 2015 to \$2.3 billion. Merchandise sales contributed \$716.0 million of gross profit with a retail merchandise margin of 31.5 percent, a 26 basis point increase from full year 2015.

Net loss attributable to partners for the full year 2016 totaled \$406.5 million, a decrease of \$493.7 million compared to full year 2015. Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners was \$665.3 million, compared to \$715.3 million for the 2015 period, and distributable cash flow, as adjusted was \$390.3 million, versus \$272.2 million for 2015.

Distribution

On February 1, 2017 the Board of Directors of SUN's general partner declared a distribution for the fourth quarter of 2016 of \$0.8255 per unit, which corresponds to \$3.3020 per unit on an annualized basis. This distribution was unchanged from the third quarter and represented a 3.0 percent increase compared with the fourth quarter of 2015. The distribution was paid on February 21 to unitholders of record on February 13.

SUN's distribution coverage ratio for the fourth quarter was 0.61 times. The distribution coverage ratio on a trailing 12-month basis was 0.98 times.

Liquidity

At December 31, SUN had borrowings against its revolving line of credit of \$1.0 billion and other long-term debt of \$3.6 billion. Availability on the revolving credit facility after borrowings and letters of credit commitments was \$469.0 million. In the fourth quarter of 2016, SUN issued 2.8 million common units through its at-the-market equity program, generating net proceeds of \$71.4 million. Net debt to Adjusted EBITDA, calculated in accordance with SUN's revolving credit facility, was 6.50 times at the end of the fourth quarter.

(1) Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures of performance that have limitations and should not be considered as a substitute for net income. Please refer to the discussion and tables under "Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Measures" later in this news release for a discussion of our use of Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow, and a reconciliation to net income.

Earnings Conference Call

Sunoco LP management will hold a conference call on Thursday, February 23, at 9:00 a.m. CT (10:00 a.m. ET) to discuss fourth quarter and full year 2016 results and recent developments. To participate, dial 201-389-0877 approximately 10 minutes early and ask for the Sunoco LP conference call. The call will also be accessible live and for later replay via webcast in the Investor Relations section of Sunoco's website at www.SunocoLP.com under Events and Presentations.

Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN) is a master limited partnership that operates 1,345 convenience stores and retail fuel sites and distributes motor fuel to 7,845 convenience stores, independent dealers, commercial customers and distributors located in 30 states. Our parent -- Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE) -- owns SUN's general partner and incentive distribution rights.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may include certain statements concerning expectations for the future that are forward-looking statements as defined by federal law. Such forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond management's control. An extensive list of factors that can affect future results are discussed in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K and other documents filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Partnership undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect new information or events.

The information contained in this press release is available on our website at www.SunocoLP.com

Qualified Notice

This release is intended to be a qualified notice under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1446-4(b). Brokers and nominees should treat 100 percent of Sunoco LP's distributions to non-U.S. investors as being attributable to income that is effectively connected with a United States trade or business. Accordingly, Sunoco LP's distributions to non-U.S. investors are subject to federal income tax withholding at the highest applicable effective tax rate.

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- Financial Schedules Follow -

SUNOCO LP CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 3 2016	1,	December 31, 2015		
	(in m	illions,	except units)		
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	119	\$		
Advances to affiliates		_	30		
Accounts receivable, net		539	30		
Receivables from affiliates		3			
Inventories, net		573	4		
Other current assets		155			
Total current assets	1,	,389	1,20		
Property and equipment, net	3	,373	3,1:		
Other assets:					
Goodwill	2	,618	3,1		
Intangible assets, net	1,	,255	1,20		
Other noncurrent assets		66			
Total assets	\$ 8.	,701	\$ 8,8		
Liabilities and equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	616	\$ 4:		
Accounts payable to affiliates		109			
Advances from affiliates		87	-		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		372	30		
Current maturities of long-term debt		5			
Total current liabilities	1,	,189	70		
Revolving line of credit	1,	,000	4:		
Long-term debt, net	3.	,509	1,50		
Deferred tax liability		643	69		
Other noncurrent liabilities		164	1		
Total liabilities	6.	,505	3,5		
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)					
Equity:					
Limited partners:					
Common unitholders - public (52,430,220 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016 and 49,588,960 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2015)	1	,467	1,70		
Common unitholders - affiliated (45,750,826 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016 and 37,776,746 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2015)		729	1,2'		
Class A unitholders - held by subsidiary (no units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016 and 11,018,744 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2015)		_	.,2		
Class C unitholders - held by subsidiary (16,410,780 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016 and no units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2015)		_			
Total partners' capital	2	,196	3,04		
Predecessor equity		_	2,2		
Total equity	2.	,196	5,2		
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${\bf SUNOCO\,LP}\\ {\bf CONSOLIDATED\,STATEMENTS\,OF\,OPERATIONS\,AND\,COMPREHENSIVE\,INCOME}$

	Successor							Predecessor			
		Year Ended ecember 31, 2016		Year Ended December 31, 2015		September 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014		nnuary 1, 2014 through ugust 31, 2014			
			(do	llars in millions, exc	ept u	nit and per unit amoun	ts)				
Revenues:											
Retail motor fuel	\$	5,261	\$	5,891	\$	2,377	\$	_			
Wholesale motor fuel sales to third parties		7,812		10,104		4,235		1,275			
Wholesale motor fuel sales to affiliates		62		20		_		2,200			
Merchandise		2,272		2,178		651		_			
Rental income		90		81		25		12			
Other		201		186		55		5			
Total revenues		15,698		18,460		7,343		3,492			
Cost of sales:											
Retail motor fuel cost of sales		4,650		5,256		2,106		_			
Wholesale motor fuel cost of sales		7,261		9,717		4,204		3,429			
Merchandise cost of sales		1,556		1,498		455		_			
Other		12		5		2		2			
Total cost of sales		13,479		16,476		6,767		3,431			
Gross profit		2,219		1,984		576		61			
Operating expenses:											
General and administrative		269		217		91		17			
Other operating		1,059		1,016		320		5			
Rent		140		140		42		1			
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets and impairment charge		680		(1)		(1)		_			
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		319		278		86		10			
Total operating expenses		2,467	_	1,650		538		33			
Income (loss) from operations		(248)		334		38		28			
Interest expense, net		189		88		11		5			
Income (loss) before income taxes		(437)		246		27		23			
Income tax expense (benefit)		(31)		52		80		_			
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)		(406)		194		(53)		23			
Less: Net income and comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		4		1		_			
Less: Preacquisition income (loss) allocated to general partner		_		103		(88)		_			
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to partners		(406)		87		34		23			
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit:											
Common - basic and diluted	\$	(5.26)	\$	1.11	\$	0.85	\$	1.02			
Subordinated - basic and diluted	\$	_	\$	1.40	\$	0.85	\$	1.02			
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding:											
Common units - public (basic)		49,785,543		24,550,388		20,493,065		10,944,309			
Common units - public (diluted)		49,813,848		24,572,126		20,499,447		10,969,437			
Common units - affiliated (basic and diluted)		43,789,987		15,703,525		79,308		79,308			
Subordinated units - affiliated (basic and diluted)		_		10,010,333		10,939,436		10,939,436			
Cash distribution per unit	\$	3.29	\$	2.89	\$	1.15	\$	1.02			

Key Operating Metrics

The following information is intended to provide investors with a reasonable basis for assessing our historical operations but should not serve as the only criteria for predicting our future performance. We operate our business in two primary operating divisions, wholesale and retail, both of which are included as reportable segments.

Key operating metrics set forth below are presented as of and for the years and three months ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and have been derived from our historical consolidated financial statements.

The accompanying footnotes to the following four key operating metrics tables can be found immediately preceding our capital spending discussion.

	Year Ended December 31,													
	2016							2015						
	W	holesale		Retail		Total	W	holesale		Retail		Total		
		(dolla	rs and	l gallons in	millio	ons, except mo	tor fue	el pricing an	d gro	oss profit per	gallon)		
Revenues:														
Retail motor fuel	\$	_	\$	5,261	\$	5,261	\$	_	\$	5,891	\$	5,891		
Wholesale motor fuel sales to third parties		7,812		_		7,812		10,104		_		10,104		
Wholesale motor fuel sale to affiliates		62		_		62		20		_		20		
Merchandise		_		2,272		2,272		_		2,178		2,178		
Rental income		76		14		90		52		29		81		
Other		45		156		201		28		158		186		
Total revenues	\$	7,995	\$	7,703	\$	15,698	\$	10,204	\$	8,256	\$	18,460		
Gross profit:														
Retail motor fuel	\$	_	\$	611	\$	611	\$	_	\$	635	\$	635		
Wholesale motor fuel		613		_		613		407		_		407		
Merchandise		_		716		716		_		680		680		
Rental and other		110		169		279		75		187		262		
Total gross profit	\$	723	\$	1,496	\$	2,219	\$	482	\$	1,502	\$	1,984		
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to limited partners	\$	269	\$	(675)	\$	(406)	\$	(5)	\$	92	\$	87		
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners (2)	\$	337	\$	328	\$	665	\$	304	\$	411	\$	715		
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted (2)					\$	390					\$	272		
Operating Data:														
Total motor fuel gallons sold:														
Retail				2,517		2,517				2,488		2,488		
Wholesale		5,288				5,288		5,154				5,154		
Motor fuel gross profit cents per gallon (1):														
Retail				24.0¢		24.0¢				26.4¢		26.4¢		
Wholesale		9.8¢				9.8¢		9.4¢				9.4¢		
Volume-weighted average for all gallons						14.4¢						14.9¢		
Retail merchandise margin				31.5%						31.2%				

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow:

	Year Ended December 31											
			2016	2015								
	WI	Wholesale Ret		Retail	Retail Total		Wholesale		Retail		7	otal
						(in mi	llions)					
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$	269	\$	(675)	\$	(406)	\$	92	\$	102	\$	194
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		94		225		319		68		210		278
Interest expense, net		59		130		189		55		33		88
Income tax expense (benefit)		5		(36)		(31)		4		48		52
EBITDA	\$	427	\$	(356)	\$	71	\$	219	\$	393	\$	612
Non-cash compensation expense		6		7		13		4		4		8
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets & impairment charge		(3)		683		680		1		(2)		(1)
Unrealized losses on commodity derivatives		5		_		5		2		_		2
Inventory adjustments (4)		(98)		(6)		(104)		78		20		98
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	337	\$	328	\$	665	\$	304	\$	415	\$	719
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest										4		4
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners	\$	337	\$	328	\$	665	\$	304	\$	411	\$	715
Cash interest expense (3)						178						76
Income tax expense (current)						_						(18)
Maintenance capital expenditures						106						35
Preacquisition earnings					_							356
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners					\$	381					\$	266
Transaction-related expenses						9						6
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted					\$	390					\$	272

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, information concerning key measures we rely on to gauge our operating performance:

	Three Months Ended December 31,												
	2016							2015					
	W	holesale		Retail		Total	w	holesale		Retail		Total	
		(dolla	irs and	l gallons in	millio	ns, except mo	tor fuel	pricing and	d gros	ss profit per g	gallon)	,	
Revenues:													
Retail motor fuel	\$	_	\$	1,384	\$	1,384	\$	_	\$	1,294	\$	1,294	
Wholesale motor fuel sales to third parties		2,267		_		2,267		2,158				2,158	
Wholesale motor fuel sale to affiliates		17		_		17		11		_		11	
Merchandise		_		566		566		_		545		545	
Rental income		19		4		23		17		3		20	
Other		15		34		49		10		39		49	
Total revenues	\$	2,318	\$	1,988	\$	4,306	\$	2,196	\$	1,881	\$	4,077	
Gross profit:													
Retail motor fuel	\$	_	\$	164	\$	164	\$	_	\$	152	\$	152	
Wholesale motor fuel		159		_		159		76		_		76	
Merchandise		_		169		169		_		170		170	
Rental and other		30		40		70		26		41		67	
Total gross profit	\$	189	\$	373	\$	562	\$	102	\$	363	\$	465	
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to limited partners	\$	61	\$	(646)	\$	(585)	\$	(10)	\$	18	\$	8	
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners (2)	\$	77	\$	77	\$	154	\$	83	\$	106	\$	189	
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted (2)					\$	63					\$	90	
Operating Data:													
Total motor fuel gallons sold:													
Retail				626		626				620		620	
Wholesale		1,359				1,359		1,241				1,241	
Motor fuel gross profit cents per gallon (1):													
Retail				25.7¢		25.7¢				27.8¢		27.8¢	
Wholesale		9.0¢				9.0¢		9.6¢				9.6¢	
Volume-weighted average for all gallons						14.3¢						15.7¢	
Retail merchandise margin				29.9%						31.1%			

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income to EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow:

	Three Months Ended December 31												
	2016						2015						
	Wh	olesale		Retail		Total	W	holesale		Retail		Total	
						(in m	illions)						
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$	61	\$	(646)	\$	(585)	\$	(7)	\$	24	\$	17	
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		34		51		85		20		55		75	
Interest expense, net		18		38		56		23		7		30	
Income tax expense (benefit)		3		(43)		(40)		3		1		4	
EBITDA	\$	116	\$	(600)	\$	(484)	\$	39	\$	87	\$	126	
Non-cash compensation expense		2		2		4		1		1		2	
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets & impairment charge		(1)		678		677		_		(1)		(1)	
Unrealized losses on commodity derivatives		(4)		_		(4)		(1)		_		(1)	
Inventory adjustments (4)		(36)		(3)		(39)		44		20		64	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	77	\$	77	\$	154	\$	83	\$	107	\$	190	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest										1		1	
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners	\$	77	\$	77	\$	154	\$	83	\$	106	\$	189	
Cash interest expense (3)						53						27	
Income tax expense (current)						12						(19)	
Maintenance capital expenditures						33						16	
Preacquisition earnings												77	
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners					\$	56					\$	88	
Transaction-related expenses						7						2	
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted					\$	63					\$	90	

- (1) Excludes the impact of inventory fair value adjustments consistent with the definition of Adjusted EBITDA.
- (2) EBITDA is defined as earnings before net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation, amortization and accretion expense. Adjusted EBITDA further adjusts EBITDA to reflect certain other non-recurring and non-cash items. We define Adjusted EBITDA to also include adjustments for unrealized gains and losses on commodity derivatives and inventory fair value adjustments. We define distributable cash flow as Adjusted EBITDA less cash interest expense, including the accrual of interest expense related to our long-term debt that is paid on a semi-annual basis, current income tax expense, maintenance capital expenditures, and other non-cash adjustments. Further adjustments are made to distributable cash flow for certain transaction-related and non-recurring expenses that are included in net income.

We believe EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are useful to investors in evaluating our operating performance because:

- Adjusted EBITDA is used as a performance measure under our revolving credit facility;
- securities analysts and other interested parties use such metrics as measures of financial performance, ability to make distributions to our unitholders and debt service capabilities;
- · our management uses them for internal planning purposes, including aspects of our consolidated operating budget, and capital expenditures; and
- distributable cash flow provides useful information to investors as it is a widely accepted financial indicator used by investors to compare
 partnership performance, and as it provides investors an enhanced perspective of the operating performance of our assets and the cash our business
 is generating.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are not recognized terms under GAAP and do not purport to be alternatives to net income (loss) as measures of operating performance or to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow have limitations as analytical tools, and one should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations include:

- · they do not reflect our total cash expenditures, or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, working capital;
- they do not reflect interest expense or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our revolving credit facility or term loan;
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect cash requirements for such replacements; and
- as not all companies use identical calculations, our presentation of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.
- (3) Reflects the partnership's cash interest less the cash interest paid on our VIE debt of \$9 million and \$2 million during the year ended December 31, 2015 and the three months ended December 31, 2015, respectively.

(4	4) Due to the change in fuel prices, we recorded a write-down on the value of fuel inventory of \$98 million and \$64 million d December 31, 2015 and the three months ended December 31, 2015, respectively.	uring the year ended

Capital Spending

SUN's gross capital expenditures for the fourth quarter were \$148.1 million, which included \$115.1 million for growth capital and \$33.0 million for maintenance capital. Approximately \$53.6 million of the growth capital spent was for the construction of new-to-industry sites, of which 14 were opened in the fourth quarter.

For the full year, SUN invested \$332.4 million in growth capital and \$106.2 million in maintenance capital. \$126.8 million of growth capital was invested in 28 new-to-industry sites opened in 2016, with an additional 10 that opened during the first quarter 2017.

Excluding acquisitions, SUN expects approximately \$200 million to be spent on growth capital and approximately \$90 million to be spent on maintenance capital for the full year 2017.

Growth capital spending includes the rebuilding of locations SUN is operating on the Indiana Toll Road.