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 21, 2018

Commission file number: 001-35653

SUNOCO LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

30-0740483

(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

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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 21, 2018, Sunoco LP issued a news release announcing its financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter and full year ended December 31, 2017 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.

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.

<u>Exhibit Number</u> <u>Exhibit Description</u>

99.1 News Release of Sunoco LP, dated February 21, 2018

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

Leta McKinley

Vice President, Controller and Principal Accounting

Officer

Date: February 21, 2018



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

- Closed on strategic divestiture of convenience stores to 7-Eleven, Inc. and completed refinancing and equity repurchase initiatives
 - Reduced debt by over \$2 billion
 - Refinanced \$2.2 billion of senior notes
 - Repurchased over 17 million common limited partner units
 - Redeemed \$300 million of Series A Preferred units
- Maintained quarterly distribution of 82.55 cents and reported current quarter cash coverage of 1.03 times
 - Cash coverage of 1.15 times for the trailing twelve months
- Generated fourth quarter Net Income of \$232 million, Adjusted EBITDA (1) of \$158 million and Distributable Cash Flow (1), as adjusted, of \$106 million
 - Net income and Adjusted EBITDA results include approximately \$25 million of transaction costs related to the retail divestiture

Conference Call Scheduled for 9:30 a.m. CT (10:30 a.m. ET) on Thursday, February 22

DALLAS, February 21, 2018 - Sunoco LP (NYSE: SUN) ("SUN" or the "Partnership") today announced financial and operating results for the three- and twelve-month period ended December 31, 2017.

Revenue totaled \$3.0 billion, an increase of 4.8 percent, compared to \$2.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2016. The increase was the result of the average selling price of fuel being 25 cents per gallon higher than last year.

Total gross profit decreased to \$277 million, compared to \$296 million in the fourth quarter of 2016, as a result of lower motor fuel gross profits.

Income from continuing operations was \$221 million, including \$17 million of intangible impairment charges, versus a loss of \$122 million in the fourth quarter of 2016, which included \$227 million of goodwill impairment charges.

Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, was \$11 million, including \$23 million of goodwill impairment charges, versus a loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, of \$463 million in the fourth quarter of 2016, which included \$446 million of goodwill and intangibles impairment charges.

Net income was \$232 million, or \$2.01 per diluted unit, versus a net loss of \$585 million, or (\$6.32) per diluted unit, in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Adjusted EBITDA for the quarter totaled \$158 million, compared with \$154 million in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, was \$106 million, compared to \$63 million a year ago. This year-over-year increase reflects higher Adjusted EBITDA, decreased maintenance capital spend and a cash tax benefit compared to a cash tax expense a year ago.

On a weighted-average basis, fuel margin for all gallons sold was 15.3 cents per gallon, compared to 14.3 cents per gallon in the fourth quarter of 2016. The 1.0 cent per gallon increase was attributable to higher margins in the wholesale segment.

Net income for the wholesale segment was \$47 million compared to \$63 million a year ago. Adjusted EBITDA was \$90 million, versus \$78 million in the fourth quarter of last year. Total wholesale gallons sold were 1,346 million, compared to 1,359 million in the fourth quarter of 2016, a decrease of 1.0 percent. The Partnership earned 11.1 cents per gallon on these volumes, compared to 9.0 cents per gallon a year earlier.

Net income for the retail segment was \$185 million compared to a net loss of \$648 million a year ago. Adjusted EBITDA was \$68 million, versus \$76 million in the fourth quarter of last year. Total retail gallons sold were flat with a year ago at 626 million gallons. The Partnership earned 24.2 cents per gallon on these volumes, compared to 25.7 cents per gallon a year earlier.

Total merchandise sales increased by 0.5 percent from a year ago to \$568 million (2), reflecting an increase in merchandise and restaurant sales across the Texas oil producing regions. Merchandise sales contributed \$173 million of gross profit (3) with a retail merchandise margin of 30.6 percent, an increase of 0.7 percentage points from the fourth quarter of 2016.

Same-store merchandise sales decreased by 0.8 percent and same store gallons decreased by 1.4 percent during the fourth quarter, reflecting weakness across the East Coast. In the Texas oil producing regions, same-store merchandise sales increased by 11.2 percent, and same-store gallons increased 4.8 percent.

SUN's recent accomplishments include the following:

- Closed the strategic divestiture of convenience stores in the continental United States to 7-Eleven, Inc. on January 23, 2018 for gross proceeds of approximately \$3.2 billion
- Completed the following refinancing and equity repurchase initiatives:
 - Closed the private offering of \$2.2 billion of new senior notes on January 23, 2018, comprised of \$1.0 billion in aggregate principal amount of
 4.875% senior notes due 2023, \$800 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.500% senior notes due 2026 and \$400 million in aggregate
 principal amount of 5.875% senior notes due 2028. Proceeds from this offering were used to redeem in full amounts owed under existing senior
 notes
 - · Repaid in full and terminated the term loan agreement and paid down all outstanding amounts owed under the revolving credit facility
 - Redeemed \$300 million of Series A Preferred Units held by Energy Transfer Equity for an aggregate redemption amount of approximately \$313 million
 - Repurchased 17,286,859 Sunoco common units owned by Energy Transfer Partners for aggregate cash consideration of approximately \$540 million at a 10-day volume weighted average price of \$31.2376 per unit
- Entered into a commission agent arrangement for the 207 West Texas sites on December 5, 2017 with conversion expected to occur in the first quarter of 2018

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

FY 2017 Compared to FY 2016

Revenue for the full year 2017 totaled \$11.7 billion, a 17.4 percent increase compared to full year 2016. Gross profit for this period decreased 4.2 percent year-over-year to \$1.1 billion.

Income from continuing operations was \$326 million for the full year 2017 compared to \$56 million in 2016. General and administrative expenses decreased \$15 million from 2016 to \$140 million. Other operating expenses increased \$1 million from 2016 to \$375 million and rent expenses were flat at \$81 million.

Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, was \$177 million compared to a loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes, of \$462 million in the full year 2016.

Net income attributable to partners for the full year 2017 totaled \$149 million compared to a net loss attributable to partners of \$406 million a year ago. Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners was \$732 million, compared to \$665 million for the 2016 period, and distributable cash flow, as adjusted was \$473 million, versus \$390 million for 2016.

Wholesale gallons sold to third parties increased by 2.5 percent to 5.4 billion gallons. Retail gallons sold increased by 0.4 percent to 2.5 billion gallons. On a weighted-average basis, fuel margin for all gallons sold increased to 15.2 cents per gallon for the full year 2017, versus 14.4 cents per gallon in the full year 2016.

Total merchandise sales increased by 2.7 percent from full year 2016 to \$2.3 billion (4). Merchandise sales contributed \$737 million of gross profit (5) with a retail merchandise margin of 31.6 percent, 0.1 percent increase from full year 2016.

Distribution

On January 24, 2018, the Board of Directors of SUN's general partner declared a distribution for the fourth quarter of 2017 of \$0.8255 per unit, which corresponds to \$3.3020 per unit on an annualized basis. The distribution was paid on February 14 to unitholders of record on February 6.

SUN's distribution coverage ratio for the fourth quarter was 1.03 times. The distribution coverage ratio on a trailing 12-month basis was 1.15 times.

Liquidity

At December 31, SUN had borrowings against its revolving line of credit of \$765 million and other long-term debt of \$3.6 billion. Availability on the revolving credit facility after borrowings and letters of credit commitments was \$726 million. In the fourth quarter of 2017, SUN did not issue any common units through its at-the-market equity program. The leverage ratio of debt to Adjusted EBITDA, calculated in accordance with SUN's credit facility, was 5.58 times at the end of the fourth quarter.

- (1) Adjusted EBITDA and Distributable Cash Flow, as adjusted, 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, as adjusted, and a reconciliation to net income.
- (2) Includes \$426 million in merchandise sales from discontinued operations.
- (3) Includes \$128 million in merchandise gross profit from discontinued operations.
- (4) Includes \$1.8 billion in merchandise sales from discontinued operations.
- (5) Includes \$552 million in merchandise gross profit from discontinued operations.

Earnings Conference Call

Sunoco LP management will hold a conference call on Thursday, February 22, at 9:30 a.m. CT (10:30 a.m. ET) to discuss fourth quarter results and recent developments. To participate, dial 877-407-6184 (toll free) or 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 distributes motor fuel to approximately 9,200 convenience stores, independent dealers, commercial customers and distributors located in more than 30 states. SUN's general partner is owned by Energy Transfer Equity, L.P. (NYSE: ETE).

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

(unaudited)

	December 31, 2017		December 31, 2016		
	(in mili	ions, except units,)		
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	28 \$	103		
Accounts receivable, net	5	41	539		
Receivables from affiliates	1	55	3		
Inventories, net	4	26	423		
Other current assets		81	73		
Assets held for sale	3,3	13	177		
Total current assets	4,5	14	1,318		
Property and equipment, net	1,5	57	1,584		
Other assets:					
Goodwill	1,4	30	1,550		
Intangible assets, net	7	68	775		
Other noncurrent assets		45	63		
Assets held for sale		_	3,411		
Total assets	\$ 8,3	44 \$	8,701		
Liabilities and equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 5	59 \$	616		
Accounts payable to affiliates	2	06	109		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	3	68	372		
Current maturities of long-term debt		6	5		
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale		75	_		
Total current liabilities	1,2	14	1,102		
Revolving line of credit		65	1,000		
Long-term debt, net	3,5		3,509		
Advances from affiliates		85	87		
Deferred tax liability		89	643		
Other noncurrent liabilities		25	116		
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale		_	48		
Total liabilities	6,0	97	6,505		
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)			0,000		
Equity:					
Limited partners:					
Series A Preferred unitholders - affiliated					
(12,000,000 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and no units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016)	3	00	_		
Common unitholders (99,667,999 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and 98,181,046 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2016)	1,9	47	2,196		
Class C unitholders - held by subsidiary (16,410,780 units issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016)		_	_		
Total equity	2,2	47	2,196		
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 8,3		8,701		

${\bf SUNOCO\,LP}\\ {\bf CONSOLIDATED\,STATEMENTS\,OF\,OPERATIONS\,AND\,COMPREHENSIVE\,INCOME\,(LOSS)}$

(unaudited)

	Year Ended December 31,								
		2017	2016	2015					
		(dollars in n	nillions, except unit and pe	nit and per unit amounts)					
Revenues:									
Retail motor fuel	\$	1,577	\$ 1,338	\$ 1,540					
Wholesale motor fuel sales to third parties		9,278	7,812	10,104					
Wholesale motor fuel sales to affiliates		55	62	20					
Merchandise		571	541	544					
Rental income		89	88	81					
Other		153	145	141					
Total revenues		11,723	9,986	12,430					
Cost of sales:									
Retail motor fuel cost of sales		1,420	1,175	1,340					
Wholesale motor fuel cost of sales		8,798	7,278	9,740					
Merchandise cost of sales		386	363	365					
Other		11	14	5					
Total cost of sales		10,615	8,830	11,450					
Gross profit		1,108	1,156	980					
Operating expenses:									
General and administrative		140	155	126					
Other operating		375	374	372					
Rent		81	81	79					
Loss on disposal of assets and impairment charge		114	225	1					
Depreciation, amortization and accretion		169	176	150					
Total operating expenses		879	1,011	728					
Operating income		229	145	252					
Interest expense, net		209	161	67					
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		20	(16)	185					
Income tax expense (benefit)		(306)	(72)	29					
Income from continuing operations		326	56	156					
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		(177)	(462)	38					
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)		149	(406)	194					
Less: Net income and comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest		_	_	4					
Less: Preacquisition income allocated to general partner		_	_	103					
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to partners	\$	149	\$ (406)	\$ 87					

	Year Ended Year Ended December 31, December 31, 2017 2016				Year Ended December 31, 2015		
		(dollars in m	unit d	amounts)			
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit - basic:							
Continuing operations - common units	\$	2.13	\$	(0.32)	\$	0.91	
Discontinued operations - common units		(1.78)		(4.94)		0.20	
Net income (loss) - common units	\$	0.35	\$	(5.26)	\$	1.11	
Continuing operations - subordinated units	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1.17	
Discontinued operations - subordinated units		_		_		0.23	
Net income - subordinated units	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1.40	
Net income (loss) per limited partner unit - diluted:							
Continuing operations - common units	\$	2.12	\$	(0.32)	\$	0.91	
Discontinued operations - common units		(1.78)		(4.94)		0.20	
Net income (loss) - common units	\$	0.34	\$	(5.26)	\$	1.11	
Continuing operations - subordinated units	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1.17	
Discontinued operations - subordinated units		_		_		0.23	
Net income - subordinated units	\$	_	\$		\$	1.40	
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding:							
Common units - basic		99,270,120		93,575,530		40,253,913	
Common units - diluted		99,728,354		93,603,835		40,275,651	
Subordinated units - affiliated (basic and diluted)		_		_		10,010,333	
Cash distribution per unit	\$	3.30	\$	3.29	\$	2.89	

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, 2017 and 2016 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,													
	2017 2016													
	Who	lesale		Retail		Total	Wholesale			Retail		Total		
	(dollars and gallons in millions, e.							ns, except gross profit per gallon)						
Revenues:														
Retail motor fuel	\$	_	\$	1,577	\$	1,577	\$	_	\$	1,338	\$	1,338		
Wholesale motor fuel sales to third parties		9,278		_		9,278		7,812		_		7,812		
Wholesale motor fuel sale to affiliates		55		_		55		62		_		62		
Merchandise		_		571		571		_		541		541		
Rental income		77		12		89		76		12		88		
Other		50		103		153		45		100		145		
Total revenues	\$	9,460	\$	2,263	\$	11,723	\$	7,995	\$	1,991	\$	9,986		
Gross profit:														
Retail motor fuel	\$	_	\$	157	\$	157	\$	_	\$	163	\$	163		
Wholesale motor fuel		535		_		535		596		_		596		
Merchandise		_		185		185		_		178		178		
Rental and other		116		115		231		110		109		219		
Total gross profit	\$	651	\$	457	\$	1,108	\$	706	\$	450	\$	1,156		
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) from continuing operations		167		159		326		252		(196)		56		
Net loss and comprehensive loss from discontinued operations		_		(177)		(177)		_		(462)		(462)		
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$	167	\$	(18)	\$	149	\$	252	\$	(658)	\$	(406)		
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to limited partners	\$	167	\$	(18)	\$	149	\$	252	\$	(658)	\$	(406)		
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners (2)	\$	346	\$	386	\$	732	\$	320	\$	345	\$	665		
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted (2)					\$	473					\$	390		
Operating Data:														
Total motor fuel gallons sold:														
Retail (3)				2,526		2,526				2,517		2,517		
Wholesale		5,421				5,421		5,288				5,288		
Motor fuel gross profit cents per gallon (1):														
Retail (3)				25.5¢		25.5¢				24.0¢		24.0¢		
Wholesale		10.5¢				10.5¢		9.8¢				9.8¢		
Volume-weighted average for all gallons (3)						15.2¢						14.4¢		
Retail merchandise margin (3)				31.6%						31.5%				

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

	Year Ended December 31,												
	2017							2016					
	Wh	olesale	Retail		Total		Wholesale		Retail			Total	
						(in mi	llions)						
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$	167	\$	(18)	\$	149	\$	252	\$	(658)	\$	(406)	
Depreciation, amortization and accretion (3)		118		85		203		94		225		319	
Interest expense, net (3)		88		157		245		59		130		189	
Income tax expense (benefit) (3)		(10)		(248)		(258)		5		(36)		(31)	
EBITDA	\$	363	\$	(24)	\$	339	\$	410	\$	(339)	\$	71	
Non-cash compensation expense (3)		2		22		24		6		7		13	
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets & impairment charge (3)		8		392		400		(3)		683		680	
Unrealized (gains) losses on commodity derivatives (3)		(3)		_		(3)		5		_		5	
Inventory adjustments (3)		(24)		(4)		(28)		(98)		(6)		(104)	
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners	\$	346	\$	386	\$	732	\$	320	\$	345	\$	665	
Cash interest expense (3)						231						178	
Current income tax expense (3)						4						_	
Maintenance capital expenditures (3)						48						106	
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners					\$	449					\$	381	
Transaction-related expenses (3)						47						9	
Series A Preferred distribution						(23)							
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted					\$	473					\$	390	

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, 2017 2016 Wholesale Retail Total Wholesale Retail Total (dollars and gallons in millions, except motor fuel pricing and gross profit per gallon) **Revenues:** \$ \$ Retail motor fuel 414 414 \$ 350 \$ 350 Wholesale motor fuel sales to third parties 2,334 2,334 2,267 2,267 Wholesale motor fuel sale to affiliates 10 10 17 17 Merchandise 142 142 133 133 Rental income 19 3 22 19 3 22 Other 35 12 25 37 15 20 Total revenues \$ 2,959 2,375 \$ 584 \$ \$ 2,318 \$ 506 \$ 2,824 Gross profit: \$ Retail motor fuel \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ 37 25 25 37 Wholesale motor fuel 151 151 160 160 Merchandise 45 45 44 44 Rental and other 29 27 56 31 24 55 Total gross profit \$ 180 \$ 97 \$ 277 \$ 191 \$ 105 \$ 296 Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) from continuing 47 174 221 63 (185)(122)operations Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) from discontinued 11 11 (463)(463)operations \$ 47 \$ 185 \$ 232 \$ 63 \$ (648) \$ Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) (585) Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to limited partners \$ 47 \$ 185 \$ 232 \$ 63 \$ (648)\$ (585)Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners (2) \$ 90 \$ 68 \$ 158 \$ 78 76 \$ 154 Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted (2) \$ 106 \$ 63 **Operating Data:** Total motor fuel gallons sold: 626 Retail (3) 626 626 626 1,346 1,359 1,359 Wholesale 1,346 Motor fuel gross profit cents per gallon (1): 24.2¢ Retail (3) 24.2¢ 25.7¢ 25.7¢ 11.1¢ Wholesale 11.1¢ 9.0¢ 9.0¢ Volume-weighted average for all gallons (3) 15.3¢ 14.3¢

30.6%

29.9%

Retail merchandise margin (3)

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

	Three Months Ended December 31,												
	2017							2016					
	Wholesale			Retail		Total		Wholesale		Retail		Total	
		(in millions				ıillions)							
Net income (loss) and comprehensive income (loss)	\$	47	\$	185	\$	232	\$	63	\$	(648)	\$	(585)	
Depreciation, amortization and accretion (3)		37		11		48		34		51		85	
Interest expense, net (3)		20		41		61		18		38		56	
Income tax expense (benefit) (3)		(9)		(195)		(204)		4		(43)		(39)	
EBITDA	\$	95	\$	42	\$	137	\$	119	\$	(602)	\$	(483)	
Non-cash compensation expense (3)		1		5		6		2		2		4	
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets & impairment charge (3)		8		25		33		(2)		679		677	
Unrealized (gains) losses on commodity derivatives (3)		2		_		2		(4)		_		(4)	
Inventory adjustments (3)		(16)		(4)		(20)		(37)		(3)		(40)	
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to partners	\$	90	\$	68	\$	158	\$	78	\$	76	\$	154	
Cash interest expense (3)						59						53	
Current income tax expense (benefit) (3)						(3)						12	
Maintenance capital expenditures (3)						13						33	
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners					\$	89					\$	56	
Transaction-related expenses (3)						25						7	
Series A Preferred distribution						(8)							
Distributable cash flow attributable to partners, as adjusted					\$	106					\$	63	

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, Series A Preferred distribution, 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) Includes amounts from discontinued operations.

Capital Spending

SUN's gross capital expenditures for the fourth quarter were \$38 million, which included \$25 million for growth capital and \$13 million for maintenance capital. Gross capital expenditures for the full year 2017 were \$177 million, which included \$129 million for growth capital and \$48 million for maintenance capital. Excluding acquisitions, SUN expects to spend approximately \$90 million on growth capital and approximately \$40 million on maintenance capital for the full year 2018.