

ASCENT RESOURCES UTICA HOLDINGS, LLC ARU FINANCE CORPORATION

Offer to Purchase for Cash Any and All of the Outstanding Senior Notes Listed Below

Title of Security	CUSIP Numbers	Principal Amount Outstanding	U.S. Treasury Reference Security	Bloomberg Reference Page	Fixed Spread (basis points)
7.00% Senior Notes due 2026 ⁽¹⁾	04364V AG8 (144A) / U04354 AC7 (Reg S)	\$597,000,000	4.375% UST due 10/31/2024	FIT3	0

⁽¹⁾ The Notes are callable at a redemption price of 100.000% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, starting on November 1, 2024.

The Tender Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 8, 2024 unless extended or earlier terminated (such time and date, as the same may be extended, the “Expiration Time”). Guaranteed deliveries will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second business day following the Expiration Time. Holders of Notes must validly tender and not validly withdraw their Notes prior to the Expiration Time to be eligible to receive the Purchase Price. Tendered Notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the Expiration Time.

Ascent Resources Utica Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“ARUH”), and ARU Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation (“Finco” and, together with ARUH, the “Offerors” or “we”), hereby offer (the “Tender Offer”) to purchase for cash from each registered or beneficial holder of Notes (each a “Holder”), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Offer to Purchase (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, this “Offer to Purchase”) and in the related notice of guaranteed delivery (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the “Notice of Guaranteed Delivery” and, together with this Offer to Purchase, the “Offer Documents”), any and all of the 7.00% Senior Notes due 2026 referenced above (the “Notes”) issued by the Offerors under the indenture, dated as of October 11, 2018 (as amended or supplemented through the date hereof, the “Indenture”), among the Offerors, the guarantors party thereto and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”). The Tender Offer is not conditioned upon any minimum amount of Notes being tendered, and the Tender Offer may be amended, extended or terminated.

The consideration per each \$1,000 principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer (the “Purchase Price”) will be determined by J.P. Morgan Securities LLC in its capacity as dealer manager of the Tender Offer (the “Dealer Manager”) in the manner described in this Offer to Purchase by reference to the fixed spread (the “Fixed Spread”) specified above plus the yield (the “Reference Yield”) based on the offer-side price of the U.S. Treasury Reference Security specified above (the “Reference Security”) as quoted on the Bloomberg Bond Trader FIT3 series of pages (the “Reference Page”) at 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the date referred to herein as the “Price Determination Date.”

Holders whose Notes are purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer will also receive accrued and unpaid interest thereon (“Accrued Interest”) from the last interest payment date up to, but excluding, the initial date of payment of the Purchase Price for the Notes, which is expected to be October 15, 2024 (the “Settlement Date”).

The consummation of the Tender Offer and the Offerors’ obligation to accept for payment, and to pay for, Notes validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) pursuant to the Tender Offer are subject to the satisfaction of or waiver of certain conditions, including (a) the Financing Condition (as defined below in “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer”) and (b) the other conditions set forth in “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer.”

The Dealer Manager for the Tender Offer is:

J.P. Morgan

October 2, 2024

Holders of Notes should take note of the following dates in connection with the Tender Offer:

Date	Calendar Date and Time	Event
Launch Date	October 2, 2024	Commencement of the Tender Offer.
Price Determination Date	2:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 8, 2024, assuming the Tender Offer is not extended or earlier terminated.	The date and time for determining the Purchase Price for the Notes.
Expiration Time	5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 8, 2024, assuming that the Tender Offer is not extended or earlier terminated.	The last time and day for Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer (or comply with the procedures for guaranteed delivery) and be eligible to receive the Purchase Price, plus Accrued Interest.
Withdrawal Rights	Tendered Notes may be validly withdrawn at any time (i) prior to the earlier of (x) the Expiration Time and (y) if the Tender Offer is extended, the tenth business day after commencement of the Tender Offer, and (ii) after the 60th business day after the commencement of the Tender Offer if for any reason the Tender Offer has not been consummated within 60 business days after commencement.	The last time and day for Holders to withdraw previously tendered Notes.
Guaranteed Delivery Date	5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 10, 2024, unless the Expiration Time is extended or earlier terminated.	Deadline for delivery of Notes tendered pursuant to a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
Settlement Date; Payment Date for Notes Tendered by Notice of Guaranteed Delivery	The Settlement Date for all Notes tendered prior to the Expiration Time or pursuant to a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery is expected to be October 15, 2024, assuming that the Tender Offer is not extended or earlier terminated.	The Offerors will deposit with the Tender Agent or, at its direction, with the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), for distribution to the Holders entitled thereto, the amount of cash necessary to pay each Holder in respect of its Notes that are accepted for payment the Purchase Price, plus Accrued Interest. For avoidance of doubt, Accrued Interest will cease to accrue on the Settlement Date for all Notes accepted in the Tender Offer. In no event will the Purchase Price be paid prior to the Expiration Time.

Upon the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer, the Offerors will notify D.F. King & Co., Inc., the Tender Agent and Information Agent for the Tender Offer (the “*Tender Agent*” or “*Information Agent*,” as the case may be), promptly after the Expiration Time which Notes tendered before the Expiration Time are accepted for purchase and payment pursuant to the Tender Offer.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Tender Offer, the Offerors' obligation to accept for purchase and to pay for Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Tender Offer is subject to, and conditioned upon, the satisfaction or waiver of the Financing Condition and the General Conditions (as defined below in "Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer").

The Offerors reserve the right, in their sole discretion and subject to applicable law, to:

- waive any and all conditions to the Tender Offer;
- extend, terminate or withdraw the Tender Offer; or
- otherwise amend the Tender Offer in any respect.

If the Tender Offer is terminated or withdrawn, Notes tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer will promptly be returned to the tendering Holders.

This Offer to Purchase has not been filed with or reviewed by any federal or state securities commission or regulatory authority of any jurisdiction, nor has any such commission or authority passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Offer to Purchase or any other documents relating to the Tender Offer. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful and may be a criminal offense.

None of the Offerors, the Trustee, the Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent or the Information Agent is making any recommendation as to whether Holders should tender Notes in response to the Tender Offer. Each Holder must make its own decision as to whether to tender Notes and, if so, as to the principal amount of Notes to tender.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All of the Notes are held in book-entry form through the facilities of DTC. If you desire to tender Notes, you must transfer such Notes to the Tender Agent through DTC's Automated Tender Offer Program ("*ATOP*"), for which the transaction will be eligible. If you hold Notes through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, you should contact such custodian or nominee if you wish to tender your Notes. See "Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes."

Holders must tender their Notes in accordance with the procedures set forth under "Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes." A Holder who desires to tender Notes but who cannot comply with the procedures set forth herein for a tender on a timely basis or whose Notes are not immediately available may tender such Notes by following procedures for guaranteed delivery set forth below under "Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Guaranteed Delivery." There is no letter of transmittal for the Tender Offer.

Questions and requests for assistance relating to the procedures for tendering Notes or for additional copies of the Offer Documents may be directed to the Information Agent at the address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Requests for assistance relating to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer may be directed to the Dealer Manager at its address and telephone numbers set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. Requests for additional copies of the Offer Documents may also be directed to brokers, dealers, commercial banks or trust companies.

The Offer Documents contain important information that should be read before any decision is made with respect to the Tender Offer.

The Offer Documents do not constitute an offer to purchase, or the solicitation of an offer to sell, Notes in any jurisdiction in which, or to or from any person to or from whom, it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation under applicable securities or blue sky laws.

The delivery of the Offer Documents shall not under any circumstances create any implication that the information contained therein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof or that there has

been no change in the information set forth therein or in the affairs of the Offerors or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Offerors since the date hereof.

No dealer, salesperson or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representation not contained in this Offer to Purchase, and, if given or made, such information or representation may not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Offerors, the Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent or the Information Agent.

The Tender Offer is being made in connection with a contemporaneous debt financing on terms and conditions (including, but not limited to, the amount of proceeds raised in such financing) satisfactory to the Offerors (the “*Debt Financing*”). The Offerors intend to use the net proceeds from the Debt Financing, together with cash on hand, and/or borrowings under ARUH’s senior secured reserve-based revolving credit facility (the “*Credit Facility*”), if necessary, to pay the Purchase Price for Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer. The Tender Offer is conditioned upon, among other things, the completion of the Debt Financing, and no assurance can be given that the Debt Financing will be completed. The Tender Offer is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any debt instruments or otherwise an invitation to participate in the Debt Financing. Any debt instruments issued in connection with the Debt Financing have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. See “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer.”

Substantially concurrently with the commencement of this Tender Offer, the Offerors intend to issue a conditional notice of full redemption to redeem, subject to the completion of the Debt Financing, all Notes not purchased in the Tender Offer on or about November 1, 2024 at a redemption price of 100.000% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. This Offer to Purchase does not constitute a notice of redemption under the optional redemption provisions of the Indenture.

Notes not tendered and purchased in the Tender Offer will remain outstanding. The terms and conditions governing the Notes, including the covenants and other protective provisions contained in the Indenture, will remain unchanged. No amendments to these documents are being sought.

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SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information from this Offer to Purchase and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, the information appearing elsewhere in this Offer to Purchase before making a decision regarding the Tender Offer. Cross-references contained in this summary section will direct you to a more complete discussion of a particular topic elsewhere in this Offer to Purchase.

The Offerors	Ascent Resources Utica Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and ARU Finance Corporation, a Delaware corporation.						
The Tender Offer	The Offerors are offering to purchase for cash, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer Documents, any and all of the outstanding Notes indicated in the table on the front cover of this Offer to Purchase as being subject to the Tender Offer at the Purchase Price.						
Notes Subject to the Tender Offer	Ascent Resources Utica Holdings, LLC and ARU Finance Corporation are the co-issuers of the Notes. The following table sets forth the security description for the Notes, the CUSIP number and the aggregate principal amount outstanding for the Notes:						
	<table><tr><th><u>Title of Security</u></th><th><u>CUSIP No.</u></th><th><u>Outstanding Principal Amount</u></th></tr><tr><td>7.00% Senior Notes due 2026</td><td>04364V AG8 (144A) / U04354 AC7 (Reg S)</td><td>\$597,000,000</td></tr></table>	<u>Title of Security</u>	<u>CUSIP No.</u>	<u>Outstanding Principal Amount</u>	7.00% Senior Notes due 2026	04364V AG8 (144A) / U04354 AC7 (Reg S)	\$597,000,000
<u>Title of Security</u>	<u>CUSIP No.</u>	<u>Outstanding Principal Amount</u>					
7.00% Senior Notes due 2026	04364V AG8 (144A) / U04354 AC7 (Reg S)	\$597,000,000					
Price Determination Date	2:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 8, 2024, unless the Expiration Time is extended.						
Expiration Time; Guaranteed Deliveries	The Tender Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 8, 2024, unless extended or earlier terminated (such date and time as the same may be extended, the “ <i>Expiration Time</i> ”). Guaranteed deliveries will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 10, 2024, the second business day following the Expiration Time.						
Withdrawal Rights	Tendered Notes may be validly withdrawn at any time (i) prior to the earlier of (x) the Expiration Time and (y) if the Tender Offer is extended, the tenth business day after commencement of the Tender Offer, and (ii) after the 60th business day after the commencement of the Tender Offer if for any reason the Tender Offer has not been consummated within 60 business days after commencement. See “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Withdrawal of Tenders.”						
Settlement Date	The payment date (the “ <i>Settlement Date</i> ”) for all Notes tendered prior to the Expiration Time or pursuant to a Notice of Guaranteed Delivery is expected to be October 15, 2024, assuming the Tender Offer is not extended or terminated.						
Purchase Price	The Purchase Price per each \$1,000 principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for payment pursuant to the Tender Offer will be determined by the Dealer Manager in the manner described in this Offer to Purchase by reference to the Fixed Spread specified on the front cover of this Offer to Purchase plus						

the yield of the Reference Security based on the offer-side price of the Reference Security specified on the front cover of this Offer to Purchase as quoted on the Reference Page at 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Price Determination Date. The formula for determining the Purchase Price is set forth on Schedule A.

Accrued Interest Subject to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer, in addition to the Purchase Price, Holders who validly tender their Notes and whose Notes are accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer will also be paid accrued and unpaid interest thereon from the last interest payment date up to, but excluding, the Settlement Date (the “*Accrued Interest*”). For avoidance of doubt, Accrued Interest will cease to accrue on the Settlement Date for all Notes accepted in the Tender Offer.

Under no circumstances will any interest be payable because of any delay in the transmission of funds to Holders by the Tender Agent or DTC.

Acceptance of Tendered Notes and Payment .. Upon the terms of the Tender Offer and upon satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the Tender Offer specified herein under “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer,” the Offerors will (a) accept for purchase all of their Notes subject to the Tender Offer validly tendered (or defectively tendered, if the Offerors have waived such defect) and not validly withdrawn before the Expiration Time and (b) promptly pay the Purchase Price (plus the Accrued Interest) on the Settlement Date.

The Offerors reserve the right, subject to applicable laws, to (a) accept for purchase and pay for all Notes validly tendered to the Offerors before the Expiration Time and to keep the Tender Offer open or extend the Expiration Time to a later date and time with respect to any or all Notes as announced by the Offerors and (b) waive any and all conditions to the Tender Offer for Notes tendered to the Offerors before the Expiration Time.

Conditions of the Tender Offer The Offerors’ obligation to accept for purchase and pay for the validly tendered Notes that have not been validly withdrawn before the Expiration Time is subject to, and conditioned upon, satisfaction or waiver of the Financing Condition and the General Conditions. See “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer.” The Tender Offer is not conditioned on any minimum amount of Notes being tendered.

Purpose of the Tender Offer and Source of Funds The purpose of the Tender Offer is to retire any and all of the Notes prior to their maturity. Any Notes tendered and accepted in the Tender Offer will be retired and cancelled. See “Purpose of the Tender Offer.” The Offerors intend to use the net proceeds from the Debt Financing, together with cash on hand, and/or borrowings under the Credit Facility, if necessary, to pay the Purchase Price for Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer.

Procedures for Tendering Notes See “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Procedures for Tendering Notes.” There is no letter of transmittal for the Tender Offer.

A Holder who desires to tender Notes but who cannot comply with the procedures set forth herein for a tender on a timely basis or whose Notes are not immediately available may tender such Notes by following the procedures for guaranteed delivery set forth below under “—Procedures for Tendering Notes— Guaranteed Delivery.”

Consequences of Failure to Tender Your rights and the obligations of the Offerors under the Notes that remain outstanding after the consummation of the Tender Offer will not change as a result of the Tender Offer. Substantially concurrently with the commencement of this Tender Offer, the Offerors intend to issue a conditional notice of full redemption to redeem, subject to the completion of the Debt Financing, all Notes not purchased in the Tender Offer on or about November 1, 2024 at a redemption price of 100.000% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. See “Principal Terms of the Tender Offer— Subsequent Repurchases of Notes; Redemption.” This Offer to Purchase does not constitute a notice of redemption under the optional redemption provisions of the Indenture.

Further, prior to any such redemption, the purchase of any Notes in the Tender Offer will result in a smaller trading market for the remaining outstanding principal amount of Notes, which may cause the market for the Notes to be less liquid and more sporadic, and market prices for the Notes may fluctuate significantly depending on the volume of trading. See “Certain Considerations—The Tender Offer May Adversely Affect the Market Value and Reduce the Liquidity of any Trading Market for the Notes” and “Certain Considerations—Treatment of Notes Not Tendered in the Tender Offer.” Notes not tendered and purchased in the Tender Offer will remain outstanding. The terms and conditions governing the Notes, including the covenants and other protective provisions contained in the Indenture, will remain unchanged. No amendments to these documents are being sought.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences For a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Tender Offer, see “Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences.”

Tender Agent and Information Agent D.F. King & Co., Inc. is the Tender Agent and Information Agent for the Tender Offer. The address and telephone numbers of D.F. King & Co., Inc. are listed on the back cover page of this Offer to Purchase.

Dealer Manager J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is the Dealer Manager for the Tender Offer. The address and telephone numbers of the Dealer Manager are listed on the back cover page of this Offer to Purchase.

INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

This Offer to Purchase incorporates certain information by reference, which means:

- the Offerors consider incorporated documents to be part of this Offer to Purchase;
- the Offerors may disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents; and
- information ARUH may subsequently furnish to the Trustee or the Holders pursuant to Section 4.03 of the Indenture will automatically update and supersede the information in this Offer to Purchase.

This Offer to Purchase incorporates by reference the following documents:

- ARUH Management's Discussion and Analysis and Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021;
- ARUH's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) and Management's Discussion and Analysis as of June 30, 2024 and December 31, 2023 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023; and
- all subsequent documents furnished to the Trustee and the Holders pursuant to Section 4.03 of the Indenture after the date of this Offer to Purchase and prior to the expiration, termination or consummation of the Tender Offer.

Such documents are accessible by visiting the Investors section of ARUH's website at www.ascentresources.com/investors. Except as expressly provided in this Offer to Purchase, ARUH's website and the information contained on that site, or connected to that site, are not incorporated by reference into this Offer to Purchase.

The Offerors are not currently subject to the information requirements of Section 13(g) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and will not be subject to these requirements as a result of this Tender Offer. However, since this Offer to Purchase may not contain all the information that you may find important, you should review the full text of those documents incorporated by reference. Upon request, the Offerors will provide each person receiving this Offer to Purchase a free copy of any or all documents incorporated by reference into this Offer to Purchase. You can also obtain such reports and other information by written request to:

Ascent Resources Utica Holdings, LLC
Attention: Brooks Shughart, Chief Financial Officer
3501 NW 63rd Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference into this Offer to Purchase or to which this Offer to Purchase may refer you. The Offerors have not authorized any person to provide you with different information or to make any representation not contained in this Offer to Purchase.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the information in this Offer to Purchase, including some of the information incorporated by reference in this Offer to Purchase, may contain “forward-looking statements” and “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable U.S. securities legislation (collectively, “*forward-looking statements*”). All statements, other than statements of historical fact included in this Offer to Purchase, regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this Offer to Purchase, the words “could,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “expect,” “project” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on management’s current beliefs, based on currently available information, as to the outcome and timing of future events, which may differ from actual outcomes due to our ability or inability to, among other things:

- manage changes in, and volatility of, natural gas, oil and natural gas liquid (“NGL”) prices and the potential impact of such changes on our asset carrying values;
- predict and manage the effects of OPEC+ actions and agreements to set and maintain production levels;
- execute on the assumptions regarding our drilling, development plan and future production;
- manage increases in costs of, fluctuation in availability of, and competition for, goods, services, oilfield equipment and personnel;
- cure any defects impairing title to our properties;
- execute on our financial strategy required to achieve our business plan and replace our reserves;
- mitigate opportunity costs and counterparty credit risk regarding derivative instruments;
- manage contractual obligations with respect to infrastructure that are due regardless of use;
- manage pipeline and gathering system capacity constraints;
- mitigate credit risk posed by significant customers;
- mitigate uncertainty regarding our reserve estimates and future operating results;
- generate sufficient cash flows from operations to service our indebtedness;
- mitigate any significant reduction in the borrowing base under our Credit Facility;
- mitigate the effects of negative shifts in investor sentiment and public perception toward the natural gas and oil industry on our ability to attract capital and obtain financing on favorable terms;
- manage restrictions and comply with obligations in our debt instruments;
- manage our leasehold assets that are subject to leases that will expire unless production commences on the acreage;
- manage risks and cost of compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations aimed at lowering greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning towards lower carbon energy;
- respond to litigation, pending and/or threatened claims by third parties or adverse rulings by legal tribunals;
- respond to shifting government regulatory requirements with respect to unconventional resource recovery;
- retain key members of our senior management and key technical personnel;
- detect and successfully defend against cybersecurity threats and manage risks and cost of compliance with laws and regulations related to data privacy and protection; and

- meet our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions contained in this Offer to Purchase and mitigate other risks to our planned objectives described herein and in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

We caution you that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict, and many of which are beyond our control, incidental to the exploration for and development, production, gathering and sale of natural gas, oil and NGL.

Reserve engineering and resource estimation involve estimating underground accumulations of natural gas, oil and NGL that cannot be measured in an exact way. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, the interpretation of such data and price and cost assumptions made by reserve engineers. In addition, the results of drilling, testing and production activities may justify revisions of estimates that were made previously. If significant, such revisions would change the schedule of any further production and development activity. Accordingly, reserve estimates may differ significantly from the quantities of natural gas, oil and NGL that are ultimately recovered.

Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described in this Offer to Purchase occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements, expressed or implied, included in this Offer to Purchase are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. This cautionary statement should also be considered in connection with any subsequent written or oral forward-looking statements that we or persons acting on our behalf may issue. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, we disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Offer to Purchase.

THE OFFERORS

We are one of the largest private producers of oil and natural gas in the United States. We are focused on acquiring, developing, producing, and operating natural gas and oil properties located in the Utica Shale in southern Ohio. Our largely contiguous development footprint encompasses approximately 372,000 net leasehold acres, including approximately 80,800 mineral acres, within one of the premier North American shale plays. Our highly consistent, successful, and repeatable drilling results offer development opportunities with predictable production profiles, low breakeven costs and industry-leading rates of return and paybacks.

We are focused on generating value through the efficient and responsible operation and development of our assets. We achieve these goals by continuously working to minimize our capital and operating costs while maximizing recoveries from our asset base, which allows us to generate and grow sustainable free cash flow in a financially disciplined, and environmentally responsible manner.

Our principal executive offices are located at 3501 NW 63rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116, and our telephone number at that address is (405) 608-5544. Our website is located at www.ascentresources.com. Except as expressly provided herein, our website and the information contained on that site, or accessible through that site, are not incorporated by reference into this Offer to Purchase.

For additional information about, you should review the documents incorporated by reference into this Offer to Purchase described in “Incorporation of Documents by Reference.”

PRINCIPAL TERMS OF THE TENDER OFFER

General

The Offerors are offering to purchase for cash, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer Documents, the outstanding Notes set forth on the front cover of this Offer to Purchase. This Offer to Purchase consists of an offer by the Offerors to purchase for cash any and all of the outstanding 7.00% Senior Notes due 2026 issued by the Offerors. Certain subsidiaries of ARUH have fully and unconditionally guaranteed the Notes.

The Purchase Price will be payable on the Settlement Date and in no event will the Purchase Price be paid prior to the Expiration Time.

A Holder who desires to tender Notes but who cannot comply with the procedures set forth herein for a tender on a timely basis or whose Notes are not immediately available may tender such Notes by following the procedures for guaranteed delivery set forth below under “—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Guaranteed Delivery.”

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer, in addition to the Purchase Price, Holders who validly tender and do not validly withdraw their Notes and whose Notes are accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer will also be paid the Accrued Interest thereon. Under no circumstances will any interest be payable because of any delay in the transmission of funds to Holders by the Tender Agent or DTC.

The Offerors’ obligation to pay the Purchase Price plus Accrued Interest is conditioned, among other things, on the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, as set forth in the section titled “—Conditions of the Tender Offer.” The Offerors reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to waive or modify any one or more of the conditions to the Tender Offer in whole or in part at any time before the date that any Notes are first accepted for purchase. The Tender Offer is not conditioned on any minimum amount of Notes being tendered.

Any Notes tendered but not purchased will be returned to the Holders at the Offerors’ expense promptly following the earlier of the Expiration Time or the date on which the Tender Offer is terminated or withdrawn, and will remain outstanding.

Purchase Price

The Purchase Price offered per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer will be calculated by the Dealer Manager in accordance with standard market practice, as described on Schedule A hereto, so as to result in a price as of the Settlement Date based on a yield to November 1, 2024, the date of the next specified redemption price reduction under the Indenture, equal to the sum of:

- the yield on the Reference Security, calculated by the Dealer Manager in accordance with standard market practice, based on the offer-side price of the Reference Security set forth for the Notes on the front cover of this Offer to Purchase, as quoted on the Reference Page at 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Price Determination Date, *plus*
- the Fixed Spread set forth for the Notes on the front cover of this Offer to Purchase.

This sum is referred to in this Offer to Purchase as the “Repurchase Yield”. Specifically, the Purchase Price offered per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase will be the amount calculated by the Dealer Manager to equal:

- the present value per \$1,000 principal amount of all remaining payments to be made on the Notes assuming they are redeemed on November 1, 2024, at the specified redemption price for such date of 100.000% of the principal amount, discounted to the Settlement Date in accordance with the formula set forth on Schedule A hereto, at a discount rate equal to the Repurchase Yield, *minus*

- Accrued Interest up to, but excluding, the Settlement Date per \$1,000 principal amount of the Notes.

In addition to the Purchase Price, all Holders of Notes accepted for purchase will also receive Accrued Interest from the last interest payment date up to, but excluding, the Settlement Date, payable on the Settlement Date.

Because the consideration applicable to the Tender Offer is based on a fixed spread pricing formula linked to the yield on the Reference Security, the actual amount of consideration that may be received by a tendering Holder pursuant to the Tender Offer will be affected by changes in such yield during the term of the Tender Offer prior to the Price Determination Date. After 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Price Determination Date, when the consideration applicable to the Tender Offer is no longer linked to the yield on the Reference Security, the actual amount of cash that may be received by a tendering Holder pursuant to the Tender Offer will be known, and Holders will be able to ascertain the Purchase Price that would be received by all tendering Holders whose Notes are accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer in the manner described above.

In the event of any dispute or controversy regarding the (i) Purchase Price, (ii) Reference Yield, (iii) Repurchase Yield or (iv) amount of Accrued Interest for Notes tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer, the Offerors' determination of such amounts shall be conclusive and binding, absent manifest error.

The Price Determination Date is 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 8, 2024, unless extended, in which case the Price Determination Date will be such date to which the Price Determination Date is extended.

Prior to 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Price Determination Date, Holders may obtain a hypothetical quote of the yield of the Reference Security (calculated as of a then-recent time) and the resulting hypothetical Purchase Price, by contacting the Dealer Manager at its telephone number set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase. In addition, as soon as practicable after 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the Price Determination Date, but in any event no later than 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day, ARUH will publicly announce the pricing information by press release.

The Offerors will not pay the Purchase Price for the Tender Offer until promptly after the expiration of the Tender Offer pursuant to Rule 14e-1(c) promulgated under the Exchange Act.

Purpose of the Tender Offer

The purpose of the Tender Offer is to retire any and all of the Notes prior to their maturity. Any Notes tendered and accepted in the Tender Offer will be retired and cancelled. The Offerors intend to use the net proceeds from the Debt Financing, together with cash on hand, and/or borrowings under the Credit Facility, if necessary, to pay the Purchase Price for Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer.

Subsequent Repurchases of Notes; Redemption

Whether or not the Tender Offer is consummated, we may from time to time acquire Notes, other than pursuant to the Tender Offer, through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, tender offers, exchange offers, redemptions, satisfaction and discharge, and/or defeasance under the Indenture or otherwise, upon such terms and conditions and at such prices as we may determine, which may be more or less than the prices to be paid pursuant to the Tender Offer and could be for cash or other consideration.

Substantially concurrently with the commencement of this Tender Offer, the Offerors intend to issue a conditional notice of full redemption to redeem, subject to the completion of the Debt Financing, all Notes not purchased in the Tender Offer on or about November 1, 2024 at a redemption price of 100.000% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. This Offer to Purchase does not constitute a notice of redemption under the optional redemption provisions of the Indenture.

Market Volatility May Affect Offer Consideration

The Purchase Price is dependent upon the price of U.S. Treasury securities. The price of the Reference Security, and therefore the Purchase Price, may fluctuate significantly from the date of the Tender Offer to the Price Determination Date and from such Price Determination Date to the expected Settlement Date.

Conditions of the Tender Offer

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Tender Offer, the Offerors' obligation to accept for purchase, and to pay for, any Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Tender Offer is conditioned upon the following (unless otherwise waived by the Offerors prior to the Settlement Date):

- the completion of the Debt Financing (such condition, the “*Financing Condition*”); and
- none of the following shall have occurred (the “*General Conditions*” and, together with the Financing Condition, the “*Conditions*”):
 - (i) any general suspension of trading in, or limitation on prices for, securities in the United States securities or financial markets, (ii) a material impairment in the trading market for debt securities, (iii) a declaration of a banking moratorium or any suspension of payments in respect of banks in the United States (whether or not mandatory), (iv) any limitation (whether or not mandatory) by any governmental authority on, or other event having a reasonable likelihood of affecting, the extension of credit by banks or other lending institutions in the United States, (v) any attack on, outbreak or escalation of hostilities or acts of terrorism involving the United States that would reasonably be expected to have a materially disproportionate effect on ARUH's (or its subsidiaries') business, operations, condition or prospects relative to other companies in the same industry, or (vi) any significant adverse change in the United States securities or financial markets generally, or, in the case of any of the foregoing existing on the date hereof, a material acceleration or worsening thereof;
- the existence of any order, statute, rule, regulation, executive order, stay, decree, judgment or injunction shall have been enacted, entered, issued, promulgated, enforced or deemed applicable by any court or governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or instrumentality that either:
 - challenges the making of the Tender Offer or would (or would be reasonably likely to) prohibit, prevent, restrict or delay, or otherwise adversely affect in any material manner, the Tender Offer; or
 - in the Offerors' reasonable judgment, is (or is reasonably likely to be) materially adverse to the business, operations, properties, condition (financial or otherwise), assets, liabilities or prospects of ARUH or its subsidiaries;
- any instituted or pending action or proceeding before or by any court or governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or instrumentality, or by any other person, that challenges the making of the Tender Offer or is reasonably likely to directly or indirectly prohibit, prevent, restrict or delay the consummation of the Tender Offer or otherwise adversely affects the Tender Offer in any material manner;
- any other actual or threatened legal impediment to the Tender Offer or any other circumstances that would materially adversely affect the transactions contemplated by the Tender Offer, or the contemplated benefits of the Tender Offer to the Offerors or their affiliates;
- any event or events or the likely occurrence of an event or events that would or might reasonably be expected to prohibit, restrict or delay the consummation of the Tender Offer or materially impair the contemplated benefits of the Tender Offer; or

- the Trustee shall not have objected in any respect to, or taken any action that would be reasonably likely to materially and adversely affect, the consummation of the Tender Offer, or taken any action that challenges the validity or effectiveness of the procedures used by the Offerors in the making of the Tender Offer or in the acceptance of Notes.

The Conditions are solely for the Offerors' benefit and may be asserted by the Offerors, in their sole discretion, regardless of the circumstances giving rise to any such condition, including any action or inaction by the Offerors, and may be waived by the Offerors, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time before the Settlement Date. The Offerors' failure at any time to exercise any of their rights will not be deemed a waiver of any other right, and each right will be deemed an ongoing right which may be asserted at any time and from time to time.

Subject to applicable law, the Offerors expressly reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to terminate or withdraw the Tender Offer at any time with respect to the Notes. If the Offerors terminate or withdraw the Tender Offer, they will give immediate notice to the Tender Agent and all of the Notes theretofore tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer and not accepted for payment will be returned promptly to the tendering Holders thereof. See "—Withdrawal of Tenders" below.

Procedures for Tendering Notes

Expiration Time; Extensions; Amendments

The Tender Offer will expire at the Expiration Time. The Offerors, in their sole discretion, may extend the Expiration Time for any purpose, including to permit the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions to the Tender Offer. To extend the Expiration Time, the Offerors will notify the Tender Agent and will make a public announcement thereof before 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled Expiration Time. Such announcement will state that the Offerors are extending the Tender Offer for a specified period or on a daily basis. Without limiting the manner in which the Offerors may choose to make a public announcement of any extension, amendment or termination of the Tender Offer, the Offerors will not be obligated to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement, other than by making a timely press release.

The Offerors expressly reserve the right, subject to applicable law, to:

- delay accepting any Notes, to extend the Tender Offer period or to terminate or withdraw the Tender Offer and not accept Notes; and
- amend, modify or waive at any time, or from time to time, the terms of the Tender Offer in any respect as to their Notes (including, without limitation, to change the Fixed Spread), including waiver of any conditions to consummation of the Tender Offer.

If the Offerors exercise any such right, the Offerors will give written notice thereof to the Tender Agent and will make a public announcement thereof as promptly as practicable. The minimum period during which the Tender Offer will remain open following material changes in the terms of the Tender Offer or in the information concerning the Tender Offer will depend upon the facts and circumstances of such change, including the relative materiality of the changes. With respect to any material change in Purchase Price, the Offerors will extend the Expiration Time by at least five business days, if the Tender Offer would otherwise expire during such period. If any of the terms of the Tender Offer are amended in a manner determined by the Offerors to constitute a material change adversely affecting any Holder, the Offerors will disclose any such amendment in a press release at or prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the day of such amendment, and the Offerors will extend the Tender Offer for at least three business days, if the Tender Offer would otherwise expire during such time period.

How to Tender Notes

All Notes are held in book-entry form.

Any beneficial owner whose Notes are held in book-entry form through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and who wishes to tender Notes should contact such broker, bank, dealer or other

nominee promptly and instruct such nominee to submit instructions on such beneficial owner's behalf. In some cases, the bank, broker, dealer or other nominee may request submission of such instructions on a Beneficial Owner's Instruction Form. Please check with your nominee to determine the procedures for such firm.

Any acceptance of an Agent's Message (defined below) transmitted through ATOP is at the election and risk of the person transmitting an Agent's Message and delivery will be deemed made only when actually received by the Tender Agent. Delivery of tendered Notes must be made to the Tender Agent pursuant to the book-entry delivery procedures set forth below or the tendering DTC participant must comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth below. There is no letter of transmittal for the Tender Offer.

The tender by a Holder pursuant to the procedures set forth herein will constitute an agreement between such Holder and the Offerors in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein. Except as otherwise provided herein, delivery of Notes in book-entry form will be deemed made only when the Agent's Message is actually received by the Tender Agent. No documents should be sent to the Offerors or the Dealer Manager.

Book-Entry Transfer

The Tender Agent will establish an account with respect to the Notes at DTC for purposes of the Tender Offer, and any financial institution that is a participant in DTC may make book-entry delivery of Notes by causing DTC to transfer such Notes into the Tender Agent's account in accordance with DTC's procedures for such transfer. However, although delivery of Notes may be effected through book-entry transfer into the Tender Agent's account at DTC, an Agent's Message, and any other required documents, must, in any case, be transmitted to and received by the Tender Agent at its address set forth on the back cover of this Offer to Purchase before the Expiration Time or the guaranteed delivery procedures described under "—Guaranteed Delivery" must be complied with. The confirmation of a book-entry transfer into the Tender Agent's account at DTC as described above is referred to herein as a "Book-Entry Confirmation." There is no letter of transmittal for the Tender Offer. **Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the Tender Agent.**

The term "Agent's Message" means a message transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the Tender Agent and forming a part of the Book-Entry Confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the participant in DTC described in such Agent's Message, stating (i) the aggregate principal amount of Notes that have been tendered by such participant pursuant to the Tender Offer, (ii) that such participant has received the Offer Documents and agrees to be bound by the terms the Tender Offer and (iii) that the Offerors may enforce such agreement against such participant.

Guaranteed Delivery

If a Holder desires to tender Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer and (1) time will not permit such Holder's required documents to reach the Tender Agent prior to the Expiration Time or (2) such Holder cannot complete the procedures for book-entry transfer prior to the Expiration Time, such Holder may effect a tender of Notes if all of the following are complied with:

- such tender is made by or through an Eligible Institution (defined below);
- prior to the Expiration Time, the Tender Agent has received from such Eligible Institution, at the address of the Tender Agent set forth on the last page of this Offer to Purchase, a physical copy of a properly completed and duly executed Notice of Guaranteed Delivery (by manually signed facsimile transmission, mail or hand delivery) in substantially the form provided by the Offerors setting forth the name and address of the DTC participant tendering Notes of behalf of the Holder(s) and the principal amount of Notes being tendered and guaranteeing that, no later than the close of business on the second business day after the Expiration Time, a properly transmitted Agent's Message, together with confirmation of book-entry transfer thereof pursuant to the procedures set forth under the caption "—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Book Entry Transfer," and any other required documents, will be deposited by such Eligible Institution with the Tender Agent; and

- a properly transmitted Agent's Message, together with confirmation of book-entry transfer thereof pursuant to the procedures set forth under the caption "—Procedures for Tendering Notes—Book Entry Transfer," and all other required documents are received by the Tender Agent no later than the close of business on the second business day after the Expiration Time.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the ATOP procedures are used to tender Notes, the tendering DTC participant need not complete and physically deliver the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery. However, such DTC participant will be bound by the terms of the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery just as if it had completed and physically delivered such document.

Interest will cease to accrue on the Settlement Date for all Notes accepted in the Tender Offer, including those tendered through the guaranteed delivery procedures.

"Eligible Institution" means a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States or an "Eligible Guarantor Institution" within the meaning of Rule 17Ad-15(a)(2) under the Exchange Act. In the Offer Documents, the term "business day" means any day, other than Saturday, Sunday or a federal holiday.

The Eligible Institution that tenders Notes by guaranteed delivery must comply with DTC's applicable procedures and must deliver the Agent's Message, together with confirmation of book-entry transfer thereof, to the Tender Agent within the time period stated above. **Failure to do so will result in an invalid tender of the related Notes and could result in a financial loss to such Eligible Institution.**

Guaranteed deliveries will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 10, 2024, and the settlement date for Notes purchased in guaranteed deliveries will take place on the Settlement Date, in each case unless the Expiration Time is extended.

Your Representations and Warranties; the Offerors' Acceptance Constitutes an Agreement

A tender of Notes under the procedures described above will constitute your acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer. In addition, by instructing your custodian or nominee to tender your Notes in the Tender Offer, you are representing, warranting and agreeing that:

- you have received the Offer Documents and agree to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer;
- you have full power and authority to tender, sell, assign and transfer your Notes;
- you have assigned and transferred the Notes to the Tender Agent and constitute and appoint the Tender Agent as your true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact to cause your Notes to be tendered in the Tender Offer, that power of attorney being irrevocable and coupled with an interest;
- your Notes are being tendered, and will, when accepted by the Tender Agent, be free and clear of all charges, liens, restrictions, claims, equitable interests and encumbrances, other than your claims as a Holder under the express terms of the Tender Offer; and
- you will, upon the Offerors' request or the request of the Tender Agent, as applicable, execute and deliver any additional documents necessary or desirable for the completion of the tender of the Notes.

Your custodian or other nominee, by delivering, or causing to be delivered, the Notes and the completed Agent's Message or Notice of Guaranteed Delivery to the Tender Agent is representing and warranting that you, as owner of the Notes, have represented, warranted and agreed to each of the above.

The Offerors' acceptance for payment of Notes tendered under the Tender Offer will constitute a binding agreement between you and the Offerors upon the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer described in the Offer Documents.

Acceptance of Notes for Purchase; Payment of Notes

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer, the Offerors will accept for purchase, and pay for, Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn upon the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the Tender Offer specified under "Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer." Such Offerors will promptly pay for Notes accepted for purchase on the terms set forth herein. In all cases, payment for Notes accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer will be made only after confirmation of book-entry transfer thereof.

The Offerors expressly reserve the right, in their sole discretion, but subject to applicable law, to (1) delay acceptance for purchase of Notes tendered under the Tender Offer or the payment for Notes accepted for purchase (subject to Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, which requires that the Offerors pay the consideration offered or return Notes deposited by or on behalf of the Holders promptly after the termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer), or (2) terminate or withdraw the Tender Offer at any time.

For purposes of the Tender Offer, the Offerors will be deemed to have accepted for purchase validly tendered Notes (or defectively tendered Notes with respect to which the Offerors have waived such defect) if, as, and when the Offerors give oral (promptly confirmed in writing) or written notice thereof to the Tender Agent. With respect to tendered Notes that are to be returned to Holders, such Notes will be returned without expense to the tendering Holder promptly (or, in the case of Notes tendered by book-entry transfer, such Notes will be credited to the account maintained at DTC from which such Notes were delivered) after the expiration or termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer.

The Offerors will pay for Notes tendered via the ATOP procedures and accepted for purchase in the Tender Offer by depositing such payment in cash with the Tender Agent or, upon its instructions, DTC, which will act as agent for the tendering Holders for the purpose of receiving tenders of Notes, the Purchase Price and Accrued Interest and transmitting the Purchase Price and Accrued Interest to such Holders. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Tender Offer, delivery by the Offerors to the Tender Agent or DTC, as the case may be, of the Purchase Price and Accrued Interest for Notes tendered via the ATOP procedures and accepted for purchase in the Tender Offer will be made on the Settlement Date or, in the case of any Notes tendered pursuant to the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery, on the third business day following the Expiration Time.

Notes may be tendered and guarantees may be delivered only in principal amounts equal to the minimum authorized denomination, which is \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of the minimum authorized denomination. Alternative, conditional or contingent tenders will not be considered valid. Holders who tender less than all of their Notes must continue to hold Notes in the minimum authorized denomination of \$2,000.

By tendering their notes, Holders will be deemed to waive any right to receive any notice of the acceptance of their Notes for purchase.

If, for any reason, acceptance for purchase of, or payment for, validly tendered Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer is delayed, or the Offerors are unable to accept for purchase or to pay for validly tendered Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer, then the Tender Agent may, nevertheless, on behalf of the Offerors, retain the Notes tendered in book-entry form, without prejudice to the rights of the Offerors described above under "—Procedures For Tendering Notes—Expiration Time; Extensions; Amendments" and under "—Conditions of the Tender Offer" above and "—Withdrawal of Tenders" below, but subject to Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, which requires that the Offerors pay the consideration offered or return the Notes tendered promptly after the termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer.

If any Notes tendered pursuant to the ATOP procedures are not accepted for payment for any reason pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer, such Notes will be credited to an account maintained at DTC, designated by the participant therein who so delivered such Notes, promptly following the Expiration Time or the termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer.

The Offerors may transfer or assign, in whole or from time to time in part, to one or more of their affiliates or any third party the right to purchase all or any of the Notes tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer, but any such transfer or assignment will not relieve the Offerors of their obligations under the Tender Offer and will in no way prejudice the rights of tendering Holders to receive payment for Notes validly tendered and not validly withdrawn and accepted for payment pursuant to the Tender Offer.

Holders of Notes tendered and accepted for payment pursuant to the Tender Offer will be entitled to Accrued Interest payable on the Settlement Date. Under no circumstances will any additional interest be payable because of any delay by the Tender Agent or DTC in the transmission of funds to the Holders of purchased Notes or otherwise.

Tendering Holders of Notes purchased in the Tender Offer will not be obligated to pay brokerage commissions or fees to the Offerors, the Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent or Information Agent, or to pay transfer taxes with respect to the purchase of their Notes. If you hold your Notes through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, you should ask your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee if you will be charged a fee to tender your Notes through such broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee. The Offerors will pay all other charges and expenses in connection with the Tender Offer. See “The Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent and the Information Agent.”

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of any tendered Notes pursuant to any of the procedures described above will be determined by the Offerors in their sole discretion (whose determination shall be final and binding). The Offerors expressly reserve the absolute right, in their sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to reject any or all tenders of the Notes determined by it not to be in proper form or if the acceptance for payment of, or payment for, such Notes may, in the opinion of the Offerors, be unlawful. The Offerors also reserve the absolute right, in their sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to waive or amend any of the conditions of this Offer to Purchase or to waive any defect or irregularity in any tender with respect to the Notes of any particular Holder, whether or not similar defects or irregularities are waived in the case of other Holders. The Offerors’ interpretation of the terms and conditions of this Offer to Purchase and any other Offer Document will be final and binding. Any defect or irregularity in connection with tenders of Notes must be cured within such time as the Offerors determines, unless waived by the Offerors. Tenders of Notes shall not be deemed to have been made until all defects or irregularities have been waived by the Offerors or cured. None of the Offerors, the Trustee, the Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent, the Information Agent or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in tenders or will incur any liability for failure to give any such notification.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

For a summary of certain backup withholding and information reporting requirements applicable to tendering Holders, see “Certain United States Federal Income Tax Consequences.”

Withdrawal of Tenders

Notes subject to the Tender Offer may be validly withdrawn at any time before the earlier of (i) the Expiration Time, or (ii) if the Tender Offer is extended, the 10th business day after commencement of the Tender Offer. Notes subject to the Tender Offer may also be validly withdrawn in the event the Tender Offer has not been consummated within 60 business days after commencement. If the Tender Offer is terminated or withdrawn, the Notes tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer will be promptly returned to the tendering Holders.

For a withdrawal of Notes tendered via the ATOP procedures to be effective, the Tender Agent must receive a written or facsimile transmission withdrawal notice before the applicable time described above by a properly transmitted “Request Message” through ATOP. Any such notice of withdrawal must (i) specify the name of the participant in the book-entry transfer facility whose name appears on the security position listing as the owner of such Notes, (ii) contain the description of the Notes to be withdrawn and the aggregate principal amount represented by such Notes, (iii) if other than a notice transmitted through ATOP, be signed by the Holder of such Notes in the same manner as the original signature by which such notes were tendered (including any required signature guarantees), or be accompanied by (x) documents of transfer sufficient to have the Trustee register the transfer of the Notes into the name of the person withdrawing such Notes and (y) a properly completed irrevocable proxy

authorizing such person to effect such withdrawal on behalf of such Holder, and (iv) specify the name and number of the account at the book-entry transfer facility to be credited with withdrawn Notes.

Holders may not rescind their withdrawal of tenders of Notes, and any Notes properly withdrawn will thereafter be deemed not validly tendered for purposes of the Tender Offer. Notes validly withdrawn may thereafter be retendered at any time before the Expiration Time by following the procedures described under “—Procedures for Tendering Notes.”

The Offerors will determine all questions as to the form and validity (including time of receipt) of any notice of withdrawal of a tender, in their sole discretion, which determination shall be final and binding. The Offerors expressly reserve the absolute right, in their sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to reject any or all attempted withdrawals of the Notes determined by it not to be in proper form or if the withdrawal of such Notes may, in the opinion of the Offerors, be unlawful. The Offerors also reserve the absolute right, in their sole discretion, subject to applicable law, to waive any defect or irregularity in any withdrawal with respect to the Notes of any particular Holder, whether or not similar defects or irregularities are waived in the case of other Holders. None of the Offerors, the Trustee, the Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent, the Information Agent or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defect or irregularity in any notice of withdrawal of a tender or incur any liability for failure to give any such notification.

If the Offerors are delayed in their acceptance for purchase of, or payment for, any Notes or is unable to accept for purchase or pay for any Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer for any reason, then, without prejudice to the Offerors' rights hereunder, but subject to applicable law, tendered Notes may be retained by the Tender Agent on behalf of the Offerors and may not be validly withdrawn (subject to Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, which requires that the Offerors pay the consideration offered or return the Notes deposited by or on behalf of the Holders promptly after the termination or withdrawal of the Tender Offer).

The Notes are debt obligations of the Offerors. The Notes are governed by the Indenture. There are no appraisal or other similar statutory rights available to Holders in connection with the Tender Offer.

The Tender Agent will return to tendering Holders all Notes in respect of which it has received valid and timely withdrawal instructions, promptly after it receives such instructions.

Holders can withdraw the tender of their Notes only in accordance with the foregoing procedures.

CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS

In deciding whether to participate in the Tender Offer, each Holder should consider carefully, in addition to the other information contained in this Offer to Purchase, the following:

Position of the Offerors Concerning the Tender Offer

None of the Offerors, the Trustee, the Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent or the Information Agent makes any recommendation to any Holder whether to tender or refrain from tendering any or all of such Holder's Notes, and none of them has authorized any person to make any such recommendation. Holders should evaluate carefully all information in the Offer Documents, consult their own investment and tax advisors and make their own decisions whether to tender Notes.

The Tender Offer May Adversely Affect the Market Value and Reduce the Liquidity of any Trading Market for the Notes

All Notes validly tendered and accepted in the Tender Offer will be retired and canceled. Historically, the trading market for the Notes has been limited. To the extent that Notes are tendered and accepted in the Tender Offer, the trading market for Notes will likely become further limited. A bid for a debt security with a smaller outstanding principal amount available for trading (a smaller "*float*") may be lower than a bid for a comparable debt security with a greater float. Therefore, the market price for and liquidity of Notes not tendered or tendered but not purchased may be affected adversely to the extent that the principal amount of Notes purchased pursuant to the Tender Offer reduces the float. The reduced float may also tend to make the trading price more volatile.

Holders of unpurchased Notes may attempt to obtain quotations for their Notes from their brokers; however, there can be no assurance that an active trading market will exist for Notes following consummation of Tender Offer. The extent of the public market for Notes following consummation of the Tender Offer will depend upon a number of factors, including the size of the float, the number of Holders remaining at such time, and the interest in maintaining a market in Notes on the part of securities firms.

Conditions to the Consummation of the Tender Offer

The consummation of the Tender Offer is subject to the satisfaction of several conditions. See "Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer." There can be no assurance that such conditions will be met or that, in the event that the Tender Offer is not consummated, the market value and liquidity of the Notes will not be materially adversely affected.

Treatment of Notes Not Tendered in the Tender Offer

Notes not tendered and purchased in the Tender Offer will remain outstanding. The terms and conditions governing the Notes, including the covenants and other protective provisions contained in the Indenture, will remain unchanged. No amendments to these documents are being sought.

Substantially concurrently with the commencement of this Tender Offer, the Offerors intend to issue a conditional notice of full redemption to redeem, subject to the completion of the Debt Financing, all Notes not purchased in the Tender Offer on or about November 1, 2024 at a redemption price of 100.000% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date. This Offer to Purchase does not constitute a notice of redemption under the optional redemption provisions of the Indenture.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Offerors intend to use the net proceeds from the Debt Financing, together with cash on hand, and/or borrowings under the Credit Facility, if necessary, to pay the Purchase Price for Notes validly tendered and accepted for purchase pursuant to the Tender Offer. See "Principal Terms of the Tender Offer—Conditions of the Tender Offer."

CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Tender Offer that may be relevant to beneficial owners of the Notes but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all the potential U.S. federal income tax consequences related thereto. This discussion is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “*Code*”), applicable U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial authority and administrative interpretations, all as of the date of this Offer to Purchase and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, or are subject to different interpretations, which may result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those summarized below. We cannot assure you that the Internal Revenue Service (the “*IRS*”) will not challenge one or more of the tax consequences described in this discussion, and we have not obtained, nor do we intend to obtain, a ruling from the IRS or an opinion of counsel with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences described in this discussion.

This discussion is limited to holders who hold the Notes as capital assets (generally, property held for investment). This discussion does not address any U.S. federal tax consequences other than U.S. federal income tax consequences (such as estate and gift tax consequences or the Medicare contribution tax on net investment income) or the tax consequences arising under the laws of any foreign, state, local or other jurisdiction or any income tax treaty. In addition, this discussion does not address all tax consequences that may be important to a particular holder in light of the holder’s circumstances, or to certain categories of investors that may be subject to special rules, such as:

- dealers in securities or currencies;
- traders in securities that have elected the mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities;
- U.S. holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- U.S. holders who hold their Notes through non-U.S. brokers or other non-U.S. intermediaries;
- persons holding their Notes as part of a hedge, straddle, conversion or other “synthetic security” or integrated transaction;
- former U.S. citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- banks or other financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment trusts;
- persons subject to alternative minimum tax;
- entities that are tax-exempt for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- “controlled foreign corporations,” “passive foreign investment companies” and corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax;
- persons deemed to sell their Notes under the constructive sale provisions of the Code;
- holders who tender their Notes in the Tender Offer and participate in the Debt Financing;
- persons required to accelerate the recognition of any item of gross income with respect to their Notes as a result of such income being recognized on an “applicable financial statement” (within the meaning of Section 451(b) of the Code);

- investors holding their Notes through individual retirement accounts and other tax-deferred accounts;
- persons subject to anti-inversion, base erosion or anti-abuse rules; and
- partnerships, S corporations and other entities treated as pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes and holders of interests therein.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds Notes, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner of the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership and upon certain determinations made at the partner level. Partnerships considering whether to participate in the Tender Offer and partners therein should consult their own tax advisors about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Tender Offer.

We have taken the position, and the following discussion assumes, that the Notes are not instruments subject to the U.S. Treasury regulations that apply to “contingent payment debt instruments.” If they were so treated, the tax consequences to a tendering holder upon the sale of Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer could differ from those discussed below. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding the possible application of the contingent payment debt instrument rules to the Notes.

INVESTORS CONSIDERING THE SALE OF NOTES PURSUANT TO THE TENDER OFFER SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE SALE OF NOTES PURSUANT TO THE TENDER OFFER UNDER OTHER U.S. FEDERAL TAX LAWS OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX TREATY.

Tax Consequences to Tendering U.S. Holders

The following summary will apply to a holder if such holder is a U.S. holder of the Notes. A holder is a “U.S. holder” for purposes of this discussion if such holder is a beneficial owner of Notes and is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or any other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that was created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust (i) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and that has one or more United States persons that have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) that has made a valid election under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

Tender of Notes Pursuant to the Tender Offer

The receipt of cash by a U.S. holder in exchange for Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer will be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, a U.S. holder that receives cash for Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the amount of cash received (excluding any amounts attributable to accrued and unpaid interest, which will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent not previously included in such U.S. holder’s income) and (ii) such U.S. holder’s adjusted tax basis in such Notes. A U.S. holder’s adjusted tax basis in a Note is generally equal to the price such holder paid for the Note, increased by any market discount (as described below) previously included in such U.S. holder’s gross income with respect to the Note and decreased (but not below zero) by any amortizable bond premium that the U.S. holder has previously deducted with respect to the Note. Amortizable bond premium is generally defined as the excess of a

U.S. holder's tax basis in the Note immediately after its acquisition by such U.S. holder over the principal amount of the Note. Subject to the discussion below regarding market discount, any gain or loss recognized on a tender of a Note will generally be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder's holding period in the Note, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is more than one year at the time of the disposition pursuant to the Tender Offer. Long-term capital gains recognized by certain non-corporate U.S. holders currently are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses may be subject to limitation.

Any gain recognized by a tendering U.S. holder will be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gain to the extent of any market discount on the Notes that has accrued during the period that the tendering U.S. holder held the Notes and that has not previously been included in income by the U.S. holder. A Note generally will be considered to be acquired with market discount if the initial tax basis of the Note in the hands of the U.S. holder immediately after its acquisition was less than the principal amount of the Note by at least a specified de minimis amount. Market discount accrues on a ratable basis, unless the U.S. holder elects to accrue the market discount using a constant-yield method. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors as to the portion of any gain that could be taxable as ordinary income under the market discount rules.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Information reporting generally will apply to the aggregate amounts received by a U.S. holder pursuant to the Tender Offer. To avoid backup withholding, U.S. federal income tax law generally requires that each tendering U.S. holder must provide the applicable withholding agent with such U.S. holder's correct taxpayer identification number ("TIN"), certified under penalties of perjury, as well as certain other information (generally on IRS Form W-9), or otherwise establish an exemption from backup withholding. Exempt U.S. holders (including, among others, corporations) are not subject to these backup withholding and information reporting requirements, provided they establish their exempt status when required. If a tendering U.S. holder does not satisfy the requirements described above or otherwise establish another adequate basis for exemption, such U.S. holder may be subject to backup withholding imposed on the amounts received by such U.S. holder pursuant to the Tender Offer.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules is allowable as a credit against a U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, and a refund may be obtained from the IRS if the amounts withheld exceed such U.S. holder's actual U.S. federal income tax liability and such U.S. holder timely provides the required information or appropriate claim form to the IRS.

Tax Consequences to Tendering Non-U.S. Holders

The following summary will apply to any holder that is a non-U.S. holder of the Notes. A holder is a "non-U.S. holder" for purposes of this discussion if such holder is a beneficial owner of Notes that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, an individual, corporation, estate or trust that is not a U.S. holder.

Tender of Notes Pursuant to the Tender Offer

Subject to the discussion of amounts attributable to accrued and unpaid interest and the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA withholding below, any gain realized by a non-U.S. holder on the sale of a Note pursuant to the Tender Offer generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax, unless:

- such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by such non-U.S. holder of a U.S. trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, such non-U.S. holder maintains a permanent establishment or fixed base in the United States to which such gain is attributable); or
- such non-U.S. holder is a non-resident alien individual who has been present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition and certain other requirements are met.

If a non-U.S. holder's gain is described in the first bullet point above, such non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such gain at regular graduated rates in the same manner as if such non-U.S. holder were a U.S. holder, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. In addition, if such non-U.S. holder is a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes), it may be

subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% on effectively connected earnings and profits attributable to such gain, subject to adjustments, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides for a lower rate.

A non-U.S. holder described in the second bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on the amount of such gain which may be offset by certain U.S. source capital losses, provided that the non-U.S. holder has timely filed U.S. federal income tax returns with respect to such losses. To the extent that any portion of the amount realized pursuant to the Tender Offer is attributable to accrued and unpaid interest on a Note, this amount generally will be taxed in the manner described below.

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA withholding below, amounts received by a non-U.S. holder pursuant to the Tender Offer that are attributable to accrued and unpaid interest on a Note generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax and will be exempt from withholding of U.S. federal income tax under the “portfolio interest” exemption if such non-U.S. holder properly certifies as to its foreign status, as described below, and:

- such non-U.S. holder does not own, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the capital or profits interests in Ascent Resources, LLC (the indirect parent company of ARUH);
- such non-U.S. holder is not a “controlled foreign corporation” that is related (actually or constructively) to Ascent Resources, LLC;
- such non-U.S. holder is not a bank whose receipt of interest on a Note is in connection with an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of such non-U.S. holder’s trade or business; and
- interest on the Notes is not effectively connected with such non-U.S. holder’s conduct of a U.S. trade or business.

The portfolio interest exemption generally applies only if such non-U.S. holder also appropriately certifies as to its foreign status. A non-U.S. holder can generally meet the certification requirement by providing a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable or successor form) to the applicable withholding agent. If a non-U.S. holder holds the Notes through a financial institution or other agent acting on its behalf, such non-U.S. holder may be required to provide appropriate certifications to the agent. Such agent will then generally be required to provide appropriate certifications to the applicable withholding agent, either directly or through other intermediaries. Special rules apply to foreign partnerships, estates and trusts, and, in certain circumstances, certifications as to the foreign status of partners, trust owners or beneficiaries may have to be provided to the applicable withholding agent. In addition, special rules apply to qualified intermediaries that enter into withholding agreements with the IRS.

A non-U.S. holder that does not satisfy the preceding requirements generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30% rate on payments of accrued interest unless such non-U.S. holder timely provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable or successor form), claiming an exemption from or reduction in withholding under an applicable income tax treaty or the interest is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business conducted by the non-U.S. holder (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States) and the non-U.S. holder meets the certification requirement described below.

Interest on the Notes that is effectively connected with the conduct by a non-U.S. holder of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States) generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular graduated rates in the same manner as if such non-U.S. holder were a U.S. holder, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. Effectively connected interest income will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax if the non-U.S. holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form properly claiming an exemption). In addition, if the non-U.S. holder is a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes), it may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax on effectively

connected earnings and profits attributable to such interest, subject to adjustments, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides for a lower rate.

Non-U.S. holders that do not timely provide the applicable withholding agent with the required certification, but that qualify for a reduced rate of withholding under an applicable income tax treaty, may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding potentially applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Any amounts received by a tendering non-U.S. holder pursuant to the Tender Offer may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless such non-U.S. holder submits a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, IRS Form W-8ECI, or other appropriate IRS Form W-8, as the case may be, certifying under penalties of perjury as to such non-U.S. holder's foreign status in order to establish an exemption from backup withholding. Even if an applicable IRS Form W-8 is provided, certain information reporting generally will apply to payments to a non-U.S. holder of accrued interest on the Notes. Under the provisions of a specific treaty or agreement, copies of these information returns also may be made available to the tax authorities of the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides or is established.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a credit against a non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, and a refund may be obtained from the IRS if the amounts withheld exceed such non-U.S. holder's actual U.S. federal income tax liability and such non-U.S. holder timely provides the required information or appropriate claim form to the IRS.

Withholding on Payments to Certain Foreign Entities

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury regulations and administrative guidance issued thereunder (referred to as "*FATCA*") impose a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax on "withholdable payments" (as defined in the Code), including payments of interest on the Notes, if paid to a "foreign financial institution" or a "non-financial foreign entity" (each as defined in the Code) (including, in some cases, when such foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity is acting as an intermediary), unless: (i) in the case of a foreign financial institution, such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. government to withhold on certain payments, and to collect and provide to the U.S. tax authorities substantial information regarding U.S. account holders of such institution (which includes certain equity and debt holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are foreign entities with U.S. owners); (ii) in the case of a non-financial foreign entity, such entity certifies that it does not have any "substantial United States owners" (as defined in the Code) or provides the withholding agent with a certification identifying its direct and indirect substantial United States owners (generally by providing an IRS Form W-8BEN-E); or (iii) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules and provides appropriate documentation (such as an IRS Form W-8BEN-E). While withholdable payments would have originally included payments of gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of a note on or after January 1, 2019, proposed U.S. Treasury regulations provide that such payments of gross proceeds (other than amounts treated as interest) do not constitute withholdable payments. Taxpayers may rely generally on these proposed U.S. Treasury regulations until they are revoked or final U.S. Treasury regulations are issued.

Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States with respect to these rules may be subject to different rules. Under certain circumstances, a beneficial owner of the Notes might be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes.

Payments of interest in connection with a disposition of the Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer will be subject to the withholding rules under FATCA. A holder should consult its tax advisors regarding the effects of FATCA on the disposition of the Notes pursuant to the Tender Offer.

Tax Consequences to Non-Tendering Holders

U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders whose Notes are not purchased by us pursuant to the Tender Offer will not incur any U.S. federal income tax liability as a result of the consummation of the Tender Offer and will have the same adjusted tax basis and holding period in their Notes as they had before the Tender Offer.

THE PRECEDING DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY AND IS NOT TAX ADVICE. WE URGE HOLDERS OF THE NOTES TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE PARTICULAR U.S. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AND NON-U.S. TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE SALE OF NOTES PURSUANT TO THE TENDER OFFER, INCLUDING THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY PROPOSED CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAWS AND THE CONSEQUENCES UNDER ANY APPLICABLE TAX TREATY.

THE DEALER MANAGER, THE TENDER AGENT AND THE INFORMATION AGENT

The Offerors have retained J.P. Morgan Securities LLC ("*J.P. Morgan*") to act as Dealer Manager, and D.F. King & Co., Inc. to act as the Tender Agent and the Information Agent, for the Tender Offer. The Offerors have agreed to pay each of J.P. Morgan and D.F. King & Co., Inc. customary fees for their services in connection with the Tender Offer and to reimburse each of J.P. Morgan and D.F. King & Co., Inc. for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. Further, the Offerors have agreed to indemnify the Dealer Manager and its affiliates against certain liabilities, including liabilities under federal securities laws or to contribute to payments any or all of them may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

At any given time, J.P. Morgan or any of its affiliates may trade Notes or other securities of the Offerors or their affiliates for its own account or for the accounts of its customers, and accordingly, may hold a long or a short position in the Notes or such other securities. To the extent that the Dealer Manager or its affiliates hold Notes during the Tender Offer, they may tender such Notes pursuant to the terms of the Tender Offer.

J.P. Morgan and certain of its affiliates have provided in the past, and may provide in the future, financial, advisory, investment banking and general banking, commercial banking services to the Offerors or their affiliates, for which they have received and will receive customary fees and commissions.

None of the Dealer Manager, the Tender Agent or the Information Agent assumes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning the Tender Offer or the Offerors contained in this Offer to Purchase or the other Offer Documents or for any failure by the Offerors to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information.

The officers and employees of the Offerors or their affiliates (who will not be specifically compensated for such services), the Dealer Manager and the Information Agent may contact Holders by mail, telephone, telex or telegraph regarding the Tender Offer and may request brokers, dealers and other nominees to forward this Tender Offer to Purchase and related materials to beneficial owners of Notes. The Offerors will also pay brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in forwarding copies of this Offer to Purchase and related documents to the beneficial owners of the Notes and in handling or forwarding tenders of Notes by their customers.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Offerors are not aware of any jurisdiction where the making of the Tender Offer is not in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. If the Offerors become aware of any jurisdiction where the making of the Tender Offer would not be in compliance with such laws, the Offerors will make a good faith effort to comply with any such laws or may seek to have such laws declared inapplicable to the Tender Offer. If, after such good faith effort, the Offerors cannot comply with any such applicable laws, the Tender Offer will not be made to the Holders residing in each such jurisdiction.

SCHEDULE A
Formula for Determining Purchase Price and Accrued Interest

YLD	=	The Repurchase Yield expressed as a decimal number.
CR	=	The contractual redemption price per \$1,000 principal amount of the Notes as of November 1, 2024 (\$1,000.00).
CPN	=	The contractual annual rate of interest payable on a Note expressed as a decimal number.
S	=	The number of days from and including the semi-annual interest payment date immediately preceding the Settlement Date up to, but excluding, the Settlement Date. The number of days is computed using the 30/360 day-count method.
Accrued Interest	=	$\$1,000(\text{CPN}/2)(\text{S}/180)$
Purchase Price	=	The price per \$1,000 principal amount of a Note (excluding Accrued Interest).
		A tendering Holder will receive a total amount per \$1,000 principal amount (rounded to the nearest cent) equal to the Purchase Price plus Accrued Interest.
Formula for the Purchase Price	=	

$$\left[\frac{CR}{1 + (\text{YLD}/2) * (1 - \text{S}/180)} \right] + \left[\frac{\$1,000 (\text{CPN}/2)}{1 + (\text{YLD}/2) * (1 - \text{S}/180)} \right] - \$1,000 (\text{CPN}/2)(\text{S}/180)$$

The Tender Agent for the Tender Offer is:

D.F. KING & CO., INC.

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Any questions, requests for assistance or requests for additional copies of this Offer to Purchase or the Notice of Guaranteed Delivery may be directed to the Information Agent at its telephone number or address set forth below. Copies of each of these documents are also available at the following web address: www.dking.com/ascent.

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