
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2018

OR

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

For the transition period from to .

Commission file number: 001-35120

CVR Partners, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

2277 Plaza Drive, Suite 500

Sugar Land, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

56-2677689

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

77479

(Zip Code)

(281) 207-3200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

There were 113,282,973 common units representing limited partner interests of CVR partners ("common units") outstanding at October 23, 2018.

CVR PARTNERS, LP AND SUBSIDIARIES

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CVR PARTNERS, LP AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(unaudited)

(In thousands)	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 61,441	\$ 49,173
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	20,564	9,855
Inventories	56,905	54,097
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,817	5,793
Total current assets	143,727	118,918
Property, plant, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	1,029,402	1,069,526
Goodwill	40,969	40,969
Other long-term assets	4,414	4,863
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,218,512</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,276</u>
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' CAPITAL		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 20,019	\$ 21,295
Accounts payable to Affiliates	2,170	2,223
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	64,015	32,577
Total current liabilities	86,204	56,095
Long-term liabilities:		
Long-term debt, net of current portion	628,192	625,904
Other long-term liabilities	2,919	2,424
Total long-term liabilities	631,111	628,328
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 9)		
Partners' capital	501,197	549,853
Total liabilities and partners' capital	<u>\$ 1,218,512</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,276</u>

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

CVR PARTNERS, LP AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
(In thousands, except per unit data)				
Net sales	\$ 79,909	\$ 69,393	\$ 252,965	\$ 252,610
Operating costs and expenses:				
Cost of materials and other	19,590	19,495	61,198	63,373
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	35,334	40,249	121,468	113,941
Depreciation and amortization	16,035	19,483	52,866	54,877
Cost of sales	70,959	79,227	235,532	232,191
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6,393	6,083	18,955	18,750
Loss on asset disposals	28	19	160	58
Operating income (loss)	2,529	(15,936)	(1,682)	1,611
Interest expense, net	(15,693)	(15,723)	(47,080)	(47,111)
Other income, net	30	22	100	81
Loss before income tax	(13,134)	(31,637)	(48,662)	(45,419)
Income tax expense (benefit)	12	(35)	(6)	(36)
Net loss	\$ (13,146)	\$ (31,602)	\$ (48,656)	\$ (45,383)
Net loss per common unit — basic and diluted	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.43)	\$ (0.40)
Weighted-average common units outstanding — basic and diluted	113,283	113,283	113,283	113,283

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CVR PARTNERS, LP AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)

(In thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (48,656)	\$ (45,383)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	52,866	54,877
Share-based compensation	2,695	1,748
Other non-cash items	2,640	2,314
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Current assets and liabilities	16,490	14,272
Non-current assets and liabilities	1,083	276
Net cash provided by operating activities	27,118	28,104
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(15,022)	(11,456)
Proceeds from sale of assets	172	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,850)	(11,456)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Cash distributions to common unitholders – Affiliates	—	(778)
Cash distributions to common unitholders – Non-affiliates	—	(1,488)
Net cash used in financing activities	—	(2,266)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,268	14,382
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	49,173	55,595
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 61,441	\$ 69,977

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

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

(1) Organization and Nature of Business

CVR Partners, LP (referred to as “CVR Partners” or the “Partnership”) is a Delaware limited partnership, formed by CVR Energy, Inc. (“CVR Energy”) to own, operate and grow its nitrogen fertilizer business. CVR Energy is a publicly traded company listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol “CVI”, which indirectly owns our general partner and the common units owned by Coffeyville Resources, LLC (“CRLLC”). As of September 30, 2018, public security holders held approximately 66% of the Partnership’s outstanding limited partner interests and CRLLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CVR Energy, held approximately 34% of the Partnership’s outstanding limited partner interests and 100% of the noneconomic general partner interest. As of September 30, 2018, Icahn Enterprises L.P. (“IEP”) and its affiliates owned approximately 71% of the shares of CVR Energy.

The Partnership produces nitrogen fertilizer products at two manufacturing facilities, which are located in Coffeyville, Kansas (the “Coffeyville Facility”) and East Dubuque, Illinois (the “East Dubuque Facility”). Both facilities manufacture ammonia and are able to further upgrade to other nitrogen fertilizer products, principally urea ammonium nitrate (“UAN”). Nitrogen fertilizer is used by farmers to improve the yield and quality of their crops, primarily corn and wheat. Ammonia is a direct application fertilizer and is primarily used as a building block for other nitrogen products for industrial applications and finished fertilizer products. UAN is an aqueous solution of urea and ammonium nitrate. The Partnership’s products are sold on a wholesale basis in North America.

Management and Operations

CVR GP, LLC (“CVR GP” or the “general partner”) manages and operates the Partnership and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CRLLC. Common unitholders have only limited voting rights on matters affecting the Partnership. In addition, common unitholders have no right to elect the general partner’s directors on an annual or continuing basis.

The Partnership is operated by a combination of the general partner’s senior management team and CVR Energy’s senior management team pursuant to a services agreement among CVR Energy, CVR GP and the Partnership. The various rights and responsibilities of the Partnership’s partners are set forth in the limited partnership agreement. The Partnership is also party to a number of agreements with CVR Energy, CVR Refining, LP (“CVR Refining”), an indirect subsidiary of CVR Energy, and CVR GP to regulate certain business relations between the Partnership and the other parties thereto. The Partnership also has agreements with a subsidiary of CVR Refining under which the Partnership purchases petroleum coke and hydrogen for the Coffeyville Facility. Additionally, the two parties provide feedstock and other services to one another at the Coffeyville Facility. See Note 12 (“Related Party Transactions”) for further discussion.

(2) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the December 31, 2017 audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in CVR Partners’ Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which was filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018 (the “2017 Form 10-K”).

In the opinion of the Partnership’s management, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments that are necessary to fairly present the financial position of the Partnership as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the results of operations of the Partnership for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 and the cash flows of the Partnership for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. Such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature, unless otherwise disclosed. Certain information has been reclassified to present historical information in a manner consistent with current presentation.

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that will be realized for the year ending December 31, 2018 or any other interim or annual period.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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Planned Major Maintenance Costs

The Coffeyville Facility completed a 15-day major scheduled turnaround in the second quarter of 2018. Exclusive of the impacts due to the lost production, costs of approximately \$0.0 million and \$6.4 million were included in direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. During the third quarter of 2017, the East Dubuque Facility completed a major schedule turnaround. Exclusive of the impacts due to lost production, costs of approximately \$2.5 million and \$2.6 million were included in direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively.

(3) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Adoption of New Revenue Standard

On January 1, 2018, the Partnership adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 606, “*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*” (“ASC 606” or the “new revenue standard”) using the modified retrospective method applied to contracts which were not completed as of January 1, 2018. The new revenue standard was applied prospectively and the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. The Partnership did not identify any material differences in its existing revenue recognition methods that require modification under the new revenue standard. However, the Partnership did identify a balance sheet presentation change discussed below. The Partnership’s Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows were not impacted due to the adoption of ASC 606 for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

The Partnership identified a balance sheet presentation change associated with contracts requiring customer prepayment prior to delivery. Prior to adoption of ASC 606, deferred revenue, a type of contract liability, was recorded upon customer prepayment. Under the new revenue standard, a receivable and associated deferred revenue is recorded at the point in time in which a prepaid contract is legally enforceable and the associated right to consideration is unconditional. The adoption of the new revenue standard resulted in a \$21.4 million increase to deferred revenue and accounts receivable as of January 1, 2018. After the effect of adoption of the new revenue standard, deferred revenue and accounts receivable were \$34.3 million and \$31.2 million, respectively, as of January 1, 2018.

The following table displays the effect of the adoption of ASC 606 to the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2018:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2018		
	As Reported	Balances without adoption of ASC 606	Effect of Change
Assets			
Accounts receivable	\$ 20,564	\$ 13,791	\$ 6,773
Liabilities			
Deferred revenue	\$ 31,611	\$ 24,838	\$ 6,773

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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New Accounting Standards Issued But Not Yet Implemented

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, “Leases” (“ASU 2016-02”), creating a new topic, FASB ASC Topic 842, “Leases” (“Topic 842”), which supersedes lease requirements in FASB ASC Topic 840, “Leases”. The new standard revises accounting for operating leases by a lessee, among other changes, and requires a lessee to recognize a liability related to future lease payments and an asset representing its right to use of the underlying asset for the lease term on the balance sheet. Quantitative and qualitative disclosures, including disclosures regarding significant judgments made by management, will be required. In July 2018, the FASB issued updated guidance which provides entities with an additional transition method to adopt Topic 842. Under the new transition method, an entity initially applies the new leases standard at the adoption date, versus at the beginning of the earliest period presented, and recognizes a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. The Partnership expects to elect this transition method at the adoption date of January 1, 2019. The Partnership also plans to elect the short-term lease exception provided for in the standard and therefore will only recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases with a term greater than one year. The Partnership continues to focus its implementation efforts on accounting policy and disclosure updates along with the system implementation necessary to meet the standard’s requirements. Based on information available to date, the Partnership estimates the operating lease right of use asset and lease liability may approximate \$13.0 - \$17.0 million upon adoption. This preliminary estimate of the effect on the Partnership’s Consolidated Balance Sheets as a result of implementing the standard on January 1, 2019 could differ materially depending on guidance changes from the FASB, changes in outstanding leases, final verification of the Partnership’s lease accounting estimates, and any changes in the Partnership’s plans to elect certain practical expedients. The Partnership does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on the recognition, measurement or presentation of amounts within the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-15, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other-Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40). This ASU addresses customer’s accounting for implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement that is a service contract and also adds certain disclosure requirements related to implementation costs incurred for internal-use software and cloud computing arrangements. The amendment aligns the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software (and hosting arrangements that include an internal-use software license). This standard is effective for the Partnership beginning January 1, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The amendments in this standard can be applied either retrospectively or prospectively to all implementation costs incurred after the date of adoption. The Partnership is evaluating the effect of adopting this new accounting guidance on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820). The ASU eliminates such disclosures as the amount of and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Certain disclosures are required to be applied on a retrospective basis and others on a prospective basis. This standard is effective for the Partnership beginning January 1, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The Partnership is evaluating the effect of adopting this new accounting guidance, but does not expect adoption will have a material impact on the Partnership’s disclosures.

(4) Inventories

(In thousands)	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Raw materials and precious metals	\$ 5,362	\$ 6,333
Finished goods	19,911	13,594
Parts and supplies	31,632	34,170
Total inventories	<u>\$ 56,905</u>	<u>\$ 54,097</u>

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
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(5) Property, Plant and Equipment

(In thousands)	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Land and improvements	\$ 13,092	\$ 13,092
Buildings and improvements	16,707	16,990
Machinery and equipment	1,362,014	1,352,573
Other	31,411	28,101
	<u>1,423,224</u>	<u>1,410,756</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation	393,822	341,230
Total property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,029,402</u>	<u>\$ 1,069,526</u>

Capitalized interest recognized as a reduction in interest expense was \$0.1 million and \$0.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Capitalized interest recognized as a reduction in interest expense was \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(6) Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities were as follows:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Deferred revenue	\$ 31,611	\$ 12,895
Share-based compensation	3,077	3,928
Personnel accruals	6,520	7,533
Accrued interest	17,635	2,683
Other accrued expenses and liabilities	5,172	5,538
Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 64,015</u>	<u>\$ 32,577</u>

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities include amounts owed by the Partnership to CVR Energy under the shared services agreement and affiliate balances of \$3.8 million and \$4.7 million at September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Refer to Note 12 ("Related Party Transactions") for additional discussion.

(7) Debt**Debt Balance, Net of Current Maturities and Unamortized Discount and Issuance Costs**

(In thousands)	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
9.250% senior secured notes, due 2023	\$ 645,000	\$ 645,000
6.500% notes, due 2021	2,240	2,240
Total long-term debt, before debt issuance costs and discount (a)	<u>647,240</u>	<u>647,240</u>
Less:		
Unamortized discount and debt issuance costs	19,048	21,336
Total long-term debt, net of current portion	<u>\$ 628,192</u>	<u>\$ 625,904</u>

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(a) The estimated fair value of total long-term debt outstanding was approximately \$683.7 million and \$694.2 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Credit Facilities Outstanding

(In thousands)	Total Capacity	Amount Borrowed as of September 30, 2018	Outstanding Letters of Credit	Available Capacity as of September 30, 2018	Maturity Date
Asset based credit facility (b)	\$ 50,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 50,000	September 30, 2021

(b) At the option of the borrowers, loans under the asset based credit facility initially bear interest at an annual rate equal to (i) 2.00% plus LIBOR or (ii) 1.00% plus a base rate, subject to a 0.50% step-down based on the previous quarter's excess availability.

The Partnership is in compliance with all covenants of the asset based credit facility and the 9.250% senior secured notes and 6.500% notes as of September 30, 2018.

(8) Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Cash flows related to interest and construction in process were as follows:

(In thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Supplemental disclosures:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 30,244	\$ 30,123
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Construction in process additions included in accounts payable	1,920	608
Change in accounts payable related to construction in process additions	1,032	(3,263)

(9) Commitments and Contingencies

There have been no material changes in the Partnership's commitments and contingencies disclosed in the 2017 Form 10-K. In the ordinary course of business, the Partnership may become party to lawsuits, administrative proceedings and governmental investigations, including environmental, regulatory and other matters. The outcome of these matters cannot always be predicted accurately, but the Partnership accrues liabilities for these matters if the Partnership has determined that it is probable a loss has been incurred and the loss can be reasonably estimated. While it is not possible to predict the outcome of such proceedings, if one or more of them were decided against us, the Partnership believes there would be no material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In 2018, the Partnership submitted a business interruption claim for losses under its insurance policies, related to damage and resulting reduced equipment production rates experienced during the second half of 2017 and early 2018. At this time, the Partnership cannot estimate either the outcome of this claim or the timing of any potential recoveries.

In September 2018, the Kansas Court of Appeals upheld property tax determinations by the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals in connection with the Partnership's dispute with Montgomery County, Kansas over prior year property tax payments as previously disclosed. The Partnership continues to monitor this matter.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(unaudited)

(10) Revenue

The following table presents the Partnership's revenue disaggregated by product:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2018	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018
Ammonia	\$ 11,391	\$ 51,361
UAN	52,681	156,838
Urea products	4,987	14,834
Fertilizer sales, exclusive of freight	69,059	223,033
Freight revenue	8,805	23,908
Other revenue	2,045	6,024
Total net sales	\$ 79,909	\$ 252,965

The Partnership sells its products on a wholesale basis under a contract or by purchase order. The Partnership's contracts with customers, including purchase orders, generally contain fixed pricing and most have terms of less than one year. The Partnership recognizes revenue at the point in time at which the customer obtains control of the product, which is generally upon delivery and acceptance by the customer. The customer acceptance point is stated in the contract and may be at one of the Partnership's manufacturing facilities, at one of the Partnership's off-site loading facilities or at the customer's designated facility. Freight revenue recognized by the Partnership represents the pass-through finished goods delivery costs incurred prior to customer acceptance and is reimbursed by customers. An offsetting expense for freight is included in cost of materials and other. Qualifying taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are not included in reported revenues.

Depending on the product sold and the type of contract, payments from customers are generally either due prior to delivery or within 15 to 30 days of product delivery.

The Partnership generally provides no warranty other than the implicit promise that goods delivered are free of liens and encumbrances and meet the agreed upon specifications. Product returns are rare, and as such, the Partnership does not record a specific warranty reserve or consider activities related to such warranty, if any, to be a separate performance obligation.

The Partnership has an immaterial amount of variable consideration for contracts with an original duration of less than a year. A small portion of the Partnership's revenue includes contracts extending beyond one year, some of which contain variable pricing in which the majority of the variability is attributed to the market-based pricing. The Partnership's contracts do not contain a significant financing component.

The Partnership has an immaterial amount of fee-based revenue, included in other revenue in the table above, that is recognized based on the net amount of the proceeds received.

Transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations

As of September 30, 2018, the Partnership had approximately \$11.9 million of remaining performance obligations for contracts with an original expected duration of more than one year. The Partnership expects to recognize approximately 51% of these performance obligations as revenue by the end of 2019, an additional 25% by 2020 and the remaining balance thereafter. The Partnership has elected to not disclose the amount of transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations for contracts with an original expected duration of less than one year. The Partnership has elected to not disclose variable consideration allocated to wholly unsatisfied performance obligations that are based on market prices that have not yet been determined.

Contract balances

The Partnership's deferred revenue is a contract liability that primarily relates to fertilizer sales contracts requiring customer prepayment prior to product delivery to guarantee a price and supply of nitrogen fertilizer. Deferred revenue is recorded at the point in time in which a prepaid contract is legally enforceable and the associated right to consideration is unconditional prior to transferring

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product to the customer. An associated receivable is recorded for uncollected prepaid contract amounts. Contracts requiring prepayment are generally short-term in nature and, as discussed above, revenue is recognized at the point in time in which the customer obtains control of the product.

A summary of the deferred revenue activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 is presented below:

(In thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018
Balance at January 1, 2018	\$ 34,270
Add:	
New prepay contracts entered into during the period	35,665
Less:	
Revenue recognized that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period	33,761
Revenue recognized related to contracts entered into during the period	4,321
Other changes	242
Balance at September 30, 2018	<u>\$ 31,611</u>

(11) Share-Based Compensation

A summary of compensation expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 is presented below:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Phantom Units	\$ 710	\$ 268	\$ 1,663	\$ 684
Other Awards (a)	486	367	1,032	1,064
Total Share-Based Compensation Expense	<u>\$ 1,196</u>	<u>\$ 635</u>	<u>\$ 2,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,748</u>

(a) Other awards include the allocation of compensation expense for certain employees of CVR Energy who perform services for the Partnership under the services agreement with CVR Energy and participate in equity compensation plans of CVR Partners' affiliates.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
(unaudited)

(12) Related Party Transactions

Activity associated with the Partnership's related party arrangements for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 is summarized below:

Expenses from related parties

(In thousands)	Related Party	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
Cost of materials and other					
Coke Supply Agreement	CRRM (a)	\$ 1,057	\$ 586	\$ 2,133	\$ 1,566
Hydrogen Purchase and Sale Agreement	CRRM	1,072	933	3,157	3,042
Railcar Lease Agreements	ARI (b)	361	236	1,082	683
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)					
Services Agreement	CVR Energy	\$ 761	\$ 766	\$ 2,145	\$ 2,158
Limited Partnership Agreement	CVR GP	242	127	572	428
Selling, general and administrative expenses					
Services Agreement	CVR Energy	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,239	\$ 10,353	\$ 9,398
Limited Partnership Agreement	CVR GP	626	677	1,920	2,001

(a) Coffeyville Resources Refining & Marketing, LLC, a subsidiary of CVR Refining

(b) ARI Leasing, LLC, a company controlled by IEP

Amounts due to related parties

(In thousands)	Related Party	September 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
Accounts payable			
Feedstock and Shared Services Agreement	CRRM	\$ 747	\$ 1,020
Hydrogen Purchase and Sale Agreement	CRRM	313	324
Limited Partnership Agreement:			
	CVR GP	955	771
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities			
Limited Partnership Agreement	CVR GP	\$ 1,346	\$ 1,521
Services Agreement	CVR Energy	2,497	3,221

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows should be read in conjunction with the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes and with the statistical information and financial data appearing in this Report, as well as our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the "2017 Form 10-K"). Results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of results to be attained for any other period. Refer to the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" below.

Partnership Overview

CVR Partners, LP ("CVR Partners," the "Partnership," "we," "us" or "our") is a Delaware limited partnership formed by CVR Energy, Inc. ("CVR Energy") to own, operate and grow our nitrogen fertilizer business. We produce and distribute nitrogen fertilizer products, which are used by farmers to improve the yield and quality of their crops. Our principal products are ammonia and urea ammonium nitrate ("UAN"). Ammonia is a direct application fertilizer and is primarily used as a building block for other nitrogen products for industrial applications and finished fertilizer products. UAN is an aqueous solution of urea and ammonium nitrate. All of our products are sold on a wholesale basis. We produce our nitrogen fertilizer products at two manufacturing facilities, which are located in Coffeyville, Kansas (the "Coffeyville Facility") and East Dubuque, Illinois (the "East Dubuque Facility").

Our Coffeyville Facility includes a 1,300 ton-per-day capacity ammonia unit, a 3,000 ton-per-day capacity UAN unit, and a gasifier complex having a capacity of 89 million standard cubic feet per day of hydrogen. Our gasifier is a dual-train facility, with each gasifier able to function independently of the other, thereby providing redundancy and improving our reliability. Strategically located adjacent to a refinery owned by CVR Refining, LP ("CVR Refining") in Coffeyville, Kansas, our Coffeyville Facility is the only operation in North America that utilizes a petroleum coke, or pet coke, gasification process to produce nitrogen fertilizer.

Our East Dubuque Facility includes a 1,075 ton-per-day capacity ammonia unit and a 1,100 ton-per-day capacity UAN unit. The facility is located on a bluff above the Mississippi River, with access to the river for loading certain products. The East Dubuque Facility uses natural gas as its primary feedstock. The East Dubuque Facility has the flexibility to significantly vary its product mix. This enables us to upgrade our ammonia production into varying amounts of UAN, nitric acid and liquid and granulated urea each season, depending on market demand, pricing and storage availability. Product sales are heavily weighted toward sales of ammonia and UAN.

CVR Energy, which indirectly owns CVR GP, LLC (our "general partner") and approximately 34% of our outstanding common units, also indirectly owns approximately 81% of the outstanding common units of CVR Refining at September 30, 2018.

Major Influences on Results of Operations

Our earnings and cash flows from operations are primarily affected by the relationship between nitrogen fertilizer product prices, on-stream factors and operating costs and expenses.

The price at which our products are ultimately sold depends on numerous factors, including the global supply and demand for nitrogen fertilizer products which, in turn, depends on, among other factors, world grain demand and production levels, changes in world population, the cost and availability of fertilizer transportation infrastructure, weather conditions, the availability of imports and the extent of government intervention in agriculture markets. Nitrogen fertilizer prices are also affected by local factors, including local market conditions and the operating levels of competing facilities.

Consistent, safe and reliable operations are critical to our financial performance and results of operations. In addition, operations at the Linde air separation unit, which supplies oxygen, nitrogen and compressed dry air to our Coffeyville Facility, is critical to our financial performance and results of operations. Downtime at either of our facilities or at the Linde facility may result in lost margin opportunity, increased maintenance expense and a temporary increase in working capital investment and related inventory position. Unplanned downtime at the East Dubuque Facility during the periods presented included a reformer repair in the second quarter of 2018 and a boiler feed water coil leak in the first quarter of 2018. Unplanned downtime at the Coffeyville Facility during the periods presented included gasifier repairs during the second quarter of 2018 and UAN unit downtime during the second quarter of 2017.

Historically, our facilities have each undergone a full facility turnaround approximately every two to three years. The Coffeyville Facility underwent a full facility turnaround in the second quarter of 2018, and the East Dubuque Facility underwent a full facility turnaround during the third quarter of 2017. See Note 2 ("Basis of Presentation") to Part I, Item 1 of this Report for further information.

Our largest raw material expense used in the production of ammonia at our East Dubuque Facility is natural gas, which we purchase from third parties. Pet coke is required to operate the Coffeyville Facility. We purchase the majority of our pet coke from CVR Refining, typically at a discount when compared to pet coke purchased from third parties. The price and availability of natural gas and pet coke can significantly impact our profitability.

Non-GAAP Measures

Our management uses certain non-GAAP performance measures to evaluate past performance and prospects for the future to supplement our GAAP financial information presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures are important factors in assessing our operating results and profitability.

We use the following performance and liquidity measures:

EBITDA. EBITDA is defined as net loss before (i) interest (income) expense, (ii) income tax expense and (iii) depreciation and amortization expense.

Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA further adjusted for the impact of (i) major scheduled turnaround expenses, (ii) gain or loss on extinguishment of debt and (iii) business interruption insurance recovery, when applicable. Adjusted EBITDA represents the starting point used by the board of directors of our general partner when calculating our available cash for distribution.

Available cash for distribution. This performance and liquidity measure is equal to Adjusted EBITDA reduced for cash needed for (i) net cash interest expense (excluding capitalized interest) and debt service and other contractual obligations; (ii) maintenance capital expenditures; and (iii) to the extent applicable, major scheduled turnaround expenses and reserves for future operating or capital needs that the board of directors of the general partner deems necessary or appropriate, if any. Available cash for distribution (if any) may be increased by the release of previously established cash reserves, if any, at the discretion of the board of directors of our general partner, and available cash is increased by the business interruption insurance proceeds when applicable.

Results of Operations

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:				
Net sales	\$ 79,909	\$ 69,393	\$ 252,965	\$ 252,610
Cost of materials and other	19,590	19,495	61,198	63,373
Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	35,334	40,249	121,468	113,941
Depreciation and amortization	16,035	19,483	52,866	54,877
Cost of sales	70,959	79,227	235,532	232,191
Selling, general and administrative expenses	6,393	6,083	18,955	18,750
Loss on asset disposals	28	19	160	58
Operating income (loss)	2,529	(15,936)	(1,682)	1,611
Interest expense, net	(15,693)	(15,723)	(47,080)	(47,111)
Other income, net	30	22	100	81
Loss before income tax	(13,134)	(31,637)	(48,662)	(45,419)
Income tax expense (benefit)	12	(35)	(6)	(36)
Net loss	\$ (13,146)	\$ (31,602)	\$ (48,656)	\$ (45,383)
EBITDA (1)	\$ 18,594	\$ 3,569	\$ 51,284	\$ 56,569
Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$ 18,594	\$ 5,005	\$ 57,689	\$ 58,094
Available cash for distribution (1)	\$ (130)	\$ (1,252)	\$ (4,274)	\$ 557
Reconciliation to net sales:				
Fertilizer sales, exclusive of freight	\$ 69,059	\$ 59,422	\$ 223,033	\$ 223,002
Freight in revenue	8,805	8,313	23,908	23,638
Other	2,045	1,658	6,024	5,970
Total net sales	\$ 79,909	\$ 69,393	\$ 252,965	\$ 252,610

(1) See “Non-GAAP Reconciliations” section below for further information regarding this non-GAAP financial measure.

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The following table shows selected information about key operating statistics and market indicators for our business:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Key Operating Statistics:				
Consolidated sales (thousand tons):				
Ammonia	38	65	156	202
UAN	310	299	925	952
Consolidated product pricing at gate (dollars per ton) (1):				
Ammonia	\$ 297	\$ 214	\$ 329	\$ 287
UAN	\$ 170	\$ 138	\$ 169	\$ 158
Consolidated production volume (thousand tons):				
Ammonia (gross produced) (2)	212	181	584	615
Ammonia (net available for sale) (2)	63	46	187	204
UAN	338	307	919	962
Feedstock:				
Petroleum coke used in production (thousand tons)	117	114	325	371
Petroleum coke used in production (dollars per ton)	\$ 26	\$ 18	\$ 23	\$ 18
Natural gas used in production (thousands of MMBtu) (3)(4)	2,118	1,555	5,933	5,781
Natural gas used in production (dollars per MMBtu) (3)(4)	\$ 3.03	\$ 3.12	\$ 3.01	\$ 3.25
Natural gas in cost of materials and other (thousands of MMBtu) (3)	1,439	1,935	5,268	5,898
Natural gas in cost of materials and other (dollars per MMBtu) (3)	\$ 2.98	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.03	\$ 3.30
Coffeyville Facility on-stream factors (4):				
Gasification	100%	96%	91%	98%
Ammonia	100%	94%	90%	97%
UAN	97%	94%	88%	93%
East Dubuque Facility on-stream factors (4):				
Ammonia	99%	76%	93%	92%
UAN	98%	77%	93%	92%
Market Indicators:				
Ammonia - Southern plains (dollars per ton)	\$ 337	\$ 238	\$ 354	\$ 314
Ammonia - Corn belt (dollars per ton)	\$ 398	\$ 303	\$ 407	\$ 364
UAN - Corn belt (dollars per ton)	\$ 203	\$ 165	\$ 208	\$ 192
Natural gas - NYMEX (dollars per MMBtu)	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.95	\$ 2.85	\$ 3.05

- (1) Product pricing at gate (also referred to as “netback”) represents net sales less freight revenue divided by product sales volume in tons and is shown in order to provide a pricing measure that is comparable across the fertilizer industry.
- (2) Gross tons produced for ammonia represent total ammonia produced, including ammonia produced that was upgraded into other fertilizer products. Net tons available for sale represent ammonia available for sale that was not upgraded into other fertilizer products.
- (3) The feedstock natural gas shown above does not include natural gas used for fuel. The cost of fuel natural gas is included in direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization).

- (4) On-stream factor is the total number of hours operated divided by the total number of hours in the reporting period and is included as a measure of operating efficiency.

Coffeyville Facility

Excluding the impact of the full facility turnaround at the Coffeyville Facility, the on-stream factors at the Coffeyville Facility would have been 96% for gasification, 96% for ammonia and 94% for UAN for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.

The Linde air separation unit experienced a shut down during the second quarter of 2017. Following the Linde outage, the Coffeyville Facility UAN unit experienced a number of operational challenges, resulting in approximately 11 days of UAN downtime during the second quarter of 2017. Excluding the impact of the Linde air separation unit outage at the Coffeyville Facility, the UAN unit on-stream factors at the Coffeyville Facility would have been 97% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

East Dubuque Facility

Excluding the impact of approximately 14 days of downtime associated with the 2017 full facility turnaround at the East Dubuque Facility, the on-stream factors at the East Dubuque Facility would have been 91% for ammonia and 92% for UAN for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 97% for ammonia and 96% for UAN for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 Compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017

Net Sales. Net sales were \$79.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$69.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, UAN and ammonia made up \$60.8 million and \$12.0 million of our consolidated net sales, respectively, including freight. For the three months ended September 30, 2017, UAN and ammonia made up \$48.8 million and \$14.9 million of our consolidated net sales, respectively, including freight.

The following table demonstrates the impact of changes in sales volumes and pricing for the primary components of net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017:

(In thousands)	Price Variance	Volume Variance
UAN	\$ 10,229	\$ 1,835
Ammonia	\$ 3,292	\$ (6,131)

The increase in UAN sales prices for the three months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily attributable to favorable market conditions. The decrease in ammonia sales volumes for the three months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily attributable to less inventory available for sale at the beginning of the third quarter of 2018 as compared to the same quarter in the prior year. There was more inventory available for sale at the beginning of the third quarter in 2017 due to relatively bad weather conditions which drove a lower application of ammonia in 2017 in addition to an outage at the Coffeyville Facility in the second quarter of 2017.

Cost of Materials and Other. Cost of materials and other was consistent at \$19.6 million and \$19.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017, respectively.

Direct Operating Expenses (Exclusive of Depreciation and Amortization). Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) for the three months ended September 30, 2018 were \$35.3 million as compared to \$40.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017. The \$4.9 million decrease was primarily due to the third quarter 2017 turnaround at the East Dubuque Facility, which resulted in turnaround expenses of \$2.5 million, coupled with decreases in repairs and maintenance costs and personnel costs as a result of turnaround activities.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

Net Sales. Net sales were \$253.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$252.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, UAN and ammonia made up \$178.5 million and \$53.5 million of our consolidated net sales, respectively, including freight. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, UAN and ammonia made up \$171.7 million and \$60.2 million of our consolidated net sales, respectively, including freight.

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The following table demonstrates the impact of changes in sales volumes and pricing for the primary components of net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017:

(In thousands)	Price Variance	Volume Variance
UAN	\$ 12,029	\$ (4,725)
Ammonia	\$ 6,865	\$ (13,687)

The decrease in UAN and ammonia sales volumes for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily attributable to lower production resulting from planned and unplanned downtime during the nine months ended September 30, 2018. The decrease in ammonia sales volumes for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was also attributable to less product available from lower inventory as of December 31, 2017 due to a strong Fall 2017 application as compared to December 31, 2016 and downtime for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. The increase in UAN and ammonia sales prices for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily attributable to more favorable market conditions in the current quarter.

Cost of Materials and Other. Cost of materials and other for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$61.2 million, compared to \$63.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The \$2.2 million decrease was primarily due to an overall decrease in costs from lower sales volumes as well as a \$1.0 million decrease in distribution costs to offsite inventory locations.

Direct Operating Expenses (Exclusive of Depreciation and Amortization). Direct operating expenses (exclusive of depreciation and amortization) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 were \$121.5 million as compared to \$113.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The \$7.6 million increase was primarily due to an increase in turnaround expenses of \$3.8 million, higher personnel costs of \$2.4 million attributable to higher workloads along with inventory overhead allocations during downtime, higher repair and maintenance costs of \$1.6 million resulting from outages during the 2018 period and \$1.1 million in business interruption recovery received during the 2017 period. Additionally, we experienced lower utility costs of \$1.8 million primarily associated with the 2018 downtime and lower natural gas prices.

Non-GAAP Reconciliations

Our management uses certain non-GAAP performance measures to evaluate past performance and prospects for the future to supplement our GAAP financial information presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These financial non-GAAP measures are important factors in assessing our operating results and profitability.

A reconciliation of consolidated net loss to consolidated EBITDA and consolidated Adjusted EBITDA is as follows:

(In thousands)	<u>Three Months Ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended September 30,</u>	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net loss	\$ (13,146)	\$ (31,602)	\$ (48,656)	\$ (45,383)
Add:				
Interest expense, net	15,693	15,723	47,080	47,111
Income tax expense (benefit)	12	(35)	(6)	(36)
Depreciation and amortization	16,035	19,483	52,866	54,877
EBITDA	<u>\$ 18,594</u>	<u>\$ 3,569</u>	<u>\$ 51,284</u>	<u>\$ 56,569</u>
Add:				
Major scheduled turnaround expenses	\$ —	\$ 2,497	\$ 6,405	\$ 2,586
Less:				
Insurance recovery - business interruption	—	(1,061)	—	(1,061)
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 18,594</u>	<u>\$ 5,005</u>	<u>\$ 57,689</u>	<u>\$ 58,094</u>

A reconciliation of consolidated available cash for distribution is as follows:

(in thousands, except per unit data)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 18,594	\$ 5,005	\$ 57,689	\$ 58,094
Adjustments:				
Net cash interest expense (excluding capitalized interest) and debt service	(14,873)	(14,967)	(44,664)	(44,882)
Maintenance capital expenditures	(4,526)	(2,716)	(10,894)	(11,130)
Major scheduled turnaround expenses	—	(2,497)	(6,405)	(2,586)
Add:				
Insurance recovery - business interruption	—	1,061	—	1,061
Release of previously established cash reserves, net	675	12,862	—	—
Available cash for distribution	\$ (130)	\$ (1,252)	\$ (4,274)	\$ 557
Distribution declared, per common unit	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 0.02
Common units outstanding	113,283	113,283	113,283	113,283

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal source of liquidity has historically been cash from operations, which can include cash advances from customers resulting from forward sales. Our principal uses of cash are for working capital, capital expenditures, funding our debt service obligations and paying distributions to our unitholders, as further discussed below.

We believe that our cash from operations and existing cash and cash equivalents, along with borrowings, as necessary, under our asset based credit facility will be sufficient to satisfy anticipated cash commitments associated with our existing operations for at least the next 12 months. However, our future capital expenditures and other cash requirements could be higher than we currently expect as a result of various factors. Additionally, our ability to generate sufficient cash from our operating activities and secure additional financing depends on our future performance, which is subject to general economic, political, financial, competitive and other factors outside of our control.

There have been no material changes in liquidity from our 2017 10-K. The Partnership was in compliance with all covenants under its debt instruments as of September 30, 2018.

Cash and Other Liquidity

As of September 30, 2018, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$61.4 million, including \$24.8 million from customer advances and \$50.0 million available under our asset based credit facility for total liquidity of \$86.4 million.

Capital Spending

We divide our capital spending needs into two categories: maintenance and growth. Maintenance capital spending includes only non-discretionary maintenance projects and projects required to comply with environmental, health and safety regulations. We also treat maintenance capital spending as a reduction of cash available for distribution to unitholders. Growth capital projects generally involve an expansion of existing capacity, improvement in product yields and/or a reduction in direct operating expenses. Our total capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 were approximately \$15.0 million, including \$10.9 million of maintenance capital spending and the remainder for growth capital projects.

Capital spending for our business has been and will be determined by the Board of Directors of our general partner. Our estimated maintenance and growth capital expenditures are expected to be approximately \$17.0 to \$20.0 million and \$3.0 to \$5.0 million, respectively, for the year ending December 31, 2018. Our estimated capital expenditures are subject to change due to unanticipated changes in the cost, scope and completion time for our capital projects. For example, we may experience changes in labor or equipment costs necessary to comply with government regulations or to complete projects that sustain or improve the profitability of our facilities.

Cash Flows

The following table sets forth our cash flows for the periods indicated below:

(In thousands)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2018	2017
Net cash flow provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ 27,118	\$ 28,104
Investing activities	(14,850)	(11,456)
Financing activities	—	(2,266)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,268	\$ 14,382

Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash flows provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 were approximately \$27.1 million compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$28.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Net cash flows from our operating activities decreased from the nine months ended September 30, 2017 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2018, primarily due to decreased net income offset by changes in working capital.

Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was \$14.9 million compared to \$11.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, and the increase between these periods was due to increased capital expenditures in 2018.

Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$0.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 compared to \$2.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the decrease between these periods was the result of quarterly cash distributions paid in 2017 with none being paid in 2018.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Report, including this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, contains “forward-looking statements” as defined by the SEC, including statements concerning contemplated transactions and strategic plans, expectations and objectives for future operations. Forward-looking statements include, without limitation:

- statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future;
- statements relating to future financial or operational performance, future distributions, future capital sources and capital expenditures; and
- any other statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words “anticipates,” “believes,” “expects,” “plans,” “intends,” “estimates,” “projects,” “could,” “should,” “may” or similar expressions.

Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by the forward-looking statements we make in this Report, including this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, are reasonable, we give no assurance that such plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. These statements are based on assumptions made by us based on our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors that we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. Such statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. You are cautioned that any such statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including but not limited to those set forth under the section captioned “Risk Factors” in the 2017 Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018. Such factors include, among others:

- our ability to make cash distributions on the common units;
- the volatile nature of our business and the variable nature of our distributions;
- the ability of our general partner to modify or revoke our distribution policy at any time;
- the cyclical nature of our business;
- the seasonal nature of our business;
- the dependence of our operations on a few third-party suppliers, including providers of transportation services and equipment;
- our reliance on pet coke that we purchase from CVR Refining;
- our reliance on the natural gas, electricity, oxygen, nitrogen and compressed dry air that we purchase from third parties;
- the supply and price levels of essential raw materials;
- the risk of a material decline in production at our nitrogen fertilizer plants;
- accidents or other unscheduled shutdowns or distributions affecting our facilities, machinery, or equipment, or those of our suppliers or customers;
- potential operating hazards from accidents, fire, severe weather, tornadoes, floods or other natural disasters;
- our ability to obtain or renew permits to operating our business.;
- competition in the nitrogen fertilizer businesses;

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- capital expenditures and potential liabilities arising from environmental laws and regulations;
- existing and proposed laws, rulings and regulations, including but not limited to those relating to climate change, alternative energy or fuel sources, and the end-use and application of fertilizers;
- new regulations concerning the transportation of hazardous chemicals, risks of terrorism, the security of chemical manufacturing facilities and other matters beyond our control;
- the risk of security breaches;
- our lack of asset diversification;
- our dependence on significant customers and the creditworthiness and performance by counterparties;
- the potential loss of our transportation cost advantage over our competitors;
- our partial dependence on customer and distributor transportation of purchased goods;
- our potential inability to successfully implement our business strategies, including the completion of significant capital programs;
- our reliance on CVR Energy's senior management team and conflicts of interest they face operating each of CVR Partners, CVR Refining and CVR Energy;
- the risk of labor disputes and adverse employee relations;
- risks relating to our relationships with CVR Energy and CVR Refining;
- control of our general partner by CVR Energy;
- our ability to continue to license the technology used in our operations;
- restrictions in our debt agreements;
- changes in our treatment as a partnership for U.S. federal income or state tax purposes;
- rulings, judgments or settlements in litigation, tax or other legal or regulatory matters;
- instability and volatility in the capital and credit markets;
- competition with CVR Energy and its affiliates; and
- our ability to recover under our insurance policies for damages or losses in full or at all.

All forward-looking statements contained in this Report speak only as of the date of this Report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date of this Report, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except to the extent required by law.

Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*

There have been no material changes to our market risks as of September 30, 2018 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 from the risks discussed in Part II, Item 7A of our 2017 Form 10-K.

Item 4. *Controls and Procedures*

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2018, we have evaluated, under the direction of our Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e). Based upon and as of the date of that evaluation, our Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Partnership's management, including our Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There has been no material change in the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting required by Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. Other Information

Item 1. *Legal Proceedings*

See Note 9 ("Commitments and Contingencies") to Part I, Item 1 of this Report, which is incorporated by reference into this Part II, Item 1, for a description of certain litigation, legal and administrative proceedings and environmental matters.

Item 1A. *Risk Factors*

There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in the "Risk Factors" section of our 2017 Form 10-K.

Item 5. *Other Information*

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
10.1*	CVR Energy, Inc. Change in Control and Severance Plan, effective September 12, 2018.
10.2*	CVR Partners, LP 2018 Performance-Based Bonus Plan, effective September 12, 2018.
10.3*	Amendment to the Performance Unit Agreement, dated September 17, 2018, by and between CVR Energy, Inc. and David L. Lamp
31.1*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Executive Chairman.
31.2*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer.
31.3*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.
31.4*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller.
32.1†	Section 1350 Certification of Executive Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and the Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller.
101*	The following financial information for CVR Partners, LP's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2018, formatted in XBRL ("Extensible Business Reporting Language") includes: (1) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited), (2) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (unaudited), (3) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited) and (4) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited), tagged in detail.

* Filed herewith.

† Furnished herewith.

PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, we may file or incorporate by reference agreements referenced as exhibits to the reports that we file with or furnish to the SEC. The agreements are filed to provide investors with information regarding their respective terms. The agreements are not intended to provide any other factual information about the Partnership, its business or operations. In particular, the assertions embodied in any representations, warranties and covenants contained in the agreements may be subject to qualifications with respect to knowledge and materiality different from those applicable to investors and may be qualified by information in confidential disclosure schedules not included with the exhibits. These disclosure schedules may contain information that modifies, qualifies and creates exceptions to the representations, warranties and covenants set forth in the agreements. Moreover, certain representations, warranties and covenants in the agreements may have been used for the purpose of allocating risk between the parties, rather than establishing matters as facts. In addition, information concerning the subject matter of the representations, warranties and covenants may have changed after the date of the respective agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in the Partnership's public disclosures. Accordingly, investors should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants in the agreements as characterizations of the actual state of facts about the Partnership, its business or operations on the date hereof.

SIGNATURES

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

CVR Partners, LP

By: CVR GP, LLC, its general partner

October 25, 2018

By: /s/ TRACY D. JACKSON
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

October 25, 2018

By: /s/ MATTHEW W. BLEY
Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

CVR ENERGY, INC.
CHANGE IN CONTROL AND SEVERANCE PLAN

1. **Introduction.** The purpose of this CVR Energy, Inc. Change in Control and Severance Plan (the “**Plan**”) is to provide assurances of specified benefits to designated employees of the Company who are members of a select group of management or highly compensated employees (as determined in accordance with Section 201(2), 301(a)(3) and 401(a)(1) of ERISA) in the event their employment is involuntarily terminated in connection with a Change in Control under the circumstances described in this Plan. Effective as of the effective date of the Change in Control, but contingent on the occurrence of the Change in Control, unless otherwise agreed to in writing between the Company or an Affiliate and an Eligible Employee on or after the date hereof, this Plan shall supersede, and Eligible Employees covered by the Plan shall not be eligible to participate in, the Coffeyville Resources, LLC Severance Pay Plan, the CVR Partners, LP Severance Pay Plan, the CVR Refining, LP Severance Pay Plan, or any other severance or termination plan, policy or practice of the Company or any of its Affiliates that would otherwise apply under the circumstances described herein. The Plan is intended to be a “top-hat” pension benefit plan within the meaning of U.S. Department of Labor Regulation Section 2520.104-24.

2. **Important Terms.** In addition to the defined terms set forth throughout the Plan, the following words and phrases, when the initial letter of the term is capitalized, will have the meanings set forth in this Section 2, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

2.1 “**Accrued Amounts**” means the sum of any Base Pay earned but unpaid through the date of termination, any unused accrued paid time off in accordance with the applicable Company paid time off policy, any unreimbursed expenses in accordance with the Company’s expense reimbursement policy, and any accrued and vested rights or benefits under any Company sponsored employee benefits plans payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of such plans.

2.2 “**Administrator**” means the Company, acting through the Compensation Committee or another duly constituted committee of members of the Board, or any person to whom the Administrator has delegated any authority or responsibility with respect to the Plan pursuant to Section 10, but only to the extent of such delegation.

2.3 “**Affiliate**” means any Person that a Person either directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries is in common control with, is controlled by or controls, each within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

2.4 “**Base Pay**” means an Eligible Employee’s annualized base salary in effect immediately prior to the termination of employment. Base Pay shall not include commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, incentive compensation, benefits paid under any qualified plan, any group medical, dental or other welfare benefit plan, non-cash compensation or any other additional compensation, but shall include amounts reduced

pursuant to an Eligible Employee's salary reduction agreement under Section 125, 132(f)(4) or 401(k) of the Code, if any, or a nonqualified elective deferred compensation arrangement, if any, to the extent that in each such case the reduction is to base salary.

2.5 "**Board**" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

2.6 "**Cause**" means, with respect to an Eligible Employee, the occurrence of any of the following: (i) willful failure of an employee to perform substantially his/her duties (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to disability); (ii) commission of, or indictment for, a felony or any crime involving fraud or embezzlement or dishonestly or conviction of, or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to a crime or misdemeanor (other than a traffic violation) punishable by imprisonment under federal, state or local law; (iii) engagement in an act of fraud or other act of willful dishonesty or misconduct, towards the Company or any subsidiary, or detrimental to the Company or any subsidiary, or in the performance of the Eligible Employee's duties; (iv) negligence in the performance of employment duties that has a detrimental effect on the Company or any subsidiary; (v) violation of a federal or state securities law or regulation; (vi) the use of a controlled substance without a prescription or the use of alcohol which, in each case, significantly impairs the Eligible Employee's ability to carry out his or her duties and responsibilities; (vii) material violation of the policies and procedures of the Company or any subsidiary; (viii) embezzlement and/or misappropriation of property of the Company or any subsidiary; (ix) conduct involving any immoral acts which is reasonably likely to impair the reputation of the Company or any subsidiary; or (x) material breach of the Eligible Employee's covenants in Section 6 of the Plan after written notice of such breach and failure by the Eligible Employee to cure such breach within 10 business days; provided, however, that no such notice of, nor opportunity to cure, such breach shall be required hereunder if the breach cannot be cured by the Eligible Employee.

2.7 "**Change in Control**" means the first occurrence of any of the following:

(a) An acquisition (other than directly from the Company) of any voting securities of the Company (the "**Voting Securities**") by any "Person" (as the term "person" is used for purposes of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**")), immediately after which such Person has "**Beneficial Ownership**" (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of more than fifty percent (50%) of (i) the then-outstanding Shares or (ii) the combined voting power of the Company's then-outstanding Voting Securities; provided, however, that in determining whether a Change in Control has occurred pursuant to this paragraph (a), the acquisition of Shares or Voting Securities in a Non-Control Acquisition (as hereinafter defined) shall not constitute a Change in Control. A "**Non-Control Acquisition**" shall mean an acquisition by (i) an employee benefit plan (or a trust forming a part thereof) maintained by (A) the Company or (B) any corporation or other Person the majority of the voting power, voting equity securities or equity

interest of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company (for purposes of this definition, a “**Subsidiary**”), (ii) the Company, any Principal Stockholder or any Subsidiary, or (iii) any Person in connection with a Non-Control Transaction (as hereinafter defined);

(b) The consummation of:

(i) A merger, consolidation or reorganization of a Person (x) with or into the Company or (y) in which securities of the Company are issued (a “**Merger**”), unless such Merger is a “**Non-Control Transaction**.” A “**Non-Control Transaction**” shall mean a Merger in which:

(A) the shareholders of the Company immediately before such Merger, or one or more Principal Stockholders, own directly or indirectly immediately following such Merger at least a majority of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of (1) the corporation resulting from such Merger (the “**Surviving Corporation**”), if fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities by the Surviving Corporation is not Beneficially Owned, directly or indirectly, by another Person (a “**Parent Corporation**”) or (2) if there is one or more than one Parent Corporation, the ultimate Parent Corporation;

(B) the individuals who were members of the Board immediately prior to the execution of the agreement providing for such Merger constitute at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of (1) the Surviving Corporation, if there is no Parent Corporation, or (2) if there is one or more than one Parent Corporation, the ultimate Parent Corporation; and

(C) no Person other than (1) the Company or another corporation that is a party to the agreement of Merger, (2) any Subsidiary, (3) any employee benefit plan (or any trust forming a part thereof) that, immediately prior to the Merger, was maintained by the Company or any Subsidiary, (4) any Person who, immediately prior to the Merger, had Beneficial Ownership of thirty percent (30%) or more of the then outstanding Shares or Voting Securities, or (5) any Principal Stockholder, has Beneficial Ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities or common stock of (x) the Surviving Corporation, if there is no Parent Corporation,

or (y) if there is one or more than one Parent Corporation, the ultimate Parent Corporation.

(ii) A complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or

(iii) The sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole to any Person (other than (x) a sale or transfer to a Subsidiary or a Principal Stockholder (or one or more Principal Stockholders acting together) or (y) the distribution to the Company's shareholders of the stock of a Subsidiary or any other assets).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Change in Control shall not be deemed to occur solely because any Person (the "**Subject Person**") acquired Beneficial Ownership of more than the permitted amount of the then outstanding Shares or Voting Securities as a result of the acquisition of Shares or Voting Securities by the Company which, by reducing the number of Shares or Voting Securities then outstanding, increases the proportional number of shares Beneficially Owned by the Subject Persons; provided that if a Change in Control would occur (but for the operation of this sentence) as a result of the acquisition of Shares or Voting Securities by the Company and, after such share acquisition by the Company, the Subject Person becomes the Beneficial Owner of any additional Shares or Voting Securities and such Beneficial Ownership increases the percentage of the then outstanding Shares or Voting Securities Beneficially Owned by the Subject Person, then a Change in Control shall occur.

For the avoidance of doubt, following the occurrence of the first event that constitutes a Change in Control hereunder, no other Change in Control shall occur for purposes of this Plan. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no payment shall be made under Section 4.1 (in the case of a Change in Control Related Termination) or under Section 4.2 (in the case of a Change in Control Related Termination or an Involuntary Termination) unless the "Change in Control" constitutes a "change in control event" within the meaning of Code Section 409A.

2.8 "**Change in Control Period**" means the time period beginning on the date of the first Change in Control occurring after the Effective Date and ending on the date that is twenty-four (24) months following the date of such Change in Control.

2.9 "**Change in Control Related Termination**" means a termination of the Eligible Employee's employment by the Company or any subsidiary of the Company other than for Cause or the Eligible Employee's resignation for Good Reason, in each case within the one hundred twenty (120) day period prior to the occurrence of a Change in Control and (A) the Company determines in good faith that such termination or the basis for resignation for Good Reason occurred in anticipation of a transaction that, if consummated, would constitute a Change in Control, (B) such termination or the basis for resignation for Good

Reason occurred after the Company entered into a definitive agreement, the consummation of which would constitute a Change in Control or (C) the Company determines in good faith that such termination or the basis for resignation for Good Reason was implemented at the request of a third party who has indicated an intention or has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change in Control. For the avoidance of doubt, the occurrence of a Change in Control Related Termination is conditioned upon the consummation of a Change in Control on or prior to December 31, 2022.

2.10 “**Code**” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

2.11 “**Company**” means CVR Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and any successor that assumes the obligations of the Company under the Plan, by way of merger, acquisition, consolidation or other transaction.

2.12 “**Compensation Committee**” means the Compensation Committee of the Board.

2.13 “**Control**” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of stock, by agreement or otherwise and “**Controlled**” has a corresponding meaning.

2.14 “**Effective Date**” means June __, 2018.

2.15 “**Eligible Employee**” means an employee of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company who (a) has been specifically designated as eligible to participate in the Plan pursuant to notification in writing from the Administrator, (b) is a member of a select group of management or highly compensated employees and (c) has timely and properly executed and delivered a Participation Agreement to the Company. Appendix A sets forth an initial listing of employees whose positions will be eligible to participate in the Plan, provided he or she timely and properly executes a Participation Agreement.

2.16 “**ERISA**” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

2.17 “**Good Reason**” means, the occurrence, without an Eligible Employee’s consent, of any of the following: (a) the assignment of duties or responsibilities to the Eligible Employee that reflect a material diminution of the Eligible Employee’s position with the Company; (b) a material reduction by the Company in the Eligible Employee’s Base Pay, other than across-the-board reductions applicable to similarly situated employees of the Company; or (c) a relocation of the Eligible Employee’s principal place of employment to a location more than fifty (50) miles from the Company’s current headquarters in Sugar Land, Texas. In order for an event to qualify as Good Reason, (i) the Eligible Employee must not terminate employment with the Company without first providing the Company with written notice of the acts or omissions constituting the grounds for “Good Reason” within thirty (30) calendar days of the initial existence of the grounds for “Good Reason”

and a reasonable cure period of thirty (30) calendar days following the date of written notice (the “**Cure Period**”), and such grounds must not have been cured during such time, and the Eligible Employee must resign his or her employment within the thirty (30) calendar days following the end of the Cure Period.

2.18 “**Incentive / Phantom Unit Awards**” means any outstanding cash-settled incentive or phantom unit award granted to an Eligible Employee by the Company or its Affiliates, and any other awards approved by the Compensation Committee at the time of the award.

2.19 “**Involuntary Termination**” means a termination of an Eligible Employee’s employment by the Eligible Employee for Good Reason or by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company without Cause. For the avoidance of doubt, an Involuntary Termination shall not include any termination of employment by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company for Cause, due to an Eligible Employee’s death or disability or for any other reason.

2.20 “**Participation Agreement**” means the individual agreement (a form of which is shown in Appendix B) provided by the Administrator to an Eligible Employee under the Plan, which has been signed and accepted by the employee.

2.21 “**Person**” shall mean any individual, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, foundation, estate, cooperative, association (except for any homeowners association), organization, proprietorship, firm, joint venture, joint stock company, syndicate, company, committee, government or governmental subdivision or agency, or other entity, whether or not conducted for profit.

2.22 “**Principal**” means Carl Icahn.

2.23 “**Principal Stockholder**” means any of IEP Energy LLC, any Affiliate of IEP Energy LLC, the Principal and any Related Party.

2.24 “**Related Party**” means (1) the Principal and his siblings, his and their respective spouses and descendants (including stepchildren and adopted children) and the spouses of such descendants (including stepchildren and adopted children) (collectively, the “**Family Group**”); (2) any trust, estate, partnership, corporation, company, limited liability company or unincorporated association or organization (each, an “**Entity**” and collectively “**Entities**”) Controlled by one or more members of the Family Group; (3) any Entity over which one or more members of the Family Group, directly or indirectly, have rights that, either legally or in practical effect, enable them to make or veto significant management decisions with respect to such Entity, whether pursuant to the constituent documents of such Entity, by contract, through representation on a board of directors or other governing body of such Entity, through a management position with such Entity or in any other manner (such rights, hereinafter referred to as “**Veto Power**”); (4) the estate of any member of the Family Group; (5) any trust created (in whole or in part) by any one or more members of the Family Group; (6) any individual or Entity who receives an interest in any estate or trust

listed in clauses (4) or (5), to the extent of such interest; (7) any trust or estate, substantially all the beneficiaries of which (other than charitable organizations or foundations) consist of one or more members of the Family Group; (8) any organization described in Section 501(c) of the Code, over which any one or more members of the Family Group and the trusts and estates listed in clauses (4), (5) and (7) have direct or indirect Veto Power, or to which they are substantial contributors (as such term is defined in Section 507 of the Code); (9) any organization described in Section 501(c) of the Code of which a member of the Family Group is an officer, director or trustee; or (10) any Entity, directly or indirectly (a) owned or Controlled by or (b) a majority of the economic interests in which are owned by, or are for or accrue to the benefit of, in either case, any Person or Persons identified in clauses (1) through (9) above. For the purposes of this definition, and for the avoidance of doubt, in addition to any Person or Persons that may be considered to possess Control, (x) a partnership shall be considered Controlled by a general partner or managing general partner thereof, (y) a limited liability company shall be considered Controlled by a managing member of such limited liability company and (z) a trust or estate shall be considered Controlled by any trustee, executor, personal representative, administrator or any other Person or Persons having authority over the control, management or disposition of the income and assets therefrom.

2.25 **“Restricted Period”** means, with respect to each Eligible Employee, the twelve (12) month period following such Eligible Employee’s termination of employment for any reason or such other time period specified in the Participation Agreement.

2.26 **“Section 409A Limit”** means two (2) times the lesser of: (i) an Eligible Employee’s annualized compensation based upon the annual rate of pay paid to the Eligible Employee during the Eligible Employee’s taxable year preceding the Eligible Employee’s taxable year of the Eligible Employee’s termination of employment as determined under, and with such adjustments as are set forth in, Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii)(A)(1) and any Internal Revenue Service guidance issued with respect thereto; or (ii) the maximum amount that may be taken into account under a qualified plan pursuant to Section 401(a)(17) of the Code for the year in which the Eligible Employee’s employment is terminated.

2.27 **“Severance Benefits”** means the compensation and other benefits that an Eligible Employee is entitled to receive pursuant to Sections 4.1 and 4.2, provided that he or she is an Eligible Employee on the date he or she experiences an Involuntary Termination during the Change in Control Period.

2.28 **“Share”** means the common stock, par value \$.01 per share, of the Company and any other securities into which such shares are changed or for which such shares are exchanged.

3. **Eligibility for Severance Benefits.** An individual is eligible for Severance Benefits under the Plan, as described in Section 4, only if he or she is an Eligible Employee on the date he or she (a) experiences an Involuntary Termination during the Change in Control Period, or (b) experiences a Change in Control Related Termination.

4. Involuntary Termination During the Change in Control Period or Change in Control Termination. If, (a) during the Change in Control Period, an Eligible Employee experiences an Involuntary Termination, or (b) an Eligible Employee experiences a Change in Control Related Termination, then, in either case, subject to the Eligible Employee's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, including without limitation, Section 6, in addition to the Accrued Amounts, the Eligible Employee will be entitled to receive the following Severance Benefits from the Company:

4.1 Cash Severance Benefits. A cash severance payment, equal to the sum of (a) twelve (12) months of Base Pay, and (b) the average of the annual bonuses actually paid to the Eligible Employee during the three calendar years immediately preceding the date of the Involuntary Termination or the date of the consummation of a Change in Control in the case of a Change in Control Related Termination (or, in each case, such shorter period of time if applicable), payable in a lump sum on the Company's first payroll date following the 60th day after (i) the date of the Involuntary Termination or (ii) the date of the consummation of a Change in Control, as applicable. In the event an Eligible Employee has no previous annual bonus history (i.e. those hired after the most recent annual bonus payout), then the annual bonus portion of the cash severance payment will be calculated based on 100% of the Eligible Employee's current target bonus; and

4.2 Incentive / Phantom Unit Award Vesting Acceleration. Accelerated vesting as to 100% of the unvested portion of any then outstanding Incentive / Phantom Unit Awards held by the Eligible Employee, or, in the event of a Change in Control Related Termination and with respect to any Incentive / Phantom Unit Awards issued by an Affiliate of the Company, payments equivalent to the amounts the Eligible Employee would have received had any then outstanding Incentive / Phantom Unit Awards accelerated (without any duplication of vesting and/or payment), in each case, with the payout value calculated based on the average closing price per share of the underlying unit for the twenty (20) business days preceding the date of the Involuntary Termination or the date of the consummation of the Change in Control in the case of a Change in Control Related Termination, as applicable, provided, however, that any Incentive / Phantom Unit Awards that vest (in whole or in part) upon the achievement of performance goals shall vest as if the target level of performance had been achieved. Such payment, if any, shall be payable in a lump sum on the Company's first payroll date following the 60th day after (i) the date of the Involuntary Termination or (ii) the date of the consummation of a Change in Control, as applicable.

4.3 Offset. The Severance Benefits shall be reduced (offset) by any amounts payable (i) under any statutory entitlement (including notice of termination, termination pay and/or severance pay) of the Eligible Employee upon a termination of employment, including, without limitation, any payments related to an actual or potential liability under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act (WARN) or similar state or local law, and (ii) pursuant to any agreement between the Eligible Employee and the Company or any of its Affiliates.

5. Effect of Section 280G of the Code.

5.1 **Payment Reduction.** Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, (i) to the extent that any payment or distribution of any type to or for the benefit of an Eligible Employee by the Company, any Affiliate of the Company, any Person who acquires ownership or effective control of the Company or ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code and the regulations thereunder), or any Affiliate of such Person, whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of the Plan or otherwise (the "**Payments**") constitutes "parachute payments" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code), and if (ii) such aggregate Payments would, if reduced by all federal, state and local taxes applicable thereto, including the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Code (the "**Excise Tax**"), be less than the amount the Eligible Employee would receive, after all taxes, if the Eligible Employee received aggregate Payments equal (as valued under Section 280G of the Code) to only three times the Eligible Employee's "base amount" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code), less \$1.00, then (iii) such Payments shall be reduced (but not below zero) if and to the extent necessary so that no Payments to be made or benefit to be provided to the Eligible Employee shall be subject to the Excise Tax. If the Payments are so reduced, the Company shall reduce or eliminate the Payments (x) by first reducing or eliminating the portion of the Payments which are not payable in cash (other than that portion of the Payments subject to clause (z) hereof), (y) then by reducing or eliminating cash payments (other than that portion of the Payments subject to clause (z) hereof) and (z) then by reducing or eliminating the portion of the Payments (whether payable in cash or not payable in cash) to which Treasury Regulation Section 1.280G-1 Q/A 24(c) (or successor thereto) applies, in each case in reverse order beginning with payments or benefits which are to be paid the farthest in time.

5.2 **Determination of Amount of Reduction (if any).** The determination of whether the Payments shall be reduced as provided in Section 5.1 hereof and the amount of such reduction shall be made at the Company's expense by a nationally-recognized accounting firm selected by the Company (the "**Accounting Firm**"). The Accounting Firm shall provide its determination (the "**Determination**"), together with detailed supporting calculations and documentation, to the Company and the Eligible Employee within 10 calendar days after the Eligible Employee's final day of employment. If the Accounting Firm determines that no Excise Tax is payable by the Eligible Employee with respect to the Payments, it shall furnish the Eligible Employee with an opinion reasonably acceptable to the Eligible Employee that no Excise Tax will be imposed with respect to any such payments and, absent manifest error, such Determination shall be binding, final and conclusive upon the Company and the Eligible Employee.

6. **Conditions to Receipt and Retention of Severance Benefits.** Each Eligible Employee is required to comply with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 6 in order to receive Severance Benefits under the Plan.

6.1 Release Agreement. As a condition to receiving the Severance Benefits under the Plan, each Eligible Employee will be required to sign and not revoke a separation and release of claims agreement in a form provided to such Eligible Employee, which will be provided by the Company within five (5) calendar days following the Involuntary Termination date (the “**Release**”). In all cases, the Release must become effective and irrevocable under applicable law no later than the sixtieth (60th) calendar day following the Eligible Employee’s Involuntary Termination. If the Release does not become effective and irrevocable by such 60th calendar day, the Eligible Employee will immediately forfeit any and all rights to the Severance Benefits. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event will the Severance Benefits be paid or provided until the Release becomes effective and irrevocable.

6.2 Confidentiality and Non-Disparagement.

6.2.1 During the term of an Eligible Employee’s employment with the Company or any of its Affiliates and at all times thereafter, the Eligible Employee shall hold in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of the Company and each of its Affiliates, all secret or confidential information, knowledge or data, including, without limitation, technical information, intellectual property, business and marketing plans, strategies, customer information and lists, software, trade secrets, sources of supplies and materials, designs, production and design techniques and methods, identity of investments, identity of contemplated investments, business opportunities, valuation models and methodologies, processes, technologies, and any other intellectual property relating to the business, or other information concerning the products, promotions, development, financing, expansion plans, business policies and practices, of the Company and each of its Affiliates, and their respective businesses, and other forms of information considered by the Company and its Affiliates to be confidential and in the nature of trade secrets (i) obtained by the Eligible Employee during the Eligible Employee’s employment by the Company or any of its Affiliates and/or during any period of time in which the Eligible Employee has access to email and/or information technology services from the Company, and (ii) not otherwise in the public domain (collectively, “**Confidential Information**”).

6.2.2 Each Eligible Employee must keep confidential and not to publish, post on his or her own or to disclose any personal information regarding any controlling Person of the Company (or any of its Affiliates), including, without limitation, Carl C. Icahn, or any of his Affiliates and their respective employees, and any member of the immediate family of any such Person (and all such personal information shall be deemed “Confidential Information” for the purposes of the Plan). Each Eligible Employee shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company (acting at the direction of the Board): (i) except to the extent compelled pursuant to the order of a court or other body having jurisdiction over such matter or based upon the advice of counsel that such disclosure is legally required, communicate or divulge any Confidential Information to anyone other than the Company and those designated by the Company; or (ii) use any Confidential

Information for any purpose other than the performance of his or her duties pursuant to such Eligible Employee's employment with the Company or any of its Affiliates. Each Eligible Employee will assist the Company or its designee, at the Company's expense, in obtaining a protective order, other appropriate remedy or other reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded any Confidential Information disclosed pursuant to the terms of the Plan. Each Eligible Employee agrees not to disparage the Company, its officers and directors, Mr. Icahn, any Related Parties, or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing, in each case during and/or after such Eligible Employee's employment with the Company or any of its Affiliates. Without limiting anything contained above, each Eligible Employee agrees and acknowledges that all personal and not otherwise public information about the Company and its Affiliates (including, without limitation, all information regarding Icahn Enterprises L.P. ("IEP"), Carl C. Icahn, Mr. Icahn's family, and employees of the Company, IEP and their respective Affiliates) shall constitute Confidential Information for purposes of the Plan.

6.2.3 Each Eligible Employee must not write, contribute to, or assist any other person in writing or creating, a book, film, broadcast, article, blog or any other publication (whether in print, electronic or any other form) about or concerning, in whole or in part, the Company, IEP, Mr. Icahn and his family members or any of the respective Affiliates and subsidiaries of any of the foregoing (as applicable), in any media, and not to publish or cause to be published in any media, any Confidential Information, and must keep confidential and not to disclose to any third party, including, but not limited to, newspapers, authors, publicists, journalists, bloggers, gossip columnists, producers, directors, script writers, media personalities, and the like, in any and all media or communication methods, any Confidential Information. In furtherance of the foregoing, following the termination of the Eligible Employee's employment with the Company or any of its Affiliates, the sole and only disclosure or statement the Eligible Employee shall be permitted to make about or concerning any or all of the Company, IEP, Mr. Icahn and his family members or any of the respective Affiliates and subsidiaries of any of the foregoing (as applicable) is to acknowledge that the Eligible Employee is or was employed by the Company (unless otherwise required by applicable law).

6.3 Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation. As a condition of receiving the Severance Benefits under the Plan, and in order to protect Confidential Information, each Eligible Employee will not, either directly or indirectly, during the Restricted Period:

6.3.1 own, manage, operate, join, control, be employed by, or participate in the ownership, management, operation or control of, or be connected in any manner with, including, without limitation, holding any position as a principal, agent, owner, stockholder, director, officer, consultant, advisor, independent contractor, employee, partner, or investor in, any Restricted Enterprise (as defined below); provided, that in no event shall ownership of one percent (1%) or less of the outstanding securities of any class of any issuer whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act,

standing alone, be prohibited by this Section 6.3, so long as the Eligible Employee does not have, or exercise, any rights to manage or operate the business of such issuer other than rights as a stockholder thereof. For purposes of this paragraph, “**Restricted Enterprise**” shall mean any Person that is actively engaged in any business which is either (i) in competition with the business of the Company or any of its Affiliates conducted during the six months preceding the Eligible Employee’s Involuntary Termination, or (ii) proposed to be conducted by the Company or any of its Affiliates in the Company’s or Affiliate’s business plan as in effect at the time of the Eligible Employee’s Involuntary Termination; provided, that a Restricted Enterprise shall only include such a Person that primarily operates within the States of Kansas, Oklahoma or Texas or any other state where the Company or any of its subsidiaries conducts business operations. During the Restriction Period, upon request of the Company, the Eligible Employee shall notify the Company of the Eligible Employee’s then-current employment status. For the avoidance of doubt, a Restricted Enterprise shall not include any Person or division thereof that is engaged in the business of supplying (but not refining) crude oil or natural gas;

6.3.2 solicit (or assist any Person to solicit) for employment any person who is, or within six months prior to the date of such solicitation was, an employee of the Company or any of its Affiliates, provided, however, that this Section 6.3 shall not prohibit the hiring of any individual as a result of the individual’s response to an advertisement in a publication of general circulation; and

6.3.3 (i) solicit, interfere with or entice away from the Company or any of its Affiliates, any current supplier, customer or client, (ii) direct or solicit any current supplier, customer or client away from the Company or any of its Affiliates, or (iii) advise any Person not to do business with, or be employed by the Company or any of its Affiliates.

6.4 **Severability.** The covenants contained in Section 6 shall be construed as a series of separate covenants, one for each city, county and state of any geographic area. Except for geographic coverage, each such separate covenant shall be deemed identical in terms to the covenant contained in subsections 6.2 and 6.3 above. If, in any judicial or arbitration proceeding, a court or arbitrator refuses to enforce any of such separate covenants (or any part thereof), then such unenforceable covenant (or such part) shall be eliminated from the Plan to the extent necessary to permit the remaining separate covenants (or portions thereof) to be enforced. In the event the provisions of subsection 6.2 or 6.3 above are deemed to exceed the time, geographic, or scope limitations permitted by applicable law, then such provisions shall be reformed by the court or arbitrator to cover the maximum time, geographic, or scope limitations, as the case may be, then permitted by such law.

6.5 **Other Requirements.** An Eligible Employee’s receipt and retention of the Severance Benefits will be subject to the Eligible Employee continuing to comply with the provisions of this Section 6 and the terms of any other confidentiality, proprietary information and inventions agreement, including any non-competition and non-solicitation covenants

contained therein (which are additional obligations, and not replaced by the provisions of this Section 6), and such other appropriate agreements between the Eligible Employee and the Company. In the event an Eligible Employee fails to comply with his or her obligations or breaches any covenant or other agreement under this Section 6 or such other appropriate agreements between the Eligible Employee and the Company, (i) such Eligible Employee shall not be entitled to receive and/or retain the Severance Benefits and shall be required to immediately repay to the Company all Severance Benefits previously paid to him or her under the Plan and forfeit all unpaid Severance Benefits (if any) that remain payable to him or her under the Plan, (ii) the Company shall have the right to fully recover from such Eligible Employee all Severance Benefits paid to him or her under the Plan, and (iii) such Eligible Employee agrees not to assert any defenses, rights of set-off or counterclaims as a reason for not repaying such amount under subsections (i) and (ii).

7. **Non-Duplication of Benefits; Survival of Other Benefits.** Notwithstanding any other provision in the Plan to the contrary, if an Eligible Employee is entitled to any severance, change in control or similar benefits outside of the Plan by operation of applicable law or under another Company-sponsored plan, policy, contract, or arrangement, his or her benefits under the Plan will be reduced by the value of the severance, change in control or similar benefits that the Eligible Employee receives by operation of applicable law or under any Company-sponsored plan, policy, contract, or arrangement, all as determined by the Administrator in its discretion. Subject to the foregoing, the Plan is not intended to amend, modify, terminate, or supersede any severance, change in control or similar benefits provided under any contract with any Eligible Employee, and to the extent any such contract offers severance, change in control or similar benefits that are more advantageous to the Eligible Employee than the terms hereof, such Eligible Employee shall continue to be entitled to such benefits.

8. **Section 409A.**

8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, no severance payments or benefits to be paid or provided to an Eligible Employee, if any, under the Plan that, when considered together with any other severance payments or separation benefits, are considered deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code, and the final regulations and any guidance promulgated thereunder (“**Section 409A**”) (together, the “**Deferred Payments**”) will be paid or provided until the Eligible Employee has a “separation from service” within the meaning of Section 409A. Similarly, no severance payable to an Eligible Employee, if any, under the Plan that otherwise would be exempt from Section 409A pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9) will be payable until the Eligible Employee has a “separation from service” within the meaning of Section 409A.

8.2 It is intended that none of the severance payments or benefits under the Plan will constitute Deferred Payments but rather will be exempt from Section 409A as a payment that would fall within the “short-term deferral period” as described in Section 8.4 below or resulting from an involuntary separation from service as described in Section 8.5 below. In no event will an Eligible Employee have discretion to determine the taxable year of payment of any Deferred Payment.

8.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, if an Eligible Employee is a “specified employee” within the meaning of Section 409A at the time of the Eligible Employee’s separation from service (other than due to death), then the Deferred Payments, if any, that are payable within the first six (6) months following the Eligible Employee’s separation from service, will become payable on the date six (6) months and one (1) day following the date of the Eligible Employee’s separation from service. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in the event of the Eligible Employee’s death following the Eligible Employee’s separation from service, but before the six (6) month anniversary of the separation from service, then any payments delayed in accordance with this paragraph will be payable in a lump sum as soon as administratively practicable after the date of the Eligible Employee’s death. Each payment and benefit payable under the Plan is intended to constitute a separate payment under Section 1.409A-2(b)(2) of the Treasury Regulations.

8.4 Any amount paid under the Plan that satisfies the requirements of the “short-term deferral” rule set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) will not constitute Deferred Payments for purposes of Section 8.1 above.

8.5 Any amount paid under the Plan that qualifies as a payment made as a result of an involuntary separation from service pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii) that does not exceed the Section 409A Limit will not constitute Deferred Payments for purposes of Section 8.1 above.

8.6 The foregoing provisions are intended to comply with or be exempt from the requirements of Section 409A so that none of the payments and benefits to be provided under the Plan will be subject to the additional tax imposed under Section 409A, and any ambiguities herein will be interpreted to so comply or be exempt. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, including but not limited to Sections 10 and 13, the Company reserves the right to amend the Plan as it deems necessary or advisable, in its sole and absolute discretion and without the consent of an Eligible Employee, to comply with Section 409A or to avoid income recognition under Section 409A prior to the actual payment of benefits under the Plan or imposition of any additional tax. In no event will the Company reimburse an Eligible Employee for any taxes that may be imposed on the Eligible Employee as result of Section 409A.

9. **Withholdings.** The Company will withhold from any payments or benefits under the Plan all applicable U.S. federal, state, local and non-U.S. taxes required to be withheld and any other required payroll deductions.

10. **Administration.** The Plan will be administered and interpreted by the Administrator (in its sole and absolute discretion). Any decision made or other action taken by the Administrator with respect to the Plan, and any interpretation by the Administrator of any term or condition of the Plan, or any related document, will be conclusive and binding on all persons and be given the maximum possible deference allowed by law. In accordance with Section 2.2, the Administrator (a) may, in its sole and absolute discretion and on such terms and conditions as it may provide, delegate in writing to one or more officers of the Company all or any portion of its authority or responsibility with respect to the Plan, and (b) has the authority to act for the Company (in a non-

fiduciary capacity) as to any matter pertaining to the Plan; *provided, however*, that any Plan amendment or termination or any other action that reasonably could be expected to increase materially the cost of the Plan must be approved by the Board.

11. **Eligibility to Participate.** To the extent that the Administrator has delegated administrative authority or responsibility to one or more officers of the Company in accordance with Sections 2.2 and 10, each such officer will not be excluded from participating in the Plan if otherwise eligible, but he or she is not entitled to act upon or make determinations regarding any matters pertaining specifically to his or her own benefit or eligibility under the Plan. The Administrator will act upon and make determinations regarding any matters pertaining specifically to the benefit or eligibility of each such officer under the Plan.

12. **Term.** The Plan will become effective upon the Effective Date. In the event that, on or prior to December 31, 2021 (the “**Outside Date**”), (i) a Change in Control occurs, or (ii) the Company enters into a definitive agreement which, if consummated, would result in a Change in Control (“**Potential Change in Control**”), and such Potential Change in Control results in a Change in Control, the Plan will terminate automatically upon the completion of all payments (if any) under the terms of the Plan. In the event that, a Potential Change in Control is pending as of the Outside Date and is subsequently abandoned (as publicly announced by the Company), the Plan will terminate automatically effective as of the date that such Potential Change in Control is abandoned. In the event that a Change in Control does not occur prior to the Outside Date, and a Potential Change in Control is not pending as of the Outside Date, the Plan will terminate automatically effective as of January 1, 2022.

13. **Amendment or Termination.** The Company, by action of the Administrator, reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time, without advance notice to any Eligible Employee and without regard to the effect of the amendment or termination on any Eligible Employee or on any other individual. Any amendment or termination of the Plan will be in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the pendency of a Potential Change in Control and on and following a Change in Control, the Company may not, without an Eligible Employee’s written consent, amend or terminate the Plan in any way, nor take any other action, that (i) prevents that Eligible Employee from becoming eligible for the Severance Benefits under the Plan, or (ii) reduces or alters to the detriment of the Eligible Employee the Severance Benefits payable, or potentially payable, to an Eligible Employee under the Plan (including, without limitation, imposing additional conditions).

14. **Claims and Appeals.**

14.1 **Claims Procedure.** Any Eligible Employee or other person who believes he or she is entitled to any payment under the Plan may submit a claim in writing to the Administrator within ninety (90) calendar days of the earlier of (i) the date the claimant learned the amount of his or her benefits under the Plan or (ii) the date the claimant learned that he or she will not be entitled to any benefits under the Plan. If the claim is denied (in full or in part), the claimant will be provided a written notice explaining the specific reasons for the denial and referring to the provisions of the Plan on which the denial is based. The notice also will describe any additional information needed to support the claim and the

Plan's procedures for appealing the denial. The denial notice will be provided within ninety (90) calendar days after the claim is received. If special circumstances require an extension of time (up to ninety (90) calendar days), written notice of the extension will be given within the initial ninety (90) day period. This notice of extension will indicate the special circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Administrator expects to render its decision on the claim.

14.2 **Appeal Procedure.** If the claimant's claim is denied, the claimant (or his or her authorized representative) may apply in writing to the Administrator for a review of the decision denying the claim. Review must be requested within sixty (60) calendar days following the date the claimant received the written notice of their claim denial or else the claimant loses the right to review. The claimant (or representative) then has the right to review and obtain copies of all documents and other information relevant to the claim, upon request and at no charge, and to submit issues and comments in writing. The Administrator will provide written notice of its decision on review within sixty (60) calendar days after it receives a review request. If additional time (up to sixty (60) calendar days) is needed to review the request, the claimant (or representative) will be given written notice of the reason for the delay. This notice of extension will indicate the special circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Administrator expects to render its decision. If the claim is denied (in full or in part), the claimant will be provided a written notice explaining the specific reasons for the denial and referring to the provisions of the Plan on which the denial is based. The notice also will include a statement that the claimant will be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents and other information relevant to the claim and a statement regarding the claimant's right to bring an action under Section 502(a) of ERISA.

15. **Attorneys' Fees.** The parties shall each bear their own expenses, legal fees and other fees incurred in connection with the Plan.

16. **Source of Payments.** All Severance Benefits will be paid in cash from the general funds of the Company; no separate fund will be established under the Plan, and the Plan will have no assets. No right of any person to receive any payment under the Plan will be any greater than the right of any other general unsecured creditor of the Company.

17. **Inalienability.** In no event may any current or former employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates sell, transfer, anticipate, assign or otherwise dispose of any right or interest under the Plan. At no time will any such right or interest be subject to the claims of creditors nor liable to attachment, execution or other legal process.

18. **No Enlargement of Employment Rights.** Neither the establishment or maintenance or amendment of the Plan, nor the making of any benefit payment hereunder, will be construed to confer upon any individual any right to continue to be an employee of the Company. The Company expressly reserves the right to discharge any of its employees at any time, with or without cause. However, as described in the Plan, an Eligible Employee may be entitled to benefits under the Plan depending upon the circumstances of his or her termination of employment.

19. **Successors.** Any successor to the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's business and/or assets (whether direct or indirect and whether by purchase, merger, consolidation, liquidation or other transaction) will assume the obligations under the Plan and agree expressly to perform the obligations under the Plan in the same manner and to the same extent as the Company would be required to perform such obligations in the absence of a succession. For all purposes under the Plan, the term "Company" will include any successor to the Company's business and/or assets which become bound by the terms of the Plan by operation of law, or otherwise.

20. **Applicable Law.** The provisions of the Plan will be construed, administered and enforced in accordance with ERISA and, to the extent applicable, the internal substantive laws of the state of New York (but not its conflict of laws provisions).

21. **Severability.** If any provision of the Plan is held invalid or unenforceable, its invalidity or unenforceability will not affect any other provision of the Plan, and the Plan will be construed and enforced as if such provision had not been included.

22. **Headings.** Headings in the Plan document are for purposes of reference only and will not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

Appendix A

**CVR Energy, Inc. Change in Control and Severance Plan
Eligible Employees**

- Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
- Executive Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer
- President and CEO – CVR Partners & Executive Vice President – Corporate Services
- Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary
- Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller
- Vice President Tax
- Vice President Finance
- Sr. Vice President Marketing and Feedstocks
- Sr. Vice President Crude
- Vice President IT & Chief Information Officer
- Vice President Human Resources

Appendix B

**CVR Energy, Inc. Change in Control and Severance Plan
Form of Participation Agreement**

CVR Energy, Inc. (the “Company”) is pleased to inform you, _____, that you have been selected to participate in the Company’s Change in Control and Severance Plan, as may be amended from time to time (the “Plan”). A copy of the Plan was delivered to you with this Participation Agreement. Your participation in the Plan is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan.

In order to become a participant in the Plan (an “Eligible Employee” as described in the Plan), you must complete and sign this Participation Agreement and return it to [NAME] no later than [DATE].

The Plan describes in detail certain circumstances under which you may become eligible for Severance Benefits. As described more fully in the Plan, you may become eligible for certain Severance Benefits under Sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the Plan if, during the Change in Control Period, you experience an Involuntary Termination (as defined in the Plan), or if you experience a Change In Control Related Termination.

In order to receive and/or retain any Severance Benefits for which you otherwise become eligible under the Plan, you must sign and deliver to the Company the Release, which must have become effective and irrevocable within the requisite period, and you must also adhere to the confidentiality, non-disparagement, non-competition and non-solicitation provisions of the Plan as set forth in the Plan. Also, as explained in the Plan, your Severance Benefits (if any) may be reduced under certain circumstances, if necessary, to avoid your Severance Benefits from becoming subject to “golden parachute” excise taxes under the Internal Revenue Code.

By your signature below, you and the Company agree that your participation in the Plan is governed by this Participation Agreement and the provisions of the Plan. Your signature below confirms that: (1) you have received a copy of the Change in Control and Severance Plan; (2) you have carefully read this Participation Agreement and the Change in Control and Severance Plan; (3) you agree to comply with the restrictive covenants set forth in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Plan and the terms of any other confidentiality, proprietary information and inventions agreement, including any non-competition and non-solicitation covenants contained therein; and (4) decisions and determinations by the Administrator under the Plan will be final and binding on you and your successors.

[Signature Page Follows]

CVR ENERGY, INC.

[ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE NAME]

Signature

Signature

Name

Date

Title

Attachment: CVR Energy, Inc. Change in Control and Severance Plan

[Signature Page to the Participation Agreement]

CVR Partners, LP

Performance-Based Bonus Plan

Philosophy / Background

CVR Partners, LP (the “Company”) is committed to wages and benefits that are competitive with a market-based, pay-for-performance compensation philosophy, providing such base pay, bonus and long-term incentive awards in line with those of the fertilizer industry. This Performance-Based Bonus Plan (the “Plan”) is intended to reward high performance employees, and to retain these employees in critical roles, through the issuance of bonus awards (each, a “Bonus”).

Administration

The Plan is maintained and administered by, or under the direction of, the Compensation Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the board of directors (the “Board”) of the general partner of the Company with respect to employees of the Company and its subsidiaries, excluding CVR Energy, Inc. (“CVI”), CVR Refining, LP (“CVRR”), their respective general partners and their respective subsidiaries (references to “employees” within this Plan are references to all employees of the foregoing entities).

The Compensation Committee shall annually approve all salaries, targets and bonus metrics for employees in Grade E14 and above, and shall annually approve a total bonus pool for employees in Grade E13 and below. The Compensation Committee delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to approve payouts from such total bonus pool to employees in Grade 13 and below, in his sole discretion. The Chief Executive Officer shall also be responsible for assigning salaries, bonus targets, and Grade levels to employees in Grade 13 and below.

In the event of a claim or dispute brought forth by any employee with a Grade level of E11 or below, the decision of the Chief Executive as to the facts in the case and the meaning and intent of any provision of the Plan, or its application, shall be final, binding, and conclusive. In the event of a claim or dispute brought forth by any employee with a Grade level of E12 or above, the decision of the Compensation Committee as to the facts in the case and the meaning and intent of any provision of the Plan, or its application, shall be final, binding, and conclusive.

The Plan described herein does not create a contractual obligation on the part of the Company. The Company expressly reserves the right to modify, discontinue, or otherwise change the Plan outlined in this document at the sole and absolute discretion of the Company without advance notice.

Introduction

The purpose of the Plan and any Bonus to be paid hereunder is to enhance the Company’s ability to attract, motivate, reward and retain employees, and to strengthen their commitment to the success of the Company.

Eligibility and Administration

Bonuses are made based on the applicable calendar year during which the employees performed the services and are generally paid (to the extent payable) after the financials have been audited and within 90 days of the end of the calendar year (the “Performance Period” or “Period”).

Generally, only exempt, non-exempt and non-union hourly employees are eligible to receive a Bonus, provided that, to receive a Bonus, an employee must: (i) be actively employed with the Company for at least 180 days during the calendar year; (ii) consistently perform at or above expectations for their role; (iii) be actively employed on the date of payout and not on a performance improvement plan or in corrective or disciplinary action status as a result of poor performance during the Performance Period. Employees hired prior to October 1 during the Performance Period will be eligible to receive a Bonus provided the above requirements (ii) and (iii) are met.

Subject to annual review, Bonuses are computed in accordance with each eligible employee's Grade (as shown in Appendix A), prorated for time in an eligible position, as well as a performance multiplier of zero to 150 percent, based on performance against the achievement of the allocated Company and individual performance measures described herein. Appendices A-E present the overall compensation structure (Appendix A), example calculations (Appendices B, C), eligibility (Appendix D) and bonus payout measures (Appendix E). The Individual Performance Multiplier component of a Bonus, if any, is entirely discretionary.

In addition, if the Adjusted EBITDA Threshold established for the Company for a given Performance Period is not reached, no Bonus will be paid for the Period, subject to Compensation Committee discretion. The Compensation Committee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, waive the Adjusted EBITDA Threshold requirement, increase, decrease, or otherwise adjust performance measures, targets, and payout ranges used hereunder, as a result of extraordinary or non-recurring events, changes in applicable accounting rules or principles, changes in the Company's methods of accounting, changes in applicable law, changes due to consolidations, growth capital spend programs, acquisitions, or reorganizations affecting the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates, or other similar changes in the Company's business.

Company Performance: Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Measures – 25%

EH&S measures are as follows (see Appendix F for definitions):

- Personal Safety – Total Recordable Injury Rate (TRIR);
- Process Safety – Process Safety Tier 1 Events Incident Rate (PSIR); and
- Environmental Events (EE) - Number of “numerical” releases, spills, permit exceedances and violations.

Company Performance: Financial Measures – 75%

Financial measures are objectives related to the following (see Appendix F for definitions):

- Reliability;
- Equipment Utilization;
- Operating Expense; and
- Return on Capital Employed.

Spot Bonus

Introduction

Employees making an extraordinary contribution to the furtherance of Company financial performance or advances in Company culture may be nominated by their manager or executive sponsor for a Bonus on a spot basis (a “Spot Bonus”), subject to approval by the Chief Executive. Spot Bonuses will be limited to employees in salary grades below E08 and a maximum value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Terms and Conditions of Spot Bonus

Except as specifically set forth herein, the foregoing provisions of the Plan will likewise apply to a Spot Bonus. For the avoidance of doubt, these provisions relate to, among others, forfeiture and/or recoupment, amendment or termination, tax withholding, data protection and consent and governing law.

General Provisions

See Appendix F for definitions relating to the Plan.

Participation in the Plan is subject to (i) each individual employee's compliance with the Company's mission and values, its code of ethics and its policies and procedures, including, without limitation, the Corporate Policies and Procedures and employee handbook (collectively, "Company Policies"), and (ii) the Clawback and Recoupment Policy attached as Appendix G.

Each employee that is eligible and receives a Bonus or Spot Bonus will be liable for any and all federal, state, provincial, local or foreign taxes, pension plan contributions, employment insurance premiums, social insurance contributions, amounts payable to a governmental and/or regulatory body in the employee's country and other levies of any kind required by applicable laws to be deducted or withheld with respect to any such award (collectively, the "Withholding Taxes"). The Company will have the right to deduct and withhold all required Withholding Taxes from any payment or other consideration deliverable to an employee pursuant to any such payment. All awards under the Plan are intended to be exempt from Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with such intent.

Participation in the Plan does not confer upon any employee any right to continue in the employ of the Company or its subsidiaries, nor interfere in any way with the right of the Company and its subsidiaries to terminate any employee's employment at any time. The Company and its subsidiaries are under no obligation to continue the Plan in future years.

The Compensation Committee may at any time, or from time to time, in its sole and absolute discretion, (a) amend, alter or modify the provisions of this Plan, (b) terminate this Plan, or (c) terminate the participation of an employee or group of employees in this Plan; provided, however, that in the event of the termination of the Plan or a termination of participation, the Compensation Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may determine that a prorated award is payable to employees who were participants in this Plan under such terms and conditions as established by the Compensation Committee.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, whether or not any payment or award is authorized, earned or paid under the Plan will be determined by the Compensation Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, and no such payment or award shall be earned, nor shall any right to any such payment or award exist or accrue, unless, among other factors, such payment or award has been authorized by the Compensation Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, and actually paid to the employee. In addition, whether or not any payment or award is authorized, earned or paid pursuant to the Plan is without regard to whether any of the individual performance metrics, financial performance targets and/or goals, or any other benchmarks, targets, personal goals or criteria set forth in the Plan are met, not met, exceeded or not exceeded.

No employee, beneficiary or other person shall have any right, title or interest in any amount awarded under the Plan prior to the payment of such award to him or her. An employee's rights to a payment under the Plan are no greater than those of unsecured general creditors of the Company or its subsidiaries.

By participating in the Plan, each employee consents to the holding and processing of personal information provided by such employee to the employer, any affiliate of the employer, trustee or third party service provider, for all purposes relating to the operation of the Plan. Consents include, but are not limited to: (i) administering and maintaining employee records; (ii) providing information to the employer, its affiliates, trustees of any employee benefit trust, registrars, brokers or third party administrators of the Plan; (iii) providing information to future purchasers or merger partners of the employer or any of its affiliates, or the business in which the employee works; and (iv) to the extent not prohibited by applicable law, transferring information about the employee to any country or territory that may not provide the same protection for the information as the employee's home country.

The Plan is governed by the laws of the State of New York and as such will be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to conflicts of law.

Appendix A
Compensation Structure: Base Pay & Incentive Plans

[Table redacted.]

Individual Performance Measures

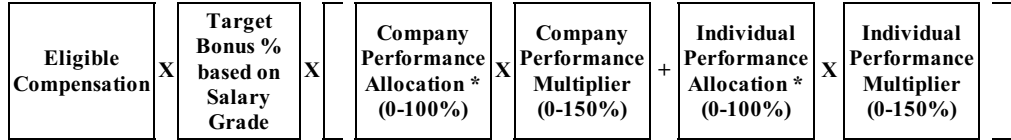
Supervisor's assessment of employee's performance will be based on the following categories:

- Interpersonal effectiveness
- Business conduct
- Professional and technical development
- Leadership
- Achievement of goals
- Results orientation

The assessment is discretionary and based on a wide range of considerations which often change over the course of the year.

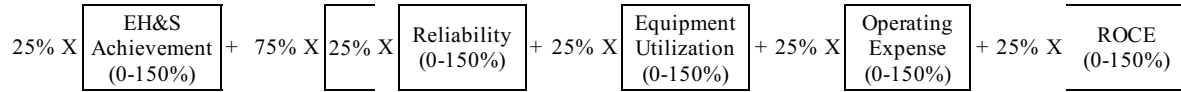
Appendix B
Bonus Payout and Company Performance Calculations

Bonus Payout Calculation:



*Company Performance Allocation + Individual Performance Allocation = 100%
 Allocations are based on employee salary grade

****Company Performance Multiplier:**



Appendix C
Bonus Payout Examples

Example Bonus Calculation 1:							
Salary Grade	E12						
Eligible Compensation	\$196,000	Eligible Compensation	Bonus Target %	Co. Perf. Alloc	Co. Perf. Multiplier	Ind. Perf. Alloc.	Ind. Perf. Multiplier
Performance Rating	Exceeds						
Bonus Target %	40%	\$ 196,000	X 40%	X (50%	X 110%	+ 50%	X 125%)
Company Performance Allocation	50%						
Company Performance Multiplier (0-150%)	110%		= \$ 92,120				
Individual Performance Allocation	50%						
Individual Performance Multiplier (0-150%)	125%						
Example Bonus Calculation 2:							
Salary Grade	E06						
Eligible Compensation	\$90,000	Eligible Compensation	Bonus Target %	Ind. Perf. Alloc.	Ind. Perf. Multiplier		
Performance Rating	Far Exceeds	\$ 90,000	X 14%	X (100%	X 150%)	
Bonus Target %	14%						
Company Performance Allocation	N/A		= \$ 18,900				
Company Performance Multiplier (0-150%)	N/A						
Individual Performance Allocation	100%						
Individual Performance Multiplier (0-150%)	150%						
Example Bonus Calculation 2:							
Hourly Non-Represented	Hrly Non-Rep						
Eligible Compensation	\$ 70,000	Eligible Compensation	Bonus Target %	Co. Perf. Alloc.	Co. Perf. Multiplier		
Performance Rating	None	\$ 70,000	X 6%	X (100%	X 110%)	
Bonus Target %	6%						
Company Performance Allocation	100%		= \$ 4,620				
Company Performance Multiplier (0-150%)	110%						
Individual Performance Allocation	N/A						
Individual Performance Multiplier (0-150%)	N/A						

Appendix D
CVR Partners, LP

Eligibility

Non-union direct employees of Company, its general partner and their respective subsidiaries, including Fertilizer Executives, Marketing, Logistics, Company Controller, Coffeyville Nitrogen Planning and East Dubuque Nitrogen Fertilizers Planning.

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**Appendix E
CVR Partners, LP
Bonus Payout Measures**

Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Measures (25%)

Three measures evenly weighted (33-1/3% each): Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR), Process Safety Tier I Incident Rate (PSIR), and Environmental Events (EE):

Percentage Change(over the prior year)

Increase in Incident Rate or Incidents
0%
Decrease > 0% and < 3%
Decrease of 3%
Decrease > 3% and < 10%
Decrease of 10% or more, or if TRIR is maintained at or below 1.0, PSIR at or below 0.2 and EE at or below 20

Bonus Achievement

Zero
50% of Target Percentage (Threshold)
Linear Interpolation between Threshold and Target
Target Percentage
Linear Interpolation between Target and Maximum
150% of Target (Maximum)

Financial Measures (75%)

Four measures evenly weighted (25% each):

Reliability

Greater than 9.0%
9.00%
7.01% to 8.99%
7.00%
6.0% to 6.99%
Less than 6.0%

Bonus Achievement

Zero
50% of Target Percentage (Threshold)
Linear Interpolation between Threshold and Target
Target Percentage
Linear Interpolation between Target and Maximum
150% of Target (Maximum)

Equipment Utilization

Less than 95%
95%
95.01% to 99.99%
100%
100.01% to 104.99%
Greater than 105%

Bonus Achievement

Zero
50% of Target Percentage (Threshold)
Linear Interpolation between Threshold and Target
Target Percentage
Linear Interpolation between Target and Maximum
150% of Target (Maximum)

ROCE (Ranking vs. Peer Group*)

First (highest)
Second
Third
Fourth
Fifth
Sixth
Seventh

Bonus Achievement

150% of Target (Maximum)
125% of Target Percentage
112.5% of Target Percentage
Target Percentage (100%)
75% of Target Percentage
50% of Target Percentage (Minimum)
Zero

Performance measures subject to peer group ranking will be based on LTM data as of September 30 of the Performance Period.

*The Fertilizer Industry peer group will consist of CF Industries, LSB Industries, Nutrien Ltd., The Andersons, Inc., Green Plains Partners and Flotek Industries.

Appendix F Definitions

“**Adjusted EBITDA**” for the Company means earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and adjusted for first-in, first-out accounting impacts, unrealized gains and losses on derivative transactions, turnaround expenses, loss on extinguishment of debt, asset impairment charges, non-controlling interest and board-directed actions.

“**Adjusted EBITDA Threshold**” means actual capital expenditures plus reserves for major scheduled turnaround expenses plus interest on debt for the given Performance Period. In Performance Periods that include a turnaround, Adjusted EBITDA Threshold will equal capital expenditures plus total turnaround spend less established turnaround reserves (excluding reserves added in the current period) plus interest on debt. [Redacted.]

“**Chief Executive**” means the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

“**Eligible Compensation**” means (i) for eligible exempt employees, such employee’s base salary at the time the Bonus or Spot Bonus is determined (prorated for time in an eligible position), and (ii) for eligible non-exempt and non-union hourly employees, such employees’ eligible wages for the applicable year as determined by the Company to be required by law.

“**Environmental Events**” (“**EE**”) means the total number of reportable quantities and water deviations.

- Reportable quantities are releases of substances during a 24-hour period that exceed a federal, state or local reporting threshold.
 - o Reportable quantity is an event or contemporaneous combination of events during a 24-hour period that results in a release that exceeds a reportable quantity or quantities of a EPCRA/CERCLA compound as defined in the EPA List of Lists or a release that exceeds any other federal, state or local reporting threshold. Federally permitted releases and continuous releases defined in 40 CFR §302.6 and §302.8 are not considered reportable quantities under this measure.
 - o A reportable quantity is counted by event or contemporaneous combination of events, not by the number of individual reports that are filed or number of compounds which exceed their reportable quantity. Events are considered contemporaneous if they occur within 24-hours or when a common cause results in one or more reportable quantities during contiguous or overlapping 24-hour periods.
- Water deviations are exceedances of a NPDES-based permit limit, wastewater bypasses and sheens to water of the United States.
 - o The number of deviations is based on the number of individual permit limits exceeded irrespective of the number of causal events attributed to the deviation. However, a continuance of an ongoing permit limit deviation would not be double-counted if it were contemporaneous with a prior deviation and/or event.
 - o Oil sheens and reportable quantities to water are only counted once as a water deviation environmental event.

A single event that results in multiple reportable quantities and/or when a water deviation is also a regulatory reportable quantity is not “double-counted” and will only be considered one Environmental Event.

“**Executive Officer**” of the Company means an “executive officer” as that term is defined in Rule 3b-7 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”) or an “officer” of the Company for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

“Equipment Utilization” means adjusted equivalent tons of urea ammonium nitrate production divided by the planned equivalent tons of production for the Performance Period, as adjusted at the discretion of the Compensation Committee for events or downtime caused by third parties. Planned production is reflected in the Company’s annual volumetric plan. Monthly targets may be adjusted on a month by month basis to optimize production for which there is an economic incentive to do so during the given period. In such cases, the annual volumetric plan will be adjusted for the purposes of Bonus calculations with the new targets in place of the original targets.

“Operating Expense” means measurement of actual controllable and fixed operating costs divided by budgeted amounts. For purposes of calculating the Bonus, budgeted amounts are subject to revision by the Board in its discretion based on changes in business conditions or configuration of the business (e.g., items such as acquisitions or divestitures, unusual or non-recurring charges and changes in staffing relating to changed strategy approved by the Board will be considered as items for potential adjustment).

“Process Safety Incident Rate” (“PSIR”) means a standardized measure of process safety performance for the number of process safety tier 1 events per 100 full-time equivalent employees, as defined in the recommended practice for process safety performance indicators, ANSI/API RP 754.

A process safety tier 1 event is an unplanned or uncontrolled loss of primary containment of any material, including non-toxic and non-flammable materials, from a process that results in one or more consequences, including:

- an employee, contractor or subcontractor “days away from work” injury and/or fatality;
- a hospital admission and/or fatality or a third-party;
- an officially declared community evacuation or community shelter-in-place;
- a fire or explosion resulting in greater than or equal to \$25,000 of direct cost to the company;
- an officially declared community evacuation or community shelter-in-place;
- a pressure relief device (PRD) discharge to atmosphere whether directly or via a downstream destructive device that results in one or more of four defined consequences and a PRD discharge quantity greater than defined threshold quantities in a one-hour period; or,
- a release of material greater than defined threshold quantities described in any one-hour period.

“Reliability” means Lost Profit Opportunity (“LPO”), defined as foregone gross margin that results from operational variance due to factors within the Company’s control, specifically including human and equipment performance, divided by the sum of actual gross margin plus LPO.

“Return on Capital Employed” (“ROCE”) means operating income before depreciation and amortization (excluding asset impairments, non-cash asset write-downs and inventory valuation gains or losses) divided by average Capital Employed during the Period (averages calculated using quarter end balances).

“Capital Employed” means the sum of debt plus shareholders’ equity less cash and marketable securities less intangible assets less goodwill.

“Total Recordable Injury Rate” (“TRIR”) means a standardized measure of safety performance for the number of work-related injuries per 100 full-time equivalent employees, as defined by OSHA.

Appendix G
Clawback and Recoupment Policy

This Clawback and Recoupment Policy applies to each Bonus and Spot Bonus (for purposes of this Plan, an “Award”).

If the Compensation Committee in its sole and absolute discretion, determines that (i) there has been misconduct or a gross dereliction of duty resulting in either a violation of law or Company Policy, that, in either case, causes significant financial or reputational harm to the Company (or any of its affiliates), and that an employee committed the misconduct or gross dereliction of duty, or failed in his or her responsibility to manage or monitor the applicable conduct or risk; (ii) an employee has committed an immoral act which is reasonably likely to impair the reputation of the Company (or any of its affiliates); (iii) an employee committed, or was indicted for, a felony or any crime involving fraud or embezzlement or dishonesty or was convicted of, or entered a plea of *nolo contendere* to a misdemeanor (other than a traffic violation) punishable by imprisonment under federal, state or local law; (iv) an employee violated any securities or employment laws or regulations; (v) an employee materially breached a Company Policy or any non-compete and/or non-solicitation clause included in an agreement or offer letter with such employee’s employer; (vi) an employee embezzled and/or misappropriated any property of the Company (or any of its affiliates) or committed any act involving fraud with respect to the Company (or any of its affiliates); or (vii) an employee engaged in conduct (including by omission) or an event or condition has occurred, which, in each case, would have given the Company or its subsidiaries the right to terminate the employee’s employment for Cause (as defined herein), then, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law, such Compensation Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, may cancel, declare forfeited, or rescind such Award, or may seek reimbursement from such employee (and such employee will be obligated to repay) all or any portion of any payments made to such employee in respect of such Award.

If the Compensation Committee determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that calculations underlying the performance measures and targets, including but not limited to mistakes in the Company’s financial statements, were incorrect, then such Compensation Committee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, seek to recover the amount of any payment made to employees that exceeded the amount that would have been paid based on the corrected calculations.

To the extent not prohibited by applicable law, if an employee is an officer, or, if applicable, has otherwise been designated by the Board of the Company as an Executive Officer, the Board may seek reimbursement of any payment made to such employee in respect of an Award in the event of a restatement of such Company’s (or any of its subsidiaries’) financial results (occurring due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirements under applicable securities laws) that reduced a previously granted payment made to such employee in respect of an Award. In that event, the Compensation Committee may, in its sole and absolute discretion, seek to recover the amount of any such payment made to the employee that exceeded the amount that would have been paid based on the restated financial results.

If the Company subsequently determines that it is required by law to apply a “clawback” or alternate recoupment provision to an Award, under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or otherwise, then such clawback or recoupment provision also shall apply to such Award, as if it had been included on the effective date of such Award.

To the extent not prohibited under applicable law, the Company (or any of its subsidiaries) (as applicable), in its sole and absolute discretion, will have the right to set off (or cause to be set off) any amounts otherwise due to employee from such Company or a subsidiary in satisfaction of any repayment obligation of such employee hereunder, provided that any such amounts are exempt from, or set off in a manner intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Company's and its subsidiaries' rights under this Plan will apply to employees, without regard to whether any such employee is currently providing, or previously provided, services to the Company or its subsidiary as an employee.

"Cause" for purposes of any Award means such employee's (i) refusal or neglect to perform substantially his or her employment-related duties or services, (ii) personal dishonesty, incompetence, willful misconduct or breach of fiduciary duty, (iii) indictment for, conviction of or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a crime constituting a felony or his or her willful violation of any applicable law (other than a traffic violation or other offense or violation outside of the course of employment or services to the Company or its affiliates which in no way adversely affects the Company and its affiliates or their reputation or the ability of the employee to perform his or her employment-related duties or services or to represent the Company or any affiliate of the Company that employs such employee or to which the employee performs services), (iv) failure to reasonably cooperate, following a request to do so by the Company, in any internal or governmental investigation of the Company or any of its affiliates or (v) material breach of any written covenant or agreement with the Company or any of its affiliates not to disclose any information pertaining to the Company or such affiliate or not to compete or interfere with the Company or such affiliate; provided that, in the case of any employee who, as of the date of determination, is party to an effective services, severance or employment agreement with the Company or any affiliate, "Cause" will have the meaning, if any, specified in such agreement.

AMENDMENT TO
PERFORMANCE UNIT AGREEMENT

This AMENDMENT TO PERFORMANCE UNIT AGREEMENT (this “Amendment”) is made and entered into as of September 17, 2018, by and between CVR Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”) and David L. Lamp (the “Grantee”).

The Company and the Grantee are parties to a Performance Unit Agreement dated as of November 1, 2017 (the “Agreement”). The parties hereto desire to amend the Agreement as provided herein.

1. Performance Conditions. Section 2(a) of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“(a) With respect to the Award, during the period beginning on January 1, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2018 (the “Performance Cycle”), the following performance conditions (each, a “Performance Objective”) will be applied to determine the applicable Performance Factor (as set forth below):

- a. 25% of the Performance Units attributable to the Award will be subject to the environmental, health and safety measures specified in the CVR Energy, Inc. Performance-Based Bonus Plan; and
- b. 75% of the Performance Units attributable to the Award will be subject to the financial measures specified in the CVR Energy, Inc. Performance-Based Bonus Plan.

The Performance Factor will range from 0-150% in accordance with each Performance Objective as measured pursuant to the CVR Energy, Inc. Performance-Based Bonus Plan.”

2. Ratify Agreement. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Agreement will remain unamended and in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. The amendments provided herein will be limited precisely as drafted and will not constitute an amendment of any other term, condition or provision of the Agreement.

3. Cross References. References in the Agreement to “Agreement”, “hereof”, “herein”, and words of similar import are deemed to be a reference to the Agreement as amended by this Amendment.

4. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original and all of which constitute one agreement that is binding upon each of the parties, notwithstanding that all parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.

[signature page follows]

The parties have executed this Amendment as of the date first written above.

CVR ENERGY, INC.

GRANTEE

/S/ Melissa M. Buhrig

/S/ David L. Lamp

By: Melissa M. Buhrig

Name: David L. Lamp

Title: Executive Vice President
General Counsel & Secretary

[Signature Page for Amendment to Performance Unit Agreement]

**Certification of Executive Chairman Pursuant to
Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, David L. Lamp, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of CVR Partners, LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ DAVID L. LAMP

David L. Lamp
Executive Chairman
CVR GP, LLC
the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: October 25, 2018

**Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to
Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Mark A. Pytosh, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of CVR Partners, LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ MARK A. PYTOSH

Mark A. Pytosh
President and Chief Executive Officer
CVR GP, LLC
the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: October 25, 2018

**Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to
Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Tracy D. Jackson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of CVR Partners, LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ TRACY D. JACKSON

Tracy D. Jackson

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer*

CVR GP, LLC

*the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Financial Officer)*

Date: October 25, 2018

**Certification of Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller Pursuant to
Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Matthew W. Bley, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of CVR Partners, LP;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By: /s/ MATTHEW W. BLEY

Matthew W. Bley

*Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate
Controller*

CVR GP, LLC

*the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Accounting Officer)*

Date: October 25, 2018

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the filing of the Quarterly Report of CVR Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2018, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), each of the undersigned officers of CVR GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of such officer's knowledge and belief:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership as of the dates and for the periods expressed in the Report.

By: /s/ DAVID L. LAMP

David L. Lamp
Executive Chairman
CVR GP, LLC
the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ MARK A. PYTOSH

Mark A. Pytosh
President and Chief Executive Officer
CVR GP, LLC
the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ TRACY D. JACKSON

Tracy D. Jackson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
CVR GP, LLC
the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ MATTHEW W. BLEY

Matthew W. Bley
Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller
CVR GP, LLC
the general partner of CVR Partners, LP
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: October 25, 2018