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POPE RESOURCES is a publicly traded Master Limited Partnership listed on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol POPE. Pope Resources has a heritage as a land and timber owner in the Pacific Northwest that goes back for over 160 years. Today, our assets include 111,000 acres of productive fee timberland, and a 12% co-investment in 94,000 timberland acres owned by our Timber Funds. In addition, we own 2,500 acres of development property, most of which is within a 50-mile radius of Seattle.

Our headquarters and operations are based in Poulsbo, Washington, a short distance from Seattle. We have additional forestry offices in Washington and Oregon that serve our managed lands.

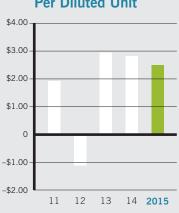




# **Total Revenue**



# Earnings (Loss) Per Diluted Unit



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(Thousands, except per unit data)	2015	2014	2013
Revenue			
Fee Timber	\$52,164	\$65,204	\$56,035
Real Estate	25,864	22,266	14,657
Total revenue	\$78,028	\$87,470	\$70,692
Income/(loss) from operations			
Fee Timber	\$12,961	\$44,289	\$16,168
Timberland Management	(2,625)	(2,329)	(1,950)
Real Estate	5,313	(2,720)	3,276
Administrative	(4,972)	(3,781)	(4,562)
Total income from operations	\$10,677	\$35,459	\$12,932
Net income (loss) attributable to unitholders	\$10,943	\$12,415	\$13,135
Net income (loss) per fully diluted unit	\$2.51	\$2.82	\$2.96
Cash available for distribution (CAD)#	\$13,658	\$20,979	\$10,924
CAD per fully diluted unit#	\$3.18	\$4.82	\$2.50
Distributions per unit	\$2.70	\$2.50	\$2.00
Unit price at year-end	\$64.07	\$63.63	\$67.00
Units outstanding at year-end per Nasdaq	4,336	4,326	4,443
Total assets	\$370,056	\$344,526	\$310,908
Long-term debt, including current portion			
Partnership only	27,492	32,601	32,707
Funds only	57,380	57,380	42,983
Combined	84,872	89,981	75,690
Noncontrolling interests	198,518	163,413	145,169
Partners' capital	64,548	64,216	69,445
Partners' capital per unit	\$14.89	\$14.84	\$15.63
Timber harvest (MMBF)			
Partnership only	43	47	49
Funds only	41	50	41
Combined	84	97	90

<sup>#</sup>Unaudited

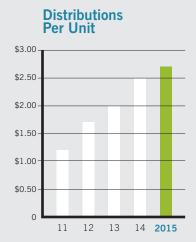
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TOM RINGO
President and CEO

# Dear Fellow Unitholders,

#### Writing the post mortem on 2015 boils down to a handful of key points:

- Log markets were challenging. Export opportunities were constrained by weakness in Asian economies and a strong dollar, making our PNW logs less competitive. Domestic producers continue to wait for slow-to-ignite U.S. housing starts. This resulted in lower-than-expected per-MBF log price realizations and harvest volumes.
- The Real Estate side of our business, on the other hand, saw notable successes with conservation sales on timberlands and lot closings in our Gig Harbor (Harbor Hill) project. On the conservation front, we generated \$6.8 million in revenue from four separate conservation land sales and easements covering over 4,100 acres. At Harbor Hill we closed on 6 separate transactions covering 119 single-family lots and a multi-family residential parcel for a combined total of \$18 million.
- ORM Timber Fund III closed out its acquisition phase with a December 2015 purchase of the 15,000-acre
  Mashel tree farm located southeast of Tacoma, Washington. This sets the stage for the launch of our next
  fund, which we hope to complete with institutional investors during the coming year.
- Net-net: compared to 2014's record performance, 2015 fell short... but comparing 2015 across a broader timeframe suggests that we had a respectable year.

## How Our Capital Allocation Decisions Reflect Strategic Priorities

In explaining and discussing our strategic priorities, we continue to find it useful to do so by linking them with five primary capital allocation categories: acquisition of new businesses; investment in existing businesses; pay down of debt; repurchase of partnership units; and dividends (or distributions in our case). Following is an update of what we accomplished in 2015 on each of these and where our near-term decisions are taking us in 2016 and future years.

#### **ACQUISITION OF NEW BUSINESSES**

Strategy objective: build our private equity timber fund business; explore investments in timberlands or development properties not currently owned by the Partnership

**Private equity timber funds:** As mentioned above, Fund III completed its fourth and final timberland acquisition in December 2015 with the \$50.5 million purchase of the 15,000-acre Mashel tree farm in western Washington. The Partnership deployed \$2.5 million of capital in this transaction based on its 5% co-investment share. We believe that our niche focus on smaller-to-mid-market transactions benefitted us in the case of this acquisition, as Mashel was on the market simultaneously with a much larger nearby property that attracted significant attention from other buyers.

Our private equity timber fund business remains our primary growth opportunity and our co-investments alongside our third-party investors create value for us in three meaningful ways:

• First, Pope Resources receives cash distributions as a return on paid-in capital from our ownership interests in the funds. From 2006 through 2015, Pope Resources received \$22.7 million in distributions, which represents \$6.1 million from operations, \$2.9 million from refinancing, and \$13.7 million from the Fund I property sales.

- Second, Pope Resources earns fee income from third-party investors for managing the funds which has to date amounted to a cumulative total of \$9.2 million. Although these fees are eliminated in consolidation owing to our operational control over the Funds, they have been an important source of free cash flow.
- Finally, the additional timberland under management affords us the opportunity to employ higher caliber talent and the latest technical tools for the management of our entire timberland portfolio.

We also completed our wind-down of Fund I following the late-2014 sales of its two tree farms. Final cash distributions were made during Q4 2015 following the expiration of holdback contingencies commonly associated with timberland sales. With our first timber fund offering coming full circle from its 2006 beginnings, the results are as follows: the internal-rate-of-return, net of fees, to Fund I investors was 3.3% and for Pope Resources (including our fees from third-party investors) the internal-rate-of-return was 7.0%. These returns fell short of our targets, but were comparable to other timber investments made over a matching time period.

Meanwhile, Funds II and III comprise a total of 94,000 acres across eight tree farms in Washington, Oregon, and California, representing \$364 million of assets under management based on recent appraisals. Through our 20% co-investment in Fund II and 5% co-investment in Fund III, we have deployed \$25.7 million of capital giving us look-through "ownership" of over 10,000 timberland acres inside the funds. Importantly, portions of this look-through ownership were acquired in each year from 2009 through 2015, effectively dollar-cost-averaging our time-period exposure in a manner we would not be able to do absent our co-investing in these funds. In addition, the two funds generate \$2.1 million of annual asset management fees paid by our third-party investors.

Our efforts in this fund business are now focused on concluding a successful close later this year for Fund IV, our next timberland investment vehicle. The target capital raise for Fund IV is \$200 million, with a Partnership co-investment of 15% of this total, or \$30 million. We are expecting a three-to-

five year drawdown period for placing this capital. Demand for timberland remains strong with a large queue of institutional capital seeking such investments. There are a number of properties that were purchased by TIMO's (timberland investment management organizations) 10-15 years ago and these investment vehicles are reaching the ends of their hold periods, thus enhancing the prospects for reasonable deal flow in this PNW region. We have cultivated strong relationships with investors who appreciate our disciplined approach to investing in this segment and desire to work with us. Our investments in these funds represent long-term assets that will continue to produce cash flow and ultimately return our invested capital to us at the termination of the funds, thus providing further capital allocation opportunities.

Real Estate Acquisitions: Our Real Estate segment has historically focused on opportunities to add value to our existing Partnership land portfolio. Given our Puget Sound sub-regional expertise and the reputation created by our Real Estate team and cultivated for our wholly owned subsidiary, Olympic Property Group, we are frequently approached by other landowners seeking out that expertise and capital for land development opportunities in our sub-region.

#### INVESTMENT IN EXISTING BUSINESSES

Strategy objective: enlarge the timberland ownership footprint that is 100%-owned by the Partnership and recoup long-standing investments in Gig Harbor and Port Gamble

Small-Tract Acquisition Program Enjoys Early
Success: In last year's edition of this letter, I
discussed our objective to increase Pope Resources'
net core timberland holdings by 10,000 acres by
2020. The exclusivity agreements we had in place
with our funds during the time they were placing
capital prohibited the Partnership from acquiring
timberlands for its own account unless the targeted
tracts were under a low value threshold and in close
proximity to the Partnership's existing holdings. In
practical terms, this resulted in the pursuit of very
small transactions, sometimes well under 100
acres. With the completion of Fund III's capital
placement, it is worth noting that we are currently

under no such restriction until we reach the first close for Fund IV later in 2016. Regardless, we expect Fund IV to be a bit more generous than prior funds regarding this exclusivity condition.

During 2015 we closed on five of these so-called "small tracts," deploying \$5.0 million of capital to acquire almost 1,100 acres. Where possible, we seek acquisitions that contain timber that fills gaps in our existing age-class structure. In so doing, this frees up existing merchantable timber in our inventory that can be harvested in the near term and increases our sustainable harvest level.

Long-term planning processes/systems for timberland management: During 2015 we made significant progress on a project to update the Partnership's long-term timber harvest plan for the 111,000 acres we own outright. This update incorporated revised timber inventory levels obtained as a result of:

- Extensive cruising: during 2015, we cruised (a systematic, statistics-based process for estimating volume of timbered stands) 14,000 acres aged 15 and over, representing 15% of the Partnership's available acres. Combined with cruising activity in 2013 and 2014, 35% of our available acres have been cruised over the past 3 years, giving us a heightened level of confidence in our timber inventory.
- Refined growth and yield models used to develop harvest levels that make use of the significant amount of historical harvest and yield data afforded us by our long operating history in the region. Ancillary to this, our log merchandizing model now closely tracks with the way our contracted operators manufacture logs in the woods.
- Enhanced understanding of our harvest constraints.

In addition, we have continued to make important investments in silviculture that we expect to yield higher harvest volumes on our well-managed stands in the future. In this vein, during 2015, we conducted commercial thinning operations on 400 acres and pre-commercial thinning operations on 5,500 acres. While both of these activities are reported on our income statement as revenue and expenses in the current year, they are very much investments in the future. The thinning operations

remove smaller trees from crowded stands, giving the larger remaining trees more room to grow, resulting in a broader range of log diameters that can be sold into high-value domestic and export markets, while reducing low-value chip-and-saw and pulpwood logs.

Taken together, these process/system improvements allow us to more accurately forecast our most significant source of cash flow: our annual harvest volume. As a result, we have reset our sustainable harvest level on the Partnership's Hood Canal and Columbia tree farms higher by 9% to 48 MMBF per year. We are confident the tree farms can produce timber at this rate over the long term even though actual harvest levels will vary from year to year around this number depending on log market conditions.

Gig Harbor: With the 2015 closings on 119 single-family lots and the remaining multi-family parcel, the residential component of our Harbor Hill development is nearly 50%-complete. This year (2016) should prove to be even better as we continue to see strong market fundamentals reflected in continued merchant-builder interest. This anticipated sales activity will result in significant back-end cash flow to the Partnership on closing, but will also require front-loading of infrastructure capital into the project ahead of the closings to enable the takedown of lots by the builders.

Port Gamble environmental remediation: During 2015 we made considerable progress toward cleaning up Gamble Bay with the removal of over 3,000 pilings and removal of the majority of the overwater structures at the millsite. Over 40,000 cubic yards of sediments and wood waste were removed from the near-shore, and dredged from subtidal areas of the former millsite. Nearly 70,000 cubic yards of clean materials were placed along the newly excavated shoreline and within the subtidal areas, as part of different types of clean caps. More of the same is in store for 2016 as we drive toward completion of the project by early 2017. While the level of spending for material removal from this former industrial site derives from our mere ownership of the property, not our operation of the mill that was located there, it is important to remember that the townsite has a development future and our clean-up expenditures

are investments that pave the way for the next chapter to be written in the history of this unique and special site.

We are also making other investments in the future development of Port Gamble in the form of key water and sewer infrastructure. The local Kitsap PUD obtained a grant several years ago and now the town of Port Gamble is hooked up to the PUD's broader water system. In addition, we are building a new wastewater treatment plant that will be funded in part by public grant monies.

#### **DEBT PAYDOWNS**

Strategy objective: maintain leverage level that promotes financial flexibility while retaining access to necessary growth capital

One of the unique features of owning timberland is the optionality it provides. When log markets are weak, a timberland owner can simply leave the timber "on the stump," storing it for free while waiting for better markets. In reality, it is better than free, as the owner is paid to store it. The payment comes from the growth of the timber and the improvement in sort mix (bigger logs create an export opportunity and are thus generally worth more per MBF than smaller logs) while waiting for improved log prices. The history of this industry is littered with timberland owners who removed this harvest optionality by holding excessive levels of debt. "Excessive" in this context means a level of debt high enough that it forces the timberland owner to harvest and sell timber in poor log markets in order to service the debt.

Current debt levels for the Partnership only (excluding the Funds) require, for instance, debt service payments of \$1.4 million in 2016. Using average operating results from our Partnership tree farms over the last three years, it takes approximately 5.2 MMBF of harvest volume to produce this amount of cash flow. This is very comfortably covered by our 48 MMBF per year of sustainable harvest volume, and gives us significant flexibility to defer harvest volume in down markets while still meeting our debt service requirements.

Based on projected Port Gamble clean-up costs and infrastructure costs preparatory to closing on additional Gig Harbor lots in 2016, we expect to be tapping our \$20.0 million line of credit in 2016 but will manage this so as to maintain credit availability. We are also considering the restructuring of our debt program to take advantage of historically low interest rates. This is likely to take the form of extending out the maturities of long-term debt currently on the books, as well as looking at debt pricing to fund some of the Partnership's capital needs over the next three to five years.

#### UNIT BUYBACKS

Strategy objective: be selective and opportunistic when repurchasing units for indirectly investing in land and timber

We did not buy back any of our units in 2015, consistent with our history of doing so only episodically and not regularly.

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Strategy objective: sustainably grow our distribution

In 2015, we increased our quarterly distribution 8% from \$0.65 per unit to \$0.70, representing the fifth consecutive annual increase in our distribution rate. At a forward annual rate of \$2.80 per unit, we remain focused on producing a sustainable, competitive, tax-efficient distribution to unitholders that grows over time. Despite recent volatility in the global economy and financial markets, we are fortunate to have a flexible capital structure and strong balance sheet that allows us to maintain our capital deployment strategies in a variety of market conditions.

# What Keeps Me Awake at Night

- · Mill closures in our operating area
- Weak and, recently, increasingly volatile global economic climate
- Housing starts stuck below long-term historic averages
- Next generation Real Estate activities
- Environmental issues (i.e., beetles, climate change, etc.)

Each of the foregoing triggers-to-wakefulness points me to a number of potential levers to pull, or restrain from pulling. Our businesses are so very long-term in nature, with the making of strategic choices dependent on broad assumptions about what the world will be like 10, 20, or more years from now. Our mantra has to be: observe intently, listen carefully, reason critically, act decisively... then do it all again, over and over.

## What Helps Me Sleep Soundly

- · Great employees
- Planted in Cascadia, one of the world's most dynamic population centers... and wood-growing regions
- Our sustainable management of core timber assets as certified by SFI that plans for a very long lifecycle for this company
- New mills being built in the region
- Strong balance sheet
- Recognition of timber as the world's most carbon-friendly and renewable building material (see cross-laminated timber)
- Global economy's perpetual need for timber

The preceding list represents wonderful freeboard as the little boat that we are navigating called Pope Resources gets buffeted by the inevitable choppy and turbulent waters it has to sail through.

## **Changes to Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the Partnership's managing general partner consists of four independent directors, in addition to me as CEO. During 2015,

Doug Norberg retired from the Board after 19 years of service as a director, where he was instrumental in helping the Partnership grow and we will miss his counsel. To replace Doug, we have brought on Bill Brown, who has 30 years of experience as an executive in the timber industry with both Plum Creek Timber and Green Diamond Resource Company. We know that Bill's experience and knowledge will be most helpful as the Partnership moves forward with its growth strategy.

#### Conclusion

We have an exciting year ahead of us. We are a small company but big opportunities await us. As always, however, significant challenges loom. We are in great position to capitalize on both. We routinely swing above our collective weight in influencing the business and regulatory climate in our industry. I am encouraged by the prospects of our little gem of a company, and look forward to working side-by-side with our Board and our very capable employees to execute on the strategies we have in place to both increase and realize value for our unitholders. On behalf of our management team and all of our employees, I want to thank my fellow unitholders for their continued support.

TOM RINGO President & CEO March 18, 2016

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM 10-K**

(Mark one)

 $\boxtimes$  Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

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 No. 1-9035

# Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State of Organization)

**91-1313292** (IRS Employer I.D. No.)

19950 Seventh Avenue NE, Suite 200, Poulsbo, WA 98370

(Address of principal executive offices, Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (360) 697-6626

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Depositary Receipts (Units)
NASDAQ

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  $\boxtimes$  No  $\square$ 

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (Section 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.  $\Box$ 

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

Large Accelerated Filer  $\square$  Accelerated Filer  $\boxtimes$ 

Non-Accelerated Filer  $\square$  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company  $\square$ 

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

At June 30, 2015, the aggregate market value of the non-voting equity units of the registrant held by non-affiliates was approximately \$220,227,399.

The number of the registrant's limited partnership units outstanding as of February 17, 2016 was 4,347,822.

Documents incorporated by reference: None

# $Pope\ Resources, A\ Delaware\ Limited\ Partnership$

# **FORM 10-K**

# FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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#### Item 1. Business

#### **OVERVIEW**

When we refer to the "Partnership," the "Company," "we," "us," or "our," we mean Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries. References to notes to the financial statements refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements of Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership, included in Item 8 of this form. The Partnership was formed in 1985 as a result of the spinoff of certain timberlands and development properties from Pope & Talbot, Inc.

The Partnership currently operates in three primary business segments: (1) Fee Timber, (2) Timberland Management and (3) Real Estate. Fee Timber operations consist of growing and harvesting timber from the 205,000 acres that we own or co-own with our timber fund investors as tree farms. Our Timberland Management segment is engaged in organizing and managing private equity timber funds using capital invested by third parties and the Partnership. Our Real Estate segment's operations are focused on a portfolio of approximately 2,500 acres in the west Puget Sound region of Washington. This segment's activities consist of efforts to enhance the value of our land by obtaining the entitlements and, in some cases, building the infrastructure necessary to enable further development. Our Real Estate operations also include ownership and management of Port Gamble, Washington, now an historic town. Port Gamble was established by Pope & Talbot in 1853 and was operated as a company town and location for a logging mill for more than 150 years. Copies of the Partnership's reports filed or furnished under the Securities Exchange Act, including our annual reports on Form 10-K, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and our current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments to these reports, are available free of charge at www.poperesources.com. The information contained in or connected to our web site is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K and should not be considered part of this or any other report filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. The public may read and copy any material we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The public may also obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains an internet site at www.sec.gov that also contains our current and periodic reports and all of our other securities filings.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS SEGMENTS**

#### **FEE TIMBER**

*Operations.* As indicated above, our Fee Timber operations consist primarily of growing, managing, harvesting, and marketing timber. Statements of intention, belief or expectation reflect intent, beliefs and expectations of our executive officers as of the date of this report, based on information known to them as of that date. Delivered log sales to domestic manufacturers and export brokers represent the overwhelming majority of Fee Timber revenue, but we also occasionally sell rights to harvest timber (timber deed sale) from our tree farms. In addition, our tree farms generate revenue from commercial thinning operations, ground leases for cellular communication towers, and royalties from gravel mines and quarries. The 205,000 timberland acres that we own or manage under the banner of this segment break down into two categories. The first of these categories consists of the approximately 69,000-acre Hood Canal tree farm, located in the southern Kitsap and northeastern Jefferson counties of Washington, and the 42,000-acre Columbia tree farm located in southwest Washington. Management views the Hood Canal and Columbia tree farms as the Partnership's core holdings, and manages them as a single operating unit. When we refer to these two tree farms, we will describe them as the "Partnership's tree farms." We have owned the Hood Canal tree farm, substantially as currently comprised, since our formation in 1985, while we acquired the bulk of the Columbia tree farm in 2001.

This segment also includes a second category, comprised of the operations of ORM Timber Fund I, LP (Fund I), ORM Timber Fund II, Inc. (Fund II), and ORM Timber Fund III (REIT), Inc. (Fund III), which are consolidated into our financial statements. Fund I's assets were sold in 2014 and the fund was unwound in 2015 when its remaining cash was distributed to its investors. When referring to all the Funds collectively, depending on context, we will use the designations "Fund" or "Funds" interchangeably. The Funds' assets consist of 94,000 acres of timberland located in western Washington, northwestern Oregon and northern California. The Partnership holds ownership interests of 20% in Fund II and 5% in Fund III, and held a 20% ownership interest in Fund I. The Funds' tree farms consist of the following:

Fund	Acquisition Date	Location (in the	Acres ousands)
Fund II	Q4 2009	Northwestern Oregon	11
	Q3 2010	Western Washington	13
	Q3 2010	Northwestern Oregon	13
Fund III	Q4 2012	Northern California	19
	Q4 2013	Southwestern Washington	10
	Q4 2014	Northwestern Oregon	13
	Q4 2015	Southern Puget Sound Washington	15
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When referring to the Partnership and Fund tree farms together we will refer to them as the "Combined tree farms." When referring to the combination of the Partnership's tree farms and its 20%, and 5% ownership interest in Fund II and Fund III, respectively, along with its 20% interest in Fund I prior to the sale of its assets in the second half of 2014, we will refer to the sums as "Look-through totals." Our Fee Timber segment produced 67%, 75% and 79% of our consolidated revenue in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

*Inventory.* Timber volume is generally expressed in thousands of board feet (MBF) or millions of board feet (MMBF). In the discussion below, we present merchantable volume, productive acres and projected harvest level data for the Partnership's and Funds' tree farms on both a stand-alone and Look-through basis. On our Washington and Oregon tree farms, we define "merchantable volume" to mean timber inventory in productive stands that are 35 years of age and older. Our California tree farm has received historically uneven-age management treatments wherein stands consist of trees of a variety of age classes. On that tree farm, we classify merchantable volume based on the tree's diameter at breast height (DBH), or four and one half feet above ground. Trees with a DBH greater than or equal to 16 inches are considered merchantable and less than 16 inches are considered pre-merchantable. Accordingly, merchantable volume from our California tree farm is reflected in the tables below as "16+".

Partnership merchantable volume (in MMBF) as of December 31:

		2015		2014
Merch Class	Sawtimber	Pulpwood	Total	Total
35 to 39 yrs.	161	9	170	148
40 to 44 yrs.	52	3	55	62
45 to 49 yrs.	29	2	31	35
50 to 54 yrs.	8	1	9	5
55 to 59 yrs.	3	_	3	6
60 to 64 yrs.	4	1	5	9
65+ yrs.	24	1	25	29
	281	17	298	294

Fund merchantable volume (in MMBF) as of December 31:

		2015			
Merch Class	Sawtimber	Pulpwood	Total	Total	
35 to 39 yrs.	98	5	103	93	
40 to 44 yrs.	113	4	117	128	
45 to 49 yrs.	91	3	94	78	
50 to 54 yrs.	43	1	44	45	
55 to 59 yrs.	27	_	27	18	
60 to 64 yrs.	6	1	7	1	
65+ yrs.	17	_	17	8	
16+ inches	177	_	177	177	
	572	14	586	548	

		2015 Volun	ne		2014 Volume		
	Partr	nership		Parti	nership		
Merch Class	100% Owned	Share of Funds	Look-through Total	100% Owned	Share of Funds	Look-through Total	
35 to 39 yrs.	170	16	186	148	15	163	
40 to 44 yrs.	55	16	71	62	19	81	
45 to 49 yrs.	31	16	47	35	13	48	
50 to 54 yrs.	9	6	15	5	8	13	
55 to 59 yrs.	3	4	7	6	3	9	
60 to 64 yrs.	5	1	6	9	_	9	
65+ yrs.	25	1	26	29	1	30	
16+ inches	_	9	9	_	9	9	
	298	69	367	294	68	362	

Merchantable volume estimates are updated annually. Changes in timber inventory typically reflect depletion from timber harvested, growth, revised estimates of acres available for harvest, timber inventory measurement updates, and timberland acquisition and disposition activity. A portion of each tree farm's timber stands is physically measured or remeasured each year using a statistical sampling process called "cruising" such that generally no "cruise" for stands with actual volume is ever more than ten years old. Actual volume harvested is compared to the volume carried in our inventory system, referred to as a "cutout analysis," to monitor the accuracy of our timber inventory process.

The dominant timber species on the Partnership's tree farms is Douglas-fir, which has unique structural characteristics that make it generally preferable to other softwoods and hardwoods for the production of construction grade lumber and plywood. A secondary softwood conifer species on the Partnership's tree farms is western hemlock, which is similar in color and structural characteristics to a number of other minor softwood conifer timber species, including Sitka spruce and the true firs. These secondary species are thus purchased and manufactured into lumber generically, and referred to as "whitewoods." There is also a minor amount of another softwood conifer species, western red cedar, which is used in siding and fencing. Hardwood species on the Partnership's tree farms include red alder and minor volumes of other hardwood species.

The merchantable timber inventory on Fund properties contains a greater proportion of whitewoods than do the Partnership's timberlands. With the acquisition of timberland by Fund III in northern California, we added ponderosa pine and white fir to our species mix. Ponderosa pine is used for shelving, lumber, and parts for windows, doors, and furniture. White fir is a member of the whitewood species group and is used primarily for lumber and core layers in plywood.

Look-through merchantable volume (in MMBF) as of December 31:

	2015 Volume					
	Partr	nership				
Species	100% Owned	Share of Funds	Look-through Total	Percent of total		
Douglas-fir	217	28	245	67%		
Western hemlock	26	22	48	13%		
Western red cedar	11	1	12	3%		
Pine	1	2	3	1%		
Other conifer	17	12	29	8%		
Red alder	23	4	27	7%		
Other hardwood	3	-	3	1%		
Total	298	69	367	100%		

Look-through merchantable volume (in MMBF) as of December 31:

2014 Volume

	Partr	nership		
Species	100% Owned	Share of Funds	Look-through Total	Percent of total
Douglas-fir	215	29	244	67%
Western hemlock	27	20	47	13%
Western red cedar	14	1	15	4%
Pine	_	3	3	1%
Other conifer	16	12	28	8%
Red alder	19	3	22	6%
Other hardwood	3	_	3	1%
Total	294	68	362	100%

The Partnership's tree farms as of December 31, 2015 consist of approximately 111,000 acres. Of this total, approximately 92,900 acres are designated as productive acres, meaning land that is capable of growing merchantable timber and where the harvesting of that timber is not constrained by physical, environmental or regulatory restrictions. The Funds' tree farms as of December 31, 2015 totaled approximately 94,000 acres, of which 82,000 were designated as productive acres. Our productive acres on a look-through basis, as of December 31, 2015, were nearly 108,300. Approximately 33% of the Partnership's acreage and 20% of the Funds' Washington and Oregon acreage is in the 25–34 year age-class, much of which will begin moving from pre-merchantable to merchantable timber volume over the next five years. There is no age-class associated with the California tree farm and its productive acres are shown in the following tables under the heading "California."

Look-through productive acres are spread by timber age-class as follows as of December 31, 2015:

12/31/2015 Productive Acres (in thousands)

	100% Share of Look-through					
Age Class	Owned	%	Funds	%	Total	%
Clear-cut	2.5	3%	0.3	3%	2.8	3%
0 to 4	7.0	8%	1.0	12%	8.0	8%
5 to 9	8.8	9%	0.6	7%	9.4	9%
10 to 14	10.2	11%	0.6	7%	10.8	11%
15 to 19	13.4	14%	0.4	5%	13.8	14%
20 to 24	4.6	5%	0.6	7%	5.2	5%
25 to 29	14.9	16%	0.8	9%	15.7	15%
30 to 34	16.1	17%	0.5	6%	16.6	16%
35 to 39	9.2	10%	0.9	10%	10.1	10%
40 to 44	2.9	3%	0.8	9%	3.7	4%
45 to 49	1.6	2%	0.8	9%	2.4	2%
50 to 54	0.3	-%	0.3	3%	0.6	1%
55 to 59	0.2	-%	0.1	1%	0.3	-%
60 to 64	0.2	-%	_	-%	0.2	-%
65+	1.0	1%	_	-%	1.0	1%
California	_	-%	0.9	10%	0.9	1%
	92.9		8.6		101.5	

Look-through productive acres are spread by timber age-class as follows as of December 31, 2014:

12/31/2014 Productive Acres (in thousands)

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Age Class	100% Owned	%	Share of Funds	% %	ok-through Total	%
Clear-cut	2.0	2%	0.3	4%	2.3	2%
0 to 4	7.3	8%	0.7	8%	8.0	8%
5 to 9	9.2	10%	0.7	8%	9.9	10%
10 to 14	9.6	10%	0.5	6%	10.1	10%
15 to 19	13.6	15%	0.3	4%	13.9	14%
20 to 24	4.6	5%	0.7	8%	5.3	5%
25 to 29	15.8	17%	0.6	7%	16.4	16%
30 to 34	15.4	16%	0.7	8%	16.1	16%
35 to 39	9.1	10%	0.9	11%	10.0	10%
40 to 44	3.2	3%	1.0	12%	4.2	4%
45 to 49	1.6	2%	0.6	7%	2.2	2%
50 to 54	0.2	-%	0.3	4%	0.5	-%
55 to 59	0.4	-%	0.1	1%	0.5	-%
60 to 64	0.3	-%	_	-%	0.3	-%
65+	1.1	1%	_	-%	1.1	1%
California	_	-%	1.0	12%	1.0	1%
	93.4		8.4		101.8	

Site Index. The site index for a given acre of timberland is a measure of the soil's potential to grow timber. In the Partnership's operating region, site index is expressed in feet and is a measure of a Douglas-fir tree's projected height at age 50. Site index is calculated by tree height and age data collected during the cruising process. Site index is an important input into the models used for projecting harvest levels on a tree farm. The Partnership's properties have an estimated weighted average site index of 115 feet. On a look-through basis, our weighted average site index is 113 feet.

Long-term Harvest Planning. Long-term harvest plans for the Partnership's tree farms and the Funds' tree farms reflect the different ownership time horizons associated with each group. Plans for Partnership timberlands are designed to maintain sustainable harvest levels over an extended time frame, assuming perpetual ownership. "Sustainable harvest level" denotes the annual volume of timber than can be harvested from a tree farm in perpetuity. As such, the sustainable harvest level generally resembles the annual growth of merchantable timber. Actual annual harvest levels may vary depending on log market conditions, but over multi-year time frames will average out to the sustainable harvest levels developed in our long-term harvest plan. The harvest levels for the Funds' tree farms are developed to maximize the total return during their 10–13 year investment periods by blending income from harvest with the value of the portfolio upon disposition. This will result in more harvest variability between years for Fund tree farms than is the case with the Partnership's tree farms.

Assuming full operations on the Funds' existing tree farms, at December 31, 2015 the long-term planned annual harvest level for the Partnership and Fund tree farms (and on a Look-through basis) can be found in the table below:

(amounts in MMBF)	Planned annual harvest volume	Look-through planned annual harvest volume
Partnership tree farms	48	48
Fund tree farms	55	7
Total	103	55

*Marketing and Markets.* The following discussion applies to the Combined tree farms. We market timber by selling logs mostly to lumber, plywood, and pulp producers or to log export brokers. To do so, we engage independent logging contractors to harvest the standing timber, manufacture it into logs, and deliver it to our customers on the open market. Except in the case of some timber deed sales, we retain title to the logs until they are delivered to a customer log yard.

Historically, Japanese customers have paid a premium for the highest quality logs from which visually appealing beams for residential construction are produced. U.S. mills, on the other hand, manufacture mostly framing lumber requiring structural integrity for wall systems that are concealed by drywall and do not need such a high aesthetic quality. Accordingly, those logs sold to the domestic market are more of a commodity relative to logs sold to the Japanese market, and thus do not command as high a price.

Beginning in 2010, the reduction in China's log imports from Russia, coupled with strengthening in the Chinese currency, opened up an opportunity for North American log producers to supply a larger portion of the growing Chinese market. This resulted in the migration of the U.S. Pacific Northwest (PNW) export market from one focused almost exclusively on Japan to a broader Asian market that now comprises China, Japan, and Korea, with China representing the largest market within the region based on volume. This export market has provided support to log prices over the last few years during the sluggish recovery of U.S. housing starts. Sawlogs sold to China are used chiefly for concrete forms, pallets, and other low-end uses that can be satisfied with the logs traditionally purchased by domestic sawmills. The lower average sawlog quality and more diverse species mix flowing to China, combined with the limited volume of high-quality Douglas-fir flowing to Japan, has narrowed the overall export premium received for sales of logs to these export markets relative to the domestic market. In 2015, we began to see a widening of this premium again as the U.S. dollar strengthened and demand from China declined as its economy weakened.

The logs that we sell to China, Japan, and Korea are actually sold to U.S.-based brokers who in turn sell directly to offshore customers. Our decision to sell through intermediaries is predicated on risk management. Mitigation of foreign exchange risk, loss prevention, and minimizing cash collection risks inform our decision to sell through these brokers.

**Customers.** Logs from the Combined tree farms are sold to a number of customers in both the domestic and export markets. Domestic customers include lumber mills and other wood fiber processors located throughout western Washington, western Oregon, and northern California. Export customers consist of intermediaries located at the Washington ports of Longview, Tacoma, Port Angeles, Grays Harbor, and Olympia, and the Oregon ports of St. Helens and Astoria. Whether destined for export or domestic markets, the cost of transporting logs limits the destinations to which the Partnership and Funds can profitably deliver and sell their logs.

The ultimate decision on where to sell logs is based on the net proceeds we receive after taking into account both the delivered log prices and the haul cost to deliver logs to that customer. In instances where harvest operations are closer to a domestic mill than the log yard of an export broker, we may earn a higher margin from selling to a domestic mill even though the delivered log price is lower. As such, realized delivered log price movements are influenced by marketing decisions predicated on margins rather than focusing exclusively on the delivered log price. In such instances, our reported delivered log prices may reflect more of our own proximity to customers rather than the broader market trend.

Weyerhaeuser was the largest customer for our Fee Timber segment in 2015, representing 13% of segment revenue, followed by Scott Timber which represented 10% of segment revenue. We delivered logs from the Combined tree farms to 49 separate customers during 2015, compared to 54 during 2014.

**Competition.** Most of our competitors are comparable in size or larger. Log sellers like the Partnership and the Funds compete on the basis of quality, pricing, and the ability to satisfy volume demands for various types and grades of logs to particular markets. We believe that the location, type, and grade of timber from the Combined tree farms will enable us to compete effectively in these markets. However, our products are subject to some competition from a variety of non-wood and engineered wood products as well as competition from foreign-produced logs and lumber.

Forestry and Stewardship Practices. Timberland management activities on the Combined tree farms include reforestation, control of competing brush in young stands, thinning of the timber to achieve optimal spacing after stands are established, and road maintenance. During 2015, we planted 1.1 million seedlings on 3,100 acres of the Combined tree farms compared to 1.4 million seedlings on 3,900 acres in 2014 and 1.2 million seedlings on 3,300 acres in 2013. Seedlings are generally planted from December to April, depending on weather and soil conditions, to restock stands that were harvested during the preceding twelve months. The number of seedlings planted will vary from year to year based upon harvest level, the timing of harvest, and seedling availability. Management's policy is to return all timberlands to productive status in the first planting season after harvest, provided the requisite brush control has been completed.

All harvest and road construction activities are conducted in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations. Many of these regulations are programmatic and include, for example; limitations on the size of harvest areas, reforestation following harvest, retention of trees for wildlife and water quality, and sediment management on forest roads. The regulations also require project-specific permits or notifications that govern a defined set of forest operations.

An application for harvest or road construction may require more specific guidance to avoid potential impact to public resources. For example, we often consult third-party, state-qualified geo-technical specialists for operations that have the potential to impact unstable slopes in order to avoid, minimize, or mitigate risks to safety and public resources.

**Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®).** Since 2003, we have been a member of the SFI® forest certification program, an independent environmental review and certification program that promotes sustainable forest management, focusing on water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, and species protection. With our voluntary entry into this certification program, we have been subject to annual independent audits of the required standards for the program. Management views this certification as an important indication of our commitment to manage our lands sustainably while continually seeking ways to improve our management practices. We believe this commitment is an important business practice that contributes positively to our reputation and to the long-term value of our assets.

Our certifications are current for all of the Combined tree farms. We believe this certification allows us to obtain the broadest market penetration for our logs while protecting the core timberland assets of the Partnership and the Funds.

#### TIMBERLAND MANAGEMENT

Background. In 1997, the Partnership formed two wholly owned subsidiaries, ORM, Inc. and Olympic Resource Management LLC ("ORMLLC"), to facilitate the Timberland Management activities. Our Timberland Management segment earns management fees and incurs expenses resulting from raising, investing, and managing capital invested in PNW timberland on behalf of third-party investors. Since the launch of our timberland private equity fund strategy in 2003, the activities in this segment have consisted primarily of attracting third-party investment capital for the Funds and then acquiring and managing properties on their behalf. When we discuss the Timberland Management properties we will refer to either the acquisition values, defined as contractually agreed-upon prices paid for the properties, or the value of assets under management, defined as the current third-party appraised value of the properties. As of December 31, 2015, we manage 94,000 acres of timberland in Washington, Oregon, and California with combined appraised values of \$364 million.

In total, ORMLLC has called \$322 million of equity capital and borrowed \$57 million of debt for the Funds. Cumulatively, we have co-invested a total of \$37 million in the Funds. Subsequent to the liquidation of Fund I and the sale of a portion of Fund III's Willapa tree farm in 2015, our cumulative co-investment in the Funds is \$26 million as of December 31, 2015. The following table provides detail behind cumulative committed and called capital by the Funds as of December 31, 2015.

	Total	Fund		ent		
(in millions)	Commitment	Called Capital	Commitment	Called Capital	Distributions Received	
Fund I*	\$61.8	\$58.5	\$12.4	\$11.7	\$15.1	
Fund II	84.4	83.4	16.9	16.7	7.4	
Fund III	180.0	179.7	9.0	9.0	0.2	
Total	\$326.2	\$321.6	\$38.3	\$37.4	\$22.7	

<sup>\*</sup> Fund I assets were sold in Q3 2014 and Q4 2014.

**Operations.** The Timberland Management segment's key activity is to provide investment and timberland management services to the Funds. We anticipate growth in this segment as we continue to manage the Funds, together with any future funds established by the Partnership. The Timberland Management segment represented less than 1% of consolidated revenue for each of the three years ended December 31, 2013 through 2015, as fee revenue is eliminated in consolidation.

The Partnership benefits in a number of ways from this segment. First, we co-invest in each of these funds such that we are able to diversify our market exposure across more tree farms and more frequent acquisitions than we could by investing only for the Partnership. We also benefit from the economies of scale generated through managing these additional acres of timberland, which accrue to both the Partnership and Fund timberlands. The contribution margin from the fees charged to the Funds lowers the management costs on the Partnership's timberlands. Lastly, we are able to retain additional expertise that neither the Partnership nor the Funds' timberlands could support on a stand-alone basis.

We earn annual asset management fees from the Funds based on the equity capital used to acquire timberland properties. We also earn annual timberland management fees on acres owned by the Funds and log marketing fees based on harvest volume from Fund tree farms. At the end of a Fund term, if a Fund achieves threshold return levels, we earn a carried interest incentive fee.

Accounting rules require that we eliminate in consolidation all fee revenue generated from managing the Funds in our Timberland Management segment and corresponding operating expenses for the Fee Timber segment. The elimination of this fee revenue and corresponding operating expenses reduces the otherwise reported cost per acre of managing Fund tree farms under our Fee Timber segment. An effect of these eliminations is to make the Fee Timber results look stronger and the Timberland Management results look correspondingly weaker.

Marketing. When raising capital for a new Fund, we market these opportunities to accredited investors that have an interest in investing alongside a manager with a specific regional specialization and expertise in the timberland asset class. Our Funds fill a niche among timberland investment management organizations due to our regional specialization, degree of co-investment, smaller fund sizes, and the ability to target relatively small transactions. Additional marketing and business development efforts include regular contact with forest products industry representatives, non-industry owners, and others who provide key financial services to the timberland sector. Our acquisition and disposition activities keep management informed of changes in timberland ownership that can represent opportunities for us to market our services.

Customers. The Funds are the primary customers and users of Timberland Management services.

**Competition.** We compete against both larger and comparably sized companies providing similar timberland investment management services. There are over 20 established timberland investment management organizations competing against us in this business. Some companies in this group have access to established sources of capital and, in some cases, increased economies of scale that can put us at a disadvantage. Our value proposition to investors is centered on the differentiation we provide relative to other managers, as described above, as well as our long track record of success in the Pacific Northwest.

#### **REAL ESTATE**

Background. The Partnership's real estate activities are associated closely with the management of our timberlands. We evaluate timberlands regularly in terms of the best economic use, whether this means continuing to grow and harvest timber, seeking a rezoning of the property for sale or development, or working with conservation organizations and the public on a sale. After timberland has been logged, we have a choice among four primary alternatives for the underlying land: reforest and continue to use as timberland, sell as undeveloped property, undertake some level of development to prepare the land for sale as improved property, or hold for later development or sale. In addition, the Real Estate segment may acquire and develop other properties for sale, either on its own or by partnering with other experienced real estate developers. Generally speaking, the Real Estate segment's activities consist of investing in and later reselling improved properties, and holding properties for later development and sale. As a result, revenue from this segment tends to fluctuate substantially, and is characterized by relatively long periods in which revenue is relatively low, while expenses incurred to increase the value of our development properties may be higher. During periods of diminished demand, entitlement related costs and infrastructure investment are managed so as to minimize negative cash flows, but segment expenses do not trend directly with segment revenues. When improved properties are sold, income is recognized in the form of sale price net of acquisition and development costs. We have a 2,500-acre portfolio of properties for which we believe there to be a higher and better use than timberland.

**Operations.** Real Estate operations focus on maximizing the value of the 2,500-acre portfolio mentioned above. For Real Estate projects, we secure entitlements and/or infrastructure necessary to make development possible and then sell the entitled property to a party who will construct improvements. In addition, this segment's results reflect our efforts to negotiate conservation easements (CE) that typically encumber Fee Timber properties and preclude future development on that land but allow continued forestry operations. The third and final area of operations in this segment includes leasing residential and commercial properties in Port Gamble, Washington, and leasing out a portion of our corporate headquarters building in Poulsbo, WA. The Real Estate segment represented 33%, 25% and 21% of consolidated revenue in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

We recognize the significant value represented by the Partnership's Real Estate holdings and are focused on adding to that value. The means and methods of adding value to this portfolio vary considerably depending on the specific location and zoning of each parcel. Our properties range from land that has commercial activity zoning where unit values are valued on a per-square-foot basis to large lots of recently harvested timberland where value is measured in per-acre terms. In general, value-adding activities that allow for the highest-and-best-use of the properties include: working with

communities and elected officials to develop grass roots support for entitlement efforts, securing favorable comprehensive plan designation and zoning, acquiring easements, and obtaining plat approvals.

#### Development Properties - Planned Communities

Planned communities in Gig Harbor, Port Gamble, Kingston, Bremerton, Hansville and Port Ludlow, Washington make up approximately half the acres in our development property portfolio. Due to each property's size, development complexity, and regulatory environment, the projects are long-term in nature and require extensive time and capital investments to maximize returns.

GIG HARBOR. Gig Harbor, a suburb of Tacoma, Washington, is the site of Harbor Hill, a mixed-use development project that includes 42 acres of commercial/retail sites, 50 acres of business park lots, and 200 acres of land with residential zoning. At December 31, 2015, we still own 18.5 acres of commercial/retail, 11.5 acres of business park and 99 acres of residential lots in this project. A 20-year development agreement was approved by the City of Gig Harbor in late 2010. Key provisions of the development agreement and plat approval include: (a) extending the project approval from 7 to 20 years; (b) reserving sufficient domestic water supply, sanitary sewer, and traffic trip capacity on behalf of the project's residential units; and (c) waiver of park impact fees in exchange for a 7-acre parcel of land for City park purposes. All components of this project have transportation, water and sewer capacities reserved for full build-out. We received preliminary plat approval in early 2011 for the then 200-acre residential portion of this project that included 554 single-family and 270 multi-family units. At December 31, 2015, 302 single-family lots remained for sale.

PORT GAMBLE. Port Gamble fits within both the development and commercial properties aspects of our Real Estate operations. Port Gamble is located northwest of Kingston on the Kitsap Peninsula. Founded in 1853 by the company that became Pope & Talbot, Inc. ("P&T"), Port Gamble served as a millsite, logging port and company town for nearly 150 years and many of its buildings still stand. The town and millsites, totaling 130 acres, were transferred from P&T to Pope Resources at the time of our formation in 1985. In exchange for the transfer, the Partnership assumed a \$22.5 million mortgage and paid other consideration. The operation and management of the town of Port Gamble is discussed under "Commercial Properties" below.

With respect to our development plans for the site, Port Gamble has been designated a "Rural Historic Town" under Washington's Growth Management Act since 1999. This designation allows for substantial new commercial, industrial, and residential development using historic land use patterns and densities while maintaining the town's unique architectural character. Our plans are focused on bringing back the New England-style homes that have slowly disappeared since Port Gamble's heyday in the 1920s. If approved as proposed, our plat application to Kitsap County will allow for between 200 and 240 additional residential units and 200,000 to 260,000 square feet of additional commercial building space. We submitted this master plan for the 114-acre townsite and adjoining 205-acre agrarian district in January 2013, kicking off a multi-year period of environmental impact review and public comment. The proposal calls for development of homes, an inn, a dock, waterfront trails, and an agricultural area with greenhouses, orchard and winery. Walking trails along the shoreline, through the adjoining forestlands, and along pastoral farmland would contribute to the lifestyle of residents and should enhance Port Gamble as a unique tourist attraction. During the first half of 2016, our efforts are focused on gaining agency approval for constructing a new membrane bioreactor wastewater treatment plant with a large onsite septic system which will be turned over to Kitsap County's Public Utility District at completion. The new facility will cost approximately \$5.6 million, of which \$2.0 million is being funded by a Washington State appropriation grant. Once operational, the existing treatment plant will no longer discharge treated wastewater to the Hood Canal through the currently permitted outfall pipe. Official de-commissioning of the outfall will commence after the new plant is operational.

KINGSTON. The Partnership owns a 364-acre property in Kingston called "Arborwood" with plans for the development of 663 single-family lots and 88 multi-family units. Further development will not proceed until the local market demonstrates an increased appetite for residential lots.

BREMERTON. The West Hills area of Bremerton, Washington is the site of a 46-acre industrial park which was being developed in two phases totaling 24 lots. Construction on the 9 lots that make up Phase I was completed in 2007. One lot has been sold from Phase I and the industrial market remains weak at this time. In 2013, we obtained

a comprehensive plan designation change from industrial to residential for the 36-acre Phase II portion of this property. In 2014, Phase II was rezoned to single-family residential and we hope to secure a preliminary plat for 114 lots in 2016.

HANSVILLE. The Partnership owns a 149-acre residential development project in Hansville called "Chatham," with 19 parcels ranging from 3 to 10 acres in size. Construction was completed in late 2007 and the lots are currently being marketed for sale. To date, one lot has sold from this project.

PORT LUDLOW. Port Ludlow represents a 256-acre property located just outside the Master Planned Resort boundary of Port Ludlow, Washington. We currently expect preliminary plat approval in 2016 that, if obtained, will allow for up to 54 lots ranging from 1 to 1.5 acres each, with the balance of the property designated as open space. Development beyond the point of plat approval will not commence until demand for rural residential lots improves.

#### Development Properties - Other

RURAL RESIDENTIAL. We have a number of properties for which rural residential development represents a higher and better use compared to continuing to manage them as timberland. These properties are typically noncontiguous smaller lots ranging in size between 5 and 40 acres with zoning ranging from one dwelling unit per 5 acres to one per 80 acres. Development and disposition strategies vary depending on the property's unique characteristics. Development efforts and costs incurred to prepare these properties for sale include work to obtain development entitlements that will increase the property's value as residential property as well as making improvements to existing logging roads, constructing new roads, extending dry utilities, and sometimes establishing gated entrances. As is the case with much of the Real Estate portfolio, investments in the rural residential program have been limited to those necessary to achieve entitlements, while deferring construction costs until market conditions improve.

NORTH KITSAP COUNTY. Since 2011, we have been formally engaged with a coalition of approximately 30 entities to conserve up to 6,500 acres of the Partnership's land in north Kitsap County. This effort, known as the Kitsap Forest & Bay Project, saw two closings in 2014 totaling 901 acres. In 2015, an additional 175 acres were sold to Kitsap County utilizing state conservations funds. We continue to work with the coalition to raise funds for additional sales.

SKAMANIA COUNTY. We have been engaged with the Columbia Land Trust (CLT) in a multi-phase conservation project that includes both fee and conservation easement sales. In tandem with this project, we have been working with Skamania County to rezone the majority of our holdings in the county. In the second half of 2014, the County approved a rezoning of approximately 14,000 acres that allows for the development of 20-acre lots. Funding for conservation sales have been primarily through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). CLT has applied for additional conservation easement grants for the final 7,899 acres of this project through the Forest Legacy Program. If awarded, the Forest Legacy grant will be funded for a 2016 closing.

#### Commercial Properties

POULSBO. In May 2011, we purchased a 30,000-square-foot commercial office building in Poulsbo, on a 2-acre parcel of land. At the time, the building was fully leased to Union Bank on a five-year, triple-net lease with a lease that expired in October 2015. We moved our headquarters to the new building in November 2012, sharing the space until Union Bank vacated the building in April 2015. We have taken over the basement of the building for our own operations, leased a portion of the first floor, and are seeking replacement tenants for the remaining first-floor space of approximately 5,500 square feet.

PORT GAMBLE. As described above under "Development Properties," the Partnership owns and operates the town of Port Gamble where 25 residential buildings and approximately 46,000 square feet of commercial space are currently leased to third parties. In addition, we operate a wedding and events business, utilizing another 8,000 square feet in its venues, that leverages the charm of the townsite to attract clientele. These commercial activities help offset the costs of maintaining the town until the master plan progresses.

**Environmental Remediation.** As noted above, P&T and its corporate predecessors operated a sawmill at Port Gamble from 1853 to 1995. P&T continued to lease various portions of the site for its operations until 2002. During the time P&T operated in Port Gamble, it also conducted logging and shipping operations in the tidal and subtidal waters throughout Port Gamble Bay, some of which was under lease from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that lasted from 1974 to 2004. Both the upland and submerged portions of the site are believed to have become contaminated with various hydrocarbons, heavy metals and other contaminants, including wood waste, during P&T's operations there.

Following the mill shutdown, the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) began to examine the environmental conditions at Port Gamble. Under Washington law, both Pope Resources and P&T were considered by DOE to be "potentially liable persons" (PLPs); the Partnership because of its ownership of certain portions of the site, and P&T because of its historical ownership and operation of the site. DNR was also considered by DOE to be a PLP because of its management of the submerged beds in Port Gamble Bay and its leasing of certain of those beds to P&T. We believe that DNR is liable for a significant portion of cleanup costs by virtue of its having permitted P&T to operate on the tidal and submerged portions of the site, and by failing to properly enforce the then-existing environmental laws in a manner that we believe would have substantially mitigated the contamination that occurred during P&T's operations at the site.

P&T and Pope Resources entered into a settlement agreement in 2002 that allocated responsibility for environmental contamination at the townsite, millsite, a solid waste landfill, and adjacent waters, with P&T assuming responsibility for funding clean-up in the Bay and other areas of the site that were impacted by its historical operations. At that time, the parties estimated the aggregate cleanup costs allocable to both parties to be between \$10 and \$13 million, with clean-up of Port Gamble Bay expected to amount to approximately 90% of the overall project costs.

In 2005, both Pope Resources and P&T received Environmental Excellence Awards from DOE for their work in remediating the contamination that had existed at the Port Gamble townsite and landfill. DOE also issued letters to both parties in 2006 indicating that the agency expected to take no further action regarding conditions at those portions of the site. Pope Resources continued cleaning up the remaining contamination at the millsite. By late 2005, that portion of the site had largely been cleaned and the remaining aspects of that project consisted of test well monitoring and modest additional remediation. The Port Gamble Bay area and related tidelands, for which P&T was responsible under the parties' settlement agreement, had not yet been remediated. In 2007, P&T filed for bankruptcy protection and was eventually liquidated in bankruptcy, leaving the Partnership and DNR as the only remaining PLPs. Because environmental liabilities are joint and several as between PLPs and DOE, the result of P&T's bankruptcy was to leave substantial portions of the liability with the Partnership, as one of the two remaining solvent PLPs. At that time, we increased our reserve for remediation liabilities by \$1.9 million to reflect the resulting increase in risk.

Beginning in 2010, DOE began to reconsider its expectations regarding the level of cleanup that would be required for Port Gamble Bay, largely because of input from interested citizens and groups, one of the most prominent of which has been the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. In response to input from these groups, DOE adopted remediation levels that were far more stringent than either DOE or the Partnership had contemplated previously. This culminated in significant modifications to the cleanup alternatives in the draft Port Gamble Baywide and Millsite Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study issued by DOE in May 2012. As a result, we recorded a \$12.5 million increase in our accrual for the environmental remediation liability in the second quarter of 2012.

In December 2013, the Partnership and DOE entered into a consent decree that included a cleanup action plan (CAP) requiring the removal of docks and pilings, excavation and backfilling of intertidal areas, subtidal dredging and monitoring, and other specific remediation steps. Throughout 2014, we evaluated the requirements of the CAP and conducted additional sampling and investigation to design the remediation project. In November 2014, we submitted a draft engineering design report, or EDR, to DOE, followed by other supplemental materials establishing our proposed means for complying with the CAP. Based on the EDR and subsequent discussions with DOE, we reached the conclusion that the existing reserve for environmental liabilities was insufficient. Accordingly, we accrued an additional \$10.0 million in December 2014.

In December 2014, the Partnership filed suit against DNR seeking contribution to cleanup costs. In April 2016, the Partnership moved for summary judgment on the issue of DNR's liability for the site. On June 8, 2015, Kitsap County Superior Court ruled on summary judgment that Washington's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) did not qualify as an owner or operator of the site and therefore did not have liability under Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The effect of the court's ruling is to absolve DNR of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of cleanup at Port Gamble. The Court issued its ruling without making findings of fact or conclusions of law, presumably to facilitate a more thorough review by the State's appellate courts. We have appealed the Superior Court's ruling, and believe we have a strong case for overturning the lower court's decision. Ten public and/or private entities, including DOE, support our position and have filed or joined in amicus briefs arguing that DNR is liable as an owner or operator of the site. We, and the amicus

supporters, continue to believe that DNR is liable under the most reasonable interpretation of MTCA, which holds state agencies responsible to the same extent as private parties. Moreover, this position is supported by the fact that DOE has alleged that DNR is liable under MTCA at this site and many others. Our recorded liability includes our estimate of the entire cost of the project, without any contribution from DNR.

Additional information regarding this accrual, the aggregate environmental remediation liability and the methodology used to monitor the adequacy of the existing accrual, is set forth in Part II, Item 7: "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Overview," "– Real Estate," and "– Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates."

*Marketing.* Marketing efforts for development properties in 2013 to 2015 were focused primarily on our Harbor Hill development and conservation land sales. In 2015, we started investigating and pursuing the acquisition and development of other real estate properties and closed on the acquisition of a two-acre parcel on Bainbridge Island, Washington. Efforts were also expended in the last several years to sell North Kitsap lands for conservation.

**Customers.** We typically market properties from the Real Estate portfolio to private individuals, residential contractors, and commercial developers. Customers for rental space in the Port Gamble townsite consist of both residential and commercial tenants.

Competition. We compete in this segment with local and regional peers that offer land for sale or lease.

**Transportation.** Land values for the Real Estate portfolio are influenced by transportation options between the west side of Puget Sound, where our properties are located, and the Seattle-Tacoma metropolitan corridor. These areas are separated by bodies of water. Transportation options include the Tacoma Narrows Bridge or one of several car/passenger ferries that link the communities of Kingston, Bremerton, and Bainbridge Island to Edmonds and Seattle.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

As of December 31, 2015, we employed 60 full-time, salaried employees and 6 part-time and seasonal personnel, who are distributed among the segments as follows:

Segment	Full-Time	Part-Time/ Seasonal	Total
Fee Timber	27	_	27
Timberland Management	3	_	3
Real Estate	19	6	25
General & Administrative	11	_	11
Totals	60	6	66

None of our employees are subject to a collective bargaining agreement and the Partnership has no knowledge that any steps toward unionization are in progress. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

#### **GOVERNMENT REGULATION**

Our timberland and real estate operations are subject to a number of federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including environmental regulations, forestry and timber practices regulations and initiatives, and various state and local real estate and land use laws. These laws and regulations can directly and indirectly affect our fee timber and timberland management segments by regulating harvest levels and impacting the market values of timber and related raw materials. Further, all three states in which we operate maintain extensive regulations governing forest management practices. Our real estate operations are also subject to a wide variety of state and local laws that affect real estate development and land use.

Laws and Regulations that Affect Our Forestry Operations. Both our fee timber segment and our timberland management segment are heavily affected by federal and state laws and regulations that are designed to promote air and water quality and protect endangered and threatened species. Further, each state in which we own or manage timberlands has developed "best management practices" (BMP) to reduce the effects of forest practices on water quality and plant and

animal habitats. Collectively, these laws and regulations increasingly affect our harvest and forest management activities, and regulatory agencies and citizens' and environmental groups are continually seeking to expand these protections using a wide variety of judicial, legislative and administrative processes, as well as state ballot initiatives, a process applicable to all three states in which we operate that allows citizens to adopt laws without legislative or administrative action.

The primary laws and regulations that affect our forestry operations include:

#### **Endangered Species Laws**

A number of fish and wildlife species that inhabit geographic areas near or within our timberlands have been listed as threatened or endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) or similar state laws. Federal ESA listings include the Northern Spotted Owl, marbled murrelet, numerous salmon species, bull trout, and steelhead trout. State endangered species laws, particularly in California, impose further restrictions by limiting the proximity of harvest operations to certain identified plants and wildlife. Regulatory and public initiatives to expand the list of protected species and populations, such as the pacific fisher, may impose further restrictions. Federal and state requirements to protect habitat for threatened and endangered species have imposed restrictions on timber harvest on some of our timberlands, and these protections may be expanded in ways that further affect our operations. These actions may increase our operating costs; further restrict timber harvests or reduce available acres; and adversely affect supply and demand more broadly across our markets.

Further, federal and state regulatory agencies continually monitor environmental conditions to determine whether, in those agencies' opinion, existing forestry practice rules are effective at promoting compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. If one or more of these agencies were to assert that the rules need to be adjusted, new or modified regulations could result in increased costs, additional capital expenditures, and reduced operating flexibility.

#### Water Quality Regulations

Also affecting our forestry operations are laws and regulations that are designed to promote water quality. A number of prominent and well-funded environmental groups have conducted an extensive legal challenge to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) permitting process, as a result of which the EPA is conducting public outreach for existing programs that protect water quality from forest road discharges. The public comment period for this effort concluded

on February 12, 2016 and the EPA is expected to decide whether it will regulate forest roads in the second quarter of 2016.

The EPA also requires states to develop total maximum daily load ("TMDL") allocations for pollutants in water bodies that have been determined to be "water quality impaired." The TMDL limits restrict substances that may be discharged to a body of water or establish best management practices for nonpoint sources, including timberland operations, to reduce the amounts of certain substances to be discharged into designated bodies of water. These forestry practices standards are intended to minimize siltation of streams caused by roads, harvest operations and other timberland activities.

State laws and regulations serve to reduce timberlands available for harvest by, among other things, increasing buffer requirements on a subset of fish bearing streams in order to meet state water quality standards related to maintaining temperature or reducing or eliminating pollutants. Other laws and regulations could have significant impacts on our harvest activities, including increases in setback requirements and, in Oregon, a proposed statewide ballot initiative to ban clearcutting. A wide variety of similar proposals are under consideration by legislatures, environmental authorities, and interest groups. As these rules grow more restrictive, we may face increasing costs associated with our silviculture, may find some areas of our tree farms inaccessible (either physically or because of economic inefficiency), and may face reductions in the portion of our timberlands that can be harvested.

Further, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and similar state laws, are increasingly restricting the use of herbicides in a manner that may reduce our timber production. Herbicides are used to promote reforestation and to optimize the growth of regenerated stands of trees. These federal and state laws and regulations may reduce the efficiency with which we can produce timber, and they may ultimately reduce the volume of timber that is available for harvest. Further, a reduction in insecticides or herbicides may make our tree farms more vulnerable to disease or infestations.

#### State Harvest Permitting Processes

Washington, Oregon, and California all have a permitting or notification system as part of their forest practice rules.

Changes in these processes can cause additional administrative expenses and/or delay project implementation. These laws require significant environmental studies and permitting requirements, often including multiple regulatory agencies, prior to the issuance of harvest permits. All three states where we operate periodically update their regulations and permitting processes. The regulatory comment process can cause us to incur expenses, and new permitting regulations commonly require us to increase the level of research and expertise necessary to meet applicable requirements. Substantive changes in these regulations may increase our harvest costs, may decrease the volume of our timber that is available for harvest, and may otherwise reduce our revenues or increase our costs of operations.

#### Climate Change Regulation

California has implemented a cap and trade program that limits the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted by certain stationary sources and will phase in transportation. This may indirectly impact forest landowners through indirect costs of energy to our manufacturing customers and logging contractors. In Washington State there are proposed regulatory changes to air quality laws and there are at least two potential initiatives intended to impose a financial penalty for greenhouse gas emissions.

The regulatory and non-regulatory forest management programs described above have increased operating costs and resulted in changes in the value of the Combined timberlands. Management does not expect to be disproportionately affected by these programs in comparison with typical timberland owners. Likewise, management does not expect that these programs will significantly disrupt our planned operations over large areas or for extended periods, with the exception of the Oregon ballot initiative that would ban clear cutting.

Laws and Regulations that Affect Real Estate Development. Many of the federal laws (ESA and CWA) that impact forest management can in a more limited circumstance also apply to real estate development. Additionally, there are also state and local land use regulations that have additional permitting requirements and that limit development opportunities. For example, in Washington development rights are affected by the Growth Management Act, which requires counties to submit comprehensive plans that identify the future direction of growth and stipulate where population densities are to be concentrated. The purposes of the GMA include: (1) direction of population growth to population centers (Urban Growth Areas), (2) reduction of "suburban sprawl," and (3) protection of historical sites. We work with local governments within the framework of the GMA to develop our real estate holdings to their highest and best use. Oregon also has growth management provisions in its land use laws which served as a model for Washington's growth management provisions. Oregon's land use laws are generally more stringent outside of urban areas, especially in commercial forest lands where residential conversions are often outright disallowed without statutory action by the State legislature. These regulations can impact the permitted density of a given area, which may affect the number of lots, dwellings, or commercial buildings that can be constructed in a given location. Any or all of which may affect our real estate revenues and the value of our real estate holdings.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

#### Risks Related to Our Industry and Our Markets

We are sensitive to demand and price issues relating to our sales of logs in both domestic and foreign markets. We generate Fee Timber revenue primarily by selling softwood logs to domestic mills and to third-party intermediaries who resell them to the export market. The domestic market for logs in our operating area depends heavily on U.S. housing starts. Recently, the U.S. housing market has started to improve but, to the extent the recovery in the housing market should stall, such a turn of events could have a negative impact on our operating results. Demand from export markets for Pacific Northwest logs are affected significantly by fluctuations in United States, Japanese and, increasingly, Chinese and Korean economies, the foreign currency exchange rate between these Asian currencies and the U.S. dollar, as well as by ocean transportation costs. Further, the prices we realize for our logs depend in part upon competition, and the recent expiration of the Softwood Lumber Agreement between the United States and Canada in October 2015 may have the effect of increasing the supply of logs from Canada. While this has not had a noticeable impact to date, it remains too early to assess whether the longer-term implications of the expiry of this agreement may have an adverse impact on the prices we realize on the sales of our logs.

Our Fee Timber and Timberland Management segments are highly dependent upon sales of commodity products. Our revenues from our forestry businesses, which comprise our Fee Timber and our Timberland Management segments, are widely available from producers in other regions of the United States and in a number of other countries. We are therefore subject to risks associated with the production of commonly available products, such that an increase in supply from abroad as a result of overproduction by competitors in other nations or as a result of changes in currency exchange rates, may reduce the demand for our products in some or all of the markets in which we do business. Similarly, from time to time in the past we have seen, and in the future we may experience, an increase in supply or a reduction in demand as a result of international tensions or competition that are beyond our control and that may not be predictable.

We are subject to statutory and regulatory restrictions that currently limit, and may increasingly limit, our ability to generate income. Our ability to grow and harvest timber can be impacted significantly by legislation, regulations or court rulings that restrict or stop forest practices. For example, events that focus media attention upon natural disasters and damage to timberlands have at various times brought increasing public attention to forestry practices. Similarly, certain activist groups in Oregon have proposed a ballot initiative that, if approved and sustained in the courts, would eliminate clearcutting, which is the predominant harvest practice across our geographic region. These initiatives, alone or in combination, may limit the portion of our timberlands that is eligible for harvest, may make it more expensive or less efficient to harvest all or certain portions of our timberlands, or may restrict other aspects of our operations. Additional regulations, whether or not adopted in response to such events, may make it more difficult or expensive for us to harvest timber and may reduce the amount of harvestable timber on our properties. These and other restrictions on logging, planting, road building, fertilizing, managing competing vegetation, and other activities can significantly increase the cost or reduce available inventory thereby reducing income. Any such additional restrictions would likely have a similar effect on our Timberland Management operations. We cannot offer assurances that we will not be alleged to have failed to comply with these regulations, or we may face a reduction in revenues or an increase in costs as a result of complying with newly adopted statutes, regulations and court or administrative decisions. These claims may take the form of individual or class action litigation, regulatory or enforcement proceedings, or both. Any such claims could result in substantial defense costs and divert management's attention from the ongoing operation of our business, and if any such claims were successful, may result in substantial damage awards, fines or civil penalties.

Environmental and other activist groups may have an adverse impact on the value of our assets or on our ability to generate revenues from our timberlands. In recent years we have seen an increase in activities by environmental groups and other activists in the legislative, administrative and judicial processes that govern all aspects of our operations. For example, on more than one occasion the Washington Department of Ecology applied more stringent cleanup standards to our existing environmental remediation operations at Port Gamble, Washington, after soliciting or receiving input from environmental groups, citizen groups, and Native American tribal representatives. These revisions substantially increased the cost and the time associated with our previously-existing remediation plans. Similarly, citizen and environmental groups have significant influence in the entitlement and zoning processes that affect our Real Estate operations. These activities are not likely to diminish in the foreseeable future, and in some instances may have a material impact upon the revenues we can generate from our properties or upon the costs of generating those revenues.

Our businesses are highly dependent upon domestic and international macroeconomic factors. Both our timberland operations and our real estate operations are highly influenced by housing markets. Our Fee Timber and Timberland Management segments depend upon housing and construction markets in the United States and in other Pacific Rim countries. Our Real Estate segment depends upon a highly localized demand in the Puget Sound region of Western Washington. Factors that affect these markets will have a disproportionate impact on our business, and may be difficult or impossible to predict or estimate accurately.

We face increasing competition from engineered and recycled products. Our Fee Timber and Timberland Management segments derive substantially all their revenues from the market for softwood logs and wood products derived from them. Recent years have witnessed the emergence of plastic, fiberglass, wood composite and recycled products, as well as metal products in certain industries, that may have the effect of reducing demand for our products. As these products evolve, and as other competitive products may be developed, we may face a decline in log price realizations that would have an adverse impact on our revenues, our earnings and the value of our assets.

As a property owner and seller, we face environmental risks associated with events that occur or that may be alleged to have occurred on our properties. Various federal and state environmental laws in the states in which we operate place liability for environmental contamination on the current and former owners of real estate on which contamination is discovered. These laws are often a source of "strict liability," meaning that an owner or operator need not necessarily have caused, or even been aware of, the release of hazardous substances. Such a circumstance applies to our operations at Port Gamble and Port Ludlow, Washington, for example, where contamination occurred prior to the formation of the Partnership. If hazardous substances are discovered or are alleged to have been released on property that we currently own or operate, that we have owned or operated in the past, or that we acquire or operate in the future, we may be subject to liability for the cost of remediating these properties without regard for our conduct or our knowledge of the events that led to the contamination or alleged contamination. These events would likely increase our expenses and might, in some cases, make it more difficult or impossible for us to continue operating our timberlands or to sell parcels of real estate for a price we would deem reasonable, or at all.

#### **Risks Relating to Our Operations**

Our operations are geographically concentrated, and we may face greater impacts from localized events than would more geographically diverse timber companies. Because our operations are conducted exclusively west of the Cascade Mountains of the Pacific Northwest, between northern California and the Canadian border, regionalized events and conditions may have a more pronounced impact upon our operations than they might upon a more geographically diverse timber company. For example, disease and insect infestations tend to be local or regional in scope, and because our Fee Timber and Timberland Management businesses are geographically concentrated, events of this nature may affect our operations more significantly than they might a similarly situated company whose operations are more widely dispersed. Similarly, because the vast majority of our Real Estate operations are limited to the Puget Sound region of Western Washington, regional impacts such as growth patterns, weather patterns and natural disasters, as well as socio-political events such as environmental and land use initiatives, may disproportionately affect that segment more significantly than a company whose operations are less concentrated.

Consolidation of sawmills in our geographic operating area may reduce competition among our customers, which could adversely affect our log prices. In the past we have experienced, and may continue to experience, consolidation of sawmills and other wood products manufacturing facilities in the Pacific Northwest. For example, Simpson Timber Co. announced in 2015 the sale of four of their mills in the Pacific Northwest region to two separate buyers. Two of those mills will be shut down permanently while another will be closed until a new, more modern, mill is built in its place. The replacement mill is expected to open in 2017. In addition, Interfor announced recently their intention to sell a lumber mill in Tacoma, Washington that it closed in May 2015. Because a portion of our cost of sales in our Fee Timber segment, which encompasses the Combined tree farms, consists of transportation costs for delivery of logs to domestic sawmills, it becomes increasingly expensive to transport logs over longer distances for sales in domestic markets. As a result, a reduction in the number of sawmills, or in the number of sawmill operators, may reduce competition for our logs, increase transportation costs, or both. These consolidations thus may have a material adverse impact upon our Fee Timber revenue or income and, as that segment has traditionally represented our largest business unit, upon our results of operation and financial condition as a whole. Any such material adverse impact on timber revenue and income as a result of regional mill consolidations will also indirectly affect our Timberland Management segment in the context of raising capital for investment in Pacific Northwest-based timber funds.

Our real estate holdings are highly illiquid, and changes in economic and regulatory factors may affect the value of our properties or the timing of the proceeds, if any, that we expect to receive on the sale of such properties. The value of our real estate investments, and our income from Real Estate operations, is sensitive to changes in the economic and regulatory environment, as well as various land-use regulations and development risks, including the ability to obtain the necessary permits and land entitlements that would allow us to maximize the revenue from our real estate investments. Our real estate investments are long-term in nature, which raises the risk that unforeseen changes in the economy or laws surrounding development activities may have an adverse effect on our investments. These investments often are highly illiquid and thus may not generate cash flow if and when needed to support our other operations. Further, we occasionally announce contracts relating to the sale of our real estate holdings, but those agreements may contain contingencies and conditions that may delay or prevent the consummation of transactions even after we have agreed to sale terms.

Our timber investment fund business depends upon establishing and maintaining a strong reputation among investors, and on our ability to maintain strong relationships with existing and prospective investors in our Funds. Our ability to expand our operations using our private equity timber fund strategy depends to a significant degree upon our ability to maintain and develop our expertise in managing timberlands in a manner that generates investment returns for prospective Fund investors. Events or conditions that adversely impact this capacity, including events that damage our reputation or our relationship with Fund investors, may make it more difficult to grow our operations using this strategy, and in some instances may result in actual or alleged liability to our investors. Any such events may cause a reduction in our revenues or may cause us to realize less than the optimum potential of our assets.

We have certain environmental remediation liabilities associated with our Port Gamble and former Port Ludlow resort properties, and those liabilities may increase. We currently own certain real estate at Port Gamble on the Kitsap Peninsula and, until mid-2001, owned real estate within the resort community of Port Ludlow in Jefferson County in western Washington. Sediments adjacent to these properties were alleged to have been impacted by operations occurring prior to our acquisition of the properties, which occurred at the time of our spinoff from Pope & Talbot, Inc. in 1985. However, as current owner of Port Gamble and based on conditions of our sale of the Port Ludlow assets, we have environmental liability for these properties under Washington State's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). In December 2013, we reached an agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology ("DOE") in the form of a consent decree ("CD") and clean-up action plan ("CAP") that provides for the cleanup of Port Gamble Bay. Together, these documents outline the terms under which the Partnership will conduct environmental remediation as well as the specific clean-up activities to be performed. The CD and CAP were filed with the Kitsap County Superior Court in December 2013. On June 8, 2015, Kitsap County Superior Court ruled on summary judgment that Washington's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) did not qualify as an owner or operator of the site and therefore did not have liability under the MTCA. DNR had been identified by DOE as a "potentially liable person" under the MTCA. The effect of the court's ruling is to absolve DNR of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of cleanup at Port Gamble. We have appealed the Superior Court's ruling, and believe we have a strong case for overturning the lower court's decision, however, there can be no assurance that we will prevail in this matter or that we can reach an acceptable settlement with DNR. The recorded liability reflects the estimated cost of the entire project, without any contribution by DNR.

Management continues to monitor the Port Gamble and Port Ludlow cleanup processes closely. The \$16.8 million remediation accrual as of December 31, 2015 represents our current estimate of the remaining cleanup cost and most likely outcome to various contingencies within both locations. These estimates are predicated upon a variety of factors, including the actual amount of the ultimate cleanup costs. These liabilities are based upon a number of estimates and judgments that are subject to change as the project progresses. There may be additional litigation costs if we cannot reach a settlement with DNR and the outcome of any such litigation is uncertain. The filing of the CD limits our legal exposure, but does not eliminate it entirely. Any changes in factors relating to this matter may result in adverse financial impacts and may have the effect of distracting management and other key personnel from the day to day operation of our business. These factors, alone or in combination with other challenges, may have a material adverse effect upon our assets, income and operations.

We compete with a number of larger competitors that may be better able than we to absorb price fluctuations, may be able to expend greater resources on production, may have greater access to capital, and may operate more efficiently than we can. We compete against much larger companies in each of our business segments. We compete with these companies for management and line personnel, as well as for purchases of relatively scarce capital assets such as land and standing timber and for sales of our products. These larger competitors may have access to larger amounts of capital and significantly greater economies of scale, and they may be better able to absorb the risks inherent in our line of business. Moreover, the timber industry has experienced consolidation in recent years and, as that consolidation occurs, our relative market share decreases and the relative financial capacity of our competitors increases. While management believes the Partnership is at a competitive advantage over some of these companies because of our lack of vertical integration into forest products manufacturing, our advantageous tax structure, and management's attempts to diversify our asset base, we cannot assure readers that competition will not have a material and adverse effect on our results of operations or our financial condition.

We and our customers are dependent upon active credit markets to fund operations. We sell logs from our Fee Timber segment to mills and log brokers that in most circumstances rely upon an active credit market to fund their operations. Our Real Estate sales are also often dependent upon credit markets in order to fund acquisitions. To the extent borrowing restrictions impinge on customers' access to debt, we expect those customers to respond by reducing their expenditures, and those reductions may have the effect of directly reducing our revenues and of indirectly reducing the demand for our products. Any such outcomes could materially and adversely impact our results of operations, cash flows, and financial condition.

We may incur losses as a result of natural disasters that may occur, or that may be alleged to have occurred, on our properties. Forests are subject to a number of natural hazards, including damage by fire, severe windstorms, insects and disease, flooding and landslides. Changes in global climate conditions may intensify these natural hazards. Severe weather conditions and other natural disasters can also reduce the productivity of timberlands and disrupt the harvesting and delivery of forest products. While damage from natural causes is typically localized and would normally affect only a small portion of our timberlands at any one time, these hazards are unpredictable and losses might not be so limited. Consistent with the practices of other large timber companies, we do not maintain insurance against loss of standing timber on our timberlands due to natural disasters. However, as a result of the extreme fire conditions in the Pacific Northwest in 2015, we have acquired fire insurance on a portion of our timberland portfolio.

We rely on contract loggers and truckers who are in short supply and seeking consistent work at increasing rates. We rely on contract loggers and truckers for the production and transportation, respectively, of our products to customers. During the economic downturn of 2008 and 2009 most industrial forestry firms deferred harvest, which resulted in a shortfall in demand for the contract logging and trucking work force. Many private logging and trucking companies did not survive the protracted economic downturn. As the economy has improved and companies return to harvesting, a shortage of logging contractors and truckers has developed. The remaining contractors who survived did so by reducing their workforce or, in the case of log truckers, converting their trucks to configurations suitable for highway freight hauling. This decline in the pool of available contractors has resulted in a steady increase in harvest and haul costs and market forces that are stressing continuity of work when a soliciting contractor bids for a job. The commitment to more continuous work could preclude our ability to time markets, affecting total returns.

#### Risks Relating to Ownership of Our Securities

We are controlled by our managing general partner. As a master limited partnership, substantially all of our day-to-day affairs are controlled by our managing general partner, Pope MGP, Inc. The board of directors of Pope MGP, Inc. serves as our board of directors, and by virtue of a stockholder agreement, each of the two individual shareholders of Pope MGP, Inc. have the ability to designate one of our directors and jointly appoint two others, with the fifth board position taken by our chief executive officer, who serves as a director by virtue of his executive position. Unitholders may remove the managing general partner only in limited circumstances, including, among other things, a vote by the holders of a two-thirds majority of the "qualified units," which means the units that have been owned by their respective holders for at least five years prior to such vote. By virtue of the terms of our agreement of limited partnership, as amended, or "partnership agreement," our managing general partner directly, and the general partner shareholders indirectly, have the ability to do the following: prevent or impede transactions that would result in a change of control of the Partnership; to prevent or, upon the approval of limited partners holding a majority of the units, to cause, the sale of the assets of the Partnership; and to cause the Partnership to take or refrain from taking certain other actions that one might otherwise perceive to be in the Partnership's best interest. Under our partnership agreement, we are required to pay to Pope MGP, Inc. an annual management fee of \$150,000, and to reimburse Pope MGP, Inc. for certain expenses incurred in managing our business.

We have a limited market capitalization and a relatively low historic trading volume, as a result of which the trading prices of our units may be more volatile than would an investment in a more liquid security. As of February 16, 2016, we had outstanding a total of 4,347,822, of which 414,365 units were held by our affiliates. Our average daily trading volume during the three (3) months ended on that date was 1,876. Our relatively small public float and our limited trading volume may, in certain instances, make trading in our units more volatile, as a result of which our price may deviate more significantly, and opportunities to buy or sell our units may be more limited, than investors might experience with a more liquid market. This circumstance may be magnified during times of significant or prolonged selling pressure on our securities.

We benefit from certain tax treatment accorded to master limited partnerships, and if that status changes the holders of our units may realize less advantageous tax consequences. The Partnership is a Master Limited Partnership and is therefore not generally subject to U.S. federal income taxes. If a change in tax law (or interpretation of current tax law) caused the Partnership to become subject to income taxes, operating results would be adversely affected. We also have a handful of taxable subsidiaries. The estimation of income tax expense and preparation of income tax returns requires complex calculations and judgments. We believe the estimates and calculations used in this process are proper and reasonable and more likely than not would be sustained under examination by federal or state tax authorities, however if a federal or state taxing authority disagreed with the positions we have taken, a material change in provision for income taxes, net income, or cash flows could result.

# Item 1B. Unresolved Securities and Exchange Commission Comments None

# Item 2. Properties

The following table reconciles acreage owned as of December 31, 2015 to acreage owned as of December 31, 2014. As noted previously, we own 20% of Fund II and 5% of Fund III. This table includes the entire 94,000 acres of timberland owned by the Funds and also presents the acreage on a look-through basis. Properties are typically transferred from Fee Timber to the Real Estate segment at the point in time when the Real Estate segment takes over responsibility for managing the properties with the goal of maximizing the properties' value upon disposition.

		Timberland Acres (in thousands) by Tree Farm							
Description	2014	Acquisitions	Sales	Transfer	2015				
Hood Canal tree farm (1)	68.8	1.0	(0.7)	-	69.1				
Columbia tree farm (1)	41.8	_	_	_	41.8				
Subtotal Partnership Timberland	110.6	1.0	(0.7)	_	110.9				
Fund II tree farms (2)	37.2	_	_	_	37.2				
Fund III tree farms (2)	42.6	15.1	(0.9)	_	56.8				
Subtotal Funds' Timberland	79.8	15.1	(0.9)	_	94.0				
Total Fee Timber acres	190.4	16.1	(1.6)	_	204.9				
Partnership share of Funds	9.6	0.8	_	_	10.4				
Total Real Estate acres (see detail below)	2.6	_	(0.1)	_	2.5				
Combined Look-through total acres	122.8	1.8	(0.8)	_	123.8				

<sup>(1)</sup> A subset of this property is used as collateral for the Partnership's long-term debt, excluding debt of the Funds. The Hood Canal tree farm is located in northwestern Washington and the Columbia tree farm in located is western Washington.

<sup>(2)</sup> A subset of these properties is used as collateral for the Funds' long-term debt. Fund II's tree farms are located in western Washington and northwestern Oregon. Fund III's tree farms are located in southern Puget Sound and southwestern Washington, northwestern Oregon and northern California.

	Real Estate Acres Detail							
Project Location	2014	Acquisitions	Sales	Transfer	2015			
Bremerton	46				46			
Gig Harbor	174		(45)		129			
Hansville	149				149			
Kingston – Arborwood	364				364			
Port Gamble town and mill sites	130				130			
Port Gamble Agrarian District	205				205			
Port Ludlow	256				256			
Poulsbo	2				2			
Bainbridge Island	_	2			2			
Other Rural Residential	1,249				1,249			
Total	2,575	2	(45)	_	2,532			

The following table provides dwelling unit (DU) per acre zoning for the Partnership's owned timberland and development properties as of December 31, 2015 and land sold during 2015. The table does not include sales of development rights or small timberland sales from tree farm properties:

Current Real Estate Land Inventory by Zoning Category		2015 Sales from RE Portfolio				
Zoning Designation	Acres	Acres	\$/Acre	Total Sales (in thousands)		
Urban zoning – residential	501	45	\$395,489	\$17,797		
Historic Rural Town	114					
Commercial/retail	21					
Business park/industrial	22					
1 DU per 5 acres	375					
1 DU per 10 acres	153					
1 DU per 20 acres	789					
1 DU per 40 acres	38					
1 DU per 80 acres	298					
Agrarian District	205					
Total	2,516			\$17,797		

# Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Partnership may from time to time be a defendant in lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. Management believes that loss to the Partnership, if any, will not have a material adverse effect on the Partnership's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

# Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Units, Related Security Holder Matters, and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### MARKET INFORMATION

The Partnership's equity securities are listed on NASDAQ and traded under the ticker symbol "POPE." The following table sets forth the 2013 to 2015 quarterly ranges of low and high prices, respectively, for the Partnership's units together with per unit distribution amounts by the period in which they were paid:

	High	Low Closing		Distributions
Year Ended December 31, 2013				
First Quarter	\$66.49	\$56.15	\$61.50	\$0.45
Second Quarter	74.99	59.97	70.00	0.45
Third Quarter	73.07	60.07	67.69	0.55
Fourth Quarter	69.65	63.01	67.00	0.55
Year Ended December 31, 2014				
First Quarter	\$70.50	\$64.17	\$66.99	\$0.55
Second Quarter	70.26	63.94	67.00	0.65
Third Quarter	71.00	65.85	66.35	0.65
Fourth Quarter	68.25	62.35	63.63	0.65
Year Ended December 31, 2015				
First Quarter	\$65.21	\$59.00	\$63.46	\$0.65
Second Quarter	70.05	62.50	68.46	0.65
Third Quarter	70.50	59.95	67.21	0.70
Fourth Quarter	68.72	58.15	64.07	0.70

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Partnership has no directors. Instead, the Board of Directors of its managing general partner, Pope MGP, Inc. (the "Managing General Partner"), serves in that capacity. References to the "Board" or words of similar construction in this report are to the Board of the Managing General Partner, acting in its management capacity with respect to the Partnership. All cash distributions are at the discretion of the Board of Directors. During 2015, the Partnership made two quarterly distributions of 65 cents per unit and two distributions of 70 cents per unit, totaling \$11.7 million in the aggregate. In 2014, the Partnership made one quarterly distribution of 55 cents per unit and three of 65 cents per unit totaling \$11.0 million in the aggregate.

Our Board of Directors increased our quarterly distribution by \$0.05 per unit, or 8% in the third quarter of 2015. This increase was in addition to a \$0.10, or 18%, increase in the quarterly distribution rate in the second quarter of 2014. The Board, in its discretion, determines the amount of the quarterly distribution and regularly evaluates distribution levels. As such, the quarterly determination of distribution amounts, if any, will reflect the expectations of management and the Board for the Partnership's liquidity needs.

#### **UNITHOLDERS**

As of January 31, 2016, there were 4,347,822 outstanding units, held by 227 holders of record. Units outstanding include 35,507 that are currently restricted from trading and that were granted to 21 holders of record who are either current or former management employees or members of the Board of Directors. The trading restriction for these units is removed as the units vest. These restricted units vest over four years, either ratably or 50% on the third anniversary of the grant date and the remaining 50% upon reaching the fourth anniversary.

#### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

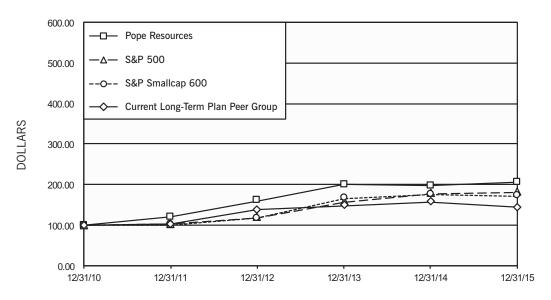
The Partnership maintains the Pope Resources 2005 Unit Incentive Plan, which authorizes the granting of nonqualified equity compensation in order to provide incentives to align the interests of management with those of unitholders. Pursuant to the plan, the Partnership issues restricted unit grants that vest over four years. As of December 31, 2015 there were 36,047 unvested and outstanding restricted units and 909,239 limited partnership units remained issuable under the plan. Additional information regarding equity compensation arrangements is set forth in Note 6 to Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 11 – Executive Compensation. Such information is incorporated herein by reference.

#### PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The following graph shows a five-year comparison of cumulative total unitholder returns for the Partnership, the Standard and Poor's 500 Index, the Standard and Poor's Smallcap 600 Index, and the Long-Term Incentive Plan Peer Group for the five years ended December 31, 2015. The total unitholder return assumes \$100 invested at the beginning of the period in the Partnership's units, the Standard and Poor's 500 Index, the Standard and Poor's Smallcap 600 Index, and the Long-Term Incentive Plan Peer Group. The graph assumes distributions are reinvested.

# **Unit Performance Graph**

Total Return
Stock Price Plus Reinvested Dividends



<sup>\*\$100</sup> invested on 12/31/10 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends. Fiscal year ending December 31.

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	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Pope Resources	100.00	120.03	160.69	199.22	196.25	206.03
S&P 500	100.00	102.11	118.45	156.82	178.29	180.75
S&P Smallcap 600	100.00	101.02	117.51	166.05	175.61	172.14
Long-Term Incentive Plan Peer Group	100.00	102.22	138.26	147.48	156.82	144.40

#### ISSUANCE OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

The Partnership did not conduct any unregistered offering of its securities in 2013, 2014, or 2015.

#### REPURCHASE OF EQUITY SECURITIES

None.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

**Actual Results.** The financial information set forth below for each of the indicated years is derived from the Partnership's audited consolidated financial statements. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included with this report.

	Year Ended December 31,							
(In thousands, except per unit data)	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011			
Statement of operations data								
Revenue:								
Fee Timber	\$52,164	\$65,204	\$56,035	\$45,539	\$52,729			
Timberland Management	_	_	_	7	_			
Real Estate	25,864	22,266	14,657	8,497	4,545			
Total revenue	78,028	87,470	70,692	54,043	57,274			
Operating income/(loss):								
Fee Timber	12,961	44,289	16,168	11,853	16,899			
Timberland Management	(2,625)	(2,329)	(1,950)	(1,568)	(1,515)			
Real Estate (1)	5,313	(2,720)	3,276	(11,099)	(349)			
General and Administrative	(4,972)	(3,781)	(4,562)	(4,170)	(4,188)			
Total operating income (loss)	10,677	35,459	12,932	(4,984)	10,847			
Net income (loss) attributable to unitholders	\$10,943	\$12,415	\$13,135	\$(4,709)	\$8,754			
Earnings (loss) per unit – diluted	\$2.51	\$2.82	\$2.96	\$(1.11)	\$1.94			
Distributions per unit	\$2.70	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.70	\$1.20			
Balance sheet data								
Total assets	\$370,056	\$344,826	\$310,908	\$267,499	\$230,408			
Long-term debt, net of current portion	84,537	86,621	75,581	43,710	45,793			
Partners' capital	64,548	64,216	69,445	64,223	75,759			

<sup>(1)</sup> Real Estate operating results in 2014, 2012, and 2011 included \$10.0 million, \$12.5 million, and \$977,000, respectively, of environmental remediation charges.

Management uses cash available for distributions (CAD), a non-GAAP measure, as a meaningful indicator of liquidity and, as such, has provided this information in addition to the generally accepted accounting principles-based presentation of cash provided by operating activities. CAD is a measure of cash generated by the Partnership after expenditures for maintenance capital and including the Partnership's share of cash generated by the Funds, based on its co-investment ownership interest percentage in each Fund. As such, CAD represents cash generated that is available to distribute to the Partnership's unitholders. Management considers this metric in evaluating capital allocation alternatives, including the distribution payout rate to unitholders. Management recognizes that there are varying methods of calculating cash flow and has provided the information below to give transparency to this particular metric's calculation.

(In thousands)	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Cash Available for Distribution (CAD):					
Cash provided by operations	\$20,170	\$30,795	\$17,949	\$16,209	\$21,660
Less: Maintenance capital expenditures (1)	(2,549)	(2,335)	(2,230)	(1,987)	(1,911)
Less: Noncontrolling portion of Funds					
cash from operations (2)	(3,963)	(7,481)	(4,795)	(2,540)	(6,875)
Cash available for distribution (CAD)	\$13,658	\$20,979	\$10,924	\$11,682	\$12,874
Other data					
Acres owned/managed (thousands)	205	193	204	196	178
Fee timber harvested (MMBF) (3)	84	97	90	84	90

<sup>(1)</sup> Capital expenditures from the cash flow statement, excluding timberland acquisitions less costs incurred to purchase and make leasehold improvements to the new corporate building.

The following table presents Fee Timber revenue, operating income, and harvest volume on a look-through basis for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015. This depiction reflects an adjustment to these GAAP financial items to reflect our proportionate ownership of each of the Funds, which for GAAP purposes are consolidated into our financial statements.

	Revenue			Gain (loss)		Harvest De		
Year ended (in millions)	Log Sale	Other Revenue	Total Fee Timber	on Sale of Timberland	Operating Income	Volume (MMBF)	Deed Sale Volume (MMBF)	
Partnership Share of Funds	\$26.2 3.0	\$2.7 0.1	\$28.9 3.1	\$ - (0.1)	\$11.7 0.3	42.6 5.6		
Look-through 2015	\$29.2	\$2.8	\$32.0	\$(0.1)	\$12.0	48.2	_	
Partnership	\$30.9	\$2.9	\$33.8	\$ -	\$14.4	47.1	_	
Share of Funds	4.6	0.2	4.8	4.8	1.0	7.2	0.2	
Look-through 2014	\$35.5	\$3.1	\$38.6	\$ 4.8	\$15.4	54.3	0.2	
Partnership	\$30.7	\$1.5	\$32.2	\$ -	\$14.1	48.5	_	
Share of Funds	4.6	0.1	4.7	_	0.5	7.8	0.1	
Look-through 2013	\$35.3	\$1.6	\$36.9	\$ -	\$14.6	56.3	0.1	

The following table presents log volume sold by species on a look-through basis for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 as follows:

Volume (in MMBF)	2015	% Total	2014	% Total	2013	% Total
Sawlogs						
Douglas-fir	28.7	60%	32.8	61%	36.6	65%
Whitewood	5.1	11%	9.2	17%	8.0	14%
Pine	0.2	-%	_	-%	_	-%
Cedar	2.8	6%	1.7	3%	1.3	2%
Hardwoods	2.6	5%	1.7	3%	1.7	3%
Pulpwood						
All Species	8.7	18%	8.7	16%	8.6	16%
Total	48.1	100%	54.1	100%	56.2	100%
Average Price/MMBF	\$597		\$653		\$627	

<sup>(2)</sup> Share of Funds' operating income (loss), interest, tax, amortization, depreciation, and depletion expense, cost of land sold, change in working capital accounts, maintenance capital expenditures, and cash from operations that are attributable to noncontrolling interests. That share is 80% in the case of Funds I and II and 95% in the case of Fund III.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes timber deed sales of 0.6 MMBF, 4.0 MMBF, 2.0 MMBF and 4.4 MMBF in 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The following table presents log price realized by species on a look-through basis for each year in the three-year periods ended December 31, 2015 as follows:

,	Fiscal Year						
		Δ from 2014 to 2015			Δ from 2013 to 2014		
	2015	\$/MBF	%	2014	\$/MBF	%	2013
Sawlogs							
Douglas-fir	\$626	\$(93)	(13)%	\$719	\$24	3%	\$695
Whitewood	454	(170)	(27)%	624	8	1%	616
Pine	172	(371)	(68)%	543	543	NA	_
Cedar	1,436	67	5%	1,369	207	18%	1,162
Hardwood	595	(26)	(4)%	621	68	12%	553
Pulpwood							
All Species	332	29	10%	303	31	11%	272
Overall	597	(56)	(9)%	653	26	4%	627

The percentage of annual harvest volume by quarter on a look-through basis for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

Year ended	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2015	33%	18%	21%	28%
2014	32%	27%	20%	22%
2013	34%	28%	16%	22%

Fee Timber cost of sales on a Look-through basis for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 is as follows, with the first table expressing these costs in total dollars and the second table expressing those costs that are driven by volume on a per MBF basis:

(in thousands)	Harvest, Haul and Tax	Depletion	Other	Total Fee Timber Cost of Sales	Harvest Volume (MMBF)	Timber Deed Sale Volume (MMBF)
Partnership tree farms	\$9,143	\$1,880	\$852	\$11,875	42.6	_
Share of Funds	1,390	944	92	2,426	5.6	_
Look-through 2015	\$10,533	\$2,824	\$944	\$14,301	48.2	
Partnership tree farms	\$10,992	\$2,244	\$1,161	\$14,397	47.1	_
Share of Funds	1,918	1,347	30	3,295	7.0	0.2
Look-through 2014	12,910	\$3,591	\$1,191	17,692	54.1	0.2
Partnership tree farms	\$10,678	\$2,704	\$172	\$13,554	48.5	_
Share of Funds	2,093	1,542	50	3,685	7.7	_
Look-through 2013	\$12,771	\$4,246	\$222	\$17,239	56.2	

(Amounts per MBF)	Harvest, Haul and Tax*	Depletion*
Partnership tree farms	\$215	\$44
Share of Funds	248	169
Look-through 2015	\$219	\$59
Partnership tree farms	\$233	\$48
Share of Funds	274	187
Look-through 2014	\$239	\$66
Partnership tree farms	\$220	\$56
Share of Funds	272	198
Look-through 2013	\$227	\$75

<sup>\*</sup> Timber deed sale volumes are excluded in the per MBF computation for harvest, haul and tax costs but included in the per MBF computation for depletion.

# Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This report contains a number of projections and statements about our expected financial condition, operating results, and business plans and objectives. These statements reflect management's estimates based upon our current goals, in light of management's knowledge of existing circumstances and expectations about future developments. Statements about expectations and future performance are "forward looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities laws, which describe our goals, objectives and anticipated performance. These statements can be identified by words such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions. These statements are inherently uncertain, and some or all of these statements may not come to pass. Accordingly, you should not interpret these statements as promises that we will perform at a given level or that we will take any or all of the actions we currently expect to take. Our future actions, as well as our actual performance, will vary from our current expectations, and under various circumstances these variations may be material and adverse. Some of the factors that may cause our actual operating results and financial condition to fall short of our expectations are set forth in the part of this report entitled "Risk Factors" in Item 1A above. From time to time we identify other risks and uncertainties in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements in this report reflect our estimates and expectations as of the date of the report, and unless required by law, we do not undertake to update these statements as our business operations and environment change.

This discussion should be read in conjunction with the Partnership's audited consolidated financial statements included with this report.

#### **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW**

Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership ("we" or the "Partnership"), is engaged in three primary businesses. The first, and by far most significant segment in terms of owned assets and operations, is the Fee Timber segment. This segment includes timberlands owned directly by the Partnership and operations of the three private equity funds ("Fund I," "Fund II," and "Fund III," collectively, the "Funds"). Fund I's assets were sold in 2014 and the fund was fully unwound in 2015. When we refer to the timberland owned by the Partnership, we describe it as the Partnership's tree farms. We refer to timberland owned by the Funds as the Funds' tree farms. When referring collectively to the Partnership's and Funds' timberland we will refer to them as the Combined tree farms. Operations in this segment consist of growing timber to be harvested as logs for sale to export brokers and domestic manufacturers. The second most significant business segment in terms of total assets owned is the development and sale of real estate. Real Estate activities primarily take the form of securing permits, entitlements, and, in some cases, installing infrastructure for raw land development and then realizing that land's value by selling larger parcels to buyers who will take the land further up the value chain by either selling homes to retail buyers or lots to developers of commercial property. Since these land projects span multiple years, the Real Estate segment may incur losses for multiple years while a project is developed, and will not recognize operating income until that project is sold. In addition, within this segment we sometimes negotiate and sell development rights in the form of conservation easements (CE's) on Fee Timber properties which preclude future development. Our third business segment, which we refer to as Timberland Management is engaged in organizing and managing private equity timber funds using capital invested by third parties and the Partnership.

Our primary strategy for adding timberland acreage is centered on our private equity timber fund business model, although in some instances where not restricted by the Funds' governing documents, we may acquire timberlands directly. We have assets under management totaling approximately \$364 million as of December 31, 2015, based on the most recent appraisals. Through our 20% co-investment in Fund II and our 5% co-investment in Fund III, we have deployed \$26 million of Partnership capital. Our co-investment affords us a share of the Funds' operating cash flows while also allowing us to earn asset management and timberland management fees, as well as potential future incentive fees, based upon the overall success of each fund. We also believe that this strategy allows us to maintain more sophisticated expertise in timberland acquisition, valuation, and management on a more cost-effective basis than we could for the Partnership's timberlands alone. We believe our co-investment strategy also enhances our credibility with existing and prospective Fund investors by demonstrating that we have both an operational and a financial commitment to the Funds' success.

The Funds are consolidated into our financial statements, but then income or loss attributable to equity owned by third parties is removed from consolidated results in our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income under

the caption "Net (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests-ORM Timber Funds" to arrive at comprehensive income attributable to unitholders of the Partnership.

The strategy for our Real Estate segment centers around how and when to "harvest" a parcel of land and optimize value realization by selling the property, balancing the long-term risks and costs of carrying and developing a property against the potential for income and cash flows upon sale. Land held for development by our Real Estate segment represents property in western Washington that has been deemed suitable for residential and commercial building sites. Land held for sale represents those properties in the development portfolio that we expect to sell in the next year. Our consolidated revenue in 2015, 2014, and 2013, on a percentage basis by segment, was as follows:

Segment	2015	2014	2013
Fee Timber	67%	75%	79%
Timberland Management	-%	-%	-%
Real Estate	33%	25%	21%

Additional segment financial information is presented in Note 10 to the Partnership's Consolidated Financial Statements included with this report.

# Highlights for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2015

- Harvest volume was 26 million board feet (MMBF) in Q4 2015 compared to 18 MMBF in Q4 2014, a 40% increase.
   Harvest volume for the full year 2015 was 83 MMBF compared to 93 MMBF for 2014, an 11% decrease. These harvest volume figures do not include timber deed sales of 0.6 MMBF in 2015 and 4.0 MMBF in 2014 sold by Fund III. The harvest volume and log price realization metrics cited below also exclude these timber deed sales.
- Average realized log price per thousand board feet (MBF) was \$577 in Q4 2015 compared to \$636 per MBF in Q4 2014, a 9% decrease. For the full year 2015, the average realized log price was \$584 per MBF compared to \$641 per MBF for 2014, a 9% decrease.
- Fund properties contributed 46% of Q4 2015 harvest volume, compared to 40% in Q4 2014. For the full year 2015, Fund properties contributed 49% of harvest volume, compared to 50% for 2014.
- As a percentage of total harvest, volume sold to export markets in Q4 2015 decreased to 20% from 22% in Q4 2014, while the mix of volume sold to domestic markets increased modestly to 65% in Q4 2015 compared to 64% in Q4 2014. Hardwood and pulpwood volume increased slightly to 15% in Q4 2015 from 14% in Q4 2014. For the full year 2015, the relative percentages of volume sold to domestic and export markets were 61% and 20%, respectively, compared to 52% and 33%, respectively, in 2014. Hardwood and pulpwood log sales make up the balance of total year-to-date harvest volume.
- The percentage of total harvest comprised of Douglas-fir sawlogs decreased to 43% in Q4 2015 from 50% in Q4 2014, with a corresponding increase in the whitewood sawlog component to 34% in Q4 2015 from 27% in Q4 2014. For the full year 2015, the relative mix of Douglas-fir and whitewood sawlogs was 48% and 26%, respectively, compared to 48% and 31%, respectively, for 2014.
- In December 2015, we closed on the sales of 44 single-family lots from our Harbor Hill development in Gig Harbor, Washington, bringing the total lots sold for the year to 119 in addition to the sale of a multi-family residential parcel. We realized revenue of \$17.8 million. We also closed on \$6.8 million of conservation land and easement sales in 2015.
- In December 2015, Fund III closed on a purchase of a 15,100-acre tree farm in southern Puget Sound, Washington for \$50.6 million. The all-cash purchase was completed by using the remaining Fund III committed capital, of which the Partnership contributed \$2.5 million.

# **OUTLOOK**

In total, we expect our 2016 harvest volume to be between 95 and 100 MMBF. We will continue to monitor log markets and adjust our harvest levels as the year progresses, and any such adjustments could potentially be material.

With the continued robust nature of the Puget Sound housing market, we anticipate more significant residential lot sales from our Harbor Hill project in 2016.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table reconciles net income attributable to Pope Resources' unitholders for the years ended December 31, 2015 to 2014 and 2014 to 2013. In addition to the table's numeric analysis, the explanatory text that follows describes many of these changes by business segment.

Year to Year Comparisons (in thousands)	2015 vs. 2014 Total	2014 vs. 2013 Total
Net income attributable to Pope Resources' unitholders:		
2015	\$10,943	
2014	12,415	\$12,415
2013		13,135
Variance	\$(1,472)	\$(720)
Detail of earnings variance:		
Fee Timber		
Log volumes (A)	\$(6,538)	\$3,697
Log price realizations (B)	(4,737)	2,520
Gain on sale of timberland	(24,853)	23,750
Timber deed sales	(1,328)	1,070
Production costs	4,405	(3,021)
Depletion	2,292	(1,439)
Other Fee Timber	(569)	1,543
Timberland Management	(296)	(379)
Real Estate		
Land sales	(4,982)	2,334
Conservation easement sales	3,568	743
Timber depletion on HBU sales	(136)	415
Environmental remediation	10,000	(10,000)
Other Real Estate	(417)	511
General and administrative costs	(1,191)	783
Net interest expense	(366)	(1,076)
Income taxes	777	(1,291)
Noncontrolling interest	22,899	(20,880)
Total variances	\$(1,472)	\$(720)

<sup>(</sup>A) Volume variance calculated by extending change in sales volume by the average log sales price for the comparison period.

### **FEE TIMBER**

Fee Timber results include operations on 111,000 acres of timberland owned by the Partnership and 94,000 acres of timberland owned by the Funds. Fee Timber revenue is earned primarily from the harvest and sale of logs from these timberlands which are located in western Washington, northwestern Oregon, and northern California. This revenue source is driven primarily by the volume of timber harvested and the average log price realized on the sale of that timber. Our harvest volume is based typically on manufactured log sales to domestic mills and log export brokers. We also occasionally sell rights to harvest timber (timber deed sale) from the Combined tree farms. The metrics used to calculate volumes sold and average price realized during the reporting periods exclude the timber deed sales, except where stated otherwise. Harvest volumes are generally expressed in million board feet (MMBF) increments while harvest revenue and related costs are generally expressed in terms of revenue or cost per thousand board feet (MBF).

Fee Timber revenue is also derived from commercial thinning operations, ground leases for cellular communication towers, and royalties from gravel mines and quarries, all of which, along with timber deed sales, are included in other revenue below. Commercial thinning consists of the selective cutting of timber stands not yet of optimal harvest age. However, they do have some commercial value, thus allowing us to earn revenue while at the same time improving the projected value at harvest of the remaining timber in the stand.

<sup>(</sup>B) Price variance calculated by extending the change in average price realized by current period volume.

Revenue and operating income for the Fee Timber segment for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, are as follows:

Year ended (in millions)	Log Sale Revenue	Other Revenue	Total Fee Timber Revenue	Gain (loss) on Sale of Timberland	Operating Income	Harvest Volume (MMBF)	Timber Deed Sale Volume (MMBF)
Partnership	\$26.2	\$2.7	\$28.9	\$-	\$11.7	42.6	_
Funds	22.4	0.9	23.3	(1.1)	1.3	40.5	0.6
Total 2015	\$48.6	\$3.6	\$52.2	\$(1.1)	\$13.0	83.1	0.6
Partnership	\$30.9	\$2.9	\$33.8	\$-	\$14.4	47.1	_
Funds	28.9	2.5	31.4	23.8	29.9	46.2	4.0
Total 2014	\$59.8	\$5.4	\$65.2	\$23.8	\$44.3	93.3	4.0
Partnership	\$30.7	\$1.5	\$32.2	\$-	\$14.1	48.5	_
Funds	22.9	0.9	23.8	_	2.1	38.8	2.0
Total 2013	\$53.6	\$2.4	\$56.0	\$-	\$16.2	87.3	2.0

## **Operating Income**

Fiscal Year 2015 compared to 2014. Operating income decreased by \$31.3 million, or 71% in 2015 primarily as a result of: the \$23.8 million gain on the sales of Fund I's two tree farms in 2014; an 11% decrease in harvest volume; a 9% decrease in average realized log prices; a \$1.8 million decrease in Other Revenue; and a \$135,000 increase in operating expenses. This was offset partially by an 18% decrease in cost of sales.

Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 2013. Operating income increased by \$28.1 million, or 173% in 2014 primarily as a result of: the \$23.8 million gain on the sales of Fund I's two tree farms; a 9% increase in harvest volume, including timber deed sales; a 4% increase in average realized log prices; and a \$3.0 million increase in Other Revenue. This was offset partially by a 14% increase in cost of sales and a \$333,000 increase in operating expenses.

### Revenue

Fiscal Year 2015 compared to 2014. Fee Timber revenue decreased by \$13.0 million, or 20%, in 2015. The decrease is attributable to lower log sale revenue due to a 10.2 MMBF, or 11%, decrease in harvest volume, combined with a \$57/MBF, or 9%, decrease in realized log prices. Domestic log markets were affected by unseasonably mild weather in the Pacific Northwest in early 2015, high log and lumber inventories, slower than expected recovery in the U.S. housing market, and uncertainty in log markets during the first three quarters of the year surrounding the October expiration of the Softwood Lumber Agreement between the U.S. and Canada. Export markets in 2015 were impacted negatively by a strong U.S. dollar and a construction slowdown in China that led to high log inventories at China's ports. In contrast, log markets during the first half of 2014, particularly in the first quarter, were at a multi-year cyclical high during which time we sold a large portion of our 2014 volume. Strong demand from Asia, combined with a slowly strengthening domestic market as U.S. housing starts rose to a rate of 1 million units per year, drove the higher log prices in 2014. In addition, Other Revenue decreased by \$1.8 million in 2015 compared to 2014 due primarily to a decrease in commercial thinning activity and timber deed sales.

Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 2013. Fee Timber revenue increased by \$9.2 million, or 16%, in 2014. The increase is attributable to increased log sale revenue due to stronger export and domestic log markets in 2014 relative to 2013 leading to a 6.0 MMBF, or 7%, increase in harvest volume, combined with a \$27/MBF, or 4%, increase in realized log price. In addition, Other Revenue increased by \$3.0 million in 2014 compared to 2013 due primarily to a combined \$2.7 million increase in commercial thinning activity and timber deed sales.

### Log Volume

In any given year or quarter, we may adjust harvest volume from our plan based on the prevailing price of timber and strength of market demand. Harvest volume is also subject to seasonality and weather conditions which may affect access to higher elevation stands. Log volume sold for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 was as follows, exclusive of the aforementioned timber deed sales:

Volume (in MMBF)	2015	% Total	2014	% Total	2013	% Total
Sawlogs						
Douglas-fir	40.0	48%	45.0	48%	52.5	60%
Whitewood	21.1	26%	28.6	31%	17.4	20%
Pine	2.5	3%	3.2	3%	_	_
Cedar	3.3	4%	2.2	2%	1.7	2%
Hardwoods	3.6	4%	2.4	3%	3.1	4%
Pulpwood						
All Species	12.6	15%	11.9	13%	12.6	14%
Total	83.1	100%	93.3	100%	87.3	100%
Average Price/MMBF	\$584		\$641		\$614	

*Fiscal Year 2015 compared to 2014.* Harvest volume decreased 10.2 MMBF, or 11%, in 2015. The decrease is attributable to weaker demand in export markets, particularly in the first half of the year. Douglas-fir harvest volume, as a percentage of overall harvest, remained steady at 48% for both 2014 and 2015. The component of whitewood and pine harvest volume decreased from 34% in 2014 to 29% in 2015. The component of the minor species of cedar, hardwoods, and pulpwood increased from 18% in 2014 to 23% in 2015. This shift in mix is attributable to weaker whitewood prices in 2015 due to reduced demand from China.

Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 2013. Harvest volume increased 6.0 MMBF, or 7%, in 2014. The increase in harvest volume is attributable to stronger demand in both the domestic and export markets, particularly in the first half of the year, as well as the commencement of delivered log sales during 2014 for Fund III. Douglas-fir harvest volume, as a percentage of overall harvest, decreased from 60% in 2013 to 48% in 2014. Conversely, the component of whitewood and pine harvest volume increased from 20% in 2013 to 34% in 2014. This shift in mix from Douglas-fir to whitewood and pine is attributable to the increase in the share of harvest volume coming from Fund properties, 44% in 2013 compared to 50% in 2014. The Funds' properties have a heavier component of whitewood than the Partnership properties.

**Log Prices**For each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, the table below shows the average realized log price by species, as well as the dollar and percentage change in price from 2014 to 2015 and 2013 to 2014.

	Fiscal Year								
		$\Delta$ from 202	14 to 2015		$\Delta$ from 201	3 to 2014			
	2015	\$/MBF	%	2014	\$/MBF	%	2013		
Sawlogs									
Douglas-fir	\$623	\$(94)	(13)%	\$717	\$33	5%	\$684		
Whitewood	542	(95)	(15)%	637	19	3%	618		
Pine	532	16	3%	516	NA	NA	_		
Cedar	1,378	118	9%	1,260	95	8%	1,165		
Hardwood	597	(13)	(2)%	610	69	13%	541		
Pulpwood									
All Species	331	39	13%	292	27	10%	265		
Overall	584	(57)	(9)%	641	27	4%	614		

Overall realized log prices decreased 9% in 2015. Our overall average is influenced heavily by price movements for our two most prevalent species on the Combined tree farms, Douglas-fir and whitewood, and the relative mix of harvest volume between those two species. Douglas-fir and whitewood log prices were down 13% and 15%, respectively, in 2015 compared to 2014. Increases in the prices of our minor species such as cedar and pine, combined with pulpwood, served to offset a portion of the declines in Douglas-fir and whitewood.

Overall realized log prices increased \$27/MBF, or 4%, in 2014 compared to 2013. The overall average was heavily influenced by strong Douglas-fir and whitewood log prices early in the year when we conducted a larger portion of our harvest operations due to stronger demand in both the export and domestic markets. The significant price increases in cedar, hardwood, and pulpwood had a limited effect on our overall average log price due to those species low share of our production mix.

### **Customers**

Annual harvest volume and average price paid for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

		2015			2014			2013	
Destination	Volume	%	Price	Volume	%	Price	Volume	%	Price
Export brokers	16.7	20%	\$631	30.4	32%	\$735	31.2	36%	\$707
Domestic mills	53.8	65%	629	51.0	55%	667	43.5	50%	650
Pulpwood	12.6	15%	331	11.9	13%	292	12.6	14%	265
Total	83.1	100%	584	93.3	100%	641	87.3	100%	614
Timber deed sale	0.6		389	4.0		392	2.0		247
Total	83.7			97.3			89.3		

Fiscal Year 2015 compared to 2014. Volume sold to export brokers as a percentage of total harvest declined from 32% in 2014 to 20% in 2015, with a commensurate increase in volume sold into the domestic market from 55% in 2014 to 65% in 2015, reflecting the weaker demand from the export market and a very narrow premium on export logs versus domestic logs. The timber deed sales volume of 0.6 MMBF in 2015 occurred in the first quarter and represented the conclusion of timber deed sale activity on Fund III's Willapa tree farm that started in Q3 2014, as that tree farm transitioned to delivered log sales.

Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 2013. Volume sold to export brokers as a percentage of total harvest declined from 36% in 2013 to 32% in 2014, with a commensurate increase in volume sold into the domestic market from 50% in 2013 to 55% in 2014, reflecting the gradual recovery in the domestic market along with the softening of the export market later in 2014.

### **Cost of Sales**

Fee Timber cost of sales, which consist predominantly of harvest, haul and depletion costs, vary primarily with harvest volume. Harvest costs are also affected by terrain, with steeper slopes requiring more expensive cable systems and a high labor component relative to more moderate slopes. Haul costs vary with the distance traveled from the logging site to the customer, and will also reflect the volatility of fuel costs. Because of the relatively recent acquisition dates of the Funds' tree farms, the depletion rates associated with harvests from those properties are considerably higher than for harvests from the Partnership's tree farms. Commercial thinning costs are the primary component of Other cost of sales in the tables below.

Fee Timber cost of sales for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 is as follows, with the first table expressing these costs in total dollars and the second table expressing those costs that are driven by volume on a per MBF basis:

	Harvest, Haul and Tax	Depletion	Other	Total Fee Timber Cost of Sales	Harvest Volume (MMBF)	Timber Deed Sale Volume (MMBF)
Partnership tree farms	\$9,143	\$1,880	\$852	\$11,875	42.6	_
Funds' tree farms	9,736	8,020	458	18,214	40.5	0.6
Total 2015	\$18,879	\$9,900	\$1,310	\$30,089	83.1	0.6
Partnership tree farms	\$10,992	\$2,244	\$1,161	\$14,397	47.1	_
Funds' tree farms	11,839	9,948	602	22,389	46.2	4.0
Total 2014	\$22,831	\$12,192	\$1,763	\$36,786	93.3	4.0
Partnership tree farms	\$10,678	\$2,704	\$172	\$13,554	48.5	_
Funds' tree farms	10,471	8,049	252	18,772	38.8	2.0
Total 2013	\$21,149	\$10,753	\$424	\$32,326	87.3	2.0

(Amounts per MBF)	Harvest, Haul and Tax*	Depletion*
Partnership tree farms	\$215	\$44
Funds' tree farms	240	195
Total 2015	\$227	\$118
Partnership tree farms	\$233	\$48
Funds' tree farms	256	198
Total 2014	\$245	\$125
Partnership tree farms	\$220	\$56
Funds' tree farms	270	197
Total 2013	\$242	\$120

<sup>\*</sup> Timber deed sale volumes are excluded in the per MBF computation for harvest, haul and tax costs but included in the per MBF computation for depletion.

Fiscal Year 2015 compared to 2014. Cost of sales decreased \$6.7 million, or 18%, in 2015 primarily due to the 11% decrease in harvest volume from 2014 to 2015. In addition, harvest, haul, and harvest tax costs declined 9% on a per MBF basis from 2014 to 2015 due primarily to lower hauling rates based on the location of harvest units in 2015 compared to 2014, as well as lower fuel costs. The depletion rate declined 8% due to a decrease in the share of harvest volume coming from Fund properties, including timber deed sales, from 52% in 2014 to 49% in 2015.

Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 2013. Cost of sales increased \$4.5 million, or 14%, in 2014 primarily due to a 9% increase in harvest volume – including timber deed sales – from 2013 to 2014. In addition, the depletion rate increased \$4/MBF, or 4%, due to an increase in the share of harvest volume – including timber deed sales – coming from Fund properties from 46% in 2013 to 52% in 2014. An increase in commercial thinning activity in 2014 drove the increase in the Other cost of sales.

### **Operating Expenses**

Fee Timber operating expenses include the cost of both maintaining existing roads and building temporary roads for harvesting, silviculture costs, and other management expenses.

*Fiscal Year 2015 compared to 2014.* Fee Timber operating expenses increased \$140,000, or 2%, from \$7.9 million in 2014 to 8.0 million in 2015. The largest portion of the increase is attributable to a rise in silviculture expenditures on both the Partnership's and the Funds' tree farms, as we increased our investments in pre-commercial thinning treatments in 2015. These increases were offset partially by a decline in road expenditures due to the decrease in harvest volume.

*Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 2013.* Fee Timber operating expenses increased \$333,000, or 4%, from \$7.5 million in 2013 to \$7.9 million in 2014. The largest portion of the increase is attributable to a rise in silviculture expenditures on both the Partnership's and the Funds' tree farms as we introduced a renewed focus on pre-commercial thinning treatments.

# TIMBERLAND MANAGEMENT

### Fund Distributions and Fees Paid to the Partnership

The Partnership received combined distributions from Funds I, II, and III of \$2.2 million, \$13.3 million, and \$4.0 million in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Fund distributions are paid from available Fund cash, generated primarily from the harvest and sale of timber after paying all Fund expenses and management fees. In addition, Fund distributions received by the Partnership during 2015 and 2014 included \$1.8 million and \$11.9 million, respectively, from Fund I generated from the sale of its two tree farms in the second half of 2014, a portion of which was deferred into 2015 because of customary post-closing holdbacks. Also, distributions received by the Partnership in 2013 included a special distribution in the third quarter of \$2.7 million by Fund II that was financed by a \$14 million timberland mortgage.

The Partnership earned investment and timberland management fees from the Funds which totaled \$2.2 million, \$3.3 million, and \$2.8 million in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. These fees are eliminated in the Partnership's consolidated financial statements.

See Accounting Matters – Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates – Timber Fund Management Fees for more information on accounting for management fees paid by third-party investors.

### **Revenue and Operating Loss**

The fees earned from managing the Funds include a fixed component related to invested capital and acres under management, and a variable component related to harvest volume from the Funds' tree farms. As all fee revenue is eliminated in consolidation, operating losses consist of operating expenses incurred by the Timberland Management segment.

Revenue and operating loss for the Timberland Management segment for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, were as follows:

	Yea	Year ended December		
(in millions, except acre and volume data)	2015	2014	2013	
Revenue – internal	\$2.2	\$3.3	\$2.8	
Intersegment eliminations	(2.2)	(3.3)	(2.8)	
Revenue – external	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Operating income – internal	\$(0.7)	\$0.4	\$0.3	
Intersegment eliminations	(1.9)	(2.7)	(2.3)	
Operating loss – external	\$(2.6)	\$(2.3)	\$(2.0)	
Invested capital	\$259	\$253	\$239	
Acres under management	94,000	80,000	91,000	
Harvest volume – Funds (MMBF) *	41.1	50.2	40.8	

<sup>\*</sup>Volume includes 0.6, 4.0 and 2.0 MMBF from timber deed sales in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In addition to these volumes, we harvested 1.2, 1.8, and 0.7 MMBF from commercial thinning activity in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Fiscal Year 2015 compared to 2014. Timberland Management generated management fee revenue of \$2.2 million and \$3.3 million from managing the Funds in 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease in fees in 2015 is due primarily to a Q4 2015 correction to asset management fees charged to the Funds in prior periods of \$899,000, of which the Partnership's portion was \$120,000. The Fund II correction was \$498,000, covering the period from 2010 through Q3 2015, and the Fund III correction was \$401,000, covering the period from 2012 through Q3 2015. The \$779,000 attributable to outside investors was refunded in the fourth quarter of 2015.

The correction stems from a Q4 2015 discovery of an error in the calculation of invested capital, upon which the asset management fee is based. Prior to the correction, we were incorrectly including debt capital used to finance timberland acquisitions in determining invested capital when in fact we should have only included equity capital used to finance timberland acquisitions. Notwithstanding this correction, management fee revenue also declined as a result of a reduction in harvest activity for the Funds as a portion of our management fees are based on harvest volume.

Operating expenses incurred by the Timberland Management segment totaled \$2.6 million and \$2.3 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively. The increase in operating expenses is attributable to growth in the Funds' acres under management and consequently the opening of a timber field office in Oregon in December 2014, as well as increased costs associated with placing Fund III's remaining capital, which culminated in the December 2015 acquisition of a 15,100-acre tree farm in the southern Puget Sound region of Washington.

Fiscal Year 2014 compared to 2013. Timberland Management generated management fee revenue of \$3.3 million and \$2.8 million from managing the Funds in 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase in fees is due to the Q4 2013 acquisition by Fund III of 11,000 acres in southwest Washington, which increased our invested capital and acres under management through the first three quarters of 2014 and our harvest volume during the full year. The net effect of the Fund I sale of 24,000 acres at the end of Q3 2014 and during Q4 2014, combined with the Fund III purchase of 13,000 acres during Q4 2014, served to increase our invested capital at the end of 2014 but reduce our acres under management.

Operating expenses incurred by the Timberland Management segment totaled \$2.3 million and \$2.0 million in 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase in operating expenses is attributable to growth in the Funds' acres under management (prior to the Fund I sales at the end of Q3 2014 and during Q4 2014) and increased costs associated with placing Fund III's remaining capital.

### **REAL ESTATE**

## **Revenue and Operating Income**

The Real Estate segment's activities consist of investing in and later reselling improved properties, holding properties for later development and sale, and managing commercial properties. Revenue is generated primarily from the sale of land within its 2,500-acre portfolio, sales of development rights, known as conservation easements (CE's), sales of tracts from the Partnership's timberland portfolio, and residential and commercial rents from our Port Gamble and Poulsbo properties. The Partnership's Real Estate holdings are located primarily in the Washington counties of Pierce, Kitsap, and Jefferson with sales of land for this segment typically falling into one of the three general types:

- Commercial, business park, and residential plat land sales represent land sold after development rights have been obtained and generally are sold with prescribed infrastructure improvements.
- Rural residential lot sales that generally require some capital improvements such as zoning, road building, or utility
  access improvements prior to completing the sale.
- The sale of unimproved land, which generally consists of larger acreage sales rather than single lot sales, and is normally completed with very little capital investment prior to sale and may or may not have a conservation flavor.

As indicated above, conservation sales take two primary forms for us, either an outright sale of land to a conservation entity or a conservation easement sale that extinguishes future development rights on a parcel of timberland but we retain the ability to conduct forestry operations.

Real Estate operations also include development, commercial real estate, and environmental remediation activities in connection with our ownership the Port Gamble, Washington townsite and former millsite as discussed in greater detail in "Business – Real Estate – Port Gamble," and "– Environmental Remediation."

Results from Real Estate operations are expected to vary significantly from year to year as we make multi-year investments in entitlements and infrastructure prior to selling entitled or developed land. Further, Real Estate results will vary as a result of adjustments to our environmental remediation liability related to Port Gamble. These adjustments are reflected in our Real Estate segment within operating expenses. Real Estate segment revenue and gross margin for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 consisted of the following components:

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Description (in thousands except acres)	Revenue	Gross margin	Gross margin %	Units So	Id Revenue	Gross margin
Conservation land sales	\$2,504	\$1,393	56%	Acres: 71	6 \$3,497	\$1,946
Development rights (CE)	4,311	4,311	100%	Acres: 3,39	2 1,271	1,271
Gig Harbor residential	13,701	3,006	22%	Lots: 11	9 115,134	25,261
Gig Harbor multi-family	4,096	609	15%	Acres: 1	8 227,556	33,833
Total land	24,612	9,319	38%			
Rentals and other	1,252	30				
2015 Total	\$25,864	\$9,349	36%			
Conservation land sales	\$6,960	\$5,781	83%	Acres: 1,11	1 \$6,265	\$5,203
Development rights (CE)	743	743	100%	Acres: 2,87	8 258	258
Gig Harbor residential	13,171	4,295	33%	Lots: 13	3 99,030	32,293
Unimproved land	52	50	96%	Acres:	4 13,000	12,500
Total land	20,926	10,869	52%			
Rentals and other	1,340	93				
2014 Total	\$22,266	\$10,962	49%			
Conservation land sales	\$7,259	\$5,426	75%	Acres: 2,67	8 \$2,711	\$2,026
Gig Harbor multi-family	1,628	702*	43%	Acres: 1	2 135,667	58,500
Gig Harbor business park	4,400	1,132	26%	Acres: 1	4 314,286	80,857
Unimproved land	126	102	81%	Acres: 2	1 6,000	4,857
Total land	13,413	7,362	55%			
Rentals and other	1,244	(5)				
2013 Total	\$14,657	\$7,357	50%			

<sup>\*</sup> Revenue recognized on percentage of completion basis on sale of multi-family parcel.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Lots represent residential single family lots.

### Revenue

Land transactions. In 2015, we closed on four conservation land sales, two in the first quarter and one in each of the second and fourth quarters, totaling \$2.5 million for 716 acres. In the second quarter, we closed on a conservation easement sale covering 3,392 acres for \$4.3 million. Over the course of the year, we closed on the sale of 119 single-family residential lots for \$13.7 million and a multi-family residential parcel for \$4.1 million from our Harbor Hill project. We have post-closing obligations on some of the Harbor Hill closings and are recognizing revenue utilizing the percentage of completion method. The remaining revenue from these transactions, which we expect to recognize in the first quarter of 2016, is approximately \$253,000.

In 2014, we closed on three conservation land sales, one in the first quarter for \$4.6 million covering 535 acres and two in the fourth quarter for \$2.4 million covering 576 acres. Part of one of the fourth quarter sales included a 2,878-acre conservation easement sale for \$743,000. Over the course of 2014, we sold 133 residential lots from our Harbor Hill development for \$13.2 million.

In 2013, we closed on a 2,330-acre conservation land sale for \$5.7 million during Q2 and, in December 2013, closed on a 348-acre conservation land sale for \$1.6 million and a 14-acre sale from the Harbor Hill development in Gig Harbor for \$4.4 million. Results for 2013 also include \$1.6 million of revenue recognized on a percentage-of-completion basis for the 11.5 acre multi-family parcel sale in December 2012 from the Harbor Hill development. We had post-closing obligations in the form of road and infrastructure construction that precluded us from recognizing as revenue the entire sales price in 2012. As such, we accounted for the sale on a percentage-of-completion basis as we satisfied the post-closing obligations.

**Rentals and other.** Rental and other activities in our Real Estate segment are much less volatile from year-to-year than land sales. The decrease from 2014 to 2015 is due primarily to the loss of the primary tenant of our commercial office building in Poulsbo, Washington in April 2015. We have taken over the basement floor of the building for our own operations, leased a portion of the first floor, and are seeking replacement tenants for the remaining first-floor space. The increase from 2013 to 2014 is due primarily to higher occupancy rates in our commercial and residential properties.

### **Cost of Sales**

Real Estate cost of sales for each of the three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$16.5 million, \$11.3 million, and \$7.3 million, respectively, with these amounts comprised of land basis, legal, other closing costs, and costs incurred in the generation of rental revenue. Unlike fee simple sales which include land basis in cost of sales, CE sales typically have little or no cost basis as part of the transaction. The increases in cost of sales from year-to-year are due primarily to the increase in sales revenue.

# **Operating Expenses**

Real Estate operating expenses for each of the three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$4.0 million, 13.7 million, and \$4.1 million, respectively. Excluding environmental remediation charges, described below, Real Estate operating expenses for each of the three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$4.0 million, \$3.7 million, and \$4.1 million, respectively. Operating expenses decreased from 2013 to 2014 primarily because we had largely completed the master plan submission for Port Gamble's town and mill site in 2013. Operating expenses increased from 2014 to 2015 due to costs for long-term planning and development for other properties where entitlements have not yet been obtained, as well as for legal and professional fees in connection with the negotiations and legal action discussed below with respect to the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

# **Environmental Remediation**

The environmental remediation liability represents estimated costs to remediate and monitor certain areas in and around the townsite/millsite of Port Gamble, and at Port Ludlow, Washington. Our environmental liabilities are most significant at Port Gamble, and the history of that site is summarized at "Business – Real Estate – Environmental Remediation." As noted in that summary, In December of 2013 a consent decree (CD) and Clean-up Action Plan (CAP) were finalized with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and filed with Kitsap County Superior Court. Pursuant to the CD and CAP, an engineering design report (EDR) was submitted to DOE in November 2014, followed by other supplemental materials establishing our proposed means for complying with the CAP, and we recorded a \$10.0 million increase to our environmental remediation liability in December 2014. The EDR was finalized in the summer of 2015.

During the second quarter of 2015, there were two developments with respect to the project: additional cost information obtained from contractor bids for the construction work, and a litigation outcome that was unfavorable although, we believe, temporary. These two developments offset one another, resulting in no change to our overall estimated project liability.

In December 2014, the Partnership filed suit against DNR seeking contribution to cleanup costs. In April 2016, the Partnership moved for summary judgment on the issue of DNR's liability for the site. On June 8, 2015, Kitsap County Superior Court ruled on summary judgment that Washington's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) did not qualify as an owner or operator of the site and therefore did not have liability under Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The effect of the court's ruling is to absolve DNR of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of cleanup at Port Gamble. The Court issued its ruling without making findings of fact or conclusions of law, presumably to facilitate a more thorough review by the State's appellate courts.

We have appealed the Superior Court's ruling, and believe we have a strong case for overturning the lower court's decision. Ten public and/or private entities, including DOE, support our position and have filed or joined in amicus briefs arguing that DNR is liable as an owner or operator of the site. We, and the amicus supporters, believe that DNR is liable under the most reasonable interpretation of MTCA, which holds state agencies responsible to the same extent as private parties. Moreover, this position is supported by the fact that DOE has alleged that DNR is liable under MTCA at this site and many others. While we remain optimistic about the appeal process and the ultimate outcome of this litigation, our liability reflects our best estimate of the cost of the entire project, without any contribution by DNR. Should we prevail on our appeal of the summary judgment decision, we will evaluate whether to record the liability at our estimated portion of the total cost of the project.

Construction activity commenced in late September 2015 and will continue into 2017, followed by a monitoring period. Overall, actual project costs to date have been consistent with our expectations and no adjustment to the liability was necessary in 2015. However, costs may still vary as the project progresses due to a number of factors, some of which are outlined as follows:

Disposal of dredged material: Our liability contemplates that the majority of dredged material will be stored permanently on the millsite. However, we have not yet obtained approval from the relevant regulatory agencies to use the millsite as a permanent storage location. It is possible that we may be required to relocate some or all of the dredged material to land that we own a short distance from the town of Port Gamble or to a commercial landfill. Either of these scenarios would result in an increase in costs.

Costs based on unit pricing: Certain components of the remediation work are based on a price per unit and the number of units is an estimate. For example, we do not know for certain the number of pilings or volume of wood waste that will need to be removed from Port Gamble Bay. The cost for this work is priced on a per unit basis, so to the extent the actual number of pilings or volume of wood waste to be removed changes from our estimates, the overall cost may change.

*Unforeseen conditions:* It is possible that site conditions may be different than what was contemplated during the project design and this could result in changes to the scope of work to be completed. For example, DOE may require us to increase the depth of the dredging in certain areas if, as the project progresses, we encounter conditions that are different than expected.

Should any future circumstances result in a change to the estimated cost of the project, we will record an appropriate adjustment to the liability in the period it becomes known and we can reasonably estimate the amount.

### GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE (G&A)

G&A expenses for 2015 and 2014 were \$5.0 million and \$3.8 million, respectively. The 2014 amounts were lower primarily due to reversals of incentive compensation accruals as a result of the second quarter 2014 departure of a former executive. Without these reversals, G&A expense for 2014 would have been \$4.4 million. More broadly, the increases in G&A expense are related primarily to personnel costs for being fully staffed in 2015 relative to 2014.

G&A expenses decreased from \$4.6 million in 2013 to \$3.8 million in 2014. This decrease is due primarily to the reversal of previously accrued incentive and unit compensation expense forfeited upon the departure of our former chief executive officer as well as having only one person serving in both the CEO and CFO roles for the remainder of the year.

## INTEREST INCOME AND EXPENSE

(in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Interest income	\$24	\$25	\$21
Interest expense	(3,854)	(3,539)	(2,364)
Capitalized interest expense	860	910	815
Net interest expense	\$(2,970)	\$(2,604)	\$(1,528)

The increases in interest expense are due to increasing debt balances for Fund II and Fund III as debt financing was used to fund a distribution in 2013, in the case of Fund II, and to acquire timberland, in the case of Fund III. The Partnership's and Fund III's debt arrangements with Northwest Farm Credit Services (NWFCS) include an annual rebate of a portion of interest expense paid in the prior year (patronage). This NWFCS patronage program is a feature common to most of this lender's customer loan agreements. The patronage program reduced interest expense by \$478,000, \$395,000 and \$249,000 in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

Capitalized interest relates to our Harbor Hill project. The changes in capitalized interest from year-to-year are due to changes in our basis in the project resulting from construction activity and sales of parcels.

# **INCOME TAXES**

We recorded income tax expense of \$207,000 and \$984,000 in 2015, and 2014, respectively, and an income tax benefit of \$307,000 in 2013 based on taxable income or loss in taxable corporate subsidiaries.

Pope Resources is a limited partnership and is, therefore, not subject to income tax. Instead, taxable income or loss is passed through and reported to unitholders each year on a Form K-1 for inclusion in each unitholder's income tax return. Pope Resources does, however, have corporate subsidiaries that are subject to income tax. The corporate tax-paying entities are utilized for the Funds and certain activities of the Partnership.

### NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS-ORM TIMBER FUNDS

Noncontrolling interests-ORM Timber Funds represented the portion of 2015, 2014, and 2013 net (income) losses of the Funds attributable to third-party owners of the Funds. The Funds' timberlands carry a higher depletion cost than the Partnership's timberland and as a result often generate losses during the early years of the Fund life. Included in these results are the management fees charged by ORM LLC to the Funds, interest and income taxes. The portion of the loss or (income) attributable to these third-party investors is added back or deducted to determine "Net and comprehensive (income) loss attributable to unitholders" as follows:

(in thousands)	Fund I *	Fund II	Fund III	Total
Noncontrolling interest – 2015				
Management fees paid to ORM LLC	\$-	\$(828)	\$(1,402)	\$(2,230)
Forest operations	(3)	1,812	(526)	1,283
Fund operating income (loss) – internal	(3)	984	(1,928)	(947)
Interest expense	_	(1,072)	(1,318)	(2,390)
Income tax (expense) benefit	1	(139)	(188)	(326)
Fund net income (loss) – internal	(2)	(227)	(3,434)	(3,663)
Income (loss) attributed to noncontrolling interest	\$1	\$(181)	\$(3,263)	\$(3,443)
Noncontrolling interest – 2014				
Management fees paid to ORM LLC	\$(562)	\$(1,459)	\$(1,282)	\$(3,303)
Forest operations	23,756	4,409	1,774	29,939
Fund operating income – internal	23,194	2,950	492	26,636
Interest expense	(1)	(1,071)	(893)	(1,965)
Income tax expense	12	(164)	(104)	(256)
Fund net income – internal	23,205	1,715	(505)	24,415
Income (loss) attributed to noncontrolling interest	\$18,564	\$1,372	\$(480)	\$19,456
Noncontrolling interest – 2013				
Management fees paid to ORM LLC	\$(801)	\$(1,427)	\$(572)	\$(2,800)
Forest operations	181	2,238	(283)	2,136
Fund operating income (loss) – internal	(620)	811	(855)	(664)
Interest expense	(1)	(737)	(62)	(800)
Income tax expense	(47)	(97)	_	(144)
Fund net loss – internal	(668)	(23)	(917)	(1,608)
Income (loss) attributed to noncontrolling interest	\$(534)	\$(18)	\$(871)	\$(1,424)

<sup>\*</sup> Fund I's assets were sold in the second half of 2014. Accordingly, there were no management fees for Fund I in 2015.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We ordinarily finance our business activities using operating cash flows and, where appropriate in management's assessment, commercial credit arrangements with banks or other financial institutions. We expect that funds generated internally from operations and externally through financing will provide the required resources for the Partnership's future operations and capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months.

The Partnership's debt consists of mortgage debt with fixed interest rates and an operating line of credit with Northwest Farm Credit Services (NWFCS). The mortgage debt includes \$24.8 million in term loans with NWFCS structured in three tranches maturing from 2017 through 2025 and is secured by portions of the Partnership's Hood Canal and Columbia tree farms. In addition, our commercial office building in Poulsbo, Washington is collateral for a \$2.7 million loan from NWFCS that matures in 2023. Our \$20.0 million operating line of credit matures April 2020 and we had no balance drawn as of December 31, 2015 or 2014. The line of credit carries a variable interest rate that is based on the one-month LIBOR rate plus applicable margins determined by certain financial covenants.

These debt agreements contain covenants that are measured quarterly. Among the covenants measured is a requirement that the Partnership not exceed a maximum debt-to-total-capitalization ratio of 30%, with total capitalization calculated using fair market (vs. carrying) value of timberland, roads and timber. The Partnership is in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2015 and expects to remain in compliance for at least the next twelve months.

Mortgage debt within our private equity funds is collateralized by Fund properties only. Fund II has a timberland mortgage comprised of two fixed-rate tranches totaling \$25 million with MetLife Insurance Company. The tranches are non-amortizing and both mature in September 2020. The loans allow for, but do not require, annual principal payments of up to 10% of outstanding principal without incurring a make-whole premium. This mortgage is collateralized by a portion of Fund II's timberland portfolio. Fund III has a timberland mortgage comprised of two fixed rate tranches totaling \$32.4 million with NWFCS. The mortgage is collateralized by all of Fund III's timberland, is non-amortizing with an \$18.0 million tranche maturing in December 2023 and a \$14.4 million tranche maturing in 2024.

The change in cash flows from 2015 to 2014 and 2014 to 2013, respectively, is broken down in the following table:

(in thousands)	2015	Change	2014	Change	2013
Cash provided by operations	\$20,170	\$(10,625)	\$30,795	\$12,846	\$17,949
Investing activities					
Purchase of short-term investments	_	4,000	(4,000)	(4,000)	-
Maturity of short-term investments	1,000	(2,000)	3,000	3,000	_
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	(2,549)	(214)	(2,335)	(105)	(2,230)
Capital expenditures	_	(37)	37	37	_
Proceeds from sale of timberland	1,001	(67,875)	68,876	68,876	_
Acquisition of timberland – Partnership	(5,004)	(3,178)	(1,826)	(1,826)	_
Acquisition of timberland – Funds	(50,556)	21,469	(72,025)	(28,612)	(43,413)
Cash used in investing activities	(56,108)	(47,835)	(8,273)	37,370	(45,643)
Financing activities					
Repayment of long term debt	(5,109)	(5,000)	(109)	16	(125)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	_	(14,400)	14,400	(17,580)	31,980
Debt issuance costs	(20)	2	(22)	6	(28)
Unit repurchases	_	7,363	(7,363)	(7,363)	_
Payroll taxes paid on unit net settlements	(107)	89	(196)	45	(241)
Excess tax benefit from equity-based					
compensation	12	(73)	85	85	_
Cash distributions to unitholders	(11,708)	(671)	(11,037)	(2,151)	(8,886)
Cash distributions – ORM Timber Funds,					
net of distributions to Partnership	(9,435)	46,622	(56,057)	(39,574)	-16483
Capital call – ORM Timber Funds,					
net of Partnership contribution	47,983	(6,737)	54,720	30,062	24658
Preferred stock issuance (distribution),					
net ORM Timber Funds	_	(125)	125	125	
Cash provided by (used in)					
financing activities	21,616	27,070	(5,454)	(36,329)	30,875
Net increase (decrease) in cash					
and cash equivalents	\$(14,322)	\$(31,390)	\$17,068	\$13,887	\$3,181

**Operating cash activities.** The decrease in cash provided by operating activities of \$10.6 million from 2014 to 2015 resulted primarily from the 9% decrease in log prices and 11% decrease in timber harvest volume, a \$4.1 million increase in real estate project expenditures, and a \$3.3 million increase in environmental remediation expenditures as cleanup activities began in late September 2015.

The increase in cash provided by operating activities of \$12.8 million from 2013 to 2014 resulted primarily from an increase in real estate sales and a 4% increase in log prices and 7% increase in timber harvest volume.

*Investing cash activities.* The \$47.8 million increase in cash used in investing activities from 2014 to 2015 was due primarily to sales and acquisitions of timberland by the Partnership and Funds.

The \$37.4 million decrease in cash used in investing activities from 2013 to 2014 was due to sales and acquisitions of tree farms by the Funds, along with a \$1 million net investment in short-term investments.

Financing activities. The \$27.1 million change in cash from financing activities from 2014 to 2015 resulted primarily from the \$46.6 million decrease in Fund distributions. The bulk of the proceeds from the sale of Fund I's two tree farms was distributed to its investors in 2014, so distributions in 2015 were much lower by comparison. This decline in Fund distributions was offset partially Fund III's \$14.4 million borrowing for the acquisition of timberland, a \$6.7 million decrease in capital calls by Fund III in 2015 compared to 2014 for the acquisition of timberland, and the Partnership's \$5.0 million repayment of long-term debt on its maturity in 2015.

The \$36.3 million change in cash from financing activities from 2013 to 2014 resulted from the \$39.5 million increase in Fund distributions, driven largely by the sale of Fund I's tree farms, a \$30.1 million increase in capital calls for Fund III for a tree farm acquisition, and a decrease in Fund borrowings of \$17.6 million. In 2013, Fund II borrowed \$14.0 million to finance a distribution and Fund III borrowed \$18 million for a tree farm acquisition whereas in 2014 the only new debt consisted of a \$14.4 million borrowing by Fund III for a tree farm acquisition. In addition, we repurchased 108,276 units from a single third-party unitholder for \$7.4 million in 2014 and increased our distribution rate to unitholders, resulting in a \$2.2 million increase in distributions.

### EXPECTED FUTURE CHANGES TO CASH FLOWS

**Operating activities.** We expect total annual log harvest and stumpage sale volume of approximately 95–100 MMBF for 2016, though changing log markets could cause us to deviate from this projection as the year unfolds.

Based on budget plans, we currently expect our Real Estate 2016 capital expenditures to total \$16.8 million in 2016, \$13.0 million of which are projected to be for site work, engineering, surveying and overall project management costs in connection with building out single-family lots for sale in Gig Harbor. A portion of these expenditures, however, may be delayed until 2017 depending on the timing of transactions. We also expect to spend approximately \$3.6 million on a new wastewater treatment plant for the town of Port Gamble and approximately \$11 million on the Port Gamble Bay environmental remediation liability.

*Investing activities.* In addition to the expenditures for Gig Harbor and Port Gamble described above, management has budgeted \$2.7 million of capital expenditures for 2016, excluding any potential timberland acquisitions. These expenditures are comprised primarily of long-term investments supporting our Fee Timber operations.

**Financing activities.** Management is currently projecting that cash on hand, cash generated from operating activities, and financing available from our existing line of credit and potential new credit facilities will be sufficient to meet our needs for the coming year. To date, the Partnership's strong financial position has enabled fairly easy access to credit at reasonable terms when needed.

### SEASONALITY

**Fee Timber.** The elevation and terrain characteristics of our timberlands are such that we can conduct harvest operations virtually year-round on a significant portion of our tree farms. Generally, we concentrate our harvests from these areas in those months when weather limits operations on other properties, thus taking advantage of reduced competition for log supply to our customers and improving prices realized. As such, on a combined basis the pattern of quarterly volumes harvested is flatter than would be the case if looking at one tree farm in isolation. However, this pattern may not hold true during periods of comparatively soft log prices, when we may defer harvest volume to capture greater value when log prices strengthen.

The percentage of annual harvest volume by quarter for each year in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

Year ended	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2015	30%	18%	21%	31%
2014	32%	28%	20%	20%
2013	30%	31%	18%	21%

**Timberland Management.** Management revenue generated by this segment consists of asset and timberland management fees. These fees, which relate primarily to our activities on behalf of the Funds and are eliminated in consolidation, vary based upon the amount of invested capital, the number of acres owned by the Funds, and the volume of timber harvested from properties owned by the Funds and are not expected to be significantly seasonal.

**Real Estate.** While Real Estate results are not normally seasonal, the nature of the activities in this segment will likely result in periodic large transactions that will have significant positive impacts on both revenue and operating income of the Partnership in periods in which these transactions close, and much lower revenue and income (or losses) in other periods. While the variability of these results is not primarily a function of seasonal weather patterns, we do expect to see some seasonal fluctuations in this segment because of the general effects of weather on Pacific Northwest development activities.

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, COMMERCIAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Our commitments at December 31, 2015 consist of operating leases, and other obligations entered into in the normal course of business.

Payments Due By Period /Commitment Expiration Date

Obligation or Commitment (in thousands)	Total	Less than 1 year	1–3 years	4–5 years	After 5 years
Total debt	\$84,872	\$114	\$5,242	\$35,061	\$44,455
Operating leases	331	174	157	_	_
Interest on debt	26,352	4,204	8,051	5,857	8,240
Environmental remediation	16,761	11,200	4,861	200	500
Other long-term obligations	151	25	50	50	26
Total contractual obligations or commitments	\$128,467	\$15,717	\$18,361	\$41,168	\$53,221

Environmental remediation represents our estimate of potential liability associated with environmental contamination at Port Gamble and Port Ludlow. Other long-term obligations consist of a \$151,000 liability for a supplemental employment retirement plan.

The impact of inflation on our consolidated financial condition and consolidated results of operations for each of the periods presented was not material.

### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Partnership is not a party to any material off-balance sheet arrangements other than the operating leases disclosed above and does not hold any variable interests in unconsolidated entities.

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND COMMITMENTS

Projected capital expenditures in 2016 are \$19.5 million, of which \$13.0 million relates to the Gig Harbor site. These expenditures could be increased or decreased as a consequence of future economic conditions. Projected capital expenditures are subject to permitting timetables and progress towards closing on specific land sale transactions.

# **GOVERNMENT REGULATION**

Compliance with laws, regulations, and demands usually involves capital expenditures as well as operating costs. We cannot easily quantify future amounts of capital expenditures required to comply with laws, regulations, and demands, or the effects on operating costs, because in some instances compliance standards have not been developed or have not become final or definitive. Accordingly, at this time we have not included herein a quantification of future capital requirements to comply with any new regulations being developed by United States regulatory agencies.

Additionally, many federal and state environmental regulations, as well as local zoning and land use ordinances, place limits upon various aspects of our operations. These limits include restrictions on our harvest methods and volumes, remediation requirements that may increase our post-harvest reforestation costs, Endangered Species Act limitations on our ability to harvest in certain areas, zoning and development restrictions that impact our Real Estate segment, and a wide range of other existing and pending statutes and regulations. Various initiatives are presented from time to time that seek further restrictions on timber and real estate development businesses, and although management currently is not aware of any material noncompliance with applicable law, we cannot assure readers that we will ultimately be successful in complying with all such regulations or that additional regulations will not ultimately have a material adverse impact upon our business.

### **ACCOUNTING MATTERS**

### ACCOUNTING STANDARDS NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

On May 28, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective on January 1, 2017. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Partnership is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Partnership has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, *Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*. The ASU amends the consolidation guidance for variable interest entities (VIEs) and general partners' investments in limited partnerships and modifies the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are VIEs or voting interest entities. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. Management does not believe the adoption of ASU 2015-02 will have a material impact on the Partnership's consolidated financial position, results of operations or disclosure requirements of its consolidated financial statements.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Management believes its most critical accounting policies and estimates are as follows:

**Purchased timberland cost allocation.** When the Partnership acquires timberlands, a purchase price allocation is performed that allocates cost between the categories of merchantable timber, pre-merchantable timber, and land based upon the relative fair values pertaining to each of the categories. Land value may include uses other than timberland, including potential CE sales and development opportunities.

**Depletion.** Depletion represents the cost of timber harvested and the cost of the permanent road system that is charged to operations by applying a depletion rate to volume harvested during the period. The depletion rate is calculated on January 1st of each year by dividing the Partnership's cost of merchantable timber and the cost of the permanent road system by the volume of merchantable timber. For purposes of the depletion calculation, merchantable timber is defined as timber that is equal to or greater than 35 years of age for all of our tree farms except California, for which merchantable timber is defined as timber with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 16 inches or greater.

To calculate the depletion rate, the Partnership uses a combined pool when the characteristics of the acquired timber are not significantly different from the Partnership's existing timberlands. Depletion rate calculations on Funds timberlands, which are recently acquired, are made on a tree farm specific basis.

Timber inventory volumes include only timber whose eventual harvest is not constrained by the applicable state and federal regulatory limits on timber harvests as applied to the Partnership's properties. Timber inventory volume is accounted for by periodic statistical sampling of the harvestable timbered acres. Since timber stands can be very heterogeneous, the accuracy of the statistical sampling, known as a "timber cruise" or "cruising," of a timber stand can vary. The inventory system is designed in such a way that the accuracy of the whole is very reliable while any subset, or individual timber stand, will have a wider range of accuracy.

The standing inventory system is subject to three processes each quarter to monitor and maintain accuracy. The first is the cruise update process, the second is a comparison of the volume actually extracted by harvest to the inventory in the standing inventory system at the time of the harvest (otherwise known as "cutout analysis"), and the third is necessary adjustments to productive acres based on actual acres harvested. The portion of productive acres of timber stands on the Combined tree farms that are physically measured or re-measured each by cruising is such that generally no "cruise" for stands with actual volume is ever more than ten years old. Specific acres are first selected for cruising with a bias towards those acres that have gone the longest without a cruise and, second, with a bias towards those acres that have been growing the longest. Only stands older than 20 years are selected as subject to a cruise and, as the cruise is being performed, only those trees with a breast height diameter (approximately 4.5 feet from the ground) of at least 5.6 inches are measured for inclusion in the inventory. For younger stands, all trees are tallied during the cruise process so that growth models can accurately predict how future stands will develop. The cutout analysis compares the total inventory for a stand which was grown annually using systems designed to predict future yields to actual harvest volumes. Due to the

nature of statistical sampling, the results of the quarterly cutout analysis is meaningful only in the context of accumulated results over several years for a whole tree farm, and not in the context of a single harvest unit. Minor adjustments both up and/or down to productive acres are made quarterly after foresters and managers accurately map those harvested acres in the Geographic Information System (GIS). These adjusted acres are linked to the inventory system and are used to drive the future available volume.

A hypothetical 5% change in estimated timber inventory volume would have changed 2015 depletion expense by approximately \$480,000.

**Environmental remediation.** The Partnership has an accrual for estimated environmental remediation costs of \$16.8 million and \$21.7 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The environmental remediation liability represents estimated payments to be made to monitor and remedy certain areas in and around the Port Gamble Bay. Additional information about the Port Gamble site is presented in "Business – Real Estate – Environmental Remediation" above. Additional information about the liability is presented in "Management's Discussion and Analysis – Real Estate."

In the second quarter of 2015, as a result of conducting a bidding process and engaging a contractor to perform the remediation work, we transitioned to estimating the liability based on amounts included in construction contracts and estimates for construction contingencies, project management and other professional fees. In prior periods, we evaluated our environmental remediation liabilities using a combination of methods, but most significantly using a "Monte Carlo" statistical simulation model for the Port Gamble project. This model took into account the estimated likelihood of a range of potential outcomes, coupled with the estimated cost associated with those outcomes. The model then produced a range of possible outcomes corresponding to a two standard deviation range from the mean. We supplemented this analysis with a forecast of costs using our best estimate of the most likely design scenarios for the various elements of the project.

As described in "Management's Discussion and Analysis – Real Estate," there are still a number of factors that could result in changes to the total project cost and, in turn, further adjustment to the liability.

**Property development costs.** The Partnership is developing six master planned communities in Gig Harbor, Kingston, Port Gamble, Bremerton, Hansville and Port Ludlow. Costs of development, including interest, are capitalized for these projects and allocated to individual lots based upon their relative pre-construction fair value. This allocation of basis supports, in turn, the computation of those amounts reported as a current vs. long-term asset based on management's expectation of when the sales will occur ("Land Held for Sale" and "Land Held for Development," respectively). As lot sales occur, the allocation of these costs becomes part of cost of sales attributed to individual lot sales.

Costs associated with land including acquisition, project design, architectural costs, road construction, capitalized interest and utility installation are accounted for as operating activities on our statement of cash flows.

**Percentage of Completion Revenue Recognition.** The partnership accounts for revenue recognized from development sales consistent with the accounting standards relating to the sales of real estate. When a real estate transaction is closed with obligations to complete infrastructure or other construction, revenue is recognized on a percentage of completion method by calculating a ratio of costs incurred to total costs expected. Revenue is deferred proportionately based on the remaining costs to complete the project.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. When facts and circumstances indicate the carrying value of properties may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability is performed by comparing the carrying value of the property to the projected future undiscounted cash flows. Upon indication that the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable, the Partnership would recognize an impairment loss, for the difference between the carrying value and the fair value, and charge this amount against current operations. The land basis associated with most of our development properties is well below current market value; therefore, an asset impairment charge on one of our development projects is not likely. The long-term holding period of timberland properties, particularly those that have been transferred to our real estate development portfolio, makes an asset impairment unlikely as the expected undiscounted cash flows from a timberland property would need to decrease very significantly to not exceed its carrying value.

Consolidation of ORM Timber Fund I, LP (Fund I), ORM Timber Fund II, Inc. (Fund II), and ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. (Fund III). Olympic Resource Management LLC (ORMLLC), a subsidiary of the Partnership, owns 1% of each of the funds and is the general partner of Fund I and manager of Funds II and III. The Partnership owns 19% of Funds I and II and 4% of Fund III. Fund I sold its assets in 2014 and was unwound in 2015. Third-party investors do not have the right to dissolve these Funds or otherwise remove the general partner/manager without cause or a super-majority vote of the

third-party investors, nor do they have substantive participating rights in major decisions of the Funds. Based upon this governance structure, ORMLLC has presumptive control of the Funds and, as a result, under the applicable accounting standards the Funds are consolidated into the Partnership's financial statements.

Timber Fund Management Fees. The Partnership's wholly owned subsidiary, ORMLLC, earns management fees related to managing the Funds. As a result, the Partnership's consolidated financial statements, excluding the Funds, include 100% of these management fees as revenue. The stand-alone financial statements for the Funds include 100% of these management fees as expenses. The dollar amounts are the same, allowing for elimination of these two amounts in consolidation, and initially, no income impact in consolidation. However, Funds I and II are owned 80% third-party investors, while Fund III is owned 95% by third-party investors, and, as a result, 80% and 95% of these management fees are paid by these third-party investors, respectively. The management fees paid by third-party investors flows to the Partnership's Statement of Operations as a component of the "Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest – ORM Timber Funds," effectively bringing management fees paid by third-party investors back into consolidated income of the Partnership as described in Part II, Item 7: "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Timberland Management" and "– Noncontrolling Interests – ORM Timber Funds."

Incentive Compensation. The Human Resources Committee adopted the current incentive compensation program in 2010. The program has two components – the Performance Restricted Unit ("PRU") plan and the Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"). Both components have a long-term emphasis, with the PRU plan focused on annual decision making, and the LTIP focused on 3-year performance of the Partnership's publicly traded units relative to a group of peer companies. Compensation expense relating to the equity component of the PRU will be recognized over the four-year future service period beginning with the date of grant.

# Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

# INTEREST RATE RISK

At December 31, 2015, the Partnership had \$84.9 million of fixed-rate debt outstanding with a fair value of approximately \$89.8 million based on the current interest rates for similar financial instruments. A change in the interest rate on fixed-rate debt will affect the fair value of the debt, whereas a change in the interest rate on variable-rate debt will affect interest expense and cash flows. A hypothetical 1% change in prevailing interest rates would change the fair value of the Partnership's fixed-rate long-term debt obligations by \$3.2 million.

# Item~8.~Financial~Statements~and~Supplementary~Data

# **POPE RESOURCES**

A DELAWARE LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015, 2014, AND 2013

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# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Unitholders
Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership, and subsidiaries (collectively, the Partnership) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, partners' capital, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership, and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated March 4, 2016 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Seattle, Washington March 4, 2016

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Unitholders
Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership:

We have audited Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership (the Partnership), internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Partnership's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying "Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting." Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

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

In our opinion, Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership, maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership, and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, partners' capital, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, and our report dated March 4, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Seattle, Washington March 4, 2016

# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands)	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Partnership cash and cash equivalents	\$6,310	\$14,505
ORM Timber Funds cash and cash equivalents	3,396	9,523
Cash and cash equivalents	9,706	24,028
Short-term investments	_	1,000
Accounts receivable, net	3,238	2,419
Land held for sale	3,642	7,160
Prepaid expenses and other	1,540	2,873
Total current assets	18,126	37,480
Properties and equipment, at cost		
Timber and roads, net of accumulated depletion		
(2015 – \$103,378; 2014 – \$93,359)	266,104	227,144
Timberland	53,879	47,933
Land held for development	25,653	26,040
Buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		
(2015 – \$7,251; 2014 – \$6,849)	6,024	6,039
Total properties and equipment, at cost	351,660	307,156
Other assets		
Contracts receivable, net of current portion, and other assets	270	190
Total assets	\$370,056	\$344,826
LIABILITIES, PARTNERS' CAPITAL AND NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$1,384	\$1,293
Accrued liabilities	3,442	3,196
Current portion of long-term debt	114	5,109
Deferred revenue	278	668
Current portion of environmental remediation liability	11,200	3,700
Other current liabilities	322	248
Total current liabilities	16,740	14,214
Long-term debt, net of unamortized debt issuance costs and current portion	84,537	84,621
Environmental remediation and other long-term liabilities	5,713	18,362
Commitments and contingencies		
Partners' capital		
General partners' capital (units issued and outstanding 2015 – 60; 2014 – 60)	1,009	1,003
Limited partners' capital (units issued and outstanding 2015 – 4,240; 2014 – 4	1,224) <b>63,539</b>	63,213
Noncontrolling interests	198,518	163,413
Total partners' capital and noncontrolling interests	263,066	227,629
Total liabilities, partners' capital, and noncontrolling interests	\$370,056	\$344,826

# **Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

Years Ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 (in thousands, except per unit information)	2015	2014	2013
Revenue			
Fee Timber	\$52,164	\$65,204	\$56,035
Real Estate	25,864	22,266	14,657
Total revenue	78,028	87,470	70,692
Costs and expenses			
Cost of sales			
Fee Timber	(30,089)	(36,786)	(32,326)
Real Estate	(16,515)	(11,304)	(7,300)
Total cost of sales	(46,604)	(48,090)	(39,626)
Operating expenses			
Fee Timber	(8,011)	(7,879)	(7,541)
Timberland Management	(2,625)	(2,329)	(1,950)
Real Estate	(4,036)	(3,682)	(4,081)
Environmental remediation (Real Estate)	_	(10,000)	_
General & Administrative	(4,972)	(3,781)	(4,562)
Total operating expenses	(19,644)	(27,671)	(18,134)
Gain (loss) on sale of timberland (Fee Timber)	(1,103)	23,750	_
Operating income (loss)			
Fee Timber	12,961	44,289	16,168
Timberland Management	(2,625)	(2,329)	(1,950)
Real Estate	5,313	(2,720)	3,276
General & Administrative	(4,972)	(3,781)	(4,562)
Total operating income	10,677	35,459	12,932
Other income (expense)			
Interest expense	(3,854)	(3,539)	(2,364)
Interest capitalized to development projects	860	910	815
Interest income	24	25	21
Total other expense	(2,970)	(2,604)	(1,528)
Income before income taxes	7,707	32,855	11,404
Income tax (expense) benefit	(207)	(984)	307
Net and comprehensive income	7,500	31,871	11,711
Net and comprehensive (income) loss attributable to	,	,	•
noncontrolling interests-ORM Timber Funds	3,443	(19,456)	1,424
Net and comprehensive income attributable to unitholders	\$10,943	\$12,415	\$13,135
Allocable to general partners	¢152	\$171	\$180
Allocable to general partners Allocable to limited partners	\$153 10,790	\$171 12,244	12,955
Net and comprehensive income attributable to unitholders	\$10,943	\$12,415	\$13,135
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Basic and diluted earnings per unit attributable to unitholders	\$2.51	\$2.82	\$2.96
Distributions per unit	\$2.70	\$2.50	\$2.00

# Consolidated Statements of Partners' Capital

	Attributable to	Pope Resources		
Years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 (in thousands)	General Partners	Limited Partners	Noncontrolling Interests	Total
December 31, 2012	\$902	\$63,321	\$138,418	\$202,641
Net income (loss)	180	12,955	(1,424)	11,711
Cash distributions	(122)	(8,764)	(16,483)	(25,369)
Capital call	_	_	24,658	24,658
Equity-based compensation	17	1,197	_	1,214
Indirect repurchase of units for				
minimum tax withholding	(3)	(238)	_	(241)
December 31, 2013	974	68,471	145,169	214,614
Net income	171	12,244	19,456	31,871
Cash distributions	(152)	(10,885)	(56,057)	(67,094)
Capital call	_	_	54,720	54,720
Preferred stock issuance	_	_	125	125
Equity-based compensation	12	855	_	867
Excess tax benefit from equity-based compensation	1	84	_	85
Indirect repurchase of units for minimum tax withholding	(3)	(193)	_	(196)
Unit repurchase	_	(7,363)	_	(7,363)
December 31, 2014	1,003	63,213	163,413	227,629
Net income (loss)	153	10,790	(3,443)	7,500
Cash distributions	(163)	(11,545)	(9,435)	(21,143)
Capital call	_	_	47,983	47,983
Equity-based compensation	12	852	_	864
Excess tax benefit from equity-based compensation	5	335	_	340
Indirect repurchase of units for minimum tax withholding	(1)	(106)	_	(107)
December 31, 2015	\$1,009	\$63,539	\$198,518	\$263,066

# **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

V	2015	2014	2012
Years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 (in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash received from customers	\$76,827	\$86,765	\$69,009
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(44,187)	(48,344)	(39,062)
Interest received	24	25	22
Interest paid, net of amounts capitalized	(3,097)	(2,523)	(1,376)
Capitalized development activities	(9,052)	(4,967)	(10,801)
Income taxes received (paid)	(345)	(161)	157
Net cash provided by operating activities	20,170	30,795	17,949
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of short-term investments	_	(4,000)	_
Maturity of short-term investments	1,000	3,000	_
Capital expenditures	(2,549)	(2,335)	(2,230)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	_	37	_
Proceeds from sale of timberland	1,001	68,876	_
Acquisition of timberland – Partnership	(5,004)	(1,826)	_
Acquisition of timberland – Funds	(50,556)	(72,025)	(43,413)
Net cash used in investing activities	(56,108)	(8,273)	(45,643)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayment of long-term debt	(5,109)	(109)	(125)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	_	14,400	31,980
Debt issuance costs	(20)	(22)	(28)
Unit repurchases	_	(7,363)	_
Payroll taxes paid on unit net settlements	(107)	(196)	(241)
Excess tax benefit from equity-based compensation	12	85	_
Cash distributions to unitholders	(11,708)	(11,037)	(8,886)
Cash distributions – ORM Timber Funds,			
net of distributions to Partnership	(9,435)	(56,057)	(16,483)
Capital call – ORM Timber Funds,			
net of Partnership contribution	47,983	54,720	24,658
Preferred stock issuance – ORM Timber Funds	_	125	_
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	21,616	(5,454)	30,875
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(14,322)	17,068	3,181
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Beginning of year	24,028	6,960	3,779
End of year	\$9,706	\$24,028	\$6,960

# Schedule to Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 (in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided			
by operating activities:			
Net income	\$7,500	\$31,871	\$11,711
Depletion	9,900	12,192	11,204
Equity-based compensation	864	867	1,214
Excess tax benefit from equity-based compensation	(12)	(85)	_
Depreciation and amortization	736	727	704
(Gain) loss on sale of timberland	1,103	(23,750)	_
(Gain) loss on sale of property and equipment	_	(23)	47
Deferred taxes, net	(121)	643	(260)
Cost of land sold	14,057	9,160	5,004
Increase (decrease) in cash from changes			
in operating accounts:			
Accounts receivable	(810)	(918)	(293)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,462	(1,693)	(276)
Real estate project expenditures	(9,052)	(4,967)	(10,801)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(241)	(1,710)	1,763
Deferred revenue	(390)	116	(1,466)
Other current liabilities	75	(17)	23
Environmental remediation	(4,890)	8,410	(701)
Other noncurrent assets and liabilities	(11)	(28)	76
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$20,170	\$30,795	\$17,949

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Nature of operations

Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") is a publicly traded limited partnership engaged primarily in managing timber resources on its own properties as well as those owned by others. Pope Resources' active subsidiaries include the following: ORM, Inc., which is responsible for managing Pope Resources' timber properties; Olympic Resource Management LLC (ORMLLC), which provides timberland management activities and is responsible for developing the timber fund business; Olympic Property Group I LLC, which manages the Port Gamble townsite and millsite together with land that is held as development property; and OPG Properties LLC, which owns land that is held as development property. These consolidated financial statements also include ORM Timber Fund I, LP (Fund I), ORM Timber Fund II, Inc. (Fund II), and CRM Timber Fund III, Inc. (Fund III, and collectively with Fund I and Fund II, the Funds). ORMLLC owned 1% of Fund I and owns 1% of Funds II and III and was the general partner of Fund I and is the manager of Funds II and III. Pope Resources owned 19% of Fund I and owns 19% of Fund II and 4% of Fund III. The purpose of all three Funds is to invest in timberlands. See Note 2 for additional information.

The Partnership operates in three business segments: Fee Timber, Timberland Management, and Real Estate. Fee Timber represents the growing and harvesting of trees from properties owned by the Partnership and the Funds. Timberland Management represents management, acquisition, disposition, and consulting services provided to third-party owners of timberland and provides management services to the Funds. Real Estate consists of obtaining and entitling properties that have been identified as having value as developed residential or commercial property and operating the Partnership's existing commercial property in Kitsap County, Washington.

# Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership, its subsidiaries, and the Funds. Intercompany balances and transactions, including operations related to the Funds, have been eliminated in consolidation. The Funds are consolidated into Pope Resources' financial statements (see Note 2).

### New accounting standards

On May 28, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective on January 1, 2018. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Partnership is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Partnership has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. The ASU amends the consolidation guidance for variable interest entities (VIEs) and general partners' investments in limited partnerships and modifies the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are VIEs or voting interest entities. The ASU is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. Management does not believe the adoption of ASU 2015-02 will have a material impact on the Partnership's consolidated financial position, results of operations or disclosure requirements of its consolidated financial statements.

### **General** partner

The Partnership has two general partners: Pope MGP, Inc. and Pope EGP, Inc. In total, these two entities own 60,000 partnership units. The allocation of distributions, income and other capital related items between the general and limited partners is pro rata among all units outstanding. The managing general partner of the Partnership is Pope MGP, Inc.

# Noncontrolling interests

Noncontrolling interests represents the portion of net income and losses of the Funds attributable to third-party owners of the Funds. In the case of Funds I and II, noncontrolling interests represent 80%, while noncontrolling interests represent

95% of Fund III ownership. To arrive at net income (loss) attributable to Partnership unitholders, the portion of the income attributable to these third-party investors is subtracted from Partnership income (loss) or, in the case of a loss attributable to third-party investors, added back to Partnership income (loss).

### **Correction of fees charged to the Funds**

In the fourth quarter of 2015, we recorded a correction to fees charged to Funds II and III in prior periods of \$779,000 that had the result of increasing net income attributable to noncontrolling interests and decreasing net income attributable to unitholders.

### Significant estimates and concentrations in financial statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Depletion**

Timber costs are combined into depletion pools based on the common characteristics of the timber such as location and species mix. Each tree farm within the Funds is considered a separate depletion pool and timber harvested from the Funds' tree farms is accounted for and depleted separately from timber harvested from the Partnership's timberlands. The applicable depletion rate is derived by dividing the aggregate cost of merchantable stands of timber, together with capitalized road expenditures, by the estimated volume of merchantable timber available for harvest at the beginning of that year. For purposes of the depletion calculation, merchantable timber is defined as timber that is equal to or greater than 35 years of age for all of the tree farms except California, for which merchantable timber is defined as timber with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 16 inches or greater. The depletion rate, so derived and expressed in per MBF terms, is then multiplied by the volume harvested in a given period to calculate depletion expense for that period as follows:

Depletion rate = Accumulated cost of timber and capitalized road expenditures

Estimated volume of merchantable timber

### Purchased timberland cost allocation

When the Partnership or Funds acquire timberlands, a purchase price allocation is performed that allocates cost between the categories of merchantable timber, pre-merchantable timber, and land based upon the relative fair values pertaining to each of the categories. Land value may include uses other than timberland including potential conservation easement (CE) sales and development opportunities.

### Cost of sales

Cost of sales consists of the Partnership's cost basis in timber (depletion expense), real estate, and other inventory sold, and direct costs incurred to make those assets saleable. Those direct costs include the expenditures associated with the harvesting and transporting of timber and closing costs incurred in land and lot sale transactions. Cost of sales also consists of those costs directly attributable to the Partnership's rental activities.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less at date of purchase.

### **Short-term investments**

Short-term investments consist of certificates of deposit maturing 180 days from the date of purchase.

### Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Partnership to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of short-term investments and accounts and contracts receivable. The Partnership limits its credit exposure by considering the creditworthiness of potential customers and utilizing the underlying land sold as collateral on real estate contracts. The Partnership's allowance for doubtful accounts on accounts receivable is \$13,000 and \$17,000 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

#### Income taxes

The Partnership itself is not subject to income taxes, but its corporate subsidiaries are subject to income taxes which are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Operating loss and tax credit carryforwards, if any, are also factored into the calculation of deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates that are expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. The Partnership has concluded that it is more likely than not that its deferred tax assets will be realizable and thus no valuation allowance has been recorded as of December 31, 2015. This conclusion is based on anticipated future taxable income, the expected future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, and tax planning strategies to generate taxable income, if needed. The Partnership will continue to reassess the need for a valuation allowance during each future reporting period. The Partnership is not aware of any tax exposure items as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 where the Partnership's tax position is not more likely than not to be sustained if challenged by the taxing authorities. The Partnership recognizes interest expense related to unrecognized tax benefits or underpayment of income taxes in interest expense and recognizes penalties in operating expenses.

### Land held for sale and Land held for development

Land held for sale and land held for development are recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Costs of development, including interest, are capitalized for these projects and allocated to individual lots based upon their relative preconstruction fair value. This allocation of basis supports, in turn, the computation of those amounts reported as a current vs. long-term asset based on management's expectation of when the sales will occur (Land held for sale and Land held for development, respectively). As lot sales occur, the allocation of these costs becomes part of cost of sales attributed to individual lot sales. Costs associated with land including acquisition, project design, architectural costs, road construction, capitalized interest and utility installation are accounted for as operating activities on our statement of cash flows.

Those properties that are for sale, under contract, and for which the Partnership has an expectation they will be sold within 12 months are classified on our balance sheet as a current asset under "Land held for sale." The \$3.6 million in Land held for sale at December 31, 2015 reflects our expectation of sales in 2016 of parcels comprising 48 acres from the Harbor Hill project in Gig Harbor, Washington. Land held for sale of 7.2 million as of December 31, 2014 represented expected sales in 2015 of 41 acres from the Harbor Hill project.

Land held for development on our balance sheet represents the Partnership's cost basis in land that has been identified as having greater value as development property rather than as timberland. Land development costs, including interest, clearly associated with development or construction of fully entitled projects are capitalized, whereas costs associated with projects that are in the entitlement phase are expensed. Interest capitalization ceases once projects reach the point of substantial completion or construction activity has been delayed intentionally.

### Timberland, timber and roads

Timberland, timber and roads are recorded at cost. The Partnership capitalizes the cost of building permanent roads on the tree farms and expenses temporary roads and road maintenance. Timberland is not subject to depletion.

### **Buildings and equipment**

Buildings and equipment depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 3 to 39 years.

Buildings and equipment are recorded at cost and consisted of the following as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

Description	12/31/2015	12/31/2014
Buildings	\$9,302	\$9,078
Equipment	3,320	3,169
Furniture and fixtures	653	641
Total	\$13,275	\$12,888
Accumulated depreciation	(7,251)	(6,849)
Net buildings and equipment	\$6,024	\$6,039

# Impairment of long-lived assets

When facts and circumstances indicate the carrying value of properties may be impaired, an evaluation of recoverability is performed by comparing the currently recorded carrying value of the property to the projected future undiscounted cash flows of the same property or, in the case of land held for sale, fair market value less costs to sell. If it is determined that the carrying value of such assets may not be fully recoverable, we would recognize an impairment loss, adjusting for the difference between the carrying value and the estimated fair market value, and would recognize an expense in this amount against current operations.

### **Deferred revenue**

Deferred revenue represents the unearned portion of cash collected. Deferred revenue of \$278,000 at December 31, 2015 reflects primarily the unearned portion of rental payments received on cell tower leases. The deferred revenue balance of \$668,000 at December 31, 2014 represents mostly advance deposits received on real estate sales contracts and the unearned portion of rental payments received on cell tower leases.

### Revenue recognition

Revenue on fee timber sales is recorded when title and risk of loss passes to the buyer, which typically occurs when delivered to the customer. Revenue on real estate sales is recorded on the date the sale closes, upon receipt of adequate down payment, and receipt of the buyer's obligation to make sufficient continuing payments towards the purchase of the property and the Partnership has no continuing involvement with the real estate sold. When a real estate transaction is closed with obligations to complete infrastructure or other construction, revenue is recognized on a percentage of completion method by calculating a ratio of costs incurred to total costs expected. Revenue is deferred proportionately based on the remaining costs to satisfy the obligation. Timberland management fees and consulting service revenues are recognized as the related services are provided.

### Land and development rights or conservation easement (CE) sales

The Partnership considers the sale of land and development rights, or conservation easements (CE's), to be part of its normal operations and therefore recognizes revenue from such sales and cost of sales for the Partnership's basis in the property sold. CE sales allow us to retain harvesting and other timberland management rights, but bar any future subdivision of or real estate development on the property. Cash generated from these sales is included in cash flows from operations on the Partnership's statements of cash flows.

In 2015 and 2014 the Partnership generated \$4.3 million, and \$743,000, respectively, from conservation easement sales. There were no such sales in 2013.

### **Environmental remediation liabilities**

Environmental remediation liabilities have been evaluated using a combination of methods. At December 31, 2015, the liability was estimated based on amounts included construction contracts and estimates for construction contingencies, project management and other professional fees. At December 31, 2014, the liability was estimated based primarily on a "Monte Carlo" statistical simulation model. This model took into account the estimated likelihood of a range of potential outcomes, coupled with the estimated cost associated with those outcomes. The model then produced a range of possible

outcomes corresponding to a two standard deviation range from the mean. Management recorded a liability based on its best estimate of the most likely outcome within the range.

### **Equity-based compensation**

The Partnership issues restricted units to certain employees, officers, and directors of the Partnership as part of their annual compensation. Restricted units are valued on the grant date at the market closing price of the partnership units on that date. The value of the restricted units is amortized to compensation expense on a straight-line basis during the vesting period which is generally four years. Grants to retirement-eligible individuals on the date of grant are expensed immediately.

### Income per partnership unit

Basic and diluted net earnings (loss) per unit are calculated by dividing net income attributable to unitholders, adjusted for non-forfeitable distributions paid out to unvested restricted unitholders and Fund II and Fund III preferred shareholders, by the weighted average units outstanding during the period.

The table below displays how we arrived at basic and diluted earnings per unit:

	Year ended December 31,			
(in thousands, except per unit data)	2015	2014	2013	
Net and comprehensive income attributable to unitholders Less: Net and comprehensive income attributable to	\$10,943	\$12,415	\$13,135	
unvested restricted unitholders	(103)	(112)	(195)	
Less: Dividends paid to Funds preferred shareholders	(31)	(31)	(16)	
Net and comprehensive income attributable to unitholders	\$10,809	\$12,272	\$12,924	
Basic and diluted weighted average units outstanding	4,298	4,353	4,369	
Basic and diluted net earnings per unit	\$2.51	\$2.82	\$2.96	

### Fund II and Fund III Preferred Shares

Fund II and Fund III issued 125 par \$0.01 shares of its 12.5% Series A Cumulative Non-Voting Preferred Stock (Series A Preferred Stock) at \$1,000 per share. Each holder of the Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. Dividends on each share of Series A Preferred Stock will accrue on a daily basis at the rate of 12.5% per annum. Upon redemption, the Series A Preferred Shares will be settled in cash and are not convertible into any other class or series of shares or Partnership units. Redemption timing is controlled by the Funds. The maximum amount that each of the consolidated subsidiaries could be required to pay to redeem the instruments upon settlement is \$125,000 plus accrued but unpaid dividends. The Series A Preferred Stock is recorded within noncontrolling interests on the consolidated balance sheets and are considered participating securities for purposes of calculating earnings per unit.

### Fair Value Hierarchy

We use a fair value hierarchy in accounting for certain nonfinancial assets and liabilities including long-lived assets (asset groups) measured at fair value for an impairment assessment.

The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon its own market assumptions.

The fair value hierarchy consists of the following three levels:

- Level 1-Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2-Inputs are: (a) quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, (b) quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or (c) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable and market-corroborated inputs, which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3-Inputs are derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or value drivers are unobservable.

# 2. ORM Timber Fund I, LP (Fund I), ORM Timber Fund II, Inc. (Fund II), and ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. (Fund III) (Collectively, "The Funds")

The Funds were formed by ORMLLC for the purpose of attracting capital to purchase timberlands. The objective of these Funds is to generate a return on investments through the acquisition, management, value enhancement and sale of timberland properties. Each Fund is organized to operate for a term of ten years from the end of the respective investment period. Fund I sold all of its timberland holdings in 2014 and terminated in 2015. Fund II is scheduled to terminate in March 2021 and Fund III is scheduled to terminate in December 2025.

Pope Resources and ORMLLC together owned 20% of Fund I, own 20% of Fund II and 5% of Fund III. All Funds are consolidated into the Partnership's financial statements. The consolidated financial statements exclude management fees paid by the Funds to ORMLLC as they are eliminated in consolidation. See note 10 for a breakdown of operating results before and after such eliminations. The portion of these fees, among other items of income and expense, attributed to third-party investors is reflected as an adjustment to income in the Partnership's Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income under the caption "Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests – ORM Timber Funds."

The table below outlines timberland acquisitions by the Funds for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	2015	2014	2013
Timing	Fourth Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Fund	Fund III	Fund III	Fund III
Location	South Puget Sound WA	Northwestern OR	Southwestern WA
Acres	15,000	13,000	11,000
Purchase price allocation (in thousands)			
Land	\$6,053	\$7,730	\$4,275
Timber and roads	44,503	64,295	39,138
Total purchase price	\$50,556	\$72,025	\$43,413

In September 2014, Fund I sold one of its two tree farms located in western Washington for \$39.0 million and recognized a gain on the sale of \$9.2 million. This tree farm's carrying value consisted of \$26.6 million for timber and roads and \$2.4 million for the land.

In October 2014, Fund I sold its remaining tree farm, located in western Washington, for \$31.5 million and recognized a gain on the sale of \$14.6 million. The carrying value of this tree farm consisted of \$13.6 million for timber and roads and \$2.6 million for the land.

The Partnership's share of the pretax profit or loss generated by Fund I was a profit of \$4.7 million and loss of \$124,000 for 2014 and 2013, respectively. The aforementioned pretax profit and loss amounts include the Partnership's share of the gain on sale of the tree farms.

The Partnership's consolidated financial statements include Fund I, Fund II, and Fund III assets and liabilities at December 31, 2015 and 2014, which were as follows:

(in thousands)	2015	2014
Cash	\$3,396	\$9,523
Other current assets	602	1,108
Total current assets	3,998	10,631
Properties and equipment (net of accumulated depletion and		
depreciation in 2015 and 2014 of \$34,757 and \$26,738)	271,850	230,123
Total assets	\$275,848	\$240,910
Current liabilities	\$1,723	\$1,891
Long-term debt	57,246	57,380
Funds' equity	216,879	181,639
Total liabilities and equity	\$275,848	\$240,910

The table above includes management fees and other expenses payable to the Partnership of \$630,000 and \$613,000 as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These amounts are eliminated in the Partnership's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# 3. Long-Term Debt

At De		cember 31,	
(in thousands)	2015	2014	
Pope Resources debt:			
Mortgage payable to NWFCS, collateralized by Poulsbo headquarters:			
Ten-year tranche, interest at 3.80% with monthly principal and			
interest payments (matures January 2023)	\$2,692	\$2,802	
Mortgages payable to NWFCS, collateralized by Partnership			
timberlands, as follows:			
Five-year tranche, interest at 4.10% with quarterly interest payments			
(matured July 2015)	_	4,999	
Seven-year tranche, interest at 4.85% with quarterly interest payments			
(matures July 2017)	5,000	5,000	
Ten-year tranche, interest at 6.40% with monthly interest payments			
(matures September 2019)	9,800	9,800	
Fifteen-year tranche, interest at 6.04% with quarterly interest payments			
(matures July 2025)	10,000	10,000	
Total Partnership debt	27,492	32,601	
ORM Timber Funds debt:			
Fund II Mortgages payable to MetLife, collateralized by Fund II timberlands			
with quarterly interest payments (matures September 2020), as follows:			
4.85% interest rate tranche	11,000	11,000	
3.84% interest rate tranche	14,000	14,000	
Fund III mortgages payable to NWFCS, collateralized by Fund III timberlands	,	,	
with quarterly interest payments, as follows:			
5.10% interest rate tranche (matures December 2023)	17,980	17,980	
4.45% interest rate tranche (matures October 2024)	14,400	14,400	
Total ORM Timber Funds debt	57,380	57,380	
Consolidated principal amount	84,872	89,981	
Less unamortized debt issuance costs	(221)	(251)	
Less current portion	(114)	(5,109)	
Consolidated long-term debt, less unamortized debt issuance costs and current portion	\$84,537	\$84,621	

The Partnership's debt agreements have covenants which are measured quarterly. Among the covenants measured is a requirement that the Partnership not exceed a maximum debt-to-total-capitalization ratio of 30%, with total capitalization calculated using fair market (vs. carrying) value of timberland, roads and timber. The Partnership is in compliance with this covenant as of December 31, 2015.

Fund II's debt agreement contains a requirement to maintain a loan-to-value ratio of less than 40%, with the denominator defined as fair market value. Fund II is in compliance with this covenant as of December 31, 2015.

Fund III's debt agreement contains a requirement to maintain a minimum debt coverage ratio and a loan-to-value ratio of less than 50%, with the denominator defined as fair market value. Fund III is in compliance with this covenant as of December 31, 2015.

At December 31, 2015, principal payments on long-term debt for the next five years and thereafter are due as follows (in thousands):

2016	114
2017	5,118
2018	123
2019	9,928
2020	128
Thereafter	69,461
Total	\$84,872

At December 31.

The Partnership's revolving line of credit with NWFCS matures April 2020 and has a maximum borrowing limit of \$20 million. This line of credit had nothing drawn as of December 31, 2015 or 2014. The interest rate under this credit facility uses LIBOR as a benchmark. The spread above the benchmark rate is variable depending on the Partnership's trailing twelve-month interest coverage ratio but ranges from 150 to 200 basis points. As of December 31, 2015 the rate (benchmark plus the spread) was 1.93%. The debt arrangements between NWFCS and the Partnership and Fund III include an annual reimbursement of interest expense (patronage). Interest expense was reduced by 478,000, 395,000 and 249,000 in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which reflects estimated patronage to be refunded in the following year with the related receivable reflected in Accounts Receivable.

Accrued interest relating to all debt instruments was \$941,000 and \$960,000 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and is included in accrued liabilities.

### 4. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Partnership's consolidated financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable, for which the carrying amount of each represents fair value based on current market interest rates or their short-term nature. Carrying amounts of contracts receivable, although long-term, also approximate fair value given the current market interest rates. The fair value of the Partnership's and Funds' fixed-rate debt having a carrying value of \$84.9 million and \$90.0 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, has been estimated based on current interest rates for similar financial instruments, Level 2 inputs in the Fair Value Hierarchy, to be approximately \$89.8 million and \$96.0 million, respectively.

### 5. Income Taxes

The Partnership itself is not subject to income taxes. Instead, partners are taxed on their share of the Partnership's taxable income, whether or not cash distributions are paid. The Partnership's and Funds' corporate subsidiaries, however, are subject to income taxes. The following tables provide information on the impact of income taxes in taxable subsidiaries. Consolidated Partnership income (loss) is reconciled to income (loss) before income taxes in corporate subsidiaries for the years ended December 31 as follows:

(in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Income before income taxes	\$7,707	\$32,855	\$11,404
Income in entities that pass-through			
pre-tax earnings to the partners	7,203	30,169	11,632
Income (loss) subject to income taxes	\$504	\$2,686	\$(228)

The provision for income taxes relating to corporate subsidiaries of the Partnership and Funds consist of the following income tax benefit (expense) for each of the years ended December 31:

(in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Current	\$(328)	\$(341)	\$47
Deferred	121	(643)	260
Total	\$(207)	\$(984)	\$307

Included in the deferred income tax expense for 2014 is \$274,000 related to the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards. Included in the deferred tax benefit for 2015 and 2013 was a benefit of \$71,000 and \$444,000, respectively, related to net operating loss carryforwards. The Partnership also recorded excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation of \$340,000 and \$85,000 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. There were no such excess tax benefits for 2013.

A reconciliation between the federal statutory tax rate and the Partnership's effective tax rate is as follows for each of the years ended December 31:

	2015	2014	2013
Statutory tax on income	34%	34%	34%
Income (loss) in entities that pass-through			
pre-tax earnings to the partners	(31)%	(31)%	(36)%
Effective income tax rate	3%	3%	(2)%

The net deferred income tax assets include the following components as of December 31:

(in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Current (included in prepaid expenses and other)	\$730	\$602	\$992
Non-current (included in other assets			
(other long-term liabilities))	90	(244)	9
Total	\$820	\$358	\$1,001

The deferred tax assets are comprised of the following:

(in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Compensation-related accruals	\$421	\$17	\$370
Net operating loss carryforward	399	337	611
Depreciation	(16)	(23)	(8)
Other	16	27	28
Total	\$820	\$358	\$1,001

The federal net operating loss carryforwards in the table above expire in 2032 through 2035.

### 6. Unit Incentive Plan

One of the two components of a management incentive compensation program adopted in 2010 (2010 Incentive Compensation Program) is the Performance Restricted Unit (PRU) plan which includes both an equity and cash component. Compensation expense relating to the PRUs will vest over a 4-year future service period. The first equity grants pursuant to this program were made in January 2011. On the date of grant, these restricted units are owned by the employee, officer, or director of the Partnership, subject to a trading restriction that is in effect during the vesting period. As of December 31, 2015, total compensation expense not yet recognized related to non-vested awards was \$687,000 with a weighted average 16 months remaining to vest.

The second component of the incentive compensation program is the Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) which is paid in cash. The LTIP awards contain a feature whereby the award amount is based upon the Partnership's total shareholder return (TSR) as compared to TSR's of a benchmark peer group of companies, measured over a rolling three-year performance period. The component based on relative TSR requires the Partnership's projected cash payout for yet-to-be-completed performance cycles to be re-measured quarterly based upon the Partnership's relative TSR ranking, using a Monte Carlo simulation model.

Total equity compensation expense was \$864,000, \$867,000 and \$1.2 million for 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, we recorded in accrued liabilities \$1.2 million relating to the 2010 Incentive Compensation Program, with \$230,000 of that total attributable to the cash component of the PRU and the balance of \$949,000 attributable to the LTIP. This compares with December 31, 2014 when we recorded in accrued liabilities \$1.0 million, with \$287,000 related to the cash-payout component of the PRU and the balance of \$751,000 attributable to the LTIP.

The Partnership's 2005 Unit Incentive Plan (the 2005 Plan) authorized the granting of nonqualified equity compensation to employees, officers, and directors of the Partnership and provides a one-way linkage to the 2010 Incentive Compensation Program because it (2005 Plan) established the formal framework by which unit grants, options, etc., can be issued. The 2010 Incentive Compensation Program does not affect the existence or availability of the 2005 Unit Incentive Plan or change its terms. Upon the vesting of restricted units, grantees have the choice of tendering back units to pay for their minimum tax withholdings. A total of 1,105,815 units have been authorized for issuance under the 2005 Plan of which there are 909,239 units authorized but unissued as of December 31, 2015.

The Human Resources Committee makes awards of restricted units to certain employees, plus the officers and directors of the Partnership and its subsidiaries. The restricted unit grants vest over four years and are compensatory in nature. Restricted unit awards entitle the recipient to full distribution rights during the vesting period, and thus are considered participating securities, but are restricted from disposition and may be forfeited until the units vest.

Restricted unit activity for the three years ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Units	Weighted Avg Grant Date Fair Value (\$)
Outstanding December 31, 2012	52,348	38.09
Grants	36,200	60.00
Vested, net of units tendered back	(12,409)	31.95
Forfeited	(1,350)	49.07
Tendered back to pay tax withholding	(4,031)	34.98
Outstanding December 31, 2013	70,758	50.34
Grants	12,966	65.50
Vested, net of units tendered back	(21,070)	46.04
Forfeited	(18,261)	55.49
Tendered back to pay tax withholding	(2,966)	47.30
Outstanding December 31, 2014	41,427	55.23
Grants	12,050	62.14
Vested, net of units tendered back	(15,729)	49.39
Tendered back to pay tax withholding	(1,701)	50.33
Outstanding December 31, 2015	36,047	59.96

# 7. Employee Benefits

As of December 31, 2015 all employees of the Partnership and its subsidiaries are eligible to receive benefits under a defined contribution plan. During the years 2013 through 2015 the Partnership matched 50% of employees' contributions up to 8% of an individual's compensation. The Partnership's contributions to the plan amounted to \$191,000, \$176,000, and \$147,000 for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

# 8. Commitments and Contingencies

### **Environmental remediation**

The Partnership has an accrual for estimated environmental remediation costs of \$16.8 million and \$21.7 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The environmental remediation liability represents management's best estimate of payments to be made to monitor and remedy certain areas in and around the townsite/millsite of Port Gamble.

In December of 2013, a consent decree (CD) and Clean-up Action Plan (CAP) related to Port Gamble were finalized with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and filed with Kitsap County Superior Court. Pursuant to the CD and CAP, an engineering design report (EDR) was submitted to DOE in November 2014, followed by other supplemental materials establishing our proposed means for complying with the CAP. Discussions between management and DOE to finalize the remediation project design and further sampling and investigation conducted in 2014 yielded new information that indicated certain areas of the project would be significantly more expensive than estimated when the CD and CAP were filed. As a result, the Partnership recorded a \$10 million increase in its liability at December 31, 2014. The increase in costs came from four primary categories; pile removal and disposal, dredging and disposal, the application of sand cover, and eelgrass mitigation.

The EDR was finalized in the Summer of 2015 and, in the third quarter, the Partnership selected a contractor to complete the remediation work. Management's cost estimates for the project are based on amounts included in the construction contract and estimates for construction contingencies, project management and other professional fees. Remediation activity began in late September of 2015 and will continue into 2017, followed by a period of monitoring activity.

The environmental remediation accrual also includes estimated costs related to a separate remediation effort within the resort community of Port Ludlow. At this point, costs for this project consist primarily of ongoing monitoring activity.

The environmental liability at December 31, 2015 is comprised of \$11.2 million that the Partnership expects to expend in the next 12 months and \$5.6 million thereafter and are included in other current liabilities and other long-term liabilities, respectively.

Changes in the environmental liability for the last three years are as follows:

(in thousands)	Balances at the Beginning of the Period	Additions to Accrual	Expenditures for Remediation	Balance at Period-end
Year ended December 31, 2013	\$13,942	\$-	\$701	\$13,241
Year ended December 31, 2014	13,241	10,000	1,590	21,651
Year ended December 31, 2015	\$21,651	\$-	\$4,890	\$16,761

#### Performance bonds

In the ordinary course of business, and as part of the entitlement and development process, the Partnership is required to provide performance bonds to ensure completion of certain public facilities. The Partnership had performance bonds of \$10.5 million and \$6.9 million outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The bonds relate primarily to development activity in connection with pending and completed sales from our Harbor Hill project in Gig Harbor.

# Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan

The Partnership has a supplemental employee retirement plan for a retired employee. The plan provides for a retirement income of 70% of his base salary at retirement after taking into account both 401(k) and Social Security benefits with a fixed payment set at \$25,013 annually. The recorded balance of the projected liability as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$151,000 and \$165,000, respectively.

# **Contingencies**

The Partnership may from time to time be a defendant in various lawsuits arising in the ordinary course of business. Management believes Partnership losses related to such lawsuits, if any, will not have a material adverse effect to the Partnership's consolidated financial condition or results of operations or cash flows.

# 9. Related Party Transactions

Pope MGP, Inc. is the managing general partner of the Partnership and receives an annual management fee of \$150,000.

# 10. Segment and Major Customer Information

The Partnership's operations are classified into three segments: Fee Timber, Timberland Management, and Real Estate. The Fee Timber segment consists of the harvest and sale of timber from both the Partnership's 111,000 acres of fee timberland in Washington and the Funds' 94,000 acres in Washington, Oregon, and California.

The Timberland Management segment provides investment management, disposition, and technical forestry services in connection with 24,000 acres for Fund I, which were sold in 2014, 37,000 acres for Fund II, and 57,000 acres for Fund III.

The Real Estate segment's operations consist of management of development properties and the rental of residential and commercial properties in Port Gamble and Poulsbo, Washington. Real Estate manages a portfolio of 2,500 acres of higher-and-better-use properties as of December 31, 2015. All of the Partnership's real estate activities are presently in the state of Washington.

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Partnership had no customers that represented over 10% of consolidated revenue. For the year ended December 31, 2013, the Partnership had one customer that represented 14% of consolidated revenue, or \$9.9 million, and another that represented 12% of consolidated revenue, or \$8.6 million.

Identifiable assets are those used exclusively in the operations of each reportable segment or those allocated when used jointly. The Partnership does not allocate cash, accounts receivable, certain prepaid expenses, or the cost basis of the Partnership's administrative office for purposes of evaluating segment performance by the chief operating decision maker. Intersegment transactions are valued at prices that approximate the price that would be charged to a third-party customer.

Details of the Partnership's operations by business segment for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

Fee Timber

		ree minber					
(in thousands)	Partnership	Funds	Combined	Timberland Management	Real Estate	Other	Consolidated
2015 Revenue internal Eliminations	\$29,257 (343)	\$23,250 -	\$52,507 (343)	\$2,235 (2,235)	\$26,007 (143)	\$- -	\$80,749 (2,721)
Revenue external	28,914	23,250	52,164	_	25,864	_	78,028
Cost of sales	(11,875)	(18,214)	(30,089)	_	(16,515)	_	(46,604)
Operating, general and administrative expenses interna Eliminations Operating, general and		(4,874) 2,230	(10,261) 2,250	(2,953) 328	(4,056) 20	(5,095) 123	(22,365) 2,721
administrative expenses externa Loss on sale of timberland Income (loss) from operations	(5,367) –	(2,644) (1,103)	(8,011) (1,103)	(2,625) –	(4,036) –	(4,972) -	(19,644) (1,103)
internal Eliminations	11,995 (323)	(941) 2,230	11,054 1,907	(718) (1,907)	5,436 (123)	(5,095) 123	10,677 _
Income (loss) from operations external	\$11,672	\$1,289	\$12,961	\$(2,625)	\$5,313	\$(4,972)	\$10,677
2014 Revenue internal Eliminations Revenue external Cost of sales	\$34,459 (611) 33,848 (14,397)	\$31,356 - \$31,356 (22,389)	\$65,815 (611) 65,204 (36,786)	\$3,303 (3,303) - -	\$22,385 (119) 22,266 (11,304)	\$- - -	\$91,503 (4,033) 87,470 (48,090)
Operating, general and administrative expenses intern Environmental remediation Eliminations	nal (5,101) - -	(6,081) - 3,303	(11,182) - 3,303	(2,940) - 611	(3,682) (10,000) –	(3,900) - 119	(21,704) (10,000) 4,033
Operating, general and administrative expenses external Gain on sale of timberland Income (loss) from	(5,101) –	(2,778) 23,750	(7,879) 23,750	(2,329) -	(13,682)	(3,781)	(27,671) 23,750
operations internal Eliminations	14,961 (611)	26,636 3,303	41,597 2,692	363 (2,692)	(2,601) (119)	(3,900) 119	35,459 _
Income (loss) from operations external	\$14,350	\$29,939	\$44,289	\$(2,329)	\$(2,720)	\$(3,781)	\$35,459
2013 Revenue internal Eliminations Revenue external Cost of sales	\$32,781 (600) 32,181 (13,554)	\$23,854 - \$23,854 (18,772)	\$56,635 (600) 56,035 (32,326)	\$2,807 (2,807) - -	\$14,798 (141) 14,657 (7,300)	\$- - - -	\$74,240 (3,548) 70,692 (39,626)
Operating, general and administrative expenses interna Eliminations	l (4,620) 25	(5,746) 2,800	(10,366) 2,825	(2,557) 607	(4,081)	(4,678) 116	(21,682) 3,548
Operating, general and administrative expenses externa Income (loss) from operations internal	14,607	(2,946) (664)	(7,541) 13,943	(1,950) 250	(4,081) 3,417	(4,562) (4,678)	(18,134) 12,932
Eliminations	(575)	2,800	2,225	(2,200)	(141)	116	-
Income (loss) from operations external	\$14,032	\$2,136	\$16,168	\$(1,950)	\$3,276	\$(4,562)	\$12,932

(in thousands)	2015	2014	2013
Depreciation, Amortization and Depletion			
Fee Timber – Partnership	\$8,044	\$2,570	\$2,999
Fee Timber – Funds	2,174	9,969	8,066
Fee Timber – Combined	10,218	12,539	11,065
Timberland Management	18	2	2
Real Estate	299	394	733
G&A	101	88	108
Total	\$10,636	\$13,023	\$11,908
Assets			
Fee Timber – Partnership	\$49,499	\$46,453	\$46,856
Fee Timber – Funds	275,786	240,754	213,614
Fee Timber – Combined	325,285	287,207	260,470
Timberland Management	182	52	3
Real Estate	33,983	37,673	37,712
G&A	10,606	19,894	12,723
Total	\$370,056	\$344,826	\$310,908
Capital and Land Expenditures			
Fee Timber – Partnership	\$5,877	\$2,536	\$985
Fee Timber – Funds	51,854	73,359	44,510
Fee Timber-Combined	57,731	75,895	45,495
Timberland Management	69	38	4
Real Estate-development activities	9,631	4,967	10,801
Real Estate-other	225	198	101
G&A	79	55	43
Total	\$67,735	\$81,153	\$56,444
Revenue by product/service			
Domestic forest products	\$41,636	\$42,896	\$34,001
Export forest products, indirect	10,528	22,308	22,034
Conservation easements and land sales	6,815	7,703	7,259
Fees for service	_	37	_
Homes, lots, and undeveloped acreage	19,049	14,526	7,398
Total	\$78,028	\$87,470	\$70,692

# 11. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per unit amounts)	Revenue	Income (loss) from operations	Net and comprehensive income (loss) attributable to unitholders	Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per unit
2015				
First quarter	\$26,908	\$8,073	\$7,809	\$1.80
Second quarter	13,904	180	289	0.06
Third quarter	15,208	(873)	615	0.13
Fourth quarter	22,008	3,297	2,230	0.51
2014				
First quarter	\$37,779	\$14,248	\$12,241	\$2.75
Second quarter	18,583	3,137	1,846	0.41
Third quarter	13,755	9,191	1,500	0.34
Fourth quarter	17,353	8,883	(3,172)	(0.75)

Quarterly fluctuations in data result from the addition and/or deferral of harvest volumes as well as the timing of real estate sales and environmental remediation charges, as disclosed in our quarterly filings. Management considered the disclosure requirements of Item 302(a)(3) and does not note any extraordinary, unusual, or infrequently occurring items except for the \$10.0 million environmental remediation charge recorded in the fourth quarter of 2014 and the sales of Fund I's two tree farms, one in the third quarter of 2014 and one in the fourth quarter of 2014.

Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None

# Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

# Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Partnership's management maintains a system of internal controls to promote the timely identification and reporting of material, relevant information. Those controls include requiring executive management and all managers in accounting roles to sign a Code of Ethics (See Exhibit 99.4 to this report). Additionally the Partnership's senior management team meets regularly to discuss significant transactions and events affecting the Partnership's operations. The Partnership's executive officers lead these meetings and consider whether topics discussed represent information that should be disclosed under generally accepted accounting principles and the rules of the SEC. The Board of Directors of the Partnership's managing general partner includes an Audit Committee that is comprised solely of independent directors who meet the requirements imposed by the Securities Exchange Act and the NASDAQ Stock Market. At least one member of our Audit Committee is a "financial expert" within the meaning of applicable NASDAQ rules. The Audit Committee reviews quarterly earnings releases and all reports on Form 10-Q and Form 10-K prior to their filing. The Audit Committee is responsible for hiring and overseeing the Partnership's external auditors and meets with those auditors at least four times each year, including executive sessions outside the presence of management, generally at each meeting.

The Partnership's executive officers are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures. They have designed such controls to ensure that others make known to them all material information within the organization. Management regularly evaluates ways to improve internal controls. As of the end of the period covered by the annual report on Form 10-K our executive officers completed an evaluation of the disclosure controls and procedures and have determined them to be functioning effectively.

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

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for

the Partnership. Internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act, is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Partnership's chief executive officer and chief financial officer and effected by the Partnership's board of directors, management and other personnel, 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. The Partnership's management, with the participation of the Partnership's chief executive and financial officers, has established and maintains policies and procedures designed to maintain the adequacy of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- 1) Pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Partnership;
- 2) Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Partnership are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management of the Partnership; and
- 3) Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Partnership's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Management has evaluated the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015 based on the control criteria established in a report entitled *Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)*, issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our assessment and those criteria, the Partnership's management has concluded that the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting is effective as of December 31, 2015.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect all errors or misstatements and all fraud. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the policies and procedures are met. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

The registered independent public accounting firm of KPMG LLP, auditors of the Partnership's consolidated financial statements, has issued an attestation report on the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. This report appears on page 49 of this annual report on Form 10-K.

## **Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

We implemented a change in internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2015 related to the preparation and review of the calculation of asset management fees (AMF) and investment management fees (IMF) charged to our private equity timber funds (Funds). This change was implemented to remediate a material weakness in the operating effectiveness of a process level control over the review of inputs to the calculation of such fees. This material weakness arose in prior periods and resulted in a calculation error that, while not material to our consolidated financial statements, could have accumulated to a material amount. To remediate this deficiency, we implemented enhanced preparation and review procedures consisting of the establishment of a detailed compliance checklist for each timber fund, to be completed and reviewed quarterly, to ensure the fees are calculated correctly using accurate inputs based on the terms of the Funds' governing documents. This material weakness did not have a pervasive effect on internal control over financial reporting, as it was limited to the calculation of the AMF and IMF and its effect on the allocation between income (loss) attributable to unitholders and income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests and the related equity components in our consolidated balance sheet.

There were no other changes in the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

# Item 9B. Other Information

None

# Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

# **GENERAL PARTNER**

The Partnership has no directors. Instead, the Board of Directors of its managing general partner, Pope MGP, Inc. (the "Managing General Partner"), serves in that capacity. References to the "Board" or words of similar construction in this report are to the board of the Managing General Partner, acting in its management capacity with respect to the Partnership. The Managing General Partner's address is the same as the address of the principal offices of the Partnership. Pope MGP, Inc. receives \$150,000 per year for serving as Managing General Partner of the Partnership. There are no family relationships among any of the executive officers and directors of the Managing General Partner.

The following table identifies the executive officers and directors of the Managing General Partner as of February 29, 2016. Officers of the Managing General Partner hold identical offices with the Partnership.

Name	Age	Position, Background, and Qualifications to Serve
Thomas M. Ringo	62	President and Chief Executive Officer, and Director, from June 2014 to present. Vice President and CFO from December 2000 to John Lamb's appointment to CFO April 2015. Senior Vice President Finance and Client Relations from June 1996 to December 2000. Vice President Finance from November 1991 to June 1996. Treasurer from March 1989 through October 1991 of Pope MGP, Inc. and the Partnership. Tax Manager of Westin Hotel Company, 1985 to March 1989. Tax Consultant for Price Waterhouse, 1981 to 1985.
William R. Brown (1), (3), (4), (5)	64	Director since October 2015. President, Green Diamond Resource Company from 2006 through 2013. Plum Creek Timber Company: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 1999 through 2006; Vice President, Strategic Business Development from 1998 through 1999; Vice President, Resources from 1995 through 1998; Director of Planning from 1990 through 1995. Director of Planning and Analysis, Glacier Park Company from 1987 through 1990. Finance Manager, Cornerstone Columbia Development Company from 1984 through 1987. Business Analyst, Weyerhaeuser Company from 1981 through 1984. Management Consultant, Kurt Salmon Associates, 1978 through 1980. Mr. Brown's experience in the forest products industry and knowledge of timberland markets in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere allow him to provide extensive insight into strategic and tactical business issues relevant to the Partnership. In addition, the senior financial leadership positions he has held at other companies provides allows him to provide valuable financial guidance as a member of the Audit Committee.
John E. Conlin (2), (3), (4)	57	Director since December 2005. Co-President and COO, NWQ Investment Management Company LLC, 2006 to present. Member, Board of Advisors, Victory Park Capital, 2009 to present. Member, Corporate Advisory Board, University of Michigan, Ross School of Business, 2006 to present. Member, University of Rochester Endowment Committee, 2006 to present. Director, ACME Communications, 2005 to 2008. Director, Cannell Capital Management 2002 to 2006. CEO, Robertson Stephens, Inc, from 2001 to 2003; COO, Robertson Stephens, Inc, from 1999 to 2000. Held numerous positions with Credit Suisse from 1983 to 1999, the last of which was Managing Director. Mr. Conlin's background in corporate finance, capital-raising and financial analysis bring the Partnership a perspective that is unique among our directors. Moreover, Mr. Conlin offers an ability to assess capital needs, structures and returns relating to the performance and

operation of the Partnership, the Funds, and our strategic goals and objectives.

#### Maria M. Pope (1), (4)

Director since December 2012. Senior Vice President of Power Supply and Operations and Resource Strategy since March 2013 of Portland General Electric, an electric utility. Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Portland General Electric from 2009 through February 2013; Director, Portland General Electric from 2006 through 2008. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Mentor Graphics Corporation, a software company, from July 2007 to December 2008. Vice President and General Manager, Wood Products Division of Pope & Talbot, Inc., a pulp and wood products company, from December 2003 to April 2007; Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of Pope & Talbot, Inc. from 1999 to 2003, Pope & Talbot, Inc. filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws on November 19, 2007. Ms. Pope previously worked for Levi Strauss & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc. Ms. Pope has extensive board experience, having served on several U.S. and Canadian corporate boards across a number of industries, including forest products. Ms. Pope is also a director of Umpqua Holdings Corporation. (NASDAQ: UMPQ). She served previously on the boards of Sterling Financial Corp, Premera Blue Cross, and TimberWest Forest Corp.

#### J. Thurston Roach (1), (3), (4)

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Director since May 2003. Director, Deltic Timber Corporation, December 2000 to present. Director, CellFor Inc. from November 2002 to May 2009. Outside Director, NBBJ Design, LLP, from November 2007 to present. Director, The Liberty Corporation May 1994 to January 2006. President and CEO, HaloSource Corporation, October 2000 to November 2001; Director, HaloSource Corporation, October 2000 to February 2002. Senior Vice President and CFO, Owens Corning, January 1999 to April 2000; Senior Vice President and President of Owens Corning's North American Building Materials Systems Business, February 1998 to December 1998. Vice Chairman, Simpson Investment Company, July 1997 to February 1998; President, Simpson Timber Company, January 1996 to June 1997; Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, Simpson Investment Company, August 1984 to December 1995. Mr. Roach's experience as a senior executive and director at other timber and resource companies offer the Partnership insight into the practical issues facing public companies, and his specific knowledge of the timber and timberland markets, both in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere, allow him to provide extensive input on both strategic and tactical business decisions confronting the board. His specific experience as Audit Committee chair for another public company has been leveraged effectively into a similar role at the Partnership.

#### Kevin C. Bates

Vice President of Timberland Investments from June 2014 to present, Director of Timberland Investment Management from March 2007 to June 2014. Controller from February 2001 to March 2007, Accounting Manager from February 1998 to February 2001. Internal Audit for Fluke Corporation and Accounting Manager for WAVTrace from May 1997 to March 1998. Audit Manager for Deloitte & Touche, 1991 to 1997.

#### John D. Lamb

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since April 2015. Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Unico Properties from 1997 through 2013. Corporate Controller for Shurgard Storage Centers from 1990 through 1997. Audit and Tax consultant with KPMG and Ernst & Young from 1983 through 1990.

# Jonathan P. Rose

Vice President – Real Estate and President of Olympic Property Group from June 2014 to present, Director of Real Estate and President of Olympic Property Group from March 2005 to June 2014. Vice President of Property Development from January 2000 to March 2005, Project Manager March 1996 to January 2000. Design Engineer for Apex Engineering from 1987 to 1996.

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<sup>1)</sup> Class A Director

<sup>2)</sup> Class B Director

<sup>3)</sup> Member of the Audit Committee

<sup>4)</sup> Member of the Human Resources Committee

<sup>5)</sup> Designated financial expert for the Board of Directors Audit Committee

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER

**Board Composition.** The Managing General Partner's Certificate of Incorporation provides that directors are divided into two classes, each class serving a period of two years. The Managing General Partner's shareholders elect approximately one-half of the members of the Board of Directors annually. The terms of the Class A directors expire on December 31, 2016, and the terms of the Class B directors expire on December 31, 2017. The directors' election to the Board of Directors is subject to a voting agreement between the Managing General Partner's two shareholders, Ms. Maria M. Pope and Mrs. Emily T. Andrews. J. Thurston Roach serves as Mrs. Andrews' appointee to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors met eight times in 2015 with six of the meetings in person to discuss Partnership matters. The composition of our Board of Directors is established by the Limited Partnership Agreement and accordingly, as permitted by NASDAQ Rules IM-5065-7 and 5615(a)(4), board nominations are not made or approved by a separate nominating committee or by a majority of the independent directors.

**Past Directorships.** During the period 2010 through 2015, Ms. Pope and Mr. Roach served on boards of other public companies as outlined in the following table.

Individual's Name	Name of Public Company	Term of Directorship					
Maria M. Pope	Umpqua Holdings Corporation (NASDAQ:UMPQ)	2014-present					
	Sterling Financial Corporation (NASDAQ:STSA)						
	TimberWest Forest Corp. (TSX:TWF.UN)	2006–2012					
J. Thurston Roach	Deltic Timber Company (NYSE:DEL)	2000-present					

**Board Leadership Structure.** The Board does not utilize a Chairman. The CEO generally calls meetings of the Board and sets schedules and agendas for such meetings. The CEO regularly communicates with all directors on key issues and concerns outside of Board meetings and endeavors to ensure that information provided to the Board is sufficiently timely and complete to facilitate Board member fulfillment of responsibilities. As the individual with primary responsibility for managing the Partnership's day-to-day operations, the CEO is best positioned to chair regular Board meetings where key business and strategic issues are discussed. The Board utilized Mr. Norberg as a "lead director" until his retirement in October 2015. Mr. Norberg was succeeded as "lead director" by Mr. Roach, whose chief responsibility in this regard is to chair executive sessions of the non-management directors which are conducted as a part of every Board meeting.

**Board's Role in the Risk Oversight Process.** Given the size of the Board, management of the Partnership's material risks is administered through the whole Board in concert with executive and senior operating personnel. Risk is an integral part of Board and committee deliberations throughout the year with regular discussion of risks related to the company's business strategies at each meeting. Periodically, the Audit Committee and Board review Management's assessment of the primary operational and regulatory risks facing the Partnership, their relative magnitude and management's plan for mitigating these risks. The Audit Committee considers risk issues associated with the Partnership's overall financial reporting and disclosure process and legal compliance. At each of its regularly scheduled meetings, the Audit Committee meets in executive session and meets with the independent auditor outside the presence of management.

**Diversity Policy.** As noted above, the Partnership's Board is established pursuant to the Partnership Agreement and a shareholders' agreement among the shareholders of Pope MGP, Inc., the Partnership's managing general partner. The shareholders' agreement, in particular, establishes the rights of the managing general partner's shareholders to designate the Partnership's directors. Neither the Partnership Agreement nor the managing general partner's shareholders' agreement establishes a diversity policy, nor does any such policy otherwise exist. Accordingly, our ability to consider diversity as a criterion for inclusion in the Board of Directors is limited to the diversity of the directors' business and financial experience.

**Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised of three independent directors who comply with the Exchange Act and NASDAQ's qualification requirements for Audit Committee members. The Audit Committee met to discuss the Partnership eight times during 2015. The Audit Committee's Chairman is J. Thurston Roach and its designated financial expert is William R. Brown. John E Conlin also serves on the Audit Committee. See report of the Audit Committee on financial statements below.

**Human Resources Committee.** The Human Resources Committee is responsible for (1) establishing compensation programs for executive officers and senior management of the Partnership designed to attract, motivate, and retain key

executives responsible for the success of the Partnership as a whole; (2) administering and maintaining such programs in a manner that will benefit the long-term interests of the Partnership and its unitholders; and (3) determining the salary, bonus, unit option and other compensation of the Partnership's executive officers and senior management. The Human Resources Committee met three times during 2015. Mr. Conlin served as Chairman of the Human Resources Committee in 2014. See report of the Human Resources Committee on executive compensation below.

#### BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP AND SECTION 16(A) REPORTING COMPLIANCE

The Partnership is a reporting company pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act. Under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, and the rules promulgated hereunder, directors, officers, greater than 10% shareholders, and certain other key personnel (the "Reporting Persons") are required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Partnership units. Reporting Persons are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on our review of such reports received or written or oral representations from the Reporting Persons, the Partnership believes that the Reporting Persons have complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to them, except that one director was late in filing a Form 4 to report an acquisition of indirect beneficial ownership as a result of two estate planning transactions.

# CODE OF ETHICS

The Partnership maintains a Code of Ethics that is applicable to all executive officers, directors, and certain other employees. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available on the Investor Relations section of the Partnership's website.

# Item 11. Executive Compensation; Compensation Discussion & Analysis

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Objectives of our Executive Compensation Program**

The objective of our executive compensation program is to reward performance and to attract, motivate, and retain those employees who embrace a culture of achievement with a long-term perspective.

Our executive compensation plans consist of two components: salary and a long-term incentive program (the "Incentive Program"), which is intended to reward selected management employees who provide services to and make decisions on behalf of the Partnership for performance that builds long-term unitholder value. Payments are made under the Incentive Program during the first quarter of each year with respect to results of decision-making in the prior year and relative performance of our units over the three-year period ending on December 31 of the prior year. As a result, information depicted in this report includes amounts paid in 2014, 2015, and 2016 with respect to performance from each of the following three-year periods, respectively: 2011–2013, 2012–2014, and 2013–2015.

## The Role of the Human Resources Committee and Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions

The Board's Human Resources Committee has responsibility for establishing our compensation objectives and approving all compensation for the CEO, his immediate subordinates, and the broader management team that participates in the Incentive Program. The committee's primary focus is to administer compensation programs to adequately reward and motivate employees, and then to monitor the execution of these programs. Periodically, the committee will revisit the design of the Partnership's compensation programs to ensure they maintain fairness and balance between the interests of our employees and our unitholders. With that in mind, the committee intends that the Incentive Program be continuing and permanent for participants, but reserves the right to modify or terminate the Incentive Program at any time, as long as previously earned awards are not forfeited. In its role as administrator of the Incentive Program, the committee has the authority to determine all matters relating to awards to be granted thereunder, and has sole authority to interpret its provisions and any applicable rule or regulation. In making its decisions and administering the Incentive Program and our other compensation programs, the committee also monitors and evaluates periodically the impact of our compensation policies and objectives in light of the potential for such arrangements to promote excessive risk-taking by participants. The Partnership has not considered the results of shareholder advisory votes on executive compensation required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act because the rule is inapplicable to limited partnerships and the Partnership does not conduct meetings of limited partners.

The Incentive Program has two components – the Performance Restricted Unit ("PRU") plan and the Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"). Both components have a long-term emphasis, with the PRU plan focused on annual decision making, and the LTIP focused on three-year performance of the Partnership's units relative to a comparison group of companies to be determined at the beginning of each plan cycle. The committee believes this focus is appropriate for the nature of the Partnership's assets and for strengthening alignment with unitholders. Each of these two Incentive Program components is described in more detail below.

The committee has from time-to-time engaged compensation consultants to assist the committee in assessing the market for top executives. Historically, these consultants have provided a limited scope of services on behalf of the committee and their roles generally have been confined to specific peer analyses or assessments of specific compensation components within the Partnership's then-existing compensation structures. These consultants generally have performed no other services for the Partnership or its subsidiaries or management, and in each case the committee has evaluated matters that the committee determined to be relevant to the consultant's independence. The Partnership's HR Committee engaged Farient Advisors, a compensation consulting advisory firm, to advise the HR Committee on executive compensation matters in 2013, 2014, and 2015, for which Farient was paid a total of \$33,000, \$87,000, and \$31,000, respectively.

#### **Elements of Compensation**

Our executive compensation program is designed to be consistent with the objectives and guidelines set forth above. A discussion of each of the key elements of the program follows below.

Base Salary. Base salary represents that portion of compensation that is designed to provide the executive with a stable and predictable cash payment at a level that is competitive with other similarly situated companies. In establishing base salary levels for executives and other members of the management team, the committee has used compensation consultant data, taking into account such factors as competitive industry salaries, general and regional economic conditions, and the size and geographic differences of "peer" companies against which the Partnership is compared. Using that data, the committee attempts to tailor our executives' base compensation to each executive's scope of responsibilities, individual performance, and contribution to our organization. If adjustments in base salary are made, they are usually effective March 1 of each year, unless circumstances warrant otherwise. In December, Mr. Ringo received an increase in conjunction with his promotion, on a permanent basis, to President and Chief Executive Officer. In June 2014, the Partnership promoted two new named executive officers: Kevin C. Bates to the position of Vice President of Timberland Investments and Jonathan P. Rose to the position of Vice President of Real Estate. Messrs. Bates and Rose received base salary increases as a result of these promotions based on market data for similar positions and consulting with a compensation advisory firm. In April 2015, the Partnership hired John D. Lamb as its Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Lamb's salary was determined in consultation with recruiting professionals who are knowledgeable regarding market data for similar positions.

*Incentive Program.* Our Incentive Program has been designed using a combination of the LTIP, which awards cash incentive payments based on relative total return to unitholders, together with the PRU plan, which uses a blend of cash and restricted limited partner units to reward annual decision making that is aligned with the Partnership's strategies. By designing the Incentive Program to align with both long-term decision making and performance, the committee believes it has mitigated the risk to the Partnership that could be driven by excessive focus on short-term goals.

Long-Term Incentive Program (LTIP). The LTIP represents the Partnership's cash bonus plan for the CEO and other senior management personnel, and focuses on relative total unitholder return measured over a rolling three-year period ending on the last day of the fiscal year for which the award is to be computed. Specifically, at the beginning and end of each period, the Partnership measures the arithmetic average trading price of the Partnership's limited partner units over the sixty-trading day period preceding the first day and the last day of the three-year measurement period. The Partnership also takes into account all distributions to unitholders during that period, and compares the resulting total returns to those provided to security holders within a group of the Partnership's peers as measured using the same methodology. The peer group definition has evolved over time and has been based upon the recommendation of the Partnership's compensation consultant to include companies within the forest products industry, as well as those in real estate or agriculture deemed to have a strong focus on land or natural resources. The following group of 15 companies was used as a benchmark for the 2012–14 and 2013–15 performance cycles.

Forest Products
Deltic (DEL)
Plum Creek (PCL)
Potlatch (PCH)
Rayonier (RYN)
St. Joe (JOE)
CatchMark Timber Trust (CTT)
Weyerhaeuser (WY)

Real Estate
EastGroup Properties (EGP)
First Potomac (FPO)
Forestar Group Inc. (FOR)
Monmouth RE Investment (MNR)
Tejon Ranch (TRC)

Agriculture Alico (ALCO) Griffin Land (GRIF) Limoneira (LMNR)

For the LTIP cycle 2011–13, Thomas Properties Group (TPGI) was included in the list of 15 peers while CatchMark Timber Trust (CTT) was not yet part of the peer group. TPGI was no longer a separately traded public company after December 2013 while CTT became a publicly traded company and a pure-play timber REIT in December 2013.

Following the close of each rolling three-year LTIP performance period, the committee ranks the Partnership's total unitholder return against those of the selected peer companies, and makes awards if the Partnership's total return is equal to or greater than the twentieth (20th) percentile. The fiftieth (50th) percentile within that ranking represents the Partnership's "target performance level," which results in a payout of 100% of the target LTIP bonus. The maximum award, which results in awards of 200% of the target LTIP amount, occurs when the Partnership is at or above the eightieth (80th) percentile. Actual payouts are determined in proportionate fashion when the total returns fall between the 20th (zero bonus) and 80th percentile (200% of target bonus). The committee has the discretion to alter award levels upward or downward by 20% of the actual formula bonus.

*Participants in the LTIP.* Participation in the LTIP is comprised of the CEO and other managers selected by the committee, generally from managers who report directly to the CEO.

Performance Restricted Unit Plan ("PRU"). The PRU is the equity-based element of the Incentive Program, although awards can be made in cash, restricted units, or a combination of each. Awards from this component of the Incentive Program are based upon a target pool established at the beginning of each fiscal year and adjusted upward or downward as participants are added to or deleted from the Incentive Program. For 2015 the payout award pool consisted of 2,600 units for Mr. Ringo and 10,800 units for all other management participants collectively.

Determination of Performance Awards. PRU awards are determined for the various participants on the basis of the participant's role in the Partnership's management, and are measured on the basis of the quality of performance and decision making against a broad spectrum of criteria, organized by business segment as follows:

Fee Timber. Fee Timber participants in the PRU are evaluated primarily on the basis of growth in sustainable harvest.

*Timberland Management.* Timberland Management participants are evaluated on the basis of investor capital commitments and internal rates of return for the Funds.

*Real Estate.* Because our real estate revenues vary tremendously with market conditions, and sale transactions are relatively infrequent, real estate participants are evaluated heavily on the estimated impact of entitlements and land improvements on the market value of our portfolio properties.

Corporate. Our corporate personnel are evaluated primarily on per unit growth in distributable income.

The committee has the discretion to adjust the award levels from 0% to 200% of the target award levels based on the participants' quality of performance and decision-making for the year. Awards may be adjusted below target levels in the event of poor performance or decision-making that exposes the Partnership to significant risk or loss, or above target levels for high-quality performance or generating or implementing decisions, plans or programs that are of major positive influence on the Partnership.

Mechanics of the PRU. Immediately following the end of each fiscal year, the committee determines the size of the PRU pool based on their assessment of the quality of decision-making during the year. The committee also identifies any events or decisions that merit special recognition for particular individuals or groups and, if so, determines the amount of any special PRU awards that are to be allocated to those participants. The PRU pool is established on the basis of these determinations, and each participant is allocated a specified performance value, which is then converted to a number of restricted units or, in the case of PRU awards paid in cash, based on the arithmetic average of the closing prices of the Partnership's limited partner units on Nasdaq on each of the sixty consecutive trading days ending on and including the last day of the relevant fiscal year. The committee also determines the appropriate allocations between restricted units and cash awards based upon a compensation consultant's market study with some influence from our past practices of granting restricted units and cash bonuses. In general, the higher up in the management group, the greater the percentage of that individual's PRU award received in the form of restricted units. The percentage of each participant's PRU award paid in the form of restricted units was kept to simple options of 100%, 50%, or 0%. Restricted unit grants vest ratably, with 25% vesting on each of the first four anniversaries of the grant date, although the committee has the discretion to vary such awards.

*Participants in the PRU.* In addition to the named executive officers, current participants in the PRU include 12 additional management personnel either one or two levels organizationally below the Partnership's CEO. As job duties change, the participants may be modified by the committee.

*Clawbacks.* The Partnership's incentive compensation program will be subject to the clawback provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. In the meantime, the HR Committee reserves the right and option to require the return of incentive compensation paid pursuant to the Incentive Program in any instances of fraudulent employee misconduct or a restatement of the Partnership's financial reports affecting the calculation of the payout amounts. The Partnership will adhere to all applicable regulations of the SEC, NASDAQ, and other governmental authorities regarding obligations to require disgorgement of erroneous or excessive compensation.

**Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits.** We do not provide perquisites or other personal benefits to our executive officers or senior managers. We do not own or lease aircraft for our executives' personal use. Our health care and medical insurance programs, as well as our defined contribution retirement plan (401(k)), are the same for all salaried employees, including officers. Further information regarding our defined contribution plan is set forth below in the paragraph entitled "Defined Contribution Retirement Savings Plan."

**Defined Benefit Pension Plans.** None of our named executive officers participate in or have account balances in qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans sponsored by us.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Savings Plan.** As of December 31, 2015 all our employees are eligible to participate in our defined contribution plan, which is a tax qualified plan pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Code. During each of the years 2013 through 2015 the Partnership matched 50% of the employees' contributions up to 8% of compensation. Partnership contributions to the plan amounted to \$191,000, \$176,000, and \$147,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Employees become fully vested in the Partnership's contribution over a six-year period. The Partnership does not discriminate between executive and non-executive employees with respect to any aspect of this plan.

**Agreements Between the Partnership and Executive Officers.** Each employee is employed at the will of the Partnership and does not have a term of guaranteed employment. We do not have any employment agreements with any of our named executive officers. We do have in place, however, a change in control agreement with the CEO (see discussion below).

## SEVERANCE AND OTHER TERMINATION BENEFITS

The committee recognizes the possibility that, as with all publicly traded entities, a change in control of Pope Resources or its Managing General Partner may occur and that the uncertainty created by this potential event could result in the loss or distraction of executives, with a resulting detriment to unitholders. To that end, Pope Resources has entered into a change in control agreement with Mr. Ringo that is intended to align executive and unitholder interests by enabling him to promote the Partnership's interests in connection with strategic transactions that may be in the best interests of unitholders without undue concern for personal circumstances.

The Partnership's severance program is based on a "double trigger" mechanism, which means that upon the involuntary termination of the executive's employment (other than "for cause," and including resignation for certain specified reasons) within eighteen months after a change in control event occurs, the following benefits would be provided:

- cash payments equal to two times Mr. Ringo's base salary, plus the executive's target bonus for the year in which the change in control occurred;
- immediate vesting of all outstanding unit option awards consistent with the terms of the Pope Resources 2005 Equity Incentive Plan; and
- continued coverage for Mr. Ringo and his dependents under Pope Resources' health and welfare plan for up to 18 months after termination.

The following table summarizes the cash payments that would have been due to Mr. Ringo if a change in control event had occurred on December 31, 2015.

Two times base salary	\$650,000
Target bonus	\$162,500
Total cash payments	\$812,500

No trusts are maintained to protect benefits payable to executives covered under these change in control agreements with any funding, as applicable, to come from the general assets of the Partnership.

#### POLICY WITH RESPECT TO \$1 MILLION DEDUCTION LIMIT

It is not anticipated that the limitations on deductibility, under Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m), of compensation to any one executive that exceeds \$1,000,000 in a single year will apply to the Partnership or its subsidiaries in the foreseeable future because this provision applies only to corporations and not to partnerships. In the event that the Partnership were to determine that such limitations would apply in a given scenario, the committee will analyze the circumstances presented and act in a manner that, in its judgment, is in the best interests of the Partnership. This may or may not involve actions to preserve deductibility.

## SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation earned by our named executive officers for the years 2013 through 2015:

			l Init	Non-equity Incentive	All Other	
			Unit Awards	Program Compensation	Compensation	
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	<b>(\$)</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	(\$) (2)	(\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Total (\$)
Thomas M. Ringo						
President and CEO	2015	325,000	166,400	160,000	22,445	673,845
President, CEO and CFO	2014	135,755	_	_	15,693	151,448
Vice President and CFO	2014	89,850	83,903	180,000	8,207	361,960
	2013	213,082	88,425	160,000	22,553	484,060
David L. Nunes						
President and CEO (4)	2014	184,241	_	_	24,800	209,041
	2013	327,818	196,500	360,000	49,684	934,002
Kevin C. Bates						
Vice President of Timberland Investment (5)	2015	193,959	64,000	100,000	20,475	378,434
	2014	177,677	62,150	113,500	22,145	375,472
John D. Lamb						
Vice President and CFO (6)	2015	175,190	64,000	-	39,500	278,690
Jonathon P. Rose						
Vice President – Real Estate and						
President of Olympic Property Group (5)	2015	204,167	64,000	100,000	20,995	389,162
	2014	194,997	62,150	113,500	20,635	391,282

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts represent the market value on the date of grant of restricted units received in January 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively, as compensation under the PRU plan for 2015, 2014 and 2013 performance. Expense will be recognized, however, over the four-year vesting period for each of these grants with 25% vesting each year.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents awards earned for each of the years 2013 through 2015 under the LTIP but paid out in January 2014, 2015, and 2016, respectively, as discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis. Messrs. Ringo, Bates and Rose earned additional compensation of \$24,000, \$16,000 and \$16,000, respectively, which was paid in June 2015. These amounts were awarded to recognize the additional responsibilities assumed by these individuals following the departure of Mr. Nunes until the appointment of Mr. Ringo as the permanent CEO.

<sup>(3)</sup> Amounts represent matching contributions to the Partnership's 401(k) plan made by the Partnership on behalf of the executive, and distributions received by the executive on unvested restricted Partnership units (the value of the restricted units is described under footnote (1) above and not repeated here.) For Mr. Lamb, the amount also includes a payment of \$37,500 in recognition that he will not receive his first payment under the LTIP until 2018.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Nunes served as CEO until May 31, 2014. Mr. Ringo was designated interim CEO effective June 1, 2014, and continued in his role as CFO. Mr. Ringo became the Partnership's permanent CEO on December 1, 2014 and continued to serve as CFO until Mr. Lamb was designated CFO effective April 20, 2015.

<sup>(5)</sup> Messrs. Bates and Rose became named executive officers in June 2014 upon their appointments as Vice Presidents of the Partnership.

<sup>(6)</sup> Mr. Lamb was designated CFO effective April 20, 2015.

#### **Grants of Plan Based Awards Table**

The following table supplements the Summary Compensation Table and lists both annual and long-term incentive awards made during 2015 to each named executive officer.

			Uı	ated Future nder Non-Ed ve Program	quity	U	ed Future Inder Equi e Program	ity	All Other Unit Awards: Number of Shares	All Other Options Awards: Number of	Closing Price on	Grant Date Fair Value
Name	Type of Award	Grant Date <sup>(2)</sup>	Thresh -old (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Thresh -old (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	of Unit or Units (#) <sup>(3)</sup>	Securities Underlying Options (#)	Grant Date (\$/Sh)	of Stock and Option Awards (\$)
Thomas M Ringo	LTIP											
President and CEO	2015-17	None	_	162,500	325,000							
	RU	1/12/15					1,350		62.15	83,903		
Kevin C. Bates	LTIP											
Vice President	2015-17	None	_	50,000	100,000							
	RU	1/12/15							1,000		62.15	62,150
John D. Lamb	LTIP											
Vice President and CFO	2015–17	None	-	73,333	146,666				-			
Jonathon P. Rose	LTIP											
Vice President	2015-17	None	_	50,000	100,000							
	RU	1/12/15							1,000		62.15	62,150

<sup>(1)</sup> Reflects potential awards under the LTIP. The LTIP was implemented in 2010 with an initial "cycle" corresponding to the performance period 2008–10, a second cycle for the performance period 2009–11, and so on up through the eighth cycle for the performance period 2015–17 which is the only cycle shown in the table above since its performance period initiated in calendar year 2015. Payouts for the 2011–13, 2012–14, and 2013–15 cycles are reflected in the Summary Compensation Table (see footnote (2) from that table). A description of how the LTIP functions is described above under Long-Term Incentive Program (LTIP).

# **Unit Incentive Program**

In 2005 the Board of Directors of Pope MGP, Inc. adopted the Pope Resources 2005 Unit Incentive Program (the "Plan") and terminated future awards under the Partnership's 1997 Unit Option Plan. The Plan is administered by the Human Resources Committee. The purpose of the change to the Plan was to allow the committee to award restricted units to employees and directors which the committee believes provides a better alignment of interest with current unitholders than the unit option grants under the 1997 plan.

#### Units Available for Issuance

There are 1,105,815 units authorized under the Plan. As of December 31, 2015 there were 909,239 authorized but not issued units in the Plan. Securities issued or issuable under the Plan have been registered on a Form S-8 registration statement.

#### **Unit Options**

There are currently no unexpired and unexercised options.

## Vesting Schedule

Under the PRU plan, restricted units granted ordinarily vest ratably over four years, with 25% vested on each anniversary of the grant. The administrator may vary this schedule in its discretion.

# **Unit Appreciation Rights**

In addition to Unit grants, the administrator of the Plan may grant unit appreciation rights. Unit appreciation rights represent a right to receive the appreciation in value, if any, of the Partnership's units over the base value of the unit appreciation right. As of the date of this report no unit appreciation rights have been granted under the Plan.

# Adjustments, Changes in Our Capital Structure

The number and kind of units available for grant under the, as well as the exercise price of outstanding options, will be subject to adjustment by the committee in the event of any merger or consolidation.

<sup>(2)</sup> No grant date attaches to LTIP cycles.

<sup>(3)</sup> Reflects the grant of time-based restricted units that will vest ratably over a four-year period on each of four anniversary-of-grant dates.

#### Administration

The committee has full discretionary authority to determine all matters relating to securities granted under the Plan.

#### Amendment and Termination

The board of directors has the exclusive authority to amend or terminate the Plan, except as would adversely affect participants' rights to outstanding awards. As the plan administrator, the committee has the authority to interpret the plan and options granted under the Plan and to make all other determination necessary or advisable for plan administration. In addition, as administrator of the Plan the committee may modify or amend outstanding awards, except as would adversely affect participants' rights to outstanding awards without their consent.

# Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal Year-End; Option Exercise and Units Vested

The following table summarizes the outstanding equity award holdings held by our named executive officers as of December 31, 2015:

		Option Awards						Unit Awards			
Name		ies ng ed ns	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Vested	Market Value of Units That Have Not Vested (\$)	Plan Awards:	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)	
Thomas M. R	ingo										
President and C	CEO	-	_	_			4,387	281,075	_	_	
Kevin C. Bate Vice President	S	_	_	-			4,250	272,298	_	_	
John D. Lamb Vice President a		_	_	-			-	-	-	_	
Jonathon P. R Vice President	ose	_	_	-			3,850	246,670	_	_	

The following table summarizes the number of units acquired and amounts realized by our named executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2015 on the vesting of restricted units.

	Option	Unit Awards			
Name	Number of Units Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Units Acquired on Vesting (#) (1)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)	
Thomas M. Ringo President and CEO	-	_	2,363	148,903	
Kevin C. Bates V.P. Timberland Investments	-	_	2,250	141,825	
John D. Lamb Vice President and CFO	-	_	_	_	
Jonathon P. Rose V.P. Real Estate	-	_	2,050	129,205	

<sup>(1)</sup> Of the 2,050 units acquired upon vesting in 2015 by Mr. Rose, he tendered back 558 units with an aggregate value of \$35,169 to the Partnership in lieu of paying cash for payroll taxes due on the vesting. As such, Mr. Rose retained a net position of 1,492 of these units.

# Officer Unit Ownership Guidelines

In January 2016, the Partnership adopted unit ownership guidelines under which the President/CEO should hold units with a value of five times annual base salary. These guidelines are effective for our 2016 fiscal year but the President/CEO has five years to satisfy the guideline. We do not have formal unit ownership guidelines for our other named executive officers. As of February 17, 2016, Messrs. Ringo, Lamb, Bates and Rose owned units of Pope Resources that had the following values expressed as multiples of 2015 base salary. In addition, the table below outlines in a relative sense how the respective ownership positions of each named executive officer was obtained.

		Thomas M. Ringo	Kevin C. Bates	John D. Lamb	Jonathan P. Rose
Α	Total # of units owned – excluding unvested restricted units	21,506	17,394	500	7,313
В	Value of units owned – excluding unvested restricted units	\$1,249,499	\$1,010,591	\$29,050	\$424,885
С	Base salary Value divided by salary – B/C	\$325,000 3.8	\$194,750 5.2	\$250,000 0.1	\$205,000 2.1
%	of A acquired via: Open market purchase Exercise of options Vesting of restricted units	6% 41% 52%	5% 21% 74%	100% 41% 52%	-% 32% 68%
D	Total # of unvested restricted units	4,961	3,050	1,000	3,250
Ε	Value of unvested restricted units Value divided by salary – E/C	\$288,234 0.9	\$177,205 0.9	\$58,100 0.2	\$188,825 0.9
F	Combined value of all owned units – B plus E Value divided by salary – F/C	\$1,537,733 4.7	\$1,187,796 6.1	\$87,150 0.3	\$613,710 3.0

#### **Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth a summary of the compensation we paid to our non-employee directors for their services as such in 2015:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)		on-Equity Incentive Option Awards (\$) (2)	Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Program Compensation (\$)	Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Total (\$)
William R. Brown (4)	6,000	_	_	_	_	60,963	66,963
John E. Conlin	35,000	46,613	-	_	_	10,613	92,226
Douglas E. Norberg (4)	22,500	46,613	-	_	_	10,613	79,726
Maria M. Pope	26,500	46,613	_	_	_	8,100	81,213
J. Thurston Roach	39,000	46,613	_	_	_	10,613	96,226

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts represent the market value on the date of grant (January 12, 2015) of restricted units received during the year. These units are subject to a trading restriction until the units vest. These unit grants vest 50% on the third anniversary of the grant in January 2017 and the remaining 50% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date in January 2018. For each of Messrs. Conlin, Norberg, and Roach a total of 750 restricted units granted during fiscal year 2011 vested and became eligible for trading on April 11, 2015 and an additional 750 units granted during fiscal year 2012 vested and became eligible for trading on January 12, 2015. For Mr. Norberg, an additional 2,250 units vested and became eligible for trading on his retirement effective October 26, 2015.

<sup>(2)</sup> No options were awarded in 2015.

<sup>(3)</sup> Amounts represent distributions received on unvested restricted Partnership units. For Mr. Brown, amounts also include fees earned of \$14,500 and a unit grant with a market value on the date of grant (March 24, 2015) of \$46,463 received in his capacity as a board advisor prior to his election as director effective October 26, 2016.

<sup>(4)</sup> Mr. Norberg retired and was succeeded by Mr. Brown effective October 26, 2015.

Compensation of the outside directors of Pope MGP, Inc. consists of a monthly retainer of \$1,500 plus a \$1,000 per day fee for each board or committee meeting attended and \$500 for participation in a board or committee meeting via telephone. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual retainer amount of \$7,000 that is paid in a monthly pro rata fashion. The Chairman of the Human Resources Committee receives an additional annual retainer of \$5,000, also paid pro rata on a monthly basis. Both the Chairman of the Audit and Human Resources Committees receive an additional \$500 fee per committee meeting.

## REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Human Resources Committee of the General Partner's Board of Directors (the "Committee") has reviewed and discussed the contents of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, required by Item 402(b) of SEC Regulation S-K, with the Partnership's management and, based on such review and discussions, recommended to the General Partner's Board of Directors that it be included in this Form 10-K.

The Committee's report is also intended to describe in general terms the process the committee undertakes and the matters it considers in determining the appropriate compensation for the Partnership's executive officers: Messrs. Ringo, Lamb, Bates, and Rose.

# **Composition of the Committee**

The Committee is currently comprised of William R. Brown, John E. Conlin, Maria M. Pope, and J. Thurston Roach. Mr. Conlin served as Committee Chair during 2015. Douglas E. Norberg served on the Committee until his retirement from the Board in October 2015. None of the members are officers or employees of the Partnership or the General Partner.

#### Conclusion

The Human Resources Committee believes that for 2015 the compensation terms for Messrs. Ringo, Lamb, Bates, and Rose, as well as for our other management personnel, were clearly related to the realization of the goals and strategies established by the Partnership. The discussion set forth in this section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" is hereby adopted as the Report of the Human Resources Committee for the year ended December 31, 2015.

John E. Conlin, Chair William R. Brown Maria M. Pope J. Thurston Roach

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audit Committee of the General Partner's Board of Directors has furnished the report set forth in the following section entitled "Responsibilities and Composition of the Audit Committee" on the Partnership's year-end financial statements and audit for fiscal year 2015. The Audit Committee's report is intended to identify the members of the Audit Committee and describe in general terms the responsibilities the Audit Committee assumes, the process it undertakes, and the matters it considers in reviewing the Partnership's financial statements and monitoring the work of the Partnership's external auditors.

#### Responsibilities and Composition of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for (1) hiring the Partnership's independent registered public accounting firm and overseeing their performance of the audit functions assigned to them, (2) approving any non-audit services to be provided by the external auditors, and (3) approving all fees paid to the independent registered public accounting firm. Additionally, the Audit Committee reviews the Partnership's quarterly and year-end financial statements with management and the independent registered public accounting firm. The Board of Directors has adopted an Audit Committee Charter included in Exhibit 3.12 to this Annual Report on form 10-K.

The Audit Committee is comprised of J. Thurston Roach, William R. Brown, and John E. Conlin. Mr. Roach serves as Audit Committee Chair. All members of the Audit Committee are independent as defined under NASDAQ Rule 5605(a)(2) and Exchange Act Section 10A(m)(3), and all are financially literate. Mr. Brown is designated as a "financial expert" for purposes of NASDAQ Rule 5605(c)(2)(A).

During the year, the Audit Committee reviewed with the Partnership's management and with its independent registered public accounting firm the scope and results of the Partnership's internal and external audit activities and the effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee also reviewed current and emerging accounting and reporting requirements and practices affecting the Partnership. The Audit Committee discussed certain matters with the Partnership's independent registered public accounting firm and received certain disclosures from the independent registered public accounting firm regarding their independence. All fees paid during the year to the Partnership's external auditor were reviewed and pre-approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has also made available to employees of the Partnership and its subsidiaries a confidential method of communicating financial or accounting concerns to the Audit Committee and periodically reminds the employees of the availability of this communication system to report those concerns.

#### Conclusion

Based on this review, the Audit Committee recommends to the Partnership's Board of Directors that the Partnership's audited financial statements be included in the Partnership's report on Form 10-K.

J. Thurston Roach, Chair William R. Brown John E. Conlin

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Security Holder Matters

#### PRINCIPAL UNITHOLDERS

As of February 17, 2016, the following persons were known or believed by the Partnership (based solely on statements made in filings with the SEC or other information we believe to be reliable) to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the outstanding Partnership units:

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number Of Units (1)	Percent of Class
James H. Dahl 501 Riverside, Suite 902 Jacksonville, FL 32202	514,202 (2)	11.8
Emily T. Andrews 601 Montgomery Street Suite 2000 San Francisco, CA 94111	498,203 <sup>(3)</sup>	11.5
Maria M. Pope 133 SW 2nd Ave., Ste. 301 Portland, OR 97204	320,418 (4)	7.4
Pictet Asset Management SA 60 Route des Acacias 1211 Geneva 73 Switzerland	349,004 (5)	8.0

<sup>(1)</sup> Each beneficial owner has sole voting and investment power unless otherwise indicated. Includes restricted units that are unvested since beneficial owner receives distributions on all such restricted units.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Dahl filed a Schedule 13G on February 5, 2016 that indicates he is the direct beneficial owner of 147,652 Partnership units, that he owns another 212,579 units through various trusts over which he retains sole voting and investment power, and that he owns another 153,971 units for which he shares voting and dispositive power.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes 1,090 units owned by her husband, Adolphus Andrews, Jr. as to which she disclaims beneficial ownership. Also includes a total of 60,000 units held by Pope MGP, Inc. and Pope EGP, Inc., as to which she shares voting and investment power.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes (a) 239,317 units held by a limited liability company controlled by Ms. Pope; (b) 3,026 unvested restricted units; (c) 1,125 units held jointly with Ms. Pope's spouse for which she disclaims beneficial ownership; (d) 640 units held in trust for Ms. Pope's children for which she disclaims beneficial ownership; and (e) 60,000 units held by Pope MGP, Inc. and Pope EGP, Inc., as to which she shares investment and voting power.

<sup>(5)</sup> Pictet Asset Management filed a Schedule 13G on February 12, 2016 that indicates it has shared voting and investment power over these units.

#### **MANAGEMENT**

As of February 17, 2016, the beneficial ownership of the Partnership units of (1) the named executives (2) the directors of the Partnership's general partners, (3) the general partners of the Partnership, and (4) the Partnership's officers, directors and general partners as a group, was as follows.\*\*

Name	Position and Offices	Number of Units (1)	Percent of Class
Thomas M. Ringo	Director, President and CEO, Pope		
	MGP, Inc. and the Partnership	26,467 <sup>(2)</sup>	*
William R. Brown	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.	1,526 (3)	*
John E. Conlin	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.	25,421 (4)	*
Maria M. Pope	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.	320,418 (5)	7.4
J. Thurston Roach	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.	8,026 (4)	*
John D. Lamb	Vice President and CFO	1,500 (6)	*
Kevin C. Bates	Vice President of Timberland Investments	20,444 (7)	*
Jonathan P. Rose	Vice President – Real Estate and		
	President of Olympic Property Group	10,563 (8)	*
Pope MGP, Inc.	Managing General Partner of the Partnership	6,000	*
Pope EGP, Inc.	Equity General Partner of the Partnership	54,000	1.2
All General partners, di	rectors and officers of general partners, and officers		
of the Partnership as a	group (8 individuals and 2 entities)	414,365 <sup>(9)</sup>	9.5

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%

- (2) Includes 4,961 unvested restricted units.
- (3) Consists entirely of unvested restricted units.
- (4) Includes 3,026 unvested restricted units.
- (5) Includes 239,317 units held by a limited liability company controlled by Ms. Pope; 3,026 unvested restricted units and 1,125 units held jointly with Ms. Pope's spouse for which she disclaims beneficial ownership. Also includes 640 units held in trust for Ms. Pope's children for which she disclaims beneficial ownership and 60,000 units held by Pope MGP, Inc. and Pope EGP, Inc., as to which she shares investment and voting power.
- (6) Includes 1,000 unvested restricted units.
- (7) Includes 3,050 unvested restricted units.
- (8) Includes 3,250 unvested restricted units.
- (9) For this computation, the 60,000 units held by Pope MGP, Inc. and Pope EGP, Inc. are excluded from units beneficially owned by Ms. Pope. Includes 22,865 unvested restricted units.

#### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

The following table presents certain information with respect to the Partnership's equity compensation plans and awards thereunder on December 31, 2015.

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding option warrants and righ	of exercis s, outstanding		Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by secu Equity compensation plans not approved by s	•		N/A	909,239
Total	ceanty noiders		N/A	909,239

<sup>\*\*</sup>The address of each of these parties is c/o Pope Resources, 19950 Seventh Avenue NE, Suite 200, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

<sup>(1)</sup> Each beneficial owner has sole voting and investment power unless otherwise indicated. Includes restricted units that are unvested since beneficial owner receives distributions on all such restricted units.

# Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

The Partnership Agreement provides that it is a complete defense to any challenge to an agreement or transaction between the Partnership and a general partner, or related person, due to a conflict of interest if, after full disclosure of the material facts as to the agreement or transaction and the interest of the general partner or related person, (1) the transaction is authorized, approved or ratified by a majority of the disinterested directors of the General Partner, or (2) the transaction is authorized by partners of record holding more than 50% of the units held by all partners. All of the transactions below were approved, authorized, or ratified by one of these two means.

**General Partner Fee.** Pope MGP, Inc. receives an annual fee of \$150,000, and reimbursement of administrative costs for its services as managing general partner of the Partnership, as stipulated in the Partnership Agreement. In accordance with our governing documents, two of the directors of the Pope MGP, Inc. are appointed by each of its two stockholders. From 1985 until his retirement in December 2012, Peter Pope was both a director and stockholder of Pope MGP, Inc. Maria Pope, daughter of Peter Pope, is currently a director and stockholder of Pope MGP, Inc.

**ORM Timber Fund I, LP ("Fund I").** Pope Resources, A Delaware Limited Partnership owned 19% and Olympic Resource Management LLC owns 1% and is the general partner of Fund I. Thomas M. Ringo and Kevin C. Bates invested less than 1% of the capital in Fund I. The majority of this commitment was paid in the fourth quarter of 2006 when Fund I acquired timberland. Fund I sold its tree farms in 2014 and was liquidated in 2015. Messrs. Ringo and Bates are not direct investors in either Fund II or Fund III.

# **Director Independence**

With the exception of Mr. Ringo, our Chief Executive Officer, and subject to the above discussions regarding the relationships between the Partnership and the Managing General Partner, all of the directors of the Managing General Partner are independent under applicable laws and regulations and the listing standards of NASDAQ.

# Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

The following table summarizes fees related to the Partnership's principal accountants, KPMG LLP, during 2015 and 2014.

Description of services	2015	%	2014	%
Audit (1)	\$426,425	91%	\$423,800	85%
Audit related (2)	43,200	9%	72,540	15%
Tax (3)	_	_	_	_
All other fees (4)	1,650	-%	\$1,650	-%
Total	\$471,275	100%	\$496,340	100%

<sup>(1)</sup> Fees represent the arranged fees for the years presented, including the annual audit of internal controls as mandated under Sarbanes-Oxley section 404, and out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed during the years presented.

Prior to hiring KPMG LLP to provide services to the Partnership, anticipated fees and a description of the services are presented to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee then either agrees to hire KPMG LLP to provide the services or directs management to find a different service provider.

<sup>(2)</sup> Fees represent the arranged fees for the years presented in connection with the audits of, ORM Timber Fund I LP (2014 only), ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC, and ORM Timber Fund III Inc.

<sup>(3)</sup> Fees paid for professional services in connection with tax consulting.

 $<sup>{\</sup>it (4) Subscription to KMPG LLP's Accounting Research Online tool. } \\$ 

# PART IV

# Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedule

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# **EXHIBITS**

No.	Document
3.1	Certificate of Limited Partnership. (1)
3.2	Limited Partnership Agreement, dated as of November 7, 1985. (1)
3.3	Amendment to Limited Partnership Agreement dated December 16, 1986. (2)
3.4	Amendment to Limited Partnership Agreement dated March 14, 1997. (4)
3.5	Certificate of Incorporation of Pope MGP, Inc. (1)
3.6	Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Pope MGP, Inc. (3)
3.7	Bylaws of Pope MGP, Inc. (1)
3.8	Certificate of Incorporation of Pope EGP, Inc. (1)
3.9	Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Pope EGP, Inc. (3)
3.10	Bylaws of Pope EGP, Inc. (1)
3.11	Amendment to Limited Partnership Agreement dated October 30, 2007. (7)
3.12	Audit Committee Charter. (5)
4.1	Specimen Depositary Receipt of Registrant. (1)
4.2	Limited Partnership Agreement dated as of November 7, 1985, as amended December 16, 1986 and March 14, 1997 (see Exhibits 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4).
4.3	Pope Resources 2005 Unit Incentive Plan. (6)
9.1	Shareholders Agreement entered into by and among Pope MGP, Inc., Pope EGP, Inc., Peter T. Pope, Emily T. Andrews, P&T, present and future directors of Pope MGP, Inc. and the Partnership, dated as of November 7, 1985 included as Appendix C to the P&T Notice and Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 12, 1985, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 28.1 to the Partnership's registration on Form 10 identified in footnote (1) below. (1)
10.1	Form of Change of control agreement. (5)
10.2	First Amended and Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated June 10, 2010. (8)
10.3	Amendment No. 1 to First Amended and Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated August 6, 2010. (8)
10.4	First Amended and Restated Term Note from Pope Resources to Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated June 10, 2010. (8)
10.5	Term Note from Pope Resources to Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated June 10, 2010. (8)
10.6	First Amended and Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated June 10, 2010. (8)
10.7	Amendment No. 1 to First Amended and Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated August 6, 2010. (8)
10.8	Mortgage, Financing statement and Fixture Filing executed by Pope Resources in favor of Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated June 10, 2010. (8)

10.9	Mortgage, Financing statement and Fixture Filing executed by Pope Resources in favor of Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated June 10, 2010. (8)
10.10	Loan Agreement between ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated September 1, 2010. (8)
10.11	First Amendment to Loan Agreement between ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated February 7, 2011. (8)
10.12	Promissory Note from ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated September 1, 2010. (8)
10.13	Guaranty by ORM Timber Fund II, Inc. in favor of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated September 1, 2010. (8)
10.14	Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated September 1, 2010. (8)
10.15	Trust Deed, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated September 1, 2010. (8)
10.16	Amendment No. 2 to First Amended and Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated June 30, 2012. (9)
10.17	Amendment No. 2 to First Amended and Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated November 10, 2012. (9)
10.18	Note and Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated December 20, 2012. (9)
10.19	Second Amendment to Loan Agreement between ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated August 15, 2013. (10)
10.20	Promissory Note from ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated August 15, 2013. (10)
10.21	Amendment and Reaffirmation of Guaranty by ORM Timber Fund II, Inc. in favor of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated August 15, 2013. (10)
10.22	First Amendment to Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated August 15, 2013. (10)
10.23	First Amendment to Trust Deed, Security Agreement, Assignment of Leases and Rents and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Operating Company II, LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company dated August 15, 2013. (10)
10.24	Master Loan Agreement among ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated December 2, 2013. (10)
10.25	Promissory Note from ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. to Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated December 2, 2013. (10)
10.26	Mortgage, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement, Financing Statement and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated December 2, 2013 (Grays Harbor County). (10)
10.27	Mortgage, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement, Financing Statement and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated December 2, 2013 (Pacific County). (10)

- 10.28 Mortgage, Assignment of Rents, Security Agreement, Financing Statement and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated December 2, 2013 (Siskiyou County). (10) 10.29 Guaranty Agreement by ORM Timber Fund III LLC and ORM Timber Fund III (Foreign) LLC in favor of Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated December 2, 2013. (10) 10.30 Amendment No. 3 to Master Loan Agreement among ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated October 14, 2014. (11) 10.31 Promissory Note from ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. to Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated October 14, 2014. (11) 10.32 Mortgage, Financing Statement and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated October 14, 2014. (11) 10.33 Mortgage, Financing Statement and Fixture Filing between ORM Timber Fund III (REIT) Inc. and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated October 14, 2014. (11) 10.34 Guaranty Agreement by ORM Timber Fund III LLC and ORM Timber Fund III (Foreign) LLC in favor of Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated December 2, 2013. (11) 10.35 Revolving Operating Note from Pope Resources to Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated April 1, 2015. (12)10.36 Amendment No. 3 to First Amended And Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope REsources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, FLCA dated April 1, 2015. (12) 10.37 Amendment No. 3 to First Amended and Restated Master Loan Agreement between Pope Resources and Northwest Farm Credit Services, PCA dated April 1, 2015. (12) 21.1 Significant Subsidiaries. (13) 23.1 Consent of Registered Independent Public Accounting Firm. (13) 31.1 Certificate of Chief Executive Officer. (13) 31.2 Certificate of Chief Financial Officer. (13) 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (13) 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (13) 101.INS XBRL Instance Document 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document (1)Incorporated by reference from the Partnership's registration on Form 10 filed under File No. 1-9035 and declared
- effective on December 5, 1985.
- (2) Incorporated by reference from the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1987.

- (3) Incorporated by reference from the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1988.
- (4) Incorporated by reference from the Partnership's Proxy Statement filed on February 14, 1997.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.
- (6) Filed with Form S-8 on September 9, 2005.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010
- (9) Incorporated by reference to the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to the Partnership's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to the Partnership's annual report on form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to the Partnership's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2015.
- (13) Filed with this annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Partnership has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

POPE RESOURCES, A Delaware Limited Partnership

By POPE MGP, INC. Managing General Partner

Date: March 4, 2016 By /s/ Thomas M. Ringo

President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Partnership and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Date: March 4, 2016	By /s/ Thomas M. Ringo
	Thomas M. Ringo,
	President and Chief Executive Officer
	(principal executive officer), Partnership and Pope MGP, Inc.; Director,
	Pope MGP, Inc.
Date: March 4, 2016	By /s/ John D. Lamb
	John D. Lamb
	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
	(principal financial officer), Partnership and Pope MGP, Inc.
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Date: March 4, 2016	By /s/ Sean M. Tallarico
	Sean M. Tallarico
	Controller (principal accounting officer),
	Partnership
Date: March 4, 2016	By /s/ William R. Brown
	William R. Brown
	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.
Date: March 4, 2016	By /s/ John E. Conlin
	John E. Conlin
	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.
Date: March 4, 2016	By /s/ Maria M. Pope
	Maria M. Pope
	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.
Date: March 4, 2016	By /s/ J. Thurston Roach
	J. Thurston Roach
	Director, Pope MGP, Inc.

Results of Operations (Dollar amounts are in thousands except per unit data)	2015	2014	2013	2012
Revenue				
Fee Timber	\$52,164	\$65,204	\$56,035	\$45,539
Timberland Management	25.964	22.266	14657	7
Real Estate Total revenue	25,864 78,028	22,266 87,470	14,657 70,692	8,497 54,043
	70,020	07,470	70,032	54,045
Operating income/(loss) Fee Timber	12.061	44.200	16,168	11 052
Timberland Management	12,961 (2,625)	44,289 (2,329)	(1,950)	11,853 (1,568)
Real Estate	5,313	(2,720)	3,276	(1,000)
General & Administrative	(4,972)	(3,781)	(4,562)	(4,170)
Total operating income (loss)	10,677	35,459	12,932	(4,984)
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	10,636	12,919	11,908	11,251
Net interest expense/(income)	2,970	2,604	1,528	1,460
Income tax expense/(benefit)	207	984	(307)	352
Other	-	(10.456)	1 404	- 0.007
Noncontrolling interests	3,443	(19,456)	1,424	2,087
Net income/(loss)	10,943	12,415	13,135	(4,709)
PER DILUTED UNIT RESULTS	\$2.51	фо oo	¢2.00	/¢1 11\
Net income/(loss) Distributions	\$2.51 2.70	\$2.82 2.50	\$2.96 2.00	(\$1.11) 1.70
Partners' capital	14.89	14.84	15.63	14.56
Weighted average diluted units outstanding (000)	4,298	4,353	4,369	4,351
CASH FLOW	.,250	1,000	1,003	1,001
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$20,170	\$30,795	\$7,148	\$14,057
Cash Available for Distribution (CAD)#	13,658	20,979	10,924	11,682
Distributions to unitholders	11,708	11,037	8,886	7,499
Unit repurchases	_	7,363	_	_
FINANCIAL POSITION				
Land and timber, net of depletion				
Partnership only	\$69,856	\$71,011	\$72,081	\$78,116
Funds only	271,835	230,106	211,851	175,411
Combined	341,691	301,117	283,932	253,527
Total assets	370,057	345,077	310,908	267,499
Long-term debt, including current portion Partnership only	27,492	32,601	32,707	32,799
Funds only	57,380	57,380	42,983	11,036
Combined	84,872	89,981	75,690	43,835
Partners' capital	64,548	64,216	69,445	64,223
FINANCIAL RATIOS#				
Total Debt to Total Capitalization	35%	38%	36%	35%
Return on Equity	17%	19%	20%	-7%
UNIT TRADING PRICES#				
High	\$70.50	\$71.00	\$74.99	\$60.39
Low	59.00	62.35	56.15	41.19
Year-end close Market capitalization (year end – \$millions)	64.07 278	63.63 275	67.00 298	55.68 246
Enterprise value (year end – \$millions)	291	313	304	252
Timber harvest (MMBF)	231	313	304	232
Partnership only	43	47	49	52
Funds only	41	50	41	32
Combined	84	97	90	84
Average per MBF log revenue	584	641	614	537
Employees at December 31 (full time equivalent)#	60	54	53	49

<sup>#</sup> Unaudited

2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
\$52,729	\$27,674	\$14,847	\$23,551	\$35,514	\$35,260	\$44.49 <i>4</i>
\$32,729	31		\$23,331 944	1,344	3,670	\$44,424
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4,545	3,487	5,030	3,683	15,037	27,320	4,818
57,274	31,192	20,478	28,178	51,895	66,250	57,006
16,899	9,703	3,724	6,294	15,215	14,592	16,320
(1,515)	(1,250)	(375)	(543)	(883)	1,266	3,540
(349)	(809)	1,663	(1,111)	5,163	13,864	1,270
(4,188)	(4,731)	(3,733)	(3,951)	(4,782)	(3,817)	(3,651)
10,847	2,913	1,279	689	14,713	25,905	17,479
12,609	5,843		4,689	5,549	7,017	11,252
		2,811	4,009 225		625	
1,684	1,144	1,007		(324)		2,477
236	(290)	39	(61)	(69)	439	997
(1.72)	1,239	1,455	381	-	-	201
(173)	1,218	950	1,018	402	223	321
8,754	2,038	(272)	1,162	15,508	24,910	13,684
\$1.94	¢0.42	(\$0.07)	\$0.23	\$2.22	\$5.22	фо oo
	\$0.43	(\$0.07)		\$3.22		\$2.88
1.20	0.70	0.70	1.60	1.36	1.06	0.80
17.27	16.40	18.17	18.83	20.48	18.70	14.29
4,325	4,578	4,539	4,661	4,769	4,762	4,753
\$20,767	\$7,875	(\$977)	\$3,952	\$12,113	\$33,114	\$23,950
12,874	8,609	1,218	\$3,952 569	9,546	31,398	22,153
						3,701
5,263	3,241	3,219	7,444	6,449	4,961	3,701
_	12,267	1,838	3,940	1,374		
\$80,465	\$82,615	\$83,388	\$83,344	\$81,250	\$75,928	\$78,222
136,314	144,063	88,013	53,789	56,862	57,803	-
216,779	226,678	171,401	137,133	138,112	133,731	78,222
230,408	235,837	187,056	165,411	179,325	180,282	106,358
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34,757	39,400	29,363	29,586	30,727	32,208	33,883
11,068	11,098	127	_	_	_	_
45,825	50,498	29,490	29,586	30,727	32,208	33,883
75,759	70,990	83,126	87,817	96,644	87,605	66,405
33%	37%	26%	25%	24%	27%	34%
12%	3%	0%	1%	17%	32%	23%
фго oo	<b>#20.61</b>	<b>#</b> 22.22	¢40.01	ΦEO 01	<b>#</b> 26.00	<b>*</b> FC 05
\$50.29	\$38.61	\$28.98	\$43.81	\$50.01	\$36.00	\$56.85
35.02	23.32	15.61	15.00	34.25	30.00	19.35
42.99	36.80	24.60	20.00	42.75	34.32	31.02
189	159	113	93	202	161	144
212	168	121	153	181	160	154
51	42	32	32	50	55	74
39	11	_	5	5	_	
90	53	32	38	55	55	74
567	486	410	506	607	611	576
45	45	42	51	58	60	65

Cash available for distribution = cash flow from operations less required principal payments, and maintenance capital expenditures. Cash from operations for Funds attributable to noncontrolling interests is stripped out also.

Enterprise value = average of year-end market capitalization less cash plus debt outstanding for current and prior year. Only our share of Fund debt and cash is included in calculation.

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Co-President and Chief Operating Officer NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC Los Angeles, California

## Maria M. Pope

Senior Vice President Power Supply, Operations, and Resource Strategy Portland General Electric Portland, Oregon

# Thomas M. Ringo

President & CEO
Poulsbo, Washington

#### J. Thurston Roach

Private Investor Seattle, Washington

#### **OFFICERS**

## Thomas M. Ringo

President, Chief Executive Officer

# Kevin C. Bates

Vice President, Timberland Investments

#### John D. Lamb

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### Jonathan P. Rose

Vice President, Real Estate and President of Olympic Property Group

## STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

Pope Resources' units trade on the NASDAQ Capital Market® under the symbol POPE.

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#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

No annual meeting is required for the Partnership

## **FORM 10-K**

This report is available on the Partnership's website (www.poperesources.com) by clicking on "Investor Relations" and then scrolling to either "Financial Information" or "SEC Filings" on the left-side navigation bar. Additionally, copies of this report are available without charge upon request to:

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