

Alon USA Partners Declares Cash Distribution and Announces Schedule for Fourth Quarter and Year-End

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DALLAS, Feb. 13, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Alon USA Partners, LP (NYSE: [ALDW](#)) ("Alon Partners") today announced that the Board of Directors of Alon USA Partners GP, LLC, the general partner of Alon Partners, declared a distribution of \$0.18 per unit payable in cash on March 3, 2014 to common unitholders of record at the close of business on February 24, 2014 . Cash available for distribution for the three months ended December 31, 2013 totaled \$11.4 million .

Alon Partners also announced plans to release its fourth quarter and year-end 2013 financial results on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 after the market closes. In conjunction with the release, Alon Partners has scheduled a conference call, which will be broadcast live over the Internet on Friday, March 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time (

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9:00 a.m. Central time
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What:

Alon USA Partners, LP Fourth Quarter 2013 Earnings Conference Call

When:

Friday, March 7, 2014 - 10:00 a.m. Eastern time

Where:

Live via phone by dialing [877/941-8600](http://www.alonpartners.com) or 480-629-9645, for international callers, and asking for the Alon

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available through March 21, 2014, and may be accessed by calling 800-406-7325 or 303-590-3030, for international callers, and using the passcode 4668424#. The archived webcast will also be available at

www.alonpartners.com

shortly after the call and will be accessible for approximately 90 days. For more information, please contact

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This release serves as qualified notice to nominees under Treasury Regulation Section

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1.1446-4(b). Please note that 100% of Alon Partners' distributions to foreign investors are attributable to income that is effectively connected with a United States trade or business. Accordingly, all of Alon Partners' distributions to foreign investors are subject to federal income tax withholding at the highest effective tax rate for individuals or corporations, as applicable. Nominees, and not Alon Partners, are treated as the withholding agents responsible for withholding on the distributions received by them on behalf of foreign investors.

Alon USA Partners, LP is a Delaware limited partnership formed in August 2012 by Alon USA Energy, Inc. ("Alon Energy") (NYSE: ALJ). Alon Partners owns and operates a crude oil refinery in

Big Spring, Texas

with total throughput capacity of approximately 70,000 barrels per day. Alon Partners refines crude oil into finished products, which are marketed primarily in

West Texas

,
Central Texas

,
Oklahoma

,
New Mexico

and

Arizona

through its wholesale distribution network to both Alon Energy's retail convenience stores and other third-party distributors.

- Tables to follow -

The preliminary financial results for the three months ended December 31, 2013 presented below, and utilized for the determination of cash available for distribution, are forward-looking statements based on preliminary estimates. These results reflect the best judgment of our management but involve a number of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in our estimates and from past results or performance.

Such preliminary results are subject to finalization of our financial closing process for the three months ended

December 31, 2013

. Consequently, there can be no assurances that the preliminary estimates set forth below will be the actual financial results for the three months ended

December 31, 2013

, and any variation between the estimates and our actual results set forth below may be material.

ALON USA PARTNERS, LP

CASH AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION

(unaudited)

(dollars in thousands, except per unit data)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2013

Net sales

\$

878,524

Operating costs and expenses:

Cost of sales

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811,096

Direct operating expenses

26,923

Selling, general and administrative expenses

5,412

Depreciation and amortization

11,047

Total operating costs and expenses

854,478

Operating income

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24,046

Interest expense

(9,985)

Other income, net

5

Income before state income tax expense

14,066

State income tax expense

570

Net income

\$

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13,496

Adjustments to reconcile net income to Adjusted EBITDA:

Interest expense

9,985

State income tax expense

570

Depreciation and amortization

11,047

Adjusted EBITDA

\$

35,098

Adjustments to reconcile Adjusted EBITDA to cash available for distribution before special expenses

less: Maintenance/growth capital expenditures

6,756

less: Turnaround and catalyst replacement capital expenditures

1,212

less: Major turnaround reserve

1,150

less: Principal payments

625

less: State income tax expense

570

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less: Interest paid in cash

9,269

Cash available for distribution before special expenses

15,516

less: Special turnaround reserve

4,104

Cash available for distribution

\$

11,412

Common units outstanding (in 000's)

62,502

Cash available for distribution per unit

\$

0.18

Non-GAAP Financial Measure

Adjusted EBITDA represents earnings before state income tax expense, interest expense and depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is not a recognized measurement under GAAP; however, the amounts included in Adjusted EBITDA are derived from amounts included in our consolidated financial statements. Our management believes that the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors because it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry. In addition, our management believes that Adjusted EBITDA is useful in evaluating our operating performance compared to that of other companies in our industry because the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA generally eliminates the effects of state income tax expense, interest expense and the accounting effects of capital expenditures and acquisitions, items that may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to overall operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the interest expense or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in or cash requirements for our working capital needs; and
- Our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may differ from Adjusted EBITDA calculations of other companies in our industry, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

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Because of these limitations, Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered a measure of discretionary cash available to us to invest in the growth of our business. We compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and using Adjusted EBITDA only supplementally.

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