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PRESENTATION

Operator

Good day, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the Third Quarter 2017 Andeavor Logistics LP Earnings Conference Call. (Operator Instructions) As a reminder this call is being recorded.

I would now like to introduce your host for today's conference, Mr. Andrew Woodward, Senior Director, Finance and Investor Relations. Please go ahead, sir.

Andrew Woodward

Thank you. Good morning, and welcome to today's conference call to discuss our third quarter 2017 earnings. Joining me are Greg Goff, Chairman and CEO; and Steven Sterin, President and CFO. The earnings release, which can be found on our website at andeavorlogistics.com, includes financial disclosures and reconciliations for non-GAAP financial measures that should help you analyze our results. As our comments and answers to questions during this call will include forward-looking statements that refer to management's expectations or future predictions, they are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from our expectations.

Please refer to the earnings release for additional information on forward-looking statements. Andeavor, and Andeavor Logistics, will be holding an Investor and Analyst Day in New York on December 5 at 9:00 a.m. The registration instructions are detailed in the third quarter earnings press release. For additional details on this event, please follow up with our Investor Relations team.

Now I will turn the call over to Greg.

Gregory J. Goff - Andeavor Logistics LP - Chairman & CEO of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

Thank you, Andy. Good morning, and thank you for joining us today. Our performance during the quarter was strong and we completed several strategic actions during and shortly after the quarter that will continue to contribute to our growth going into the fourth quarter and beyond. Our results for the quarter overall were very strong and led by record volumes in our terminalling business driven by strong refined product demand and high refinery utilization and volume growth and increased throughput in our gas gathering and processing business.

Turning to strategic investments, on October 30th, we completed a \$1.7 billion acquisition of Western Refining Logistics and \$3.6 billion IDR buy-in. The completion of these transactions further strengthens Andeavor Logistics as a leading customer-focused full service logistics company.



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The enhanced set of growth opportunities and a more cost-efficient and sustainable capital structure enable us to continue to create significant value for our unitholders. As a result of the WNRL acquisition, we are well positioned to compete and grow organically in the highly attractive Permian Basin principally in the Delaware Basin where Andeavor and Andeavor Logistics have a strong logistics asset base, crude oil storage and segregation and marketing capability as well as meaningful refining offtake.

The permanent elimination of the IDRs in our recent achievement of an investment grade credit rating enhanced the accretion all unitholders will see from our continued growth. These changes, along with our previously communicated coverage, leverage and distribution growth targets reduce the need for new public common equity and substantially reduce the cost of capital to support sustainable long-term growth.

We continue to expect to invest at least \$1 billion annually in growth investments over the next several years consisting of at least \$500 million to \$600 million in organic growth and acquisitions and the potential for \$400 million to \$500 million in dropdowns from Andeavor.

We remain on track to deliver our 2018 growth plan that will result in \$625 million to \$725 million of annual net earnings and \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion of annual EBITDA. Our plans to achieve this growth are without any improvement in the underlying fundamentals in the markets and the basins in which we operate. This growth is underpinned by a 2-year backlog of \$800 million to \$900 million of identified growth projects across all areas of our business. Importantly this backlog only includes one major project in the Permian Basin, the Conan Crude Oil Gathering Pipeline System. However, we see substantial growth beyond this project in the Permian and look forward to sharing more about our growth plans at our upcoming Investor and Analysts Day.

All of our major growth projects are progressing well. In fact during the quarter Andeavor announced that it would receive sufficient commitments from third-party shippers to warrant construction of the Conan System. The Conan System will be approximately 130 miles in length and transport crude oil from origins in Lea County, New Mexico; and Loving County, Texas to a terminal to be constructed in Loving County where the gathering system interconnects with long-haul pipeline carriers.

The first phase of the Conan System will provide capacity of approximately 250,000 barrels per day and construction is progressing well. We expect to begin some limited trucking services this year and expect full commercial service in the middle of 2018. Additionally, we are in discussions with other producers to secure further commitments. The system is designed to allow us to double capacity to support future growth. Given the timing of Andeavor's acquisition of Western, this project is being constructed by Andeavor. The total cost of the first phase is approximately \$225 million of which \$75 million expected to be spent in 2017. Upon completion, we expect the project to be transferred from Andeavor to Andeavor Logistics at cost.

Yesterday we announced we acquired the Anacortes Logistics assets from Andeavor for total consideration of \$445 million. These assets include 3.9 million barrels of crude oil, feedstock and refined products storage at Andeavor's Anacortes refinery; the Anacortes marine terminal with approximately 73,000 barrels per day of feedstock and refined product throughput; a manifest rail facility with approximately 4,000 barrels of throughput; and crude oil and refined products pipelines with approximately 111,000 barrels per day of throughput combined.

We expect these assets to provide annual net earnings of \$30 million to \$35 million and annual EBITDA of \$50 million to \$55 million. This represents a multiple of approximately 8.5x annual EBITDA and the transaction is expected to be immediately accretive to our unitholders. Andeavor Logistics paid \$445 million including \$400 million of cash financed with borrowing on Andeavor Logistics revolving credit facilities and approximately \$45 million in common units to Andeavor for the dropdown.

With our strong performance during the quarter coupled with our recent dropdown, we have now reached our previously communicated run-rate target of \$525 million of annual net earnings or \$1 billion of annual EBITDA. This level of earnings does not include the acquisition of WNRL. Building on this momentum and integrating WNRL, we are confident in our ability to achieve our targets of \$625 million to \$725 million of annual net earnings and \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion of annual EBITDA for 2018; annual distribution growth of 6% or greater; distribution coverage ratio of approximately 1.1x; and debt to EBITDA at or below 4x.



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Let me take a moment and share the following details in building to our 2018 net earnings and EBITDA targets. As we reported Andeavor in the third quarter 2017, the logistics which includes Andeavor Logistics and WNRL contributed segment operating income of \$164 million and segment EBITDA of \$252 million. Keep in mind that these results included \$19 million environmental accrual and \$9 million of merger and IDR-related transactions.

In addition, we expect the Anacortes Logistics assets to contribute annual net earnings of \$30 million to \$35 million and annual EBITDA of \$50 million to \$55 million. Additionally, the Conan Gathering System is expected to deliver \$12 million to \$22 million of annual net earnings and \$30 million to \$40 million of annual EBITDA and we expect to see half of that in 2018. And as previously stated, Andeavor Logistics targets investing on average \$400 million to \$500 million per year on dropdowns.

As always, we are focused on growth to create significant value for our unitholders. We have grown distributable cash flow per unit by 14% since 2011, and expect DCF per unit growth in 2018.

Before I conclude, we look forward to seeing you on December 5th at our 2017 Investor and Analysts Day, where we intend to update you on Andeavor and Andeavor Logistics strategic outlook and outline our plans for the next few years.

And with that, I'll turn the call over to Steven to provide more details about the quarter.

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Thanks, Greg. Good morning, everyone. Yesterday we reported third quarter net earnings of \$97 million, an increase of 20% from a year ago, and EBITDA of \$216 million, up 22% from the same quarter last year. Net earnings and EBITDA for the third quarter 2017 include \$19 million environmental accrual, as well as \$4 million of transaction costs related to the WNRL acquisition and IDR buy-in.

Moving in more detail on our business segments, Terminalling and Transportation operating income grew 38% to \$110 million from \$80 million a year ago, and segment EBITDA grew 37% to \$137 million from \$100 million last year. Terminalling volumes increased approximately 7% year-over-year for the third quarter, while transportation pipeline volumes remained relatively flat versus last year.

Results were primarily driven by strong operational performance, robust summer demand for refined products and the dropdowns we completed in 2016. Volumes at our Anacortes Crude Rail Offloading Facility grew 12,000 barrels a day sequentially from the second quarter driven by crude oil and feedstock movements from the Bakken.

Terminalling throughput increased 73,000 barrels a day since last year to approximately 1.1 million barrels per day in the third quarter. We saw record volumes across our California marine terminals driven by strong refinery utilization and refined product demand. Volumes in our transportation business were relatively flat versus last year at 907,000 barrels per day in the third quarter.

Shifting to the Gathering and Processing segment, segment operating income was \$47 million in the third quarter compared to \$54 million a year ago and segment EBITDA was \$85 million versus \$84 million last year. As a reminder, these results included a \$19 million environmental accrual related to the expected final remediation cost for the 2013 crude oil pipeline release at Tioga in North Dakota.

Crude oil and water gathering throughput for the third quarter increased 16% year-over-year and gas gathering and processing throughput increased 9%. This growth was primarily driven by contributions from interconnections on the High Plains Pipeline system and the North Dakota Gathering and Processing Assets acquisition completed in early 2017. We saw stronger revenues in the quarter driven by a sequential increase in the average crude oil and water revenue per barrel to \$1.96 from \$1.55 in the second quarter 2017. This was attributable to Andeavor's Mandan Refinery returning to full operations which resulted in longer haul crude movements, and increased production in crude oil and water gathering in the Belfield region of the Bakken. Production of NGLs increased slightly year-over-year primarily driven by the equity NGLs associated with the North Dakota Gathering and Processing Assets acquisition.

Going into the fourth quarter, we expect to see more drilling activity in North Dakota. The current active drilling rig count is 55 as we -- as of November 2nd, up from 35 a year ago representing a 57% increase. In the Rockies we expect volumes to follow seasonal trends going into the



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fourth quarter as we begin to experience colder weather. However, we expect stable revenue due to our contracts backed by minimum volume agreements. We are also encouraged by the recent new investments made in the region.

In addition, early in the fourth quarter we are beginning to see the business move from ethane rejection to ethane recovery in the Rockies. Although this does not have an impact on our pricing and is not included in our 2018 outlook, we believe continued demand for ethane could result in increased drilling and completion activities in the Rockies.

Now let me take a moment to discuss our balance sheet, cash flow and our strategic priorities for creating long-term unitholder value. Our balance sheet and financial flexibility remained strong. Total debt net of unamortizations cost was \$3.8 billion. We have approximately \$1.6 billion of availability under revolving credit facilities. For the third quarter net cash from operating activities grew 13% year-over-year to \$195 million and distributable cash flow grew 11% year-over-year to \$148 million. Pro forma distributable cash flow excluding \$4 million of transaction costs related to the acquisition of WNRL and the IDR buy-in was \$152 million for the third quarter.

On October 18, 2017, we announced our third quarter distribution of \$0.9852 per limited partner unit or \$3.941 per unit on an annualized basis, which represents our 26th consecutive quarterly distribution increase. The declared distribution also represents a 13% year-over-year increase. Given that the WNRL acquisition and IDR buy-in closed on October 30th and our distribution record date occurred after that, our distribution coverage was 0.74x for the third quarter and 0.98x year-to-date 2017.

Pro forma distribution coverage which excludes the \$4 million of transaction costs and assumes the acquisition of WNRL and the IDR buy-in occurred after the record date for the third quarter 2017 distribution would have been 1.1x for the third quarter and 1.13x year-to-date 2017. Moving beyond the timing impacts related to the IDR buy-in and the WNRL acquisition, we remain highly confident in achieving our target annual coverage of approximately 1.1x based on our current run-rate performance and growth plans.

During the quarter we invested \$30 million in high-return growth capital projects and had \$14 million of net maintenance capital expenditures, bringing our total net capital expenditures to \$44 million for the quarter. For 2017 we now expect capital expenditures to be \$200 million, including \$145 million of growth capital and \$55 million of net maintenance capital. The revised capital expenditure reflects changes in our funding approach for the Los Angeles refining Pipeline Interconnect System and the Conan Crude Oil Gathering Pipeline System.

Andeavor anticipates transferring the Los Angeles Pipeline System and the Conan System to Andeavor Logistics at cost when the projects are complete versus Andeavor Logistics making progress payments as capital expenditures during project construction. This results in less capital expenditures reflected in Andeavor Logistics during project construction. However, this change does not have any impact on our 2018 expected growth plans or EBITDA targets.

Following the completion of our acquisition of WNRL and the IDR buy-in S&P rates Andeavor Logistics' corporate credit and senior unsecured issuer ratings to investment grade with a BBB minus rating. This upgrade along with the February 2017 investment grade rating by Fitch of BBB minus now allows us to access the investment grade bond market. Additionally our outstanding unsecured bond securities now meet the criteria to be included in investment grade bond indices.

Furthermore, on October 26 of this year, Moody's upgraded our Corporate Family Rating to Ba1 from Ba2 which is one notch below investment grade, while maintaining its positive outlook on the company. With our new investment grade credit, we are well-positioned to enhance our existing capital structure and meet future financing needs at attractive rates with longer maturities in a more liquid market. In addition to investment grade debt, we continue to assess other attractive financing alternatives in optimizing our capital structure to support growth and reduce the need for new public common equity issuances as we remain committed to delivering competitive DCF per unit growth in creating value for our unitholders.

Looking ahead, you can find details of our volume expectations and other elements related to our fourth quarter 2017 outlook in our earnings release issued yesterday. Please note that this guidance takes into account contribution from the legacy WNRL assets and the dropdown as of their closing dates.

This concludes our prepared remarks and we will now take your questions. Operator?



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Operator

(Operator Instructions) Our first question is from Justin Jenkins of Raymond James.

Justin Scott Jenkins - *Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Research Division - Research Analyst*

Maybe on base business growth here in the 2018, seems some wells in the Bakken this year, Steven, you mentioned the increased production in your remarks and producers recently have talked about better returns, so how should we think about the Bakken's performance and outlook into '18 compared to 2017?

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes, even in the last 90 days the sentiment has improved. Rig activity has been fairly consistent, but we're starting to see more well completions and a more positive sentiment from producers as they look not only at the fourth quarter, but into next year. We'll share with you more at Investor Day our thoughts on our growth potential because we've been pursuing projects and have a backlog of projects for even under the previous assumed lower production levels. And so we'll update you on that Investor Day, but yes, we do see that in the Bakken, and as I mentioned in my remarks, that applies not only to crude, but also gas. We're seeing more gas production in the Bakken as well and also in the Rockies. There's a bit stronger sentiment with the new entrants into the market and also the movement to ethane recovery.

Justin Scott Jenkins - *Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Research Division - Research Analyst*

And maybe this question as a follow-up is more for the Analysts Day too, but we've talked in the past about the full service value chain that you can bring to the table. Any indications of that success in project development in the Permian? We've obviously got the Conan System underway, but seems like the ANDV call hinted at some other strong opportunities in the Delaware over time?

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes. No, we're excited to be able to share with you our growth plans for the Permian following the merger with WNRL, and we'll get into it in much more detail Investor Day, but it's critical what Greg said in his remarks that we've got a very strong set of assets, pipelines, blending segregation terminals in the right locations, existing gathering commitments, acreage dedications and an incredible commercial and engineering team that's got a great reputation in the Permian, particularly in the Delaware. And so we see a unique position for us, so we can be extraordinarily competitive and bring high-quality customer service to great producers that are in that region on top of nice geologies. So we'll share more with you on that. And in particular also having the El Paso Refinery and our commercial team's capability to be first purchaser of crude, be able to market and blend crude gives us opportunities that maybe some others might not have and so we look forward to sharing more with you around that and what potential growth there may be as a result of that strong position.

Operator

Our next question is from Jeremy Tonet of JP Morgan.



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Jeremy Bryan Tonet - *JP Morgan Chase & Co, Research Division - Senior Analyst*

For the guidance, I was just hoping you could help me understand a little bit better what's baked into that exactly for the \$1.2 billion to \$1.3 billion of EBITDA, what level of dropdowns are incorporated in that?

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes, so I'll give you a high-level view of how to think about it and then of course we'll share more with you at Investor Day, but if you simply take our third -- if you look at Andeavor's logistics segment which includes Western Refining Logistics and Andeavor, it had \$252 million of EBITDA in the quarter and that had \$19 million of environmental and \$9 million of (inaudible) cost between the 2 companies, so if you were to isolate those costs, that would have said \$280 million of EBITDA for the combined companies. So that puts you on a very strong run-rate heading into next year, plus we had our dropdown that we just accomplished this year. And so that easily gets into the bottom end of our range, but doesn't take into account any of the growth projects, the synergies that we see, any potential for better completion rates and drilling rates that we're beginning to see. And so our growth plans beyond that, as well as we've said that we want to average \$400 million to \$500 million a year in drops would be on top of that as well. And so makes us extraordinarily confident in our ability to deliver those earnings next year.

Jeremy Bryan Tonet - *JP Morgan Chase & Co, Research Division - Senior Analyst*

And then thinking about your targets as far as like the one-to-one coverage, the 6% growth and the 4x leverage, when do you think that's something that you would hit? Is that something that is kind of like a yearend '17 you'd hit, or is that something more kind of in 2018? And as we think about the capital markets right now, they're not as friendly as they've been in points in the past, and so I guess how much are you looking to access the markets versus maybe units being taken back upstairs in future drops?

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes, so our plans get us to the 1.1 coverage in the first half of next year, and so we're highly confident in that just based upon what I explained to you in terms of our outlook and the current run-rate of the business. And so all the targets that we laid out last month as well as what you just -- you stated remain very firmly within our expectations. Importantly as we look at what we believe the intrinsic value of our business is relative to where yields are today on our units, we're just -- there's a significant disconnect. If you -- whether you look at our historical DCF per unit growth, we've been either a leader in the top 5 in that all the way back to our IPO and we've continued to expect, as Greg said in his comments, to be able to -- to be a leader in generating highly accretive growth for unitholders, and as I've said many times in the past, we're not going to sell units at a price that we believe is not representative of the intrinsic value of the business. So we have many other options that we're always evaluating for capitalization of the company. You mentioned one of them, but there's others. And we're going to ensure that we do what's right and create substantial value for our unitholders from a capital structure perspective and achieve all those objectives.

Jeremy Bryan Tonet - *JP Morgan Chase & Co, Research Division - Senior Analyst*

And maybe just some cleanup questions with regards to some of the projects out there, if you could update us on Carson crude oil terminal completion day and the Vancouver Energy and Mixed Xylenes completion, is there anything to know at this point or is that more kind of discussion for Analysts Day?

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes, I think we'll get into more of a discussion on that on Analysts Day. I mean, those projects are still active and being progressed and some are in permitting process, so like Mixed Xylenes, so I think it'll be appropriate to put all those in context in relative terms to our overall backlog when we go through that with you at Analysts Day.



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Operator

Our next question is from Theresa Chen of Barclays.

Theresa Chen - Barclays PLC, Research Division - Research Analyst

Steven, I wanted to follow up on Jeremy's question. Can you talk about the other funding options you have aside from issuing equity in a market where the unit price is not as favorable and there is an increasing focus from the investment community on living within cash flow and self-funding which stands in contrast with dropdown-sponsored model which I understand your business at this point is much bigger and different than when you initially started out, but how do you balance the consideration between the parent devouring cash for the assets and how the MLP can fund?

Steven M. Sterin - Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

Yes, that's a terrific question and as we contemplate our plans, it does take that into account, and as we've said before there's times where Andeavor's taken units and that's always an option for us. There are other funding mechanisms that are out there. It's too soon for me to go into details, but know that we're looking at all those and we believed that we've got a pathway forward that allows us to continue to grow coverage, continue to grow DCF per unit and support the growth as well as -- and as we also have said, Theresa, before that the dropdowns are secondary to our organic growth and bolt-on acquisition opportunities. And so our primary focus is around those, but we also have this large portfolio of drops that we can do to support the logistics business. As Andeavors continue to grow and has strong cash capabilities, a much larger marketing business and more diversification and refining, we prefer to be baking organic and acquisition investments and doing dropdowns for a lot of reasons including what you just mentioned around the impact on the MLP. However, I want to highlight and I think you can see this that even with the lower cost of capital that -- as we've always said that we'll do dropdowns at a very fair value to the MLP, that's accretive immediately like the one we just did. And we'll share more over time as we progress to Investor Day, Theresa, on how we could find alternatives. Ultimately at the end of the day we believe that we need to continue to deliver on our earnings growth and realize the intrinsic value in the units and want investors to want to own our units.

Theresa Chen - Barclays PLC, Research Division - Research Analyst

In terms of the organic project at the parent, I'm sure you'll provide more details at Analysts Day, but can you just remind us generally speaking what kind of midstream organic returns you target at the parent?

Steven M. Sterin - Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

Yes. So there's really only these 2 unique programs that we're developing at Andeavor versus directly within the logistics business. And they're unique because of individual circumstances. First the Los Angeles refinery project; that bundle is -- it's a part of such a large and complex critical project within our Los Angeles refinery, so we didn't want to separate it and we said we'll drop it down at cost along with the interest that's accrued during that period of time. And Conan was done at the parent company just because of timing. Western started the process there because it was too large for their MLP, and so both of those projects we typically would expect it to have multiples of less than 7x, even as low as 6x, 6x even within the first year of startup. And then particularly Conan has growth beyond that. And so they're very attractive and that's why we prioritized our capital towards organic projects.

Theresa Chen - Barclays PLC, Research Division - Research Analyst

And just kind of a housekeeping question, would you mind talking about how sustainable the cost improvements on the Terminalling and Transportation OpEx is? And in terms of the mix shift in G&P, is that what we should be assuming going forward?



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Steven M. Sterin - Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

Yes, we continue to focus on cost management within our -- across the portfolio and we'll continue to do so. And we see opportunities to further drive cost efficiencies in our business, and in the Gathering and Processing segment, your question was around revenue per barrel? I want to make sure I answer it properly, Theresa.

Theresa Chen - Barclays PLC, Research Division - Research Analyst

The mix shift of products?

Steven M. Sterin - Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

Yes, the mix that we saw in Q3 we expect to continue as well as the kind of the average fee and tariff rates that come with that. And if anything we see a bit stronger potential for natural gas liquids production and sales in the fourth quarter than historically you'd see from Q3 to Q4 as we move into ethane recovery as well as what we've seen in the Bakken with some of our projects in strategic areas around the recent acquisition.

Operator

Our next question is from Brian Zarahn of Mizuho.

Brian Joshua Zarahn - Mizuho Securities USA LLC, Research Division - MD of Americas Research & Senior Analyst

Could you elaborate a bit on the assumptions for the Conan project underlying your \$30 million to \$40 million of EBITDA?

Steven M. Sterin - Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

Yes. The low end is where we believe we'll start when we get this -- get the project completed in the middle of next year. And we believe there's growth shortly thereafter that takes you up into the upper end of that range, and that's based upon known commitments and known costs associated with that system. And importantly -- and we'll continue to expand on this Investor Day, we see growth beyond that that anchor off of the -- anchor off of this original investment.

Brian Joshua Zarahn - Mizuho Securities USA LLC, Research Division - MD of Americas Research & Senior Analyst

Any additional comments on number of customers or type of customers, E&Ps or marketers?

Steven M. Sterin - Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC

So I can't get into specifics for confidentiality purposes, but I can tell you that where we've been focusing are with very, very high-quality large producers and continue to focus on that.

Brian Joshua Zarahn - Mizuho Securities USA LLC, Research Division - MD of Americas Research & Senior Analyst

And then on maintenance CapEx, what's your expectation for Anacortes on the dropdown and preliminary thoughts for 2018?



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Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes, it's a very small amount of maintenance CapEx. You could think single -- low single-digit million or \$2 million dollars a year, it's not material. These are great assets and well-maintained, and Andeavor as always with our drops completes the programs that are known heading into the dropdown. So think of it as very low, about \$1 million a year.

Brian Joshua Zarahn - *Mizuho Securities USA LLC, Research Division - MD of Americas Research & Senior Analyst*

And any thoughts on 2018 for the whole company?

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes. No, like we said earlier, our commitment of \$1.2 billion-\$1.3 billion of EBITDA, we feel very, very confident in our ability to deliver it. We've got clear plans and it's in a market environment that's similar to what we've seen this year, and so these are projects that we've been developing, projects that are identified. We have \$800 million to \$900 million backlog that we provided about a month ago when we announced this transaction, and that drives a lot of our growth. And then we have the opportunity to continue to dropdown assets as needed, but overall we see a clear pathway into that earnings growth and beyond, beyond 2018. We'll share more -- even more on that at Investor Day.

Brian Joshua Zarahn - *Mizuho Securities USA LLC, Research Division - MD of Americas Research & Senior Analyst*

I appreciate that, I actually was asking about maintenance CapEx expectations for 2018?

Steven M. Sterin - *Andeavor Logistics LP - President, CFO & Director of Tesoro Logistics GP LLC*

Yes. We always provide -- we were just in -- we just completed our annual planning process and we'll lay out our complete view on maintenance capital for 2018 at Investor Day like we typically do.

Operator

(Operator Instructions) Our next question is from Tom Abrams of Morgan Stanley.

Thomas Edward Abrams - *Morgan Stanley, Research Division - Executive Director*

My questions were asked and answered, so we'll see you in December.

Operator

And I'm showing no further questions at this time. Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for participating in today's conference. This does conclude today's program and you may now disconnect. Everyone have a great day.



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