

GLOBAL PARTNERS LP
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 1, 2015**

GLOBAL PARTNERS LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32593
(Commission
File Number)

74-3140887
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**P.O. Box 9161
800 South Street
Waltham, Massachusetts 02454-9161**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(781) 894-8800
(Registrant's telephone number, including
area code)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Purchase Agreement

On June 1, 2015, Global Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the Partnership) and GLP Finance Corp., a Delaware corporation (Finance and, together with the Partnership, the Issuers), and certain subsidiaries of the Partnership, as guarantors (the Guarantors), entered into a Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement) with the Initial Purchasers (as defined therein) (the Initial Purchasers) pursuant to which the Issuers agreed to sell \$300 million aggregate principal amount of the Issuers 7.000% senior notes due 2023 (the Notes) to the Initial Purchasers in a private placement exempt from the registration requirements under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The Notes were resold by the Initial Purchasers to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to persons outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Purchase Agreement contained customary representations and warranties of the parties and indemnification and contribution provisions under which the Issuers and the Guarantors, on one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other, agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. In addition, the Purchase Agreement required the execution of a registration rights agreement, described below, relating to the Notes.

A copy of the Purchase Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 1.01 by reference. The description of the Purchase Agreement contained herein is qualified in its entirety by the full text of such exhibit.

Closing of the offering occurred on June 4, 2015. The Partnership used the net proceeds from the offering to repay a portion of the borrowings outstanding under its revolving credit facility.

Some of the Initial Purchasers and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with the Partnership or its affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. An affiliate of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated is administrative agent, swing line lender, alternative currency fronting lender, L/C issuer and lender under the Partnership's credit agreement; affiliates of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are co-syndication agents and lenders under the Partnership's credit agreement and affiliates of RBS Securities Inc., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Rabo Securities USA, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp., Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., Santander Investment Securities Inc., Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc., SG Americas Securities, LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities Americas, Inc., TD Securities (USA) LLC and Regions Securities LLC are lenders under the Partnership's credit agreement. As described, net proceeds of this offering were used to repay a portion of the borrowing outstanding under the Partnership's revolving credit facility. Because affiliates of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, RBS Securities Inc., BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Rabo Securities USA, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp., Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., Santander Investment Securities Inc., Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc., SG Americas Securities, LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities Americas, Inc., TD Securities (USA) LLC and Regions Securities LLC are lenders under the Partnership's revolving credit facility, such affiliates received a substantial portion of the net proceeds of the offering from the repayment of borrowings outstanding thereunder.

Indenture

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In connection with the private placement of the Notes on June 4, 2015 the Issuers, the Guarantors and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as trustee entered into an indenture (the Indenture).

The Notes will mature on June 15, 2023 with interest accruing at a rate of 7.000% per annum and payable semi-annually in arrears on June 15 and December 15 of each year, commencing December 15, 2015. The Notes are guaranteed on a joint and several senior unsecured basis by each of the Guarantors to the extent set forth in the Indenture. Upon a continuing event of default, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the Notes may declare the Notes immediately due and payable, except that an event of default resulting from entry into a bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization with respect to the Issuers, any restricted subsidiary of the Partnership

that is a significant subsidiary or any group of its restricted subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a significant subsidiary of the Partnership, will automatically cause the Notes to become due and payable.

The Issuers will have the option to redeem up to 35% of the Notes prior to June 15, 2018 at a redemption price (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) of 107.000% plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. The Issuers will have the option to redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, at any time on or after June 15, 2018, at the redemption prices of 105.250% for the twelve-month period beginning June 15, 2018, 103.500% for the twelve-month period beginning June 15, 2019, 101.750% for the twelve-month period beginning June 15, 2020, and 100.000% beginning June 15, 2021 and at any time thereafter, together with any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. In addition, before June 15, 2018, the Issuers may redeem all or any part of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the sum of the principal amount thereof, plus a make whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The holders of the notes may require the Issuers to repurchase the Notes following certain asset sales or a Change of Control (as defined in the Indenture) at the prices and on the terms specified in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains covenants that will limit the Partnership's ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness and issue preferred securities, make certain dividends and distributions, make certain investments and other restricted payments, restrict distributions by its subsidiaries, create liens, enter into sale-leaseback transactions, sell assets or merge with other entities. Events of default under the Indenture include (i) a default in payment of principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on, the Notes, (ii) breach of the Partnership's covenants under the Indenture, (iii) certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency, (iv) any payment default or acceleration of indebtedness of the Partnership or certain subsidiaries if the total amount of such indebtedness unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$50.0 million and (v) failure to pay within 60 days uninsured final judgments exceeding \$50.0 million.

A copy of the Indenture is filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The description of the Indenture contained herein is qualified in its entirety by the full text of such exhibit.

Registration Rights Agreement

On June 4, 2015, the Issuers and the Guarantors entered into a registration rights agreement (the Registration Rights Agreement) with the Initial Purchasers in connection with the Issuers' private placement of the Notes. Under the Registration Rights Agreement, the Issuers and the Guarantors have agreed to file and use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to become effective a registration statement relating to an offer to exchange the Notes for an issue of SEC-registered notes with terms identical to the notes (except that the exchange notes will not be subject to restrictions on transfer or to any increase in annual interest rate for failure to comply with the Registration Rights Agreement) that are registered under the Securities Act so as to permit the exchange offer to be consummated by the 420th day after June 4, 2015. Under specified circumstances, the Issuers and Guarantors have also agreed to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause to become effective a shelf registration statement relating to resales of the Notes. If the exchange offer is not completed on or before the 420th day after June 4, 2015, the annual interest rate borne by the Notes will be increased by 1.0% per annum until the exchange offer is completed or the shelf registration statement is declared effective (or automatically becomes effective).

A copy of the Registration Rights Agreement is filed as Exhibit 4.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The description of the Registration Rights Agreement contained herein is qualified in its entirety by the full text of such exhibit.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The information included, or incorporated by reference, in Item 1.01 of this Current Report is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Exhibit |
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| 4.1 | Indenture, dated as of June 4, 2015, among the Issuers, the Guarantors, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee |
| 4.2 | Registration Rights Agreement, dated June 4, 2015, among the Issuers, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers |
| 10.1 | Purchase Agreement, dated June 1, 2015 among the Issuers, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers |

SIGNATURES

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

GLOBAL PARTNERS LP

By: Global GP LLC,
its general partner

Dated: June 4, 2015

By: /s/ Edward J. Faneuil
Executive Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

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