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(Mark One)

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

OR

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of event requiring this shell company report _____

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GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of the Marshall Islands

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common units representing limited partner interests
8.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units

Nasdaq Global Market
Nasdaq Global Market

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report.

69,768,261 Common Units representing limited partner interests
5,520,000 8.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically 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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Emerging growth company

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

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued
by the International Accounting Standards Board

Other

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

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Presentation of Information in this Annual Report

This Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017, or the Annual Report, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in this report. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this Annual Report to “Golar LNG Partners LP,” “Golar LNG Partners,” the “Partnership,” “we,” “our,” “us” or similar terms refer to Golar LNG Partners LP, a Marshall Islands limited partnership, or any one or more of its subsidiaries. References in this Annual Report to “our general partner” refer to Golar GP LLC, the general partner of the Partnership. References in this Annual Report to “Golar” refer, depending on the context, to Golar LNG Limited (Nasdaq: GLNG) and to any one or more of its direct and indirect subsidiaries, including Golar Management Limited (or Golar Management). References to GMN, GMM and GMC are to Golar Management Norway AS, Golar Management Malaysia and Golar Management Croatia, respectively, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Golar Management that provide certain technical management services for our fleet. References to “Golar Power” refer to Golar’s affiliate Golar Power Limited and to any one or more of its subsidiaries. References to “OneLNG^{SA}” refer to Golar’s joint venture OneLNG S.A. and to any one or more of its subsidiaries.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This Annual Report contains certain forward-looking statements concerning future events and our operations, performance and financial condition, including, in particular, the likelihood of our success in developing and expanding our business. Statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as “expects”, “anticipates”, “intends”, “plans”, “believes”, “estimates”, “projects”, “forecasts”, “will”, “may”, “potential”, “should”, and similar expressions are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect management’s current views only as of the date of this Annual Report and are not intended to give any assurance as to future results. As a result, unitholders are cautioned not to rely on any forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this Annual Report and include statements with respect to, among other things:

- market trends in the floating storage and regasification unit (“FSRU”), liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) carrier and floating liquefied natural gas vessel (“FLNG”) industries, including charter rates, factors affecting supply and demand, and opportunities for the profitable operations of FSRUs, LNG carriers and FLNGs;
 - our and Golar’s ability to retrofit vessels as FSRUs or FLNGs and the timing of the delivery and acceptance of any such retrofitted vessels by their respective charterers;
 - our ability to maintain cash distributions on our units and the amount of any such distributions;
 - the timeliness of the acceptance of the FLNG *Hilli Episeyo* (“*Hilli*”) by the charterer;
 - our ability to integrate and realize the expected benefits from acquisitions and potential acquisitions, including the acquisition (the “Hilli Acquisition”) of 50% of the common units of Golar Hilli LLC (“Hilli LLC”), the indirect owner of the *Hilli* ;
 - the future share of earnings relating to the *Hilli* , which we expect to be accounted for under the equity method;
 - our ability to consummate the Hilli Acquisition on a timely basis or at all;
 - our anticipated growth strategies;
 - the effect of a worldwide economic slowdown;
 - turmoil in the global financial markets;
 - fluctuations in currencies and interest rates;
 - general market conditions, including fluctuations in charter hire rates and vessel values;
 - the liquidity and creditworthiness of our customers;
 - changes in our operating expenses, including drydocking and insurance costs and bunker prices;
 - our future financial condition or results of operations and our future revenues and expenses;
 - the repayment of debt and settling of interest rate swaps;
 - our ability and Golar’s ability to make additional borrowings and to access debt and equity markets;
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- planned capital expenditures and availability of capital resources to fund capital expenditures;
- the exercise of purchase options by our charterers;
- our ability to maintain long-term relationships with major LNG traders;
- our ability to leverage the relationships and reputation of Golar, Golar Power and OneLNG^{SA} in the LNG industry;
- our ability to purchase vessels from Golar, Golar Power and OneLNG^{SA} in the future;
- our continued ability to enter into long-term time charters, including our ability to re-charter FSRUs and carriers following the termination or expiration of their time charters;
- our ability to maximize the use of our vessels, including the re-deployment or disposition of vessels no longer under long-term time charter;
- timely purchases and deliveries of newbuilding vessels;
- future purchase prices of newbuilding and secondhand vessels;
- our ability to compete successfully for future chartering and newbuilding opportunities;
- acceptance of a vessel by its charterer;
- termination dates and extensions of charters;
- the expected cost of, and our ability to comply with, governmental regulations, maritime self-regulatory organization standards, as well as standard regulations imposed by our charterers applicable to our business;
- availability of skilled labor, vessel crews and management;
- our general and administrative expenses and our fees and expenses payable under the fleet management agreements and the management and administrative services agreement;
- the anticipated taxation of our partnership and distributions to our unitholders;
- challenges by authorities to the tax benefits we previously obtained;
- estimated future maintenance and replacement capital expenditures;
- our ability to retain key employees;
- customers' increasing emphasis on environmental and safety concerns;
- potential liability from any pending or future litigation;
- potential disruption of shipping routes due to accidents, political events, piracy or acts by terrorists;
- future sales of our securities in the public market;
- our business strategy and other plans and objectives for future operations; and
- other factors detailed in this Annual Report and from time to time in our periodic reports.

Forward-looking statements in this Annual Report are estimates reflecting the judgment of management and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates that are inherently subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Accordingly, these forward-looking statements should be considered in light of various important factors, including those set forth in this Annual Report under the heading "Item 3—Key Information—D. Risk Factors".

We do not intend to revise any forward-looking statements in order to reflect any change in our expectations or events or circumstances that may subsequently arise. We make no prediction or statement about the performance of our common units or Series A Preferred Units. The various disclosures included in this Annual Report and in our other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission (or the SEC) that attempt to advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect our business, prospects and results of operations should be carefully reviewed and considered.

PART I

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers

Not applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not applicable.

Item 3. Key Information

A. Selected Financial Data

The following table presents, in each case for the periods and as of the dates indicated, our selected consolidated and combined financial and operating data.

The consolidated financial information of the Partnership as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Partnership, prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which are included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

The following financial information should be read in conjunction with “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects” and our historical consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	(in thousands except for unit and fleet data)				
Statement of Operations Data:					
Total operating revenues	\$ 433,102	\$ 441,598	\$ 434,687	\$ 396,026	\$ 329,190
Vessel operating expenses ⁽¹⁾	(68,278)	(59,886)	(65,244)	(59,191)	(52,390)
Voyage and commission expenses ⁽²⁾	(9,694)	(5,974)	(7,724)	(6,048)	(5,239)
Administrative expenses	(15,210)	(8,600)	(6,643)	(5,757)	(5,194)
Depreciation and amortization	(103,810)	(100,468)	(99,256)	(80,574)	(66,336)
Total operating expenses	(196,992)	(174,928)	(178,867)	(151,570)	(129,159)
Operating income	236,110	266,670	255,820	244,456	200,031
Net financial expenses	(75,188)	(65,388)	(77,468)	(64,768)	(43,759)
Income taxes	(16,996)	(16,858)	(5,669)	5,047	(5,453)
Net income	144,848	185,742	172,683	184,735	150,819
Earnings Per Unit					
Basic - Common units	\$ 1.82	\$ 2.44	\$ 2.38	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.31
Diluted - Common units	\$ 1.80	\$ 2.43	\$ 2.38	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.31
Cash distributions declared and paid per common unit in the year	2.31	2.31	2.30	2.14	2.05
Balance Sheet Data (at end of period):					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 246,954	\$ 65,710	\$ 40,686	\$ 98,998	\$ 103,100
Restricted cash and short-term deposits ⁽³⁾	27,306	44,927	56,714	25,831	24,451
Non-current restricted cash ⁽³⁾	155,627	117,488	136,559	146,552	145,725
Vessels and equipment, net	1,588,923	1,652,710	1,730,676	1,501,170	1,281,591
Vessel under capital lease, net	105,945	111,186	116,727	122,253	127,693
Total assets	2,427,371	2,252,708	2,231,662	1,942,846	1,706,949
Current portion of long-term debt	118,850	78,101	118,693	121,562	153,494
Current portion of obligation under capital lease	1,276	787	—	—	—
Long-term debt	1,252,184	1,296,609	1,212,419	897,614	721,707
Non-current obligation under capital lease	126,805	116,964	143,112	150,997	159,008
Partner's capital	771,031	541,506	539,475	536,207	501,744
Number of units issued and outstanding:					
Series A Preferred units	5,520,000	—	—	—	—
Common units	69,768,261	64,073,291	45,167,096	45,663,096	45,663,096
Subordinated units	—	—	15,949,831	15,949,831	15,949,831
Cash Flow Data:					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 271,003	\$ 261,232	\$ 212,230	\$ 276,980	\$ 148,679
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(70,426)	(107,247)	734	(167,755)	(84,052)
Net cash used in financing activities	(19,333)	(128,961)	(271,276)	(113,327)	(27,854)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fleet Data:					
Number of vessels at end of period ⁽⁴⁾	10	10	10	9	8
Average number of vessels during period ⁽⁴⁾	10	10	10	9	8
Average age of vessels (in years)	19	18	17	18	19
Total calendar days	3,650	3,660	3,631	3,199	2,883
Other Financial Data:					
Average daily time charter equivalent earnings (TCE) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 125,939	\$ 119,874	\$ 120,373	\$ 121,906	\$ 117,758
Average daily operating expenses ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 18,706	\$ 16,362	\$ 17,969	\$ 18,502	\$ 18,172

- (1) Vessel operating expenses are the direct costs associated with operating a vessel, including crew wages, vessel supplies, routine repairs, maintenance, insurance, lubricating oils and management fees.
- (2) The vessels have all operated under time charters during the periods presented. Under a time charter, the charterer pays substantially all of the voyage expense, which are primarily fuel and port expenses.
- (3) Restricted cash and short-term deposits consists of bank deposits which i) may only be used to settle certain pre-arranged loans, facilities or lease payments; ii) are held as cash collateral for decline in fair values of certain swaps; iii) represent cash held by our lessor variable interest entity (“ VIE ”); and iv) are made in accordance with our contractual obligations under bid or performance guarantees for projects we may enter into.
- (4) In each of the periods presented, we held a 60% ownership interest in the *Golar Mazo* and a 100% interest in the other vessels.

(5) **Non-GAAP Financial Measure**

It is standard industry practice to measure the revenue performance of a vessel in terms of average daily TCE. For time charters, this is calculated by dividing total operating revenue less voyage and commission expenses by the number of calendar days minus days for scheduled off-hire. Where we are paid a fee to position or reposition a vessel before or after a time charter, this additional revenue, less voyage and commission expenses, is included in the calculation of net time charter revenues. TCE rate is a standard shipping industry performance measure used primarily to compare period-to-period changes in a company’s performance despite changes in the mix of charter types (i.e., spot charters, time charters and bareboat charters) under which the vessels may be employed between the periods. We include average daily TCE, a non-U.S. GAAP measure, as we believe it provides additional meaningful information in conjunction with total operating revenues, the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure, because it assists our management in making decisions regarding the deployment and use of our vessels and in evaluating their financial performance. Our calculation of average daily TCE may not be comparable to that reported by other companies. The following table reconciles our total operating revenues to average daily TCE.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	(dollars in thousands, except average daily TCE)				
Total operating revenues	\$ 433,102	\$ 441,598	\$ 434,687	\$ 396,026	\$ 329,190
Voyage and commission expenses	(9,694)	(5,974)	(7,724)	(6,048)	(5,239)
	\$ 423,408	\$ 435,624	\$ 426,963	\$ 389,978	\$ 323,951
Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days	3,362	3,634	3,547	3,199	2,751
Average daily TCE (in \$)	\$ 125,939	\$ 119,874	\$ 120,373	\$ 121,906	\$ 117,758

- (6) We calculate average daily vessel operating expenses by dividing vessel operating expenses by the number of calendar days.

B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

D. Risk Factors

Some of the following risks relate principally to the industry in which we operate and to our business in general. Other risks relate principally to the securities market and to ownership of our common and preferred units. The occurrence of any of the events described in this section could significantly and negatively affect our business, financial condition, operating results or cash available for distributions or the trading price of our common and preferred units.

Risks Inherent in Our Business

The pending Hilli Acquisition may not close as anticipated or it may close with adjusted terms.

On August 15, 2017, we entered into a purchase and sale agreement (the “Hilli Purchase Agreement”) with Golar and affiliates of Keppel Shipyard Limited (“Keppel”) and Black and Veatch (“B&V”) providing for our acquisition (the “Hilli Acquisition”) of 50% of the common units in Hilli LLC, which will, on the closing date of the Hilli Acquisition, indirectly own the *Hilli*. We expect the *Hilli* Acquisition to close on or around April 30, 2018, subject to certain closing conditions. However, in the event acceptance is delayed beyond April 30, 2018, both parties have agreed to extend the closing date for the Hilli Acquisition to May 31, 2018. If these conditions are not satisfied or waived, we will not complete the Hilli Acquisition. Certain of the conditions that remain to be satisfied include, but are not limited to:

- the *Hilli*’s timely acceptance by the Perenco Cameroon (“Perenco”) and Societe Nationale de Hydrocarbures (“SNH”) (together with Perenco and SNH, the “Customer”) under the *Hilli*’s liquefaction tolling agreement (the “Liquefaction Tolling Agreement”);
- the continued accuracy of the representations and warranties contained in the Hilli Purchase Agreement;
- the performance by each party of its obligations under the purchase agreement;
- the absence of any decree, order, injunction, ruling or judgment that prohibits, or other proceedings that seek to prohibit, the Hilli Acquisition or makes the Hilli Acquisition unlawful; and
- the execution of certain agreements related to the consummation of the Hilli Acquisition.

We cannot provide assurance that the pending Hilli Acquisition will close by May 31, 2018, or at all, or that the Hilli Acquisition will close without material adjustments.

Similar to any acquisition of any vessel, the Hilli Acquisition may not result in anticipated profitability or generate cash flow sufficient to justify our investment. In addition, our acquisition exposes us to risks that may harm our business, financial condition and operating results. In particular, the Hilli Acquisition includes risks that we may:

- fail to realize anticipated benefits, such as increased cash flows;
- fail to obtain the benefits of the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement if the Customer exercises certain rights to terminate the charter upon the occurrence of specified events of default;
- fail to obtain the benefits of the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement if the Customer fails to make payments under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement because of its financial inability, disagreements with us or otherwise;
- incur or assume unanticipated liabilities, losses or costs;
- be required to pay damages to the Customer or suffer a reduction in the tolling fee in the event that the *Hilli* fails to perform to certain specifications; or
- incur other significant charges, such as asset devaluation or restructuring charges.

The operations of Hilli Corp in Cameroon under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement will be subject to higher political and security risks than operations in other areas of the world.

The operations of Hilli Corp in Cameroon under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement will be subject to higher political and security risks than operations in other areas of the world. Recently, Cameroon has experienced instability in its socio-political environment. Any extreme levels of political instability resulting in changes of governments, internal conflict, unrest and violence, especially from terrorist organizations prevalent in the region, such as Boko Haram, could lead to economic disruptions and shutdowns in industrial activities. In addition, corruption and bribery are a serious concern in the region. The FLNG operations of Hilli Corp in Cameroon will be subject to these risks, which could materially adversely affect our revenues, our ability to perform under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement and our financial condition.

In addition, Hilli Corp will maintain insurance coverage for only a portion of the risks incident to doing business in Cameroon. There also may be certain risks covered by insurance where the policy does not reimburse Hilli Corp for all of the costs related to a loss. For example, any claims covered by insurance will be subject to deductibles, which may be significant. In the event that Hilli Corp incurs business interruption losses with respect to one or more incidents, they could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We may not have sufficient cash from operations following the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees and expenses to enable us to pay distributions on our units.

We may not have sufficient cash from operations to pay distributions on our units. Furthermore, distributions to the holders of our common units are subject to the prior distribution rights of any holders of our preferred units outstanding. As of April 6, 2018, there were 5,520,000 of our 8.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units (“Series A Preferred Units”) issued and outstanding. Under the terms of our partnership agreement, we are prohibited from declaring and paying distributions on our common units until we declare and pay (or set aside for payment) full distributions on the Series A Preferred Units. The amount of cash we can distribute on our units principally depends upon the amount of cash we generate from our operations, which may fluctuate from quarter to quarter based on the risks described in this section, including, among other things:

- the rates we obtain from our charters and our ability to obtain new charters as existing charters expiry;
- our ability to make future accretive acquisitions to replace operating cash flow from vessels that we are unable to re-contract or that we re-contracted at lower rates;
- the level of our operating costs, such as the cost of crews and insurance;
- the number of unscheduled off-hire days for our fleet and the timing of, and number of days required for, the drydocking of our vessels;
- the continued availability of natural gas production, liquefaction and regasification facilities;
- the price of and demand for natural gas and oil;
- the price of and demand for LNG;
- the supply of FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers;
- prevailing global and regional economic and political conditions;
- changes in local income tax rates;
- currency exchange rate fluctuations; and
- the effect of governmental regulations and maritime self-regulatory organization standards on the conduct of our business.

In addition, the actual amount of cash available for distribution to our unitholders will depend on other factors, including:

- the level of capital expenditures we make, including for maintaining or replacing vessels, building new vessels, acquiring existing vessels and complying with regulations;
- our debt service requirements and restrictions on distributions contained in our debt instruments;
- the level of debt we will incur to fund future acquisitions;
- fluctuations in interest rates;
- fluctuations in our working capital needs;
- variable tax rates;
- our ability to make, and the level of, working capital borrowings; and
- the amount of any cash reserves established by our board of directors.

The amount of cash we generate from our operations may differ materially from our profit or loss for the period, which will be affected by non-cash items. As a result of this and the other factors mentioned above, we may make cash distributions during periods when we record losses and may not make cash distributions during periods when we record net income.

Due to the complexity of FLNG vessels, the operations of the Hilli are subject to risks that could negatively affect our earnings and financial condition.

The *Hilli* will be the world’s first LNG carrier to have been retrofitted for FLNG service. FLNG vessels are complex and their operations are technically challenging and subject to mechanical risks and problems. Unforeseen operational problems with the *Hilli* may lead to loss of revenue or higher than anticipated operating expenses or require additional capital expenditures. Any of these results could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

We have ten vessels in our current fleet. Any prolonged limitation on the availability or operation of those vessels could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and could significantly reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Our fleet consists of six FSRUs and four LNG carriers. If any of our vessels are unable to generate revenues for an extended period of time, our results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. The charters relating to our vessels permit the charterers to terminate the charter under certain circumstances, including in the event that the vessel is off-hire for any extended period and upon the occurrence of specified defaults by us. In addition, with respect to the *Golar Winter* and the *Golar Eskimo*, the charterer may terminate the charter upon at least six months' written notice at any time after the fifth anniversary or tenth anniversary (in the case of the *Golar Winter*) of the commencement of the related charter upon payment of a termination fee. The charterer may exercise this termination right, for example, if it no longer requires our FSRU or in the case of the *Golar Winter*, where it has contracted an alternative FSRU.

We will be required to provide additional security or make prepayments under our \$800 million credit facility in the event that the charter in respect of the *Golar Winter* is terminated early and we cannot find an alternative acceptable charter. In addition, under the sale and leaseback arrangement in respect of the *Golar Eskimo*, if the time charter pursuant to which the *Golar Eskimo* is operating is terminated, the owner of the *Golar Eskimo* (which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Merchants Bank Leasing) will have the right to require us to purchase the vessel from it unless we are able to place such vessel under a suitable replacement charter within 24 months of the termination.

Furthermore, the time charter for the *Golar Igloo* is scheduled to expire in 2018, the *Golar Mazo* and *Golar Maria* are being chartered in the spot market following the expiration of their respective time charters and the *Golar Spirit* is in lay-up. If we are not able to secure new time charters for the *Golar Igloo*, the *Golar Mazo*, the *Golar Maria* or the *Golar Spirit*, or we lose any of our other time charters and are unable to re-deploy the related vessel for an extended period of time, we will not receive any revenues from that vessel, but we will be required to pay expenses necessary to maintain the vessel in proper operating condition, to service any associated debt and to make prepayments under our credit facilities. In addition, it is an event of default under the credit facilities related to all of our vessels if the time charter of any vessel related to any such credit facility is cancelled, rescinded or frustrated and we are unable to secure a suitable replacement charter, post additional security or make certain significant prepayments. Any event of default under our credit facilities would result in acceleration of amounts due thereunder. We may not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments. In such a situation, the loss of a charterer could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Hire rates for FSRUs and LNG carriers may fluctuate substantially. If rates are lower when we are seeking a new charter, our earnings and ability to make distributions to our unitholders may decline.

Hire rates for FSRUs and LNG carriers fluctuate over time as a result of changes in the supply-demand balance relating to current and future FSRU and LNG carrier capacity. This supply-demand relationship largely depends on a number of factors outside our control. For example, driven in part by an increase in LNG production capacity, the market supply particularly of LNG carriers has been increasing as a result of the construction of new vessels. The development of liquefaction projects in the United States and Australia had driven significant ordering activity from 2011 to 2015. As of March 31, 2018, the LNG carrier order book totaled 93 vessels, and the delivered fleet stood at 458 vessels. We believe that this and any future expansion of the global LNG carrier fleet may have a negative impact on charter hire rates, vessel utilization and vessel values, which impact could be amplified if the expansion of LNG production capacity does not keep pace with fleet growth. The LNG market is also closely connected to world natural gas prices and energy markets, which we cannot predict. An extended decline in natural gas prices that leads to reduced investment in new liquefaction facilities could adversely affect our ability to re-charter our vessels at acceptable rates or to acquire and profitably operate new FSRUs, FLNGs or LNG carriers. Accordingly, this could have a material adverse effect on our earnings and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders may decline.

We may have more difficulty entering into long-term time charters in the future if an active spot, short or medium term LNG shipping market continues to develop.

One of our principal strategies is to enter into new long-term FSRU, LNG carrier and FLNG time charters of five years or more and to replace expiring charters with similarly long-term contracts. Most requirements for new LNG projects continue to be provided on a long-term basis, though the level of spot voyages and short-term time charters of less than 12 months in duration together with medium term charters of up to five years has increased in recent years. This trend is expected to continue as the spot market for LNG expands. More frequent changes to vessel sizes and propulsion technology together with an increasing desire by charterers to access modern tonnage could also reduce the appetite of charterers to commit to infrastructure charters that match their full requirement period. As a result, the duration of long-term charters could also decrease over time.

We may also face increased difficulty entering into long-term time charters upon the expiration or early termination of our existing contracts or of contracts for any vessels that we acquire in the future. If as a result we contract our vessels on short-term contracts, our earnings from these vessels are likely to become more volatile. An increasing emphasis on the short-term or spot LNG market may in the future require that we enter into charters based on variable market prices, as opposed to contracts based on a fixed rate, which could result in a decrease in our cash flow in periods when the market price for shipping LNG is depressed or insufficient funds are available to cover our financing costs for related vessels.

Our growth depends on our ability to expand relationships with existing customers and obtain new customers, for which we will face substantial competition.

One of our principal objectives is to enter into long-term FSRU and LNG carrier time charters for our vessels. The process of obtaining long-term charters for FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers is highly competitive and generally involves an intensive screening process and competitive bids, and often extends for several months. We believe FSRU, FLNG and LNG carrier time charters are awarded based upon bid price as well as a variety of factors relating to the vessel operator, including:

- its FSRU, FLNG and LNG shipping experience, technical ability and reputation for operation of highly specialized vessels;
- its shipping industry relationships and reputation for customer service and safety;
- the quality and experience of its seafaring crew;
- its financial stability and ability to finance FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers at competitive rates;
- its relationships with shipyards and construction management experience; and
- its willingness to accept operational risks pursuant to the charter.

We have substantial competition for providing floating storage and regasification services and marine transportation services for potential LNG projects from a number of experienced companies, including state-sponsored entities and major energy companies. Many of these competitors have significantly greater financial resources and larger and more versatile fleets than do we or Golar. We anticipate that an increasing number of marine transportation companies, including many with strong reputations and extensive resources and experience will enter the FSRU and FLNG markets and the LNG transportation market. This increased competition may cause greater price competition for time charters. As a result of these factors, we may be unable to expand our relationships with existing customers or to obtain new customers on a favorable basis, if at all, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions.

We may not be able to redeploy our FSRUs on terms as favorable as our current FSRU charter arrangements or at all.

The market for FSRUs is relatively small in comparison to the LNG carrier market. In the event that any of our FSRU charters are terminated or expire, we may be unable to recharter the affected vessels as FSRUs for an extended period of time. While we may be able to employ these vessels as traditional LNG carriers (except for the *NR Satu*), the hire rates or other charter terms may not be as favorable to us as the FSRU charters under which they are currently operating. For example, since the early termination of the *Golar Spirit* charter, she is currently in lay-up pending new employment. If we acquire additional FSRUs and they are not, as a result of contract termination or otherwise, subject to a long-term profitable contract, we may be required to bid for projects at unattractive rates in order to reduce our losses relating to the vessels.

Further technological advancements and other innovations affecting LNG carriers could reduce the charter hire rates we are able to obtain when seeking employment for our vessels, and this could adversely impact the value of our assets.

The charter rates, asset value and operational life of an LNG carrier are determined by a number of factors, including the vessel's efficiency, operational flexibility and physical condition. Efficiency includes carrying capacity and fuel economy. Flexibility includes the ability to enter harbors, utilize related docking facilities and pass through canals and straits. The physical condition of a vessel is a function of its original design and construction, the ongoing maintenance and the impact of operational stresses on the vessel. Vessel and engine designs are continually evolving. At such time as newer designs are developed and accepted in the market, these newer vessels may be found to be more efficient or more flexible or have longer physical lives than our vessels. In particular, LNG carriers have been developed which are more fuel efficient than the steam powered vessels in our current fleet. Competition from these more technologically advanced LNG carriers could adversely affect our ability to charter or re-charter our vessels on favorable terms or at all and could reduce the resale value of our vessels. This could adversely affect our revenues and cash flows, including cash available for distribution to unitholders.

We currently derive all of our revenue from a limited number of customers. The loss of any of our customers would result in a significant loss of revenues and cash flow, if for an extended period of time, we are not able to re-charter a vessel to another customer.

We have derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, all of our revenues and cash flow from a limited number of customers. For the year ended December 31, 2017, Petrobras accounted for 22%, PT Nusantara Regas (or "PTNR") accounted for 17%, the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (or "Jordan") accounted for 13%, Kuwait National Petroleum Company (or "KNPC") accounted for 11%, Dubai Supply Authority (or "DUSUP") accounted for 10% and PT Pertamina (or "Pertamina") accounted for 9% of our total revenues. All of our charters have fixed terms, but might nevertheless be lost in the event of unanticipated developments such as a customer's breach.

We could also lose a customer or the benefits of a charter if:

- the customer fails to make charter payments because of its financial inability, disagreements with us or otherwise;
- the customer exercises its right to terminate the charter in certain circumstances, such as:
- loss of the vessel or damage to it beyond repair;
- defaults of our obligations under the charter, including prolonged periods of off-hire;
- in the event of war or hostilities that would significantly disrupt the free trade of the vessel;
- requisition by any governmental authority; or
- with respect to the *Golar Winter*, and the *Golar Eskimo*, upon at least six months' written notice at any time after the fifth or tenth anniversary of the commencement of the related charter upon payment of a termination fee; or
- a prolonged force majeure event affecting the customer, including damage to or destruction of relevant production facilities, war or political unrest prevents us from performing services for that customer.

Petrobras, the Brazil state-controlled oil company, is alleged to have participated in a widespread corruption scandal involving improper payments to Brazilian politicians and political parties. In January 2018, Petrobras agreed to pay \$2.95 billion to settle a shareholder lawsuit in the United States related to this scandal. In addition in 2016, Petrobras has announced that it plans to decrease its capital expenditure spending. These may affect Petrobras, its performance under its existing charter with us, or the development of new projects.

If we lose any of our charterers and are unable to re-deploy the related vessel for an extended period of time, we will not receive any revenues from that vessel, but we will be required to pay expenses necessary to maintain the vessel in proper operating condition and to service any associated debt. In such a situation, the loss of a charterer could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

The charterers of a number of our vessels have the option to extend the charter at a rate lower than the existing hire rate. The exercise of these options could have a material adverse effect on our cash flow and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

The charterers of the *NR Satu* and *Methane Princess* have options to extend their respective existing contracts. If they exercise these options, the hire rate for the *NR Satu* will be reduced by approximately 12% per day for any day in the extension period falling in 2023, with a further 7% reduction for any day in the extension period falling in 2024 and 2025; and the hire rate for the *Methane Princess* will be reduced by 37% from 2024.

The exercise of these options could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, cash flows and ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

The current state of global financial markets and current economic conditions may impair our ability to obtain financing and our charterers' ability to pay for our services and may materially and adversely affect our business and ability to execute our growth strategy.

Weak global or regional economic conditions may negatively impact our business in ways that we cannot predict. Global financial markets and economic conditions have been severely disrupted and volatile in recent years, and while the global financial markets were generally stable in 2017, they remain subject to significant vulnerabilities, such as the deterioration of fiscal balances and the rapid accumulation of public debt, continued deleveraging in the banking sector and a limited supply of credit. Credit markets as well as the equity and debt capital markets were exceedingly distressed during 2008 and 2009 and have been volatile since that time. Uncertainty surrounding the continuing turmoil and unrest in the Middle East, Africa, Korea, the Ukraine and elsewhere, have led to increased volatility in global credit and equity markets. These issues, along with the re-pricing of credit risk have made, and will likely continue to make, it more challenging to obtain financing. As a result of the disruptions in the credit markets and higher capital requirements, many lenders have increased margins on lending rates, enacted tighter lending

standards, required more restrictive terms (including higher collateral ratios for advances, shorter maturities and smaller loan amounts), or have refused to refinance existing debt at all. Furthermore, certain banks that have historically been significant lenders to the shipping industry have reduced or ceased lending activities in the shipping industry. Additional tightening of capital requirements and the resulting policies adopted by lenders, could further reduce lending activities. We may experience difficulties obtaining financing commitments or be unable to fully draw on the capacity under committed loans we arrange in the future if our lenders are unwilling to extend financing to us or unable to meet their funding obligations due to their own liquidity, capital or solvency issues. We cannot be certain that financing will be available on acceptable terms or at all. If financing is not available when needed, or is available only on unfavorable terms, we may be unable to meet our future obligations as they come due. Our failure to obtain such funds could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition, as well as our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders. In the absence of available financing, we also may be unable to take advantage of business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures.

Weakness and uncertainty in the global economy and financial markets may lead to a decline in our customers' operations or ability to pay for our services, which could result in decreased demand for our vessels and services. Our customers' inability to pay could also result in their default on our current charters. In addition, volatility and uncertainty concerning current global economic conditions may cause our customers to defer projects in response to tighter credit, decreased capital availability and declining customer confidence, which may negatively impact the demand for our vessels and services and could also result in defaults under our charters. A tightening of the credit markets may further negatively impact our operations by affecting the solvency of our suppliers or customers which could lead to delivery disruptions, cost increases, accelerated payments to suppliers, and defaults by our charterers, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our future performance and growth depend on continued growth in LNG production and demand for LNG, FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers.

Our growth strategy focuses on expanding use of FSRUs and LNG shipping and the use of FLNGs. Demand for LNG, and therefore, our growth could be negatively affected by a number of factors, including:

- the price and availability of crude oil and other energy sources;
- increases in interest rates or other events that may affect the availability of sufficient financing for LNG projects on commercially reasonable terms;
- increases in the cost of natural gas derived from LNG relative to the cost of natural gas generally;
- increases in the production levels of low-cost natural gas in domestic natural gas consuming markets, which could further depress prices for natural gas in those markets and make LNG uneconomical;
- decreases in the cost, or increases in the demand for, conventional land-based regasification systems, which could occur if providers or users of regasification services seek greater economies of scale than FSRUs can provide or if the economic, regulatory or political challenges associated with land-based activities improve;
- further development of, or decreases in the cost of, alternative technologies for vessel-based LNG regasification;
- increases in the production of natural gas in areas linked by pipelines to consuming areas, the extension of existing, or the development of new, pipeline systems in markets we may serve, or the conversion of existing non-natural gas pipelines to natural gas pipelines in those markets;
- decreases in the consumption of natural gas due to increases in its price relative to other energy sources or other factors making consumption of natural gas less attractive;
- any significant explosion, spill or other incident involving an LNG facility or carrier;
- infrastructure constraints such as delays in the construction of liquefaction facilities, the inability of project owners or operators to obtain governmental approvals to construct or operate LNG facilities, as well as community or political action group resistance to new LNG infrastructure due to concerns about the environment, safety and terrorism;
- labor or political unrest or military conflicts affecting existing or proposed areas of LNG production or regasification;
- decreases in the price of LNG, which might decrease the expected returns relating to investments in LNG projects;
- availability of new, alternative energy sources, including compressed natural gas; and
- negative global or regional economic or political conditions, particularly in LNG consuming regions, which could reduce energy consumption or its growth.

In particular, demand for FSRUs, FLNG and LNG carriers could be significantly affected by natural gas prices, which are volatile and are affected by numerous factors that are beyond our control, including the price of crude oil. Since 2014, global crude oil prices have been volatile and declined significantly. The decline in oil prices from the high prices seen in early 2014 has resulted in a decrease in natural gas prices and led to a narrowing of the gap in natural gas prices in different geographic regions. This has adversely affected the length of voyages in the spot LNG shipping market and the spot rates and medium term charter rates for LNG carriers. While crude oil prices have recovered somewhat from the lows seen in early 2016, they remain low relative to the historic highs in 2014. If oil prices remain low for an extended period of time or if they decline further, this could adversely

affect both the competitiveness of natural gas as a fuel for power generation and the market price of natural gas. A number of production companies have announced delays or cancellations of previously announced LNG projects, which, unless offset by new projects coming on stream, could adversely affect demand for LNG shipping and regasification over the next few years. Any sustained decline in the delivery of new LNG volumes, chartering activity and charter rates could also adversely affect the market value of our vessels, on which certain of the ratios and financial covenants we are required to comply with in our credit facilities are based.

Given the significant global natural gas and crude oil price decline as referenced above, although the majority of our vessels are operating under multi-year charters, a continuation of lower natural gas or oil prices or a further decline in natural gas or oil prices may adversely affect our future business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions, as a result of, among other things:

- a reduction in exploration for or development of new natural gas reserves or projects, or the delay or cancellation of existing projects as energy companies lower their capital expenditures budgets, which may reduce our growth opportunities;
- low oil prices negatively affecting both the competitiveness of natural gas as a fuel for power generation and the market price of natural gas, to the extent that natural gas prices are benchmarked to the price of crude oil;
- lower demand for vessels of the types we own and operate, which may reduce available charter rates and revenue to us upon redeployment of our vessels following expiration or termination of existing contracts;
- customers potentially seeking to renegotiate or terminate existing vessel contracts, or failing to extend or renew contracts upon expiration;
- the inability or refusal of customers to make charter payments to us due to financial constraints or otherwise; or
- declines in vessel values, which may result in losses to us upon vessel sales or impairment charges against our earnings.

Reduced demand for LNG or LNG shipping, or any reduction or limitation in LNG production capacity, could have a material adverse effect on our ability to employ the vessels in our fleet that are not currently operating under time charters or to secure future time charters upon the expiration or early termination of our current charter arrangements. Reduced demand for LNG, FLNGs, FSRUs or LNG carriers would have a material adverse effect on our future growth and could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition and ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

Due to our lack of diversification, adverse developments in our LNG transportation or storage and regasification businesses could reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

We currently rely exclusively on the cash flow generated from our FSRUs and LNG carriers. Due to our lack of diversification, an adverse development in the LNG transportation industry or the LNG storage and regasification industry could have a significantly greater impact on our financial condition and results of operations than if we maintained more diverse assets or lines of businesses.

We may be unable to make or realize expected benefits from acquisitions which could have an adverse effect on our expected plans for growth.

Our growth strategy includes selectively acquiring FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers that are operating under long-term, stable cash flow generating time charters.

Any acquisition of a vessel or business may not be profitable to us at or after the time we acquire it and may not generate cash flow sufficient to justify our investment. In addition, our acquisition growth strategy exposes us to risks that may harm our business, financial condition and operating results, including risks that we may:

- fail to realize anticipated benefits, such as new customer relationships, cost-savings or cash flow enhancements;
- be unable to hire, train or retain qualified shore and seafaring personnel to manage and operate our growing business and fleet;
- decrease our liquidity by using a significant portion of our available cash or borrowing capacity to finance acquisitions;
- significantly increase our interest expense or financial leverage if we incur additional debt to finance acquisitions;
- incur or assume unanticipated liabilities, losses or costs associated with the business or vessels acquired; or
- incur other significant charges, such as impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets, asset devaluation or restructuring charges.

Unlike newbuildings, existing vessels typically do not carry warranties as to their condition. If we inspect existing vessels prior to purchase, such an inspection would normally not provide us with as much knowledge of a vessel's condition as we would possess if it had been built for us and operated only by us or Golar during its life. Repairs and maintenance costs for existing

vessels are difficult to predict and may be substantially higher than for vessels we have operated since they were built. These costs could decrease our cash flow and reduce our liquidity and could have an adverse effect on our expected plans for growth.

We will be required to make substantial capital expenditures to expand the size of or upgrade our existing fleet. Depending on whether we finance our expenditures through cash from operations, borrowings or by issuing debt or equity securities, our ability to make cash distributions and respond to competitive pressure may be diminished, our financial leverage could increase, or our unitholders could be diluted.

Our growth strategy includes the acquisition of existing vessels as well as newbuildings. We will be required to make substantial capital expenditures to expand the size of our fleet. We may be required to make significant installment payments for retrofitting of LNG carriers to FSRUs and acquisitions of FLNGs, FSRUs and LNG carriers. If we choose to purchase FLNGs, FSRUs or LNG carriers (either from Golar or independently), we plan to finance the cost either through cash from operations, borrowings or debt or equity financings.

Use of cash from operations to expand our fleet will reduce cash available for distribution to unitholders. Our ability to obtain bank financing or to access the capital markets may be limited by our financial condition at the time of any such borrowing or offering of debt or equity securities as well as by adverse market conditions resulting from, among other things, general economic conditions, changes in the LNG industry and other contingencies and uncertainties that are beyond our control. If we are unable to obtain additional financing, we may be unable to meet our obligations as they come due, enhance our existing business, complete acquisitions, respond to competitive pressures or otherwise execute our growth strategy. Our failure to obtain the funds for future capital expenditures could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and on our ability to make cash distributions. Furthermore, our ability to access capital, overall economic conditions, and our ability to secure long-term, fixed rate charters could limit our ability to expand our fleet or to maintain its cash flow generating capacity. Even if we are successful in obtaining necessary funds, the terms of any debt financings could limit our ability to pay cash distributions to unitholders. In addition, incurring additional debt may significantly increase our interest expense and financial leverage, and issuing additional equity securities may result in significant unitholder dilution and would increase the aggregate amount of cash required to pay the minimum quarterly distribution to unitholders, which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to make cash distributions.

We must make substantial capital expenditures to maintain and replace the operating capacity of our fleet, which will reduce our cash available for distribution. In addition, each quarter we are required to deduct estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures from operating surplus, which may result in less cash available to unitholders than if actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures were deducted.

We must make substantial capital expenditures to maintain and replace, over the long-term, the operating capacity of our fleet. Maintenance and replacement capital expenditures include capital expenditures associated with drydocking a vessel, modifying an existing vessel, acquiring a new vessel, or otherwise replacing current vessels at the end of their useful lives to the extent these expenditures are incurred to maintain or replace the operating capacity of our fleet. These expenditures could vary significantly from period to period and could increase as a result of changes in:

- the cost of labor and materials;
- customer requirements;
- fleet size;
- the cost of replacement vessels;
- length of charters;
- governmental regulations and maritime self-regulatory organization standards relating to safety, security or the environment; and
- competitive standards.

Our partnership agreement requires our board of directors to deduct estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, instead of actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, from operating surplus each quarter in an effort to reduce fluctuations in operating surplus as a result of significant variations in actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures each quarter. The amount of estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures deducted from operating surplus is subject to review and change by our conflicts committee at least once a year. In years when estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures are higher than actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, the amount of cash available for distribution to unitholders will be lower than if actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures were deducted from operating surplus. If our board of directors underestimates the appropriate level of estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, we may have less cash available for distribution in periods when actual capital expenditures exceed our previous estimates.

Our ability to obtain additional debt financing for future vessel acquisitions or to refinance our existing debt largely depends on the creditworthiness of our charterers and the terms of our future charters.

Our ability to borrow against the vessels in our existing fleet and any future vessels largely depends on the value of the vessels, which in turn depends in part on charter hire rates and the ability of our charterers to comply with the terms of their charters. The actual or perceived credit quality of our charterers, and any defaults by them, may materially affect our ability to obtain the additional capital resources that we will be required to purchase additional vessels and to refinance our existing debt as balloon payments come due, or may significantly increase our costs of obtaining such capital. Our inability to obtain additional financing or committing to financing on unattractive terms could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, including cash available for distributions to our unitholders.

Our debt levels may limit our flexibility in obtaining additional financing, pursuing other business opportunities and paying distributions to unitholders.

As of December 31, 2017, we had total consolidated debt (including capitalized lease obligations, net of restricted cash, and including indebtedness outstanding under our revolving credit facilities, of \$1,316.2 million. Our level of debt could have important consequences to us, including the following:

- our ability to obtain additional financing, if necessary, for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other purposes may be limited or such financing may not be available on favorable terms;
- we will need a substantial portion of our cash flow to make principal and interest payments on our debt, reducing the funds that would otherwise be available for operations, future business opportunities and distributions to unitholders;
- our debt level will make us more vulnerable than our competitors with less debt to competitive pressures or a downturn in our business or the economy generally; and
- our debt level may limit our flexibility in responding to changing business and economic conditions.

Our ability to service our debt will depend upon, among other things, our future financial and operating performance, which will be affected by prevailing economic conditions and financial, business, regulatory and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. If our operating results are not sufficient to service our current or future indebtedness, we will be forced to take actions such as reducing distributions, reducing or delaying our business activities, acquisitions, investments or capital expenditures, selling assets, restructuring or refinancing our debt, or seeking additional equity capital or bankruptcy protection. We may not be able to effect any of these remedies on satisfactory terms, or at all.

Our financing arrangements, most of which are secured by our vessels, contain operating and financial restrictions and other covenants that may restrict our business and financing activities as well as our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

The operating and financial restrictions and covenants in the agreements governing our financing arrangements, including our credit facilities, our 2015 and 2017 Norwegian Bonds, and the *Methane Princess* lease, and any future financing agreements, could adversely affect our ability to finance future operations or capital needs or to engage, expand or pursue our business activities. For example, our financing arrangements impose restrictions and covenants that restrict our and our subsidiaries' ability to, among other things:

- merge or consolidate with any other person;
- make certain capital expenditures;
- pay distributions to our unitholders;
- terminate or materially amend certain of our charters;
- enter into any other line of business;
- make any acquisitions;
- incur additional indebtedness or grant any liens to secure any of our existing or future indebtedness;
- enter into any sale-leaseback transactions; or
- enter into any transactions with our affiliates.

Accordingly, we may need to seek consent from our lenders or lessors in order to take certain actions or engage in certain activities. The interests of our lenders or lessor may be different from ours, and we may be unable to obtain our lenders' or lessor's consent when and if needed.

If we do not comply with the restrictions and covenants in our financing arrangements, our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to pay distributions will be adversely affected. Our ability to comply with covenants and restrictions contained in our financing arrangements may be affected by events beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial

and industry conditions. If market or other economic conditions deteriorate, our ability to comply with these covenants may be impaired. If restrictions, covenants, ratios or tests in our debt instruments are breached, a significant portion of the obligations may become immediately due and payable, and the lenders' commitment to make further loans may terminate. We may not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient funds to make these accelerated payments. In addition, obligations under certain of our financing arrangements are secured by certain of our vessels and guaranteed by our subsidiaries holding the interests in our vessels, and if we are unable to repay debt under our financing arrangements, the lenders or lessors could seek to foreclose on those assets.

For more information, regarding our financing arrangements, please read "Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—F. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations."

Our common units are subordinated to our existing and future indebtedness and our Series A Preferred Units.

Our common units are equity interests in us and do not constitute indebtedness. The common units rank junior to all indebtedness and other non-equity claims on us with respect to the assets available to satisfy claims, including a liquidation of the Partnership. Additionally, holders of the common units are subject to the prior distribution and liquidation rights of the holders of the Series A Preferred Units and any other preferred units we may issue in the future.

Even though the Golar Tundra has been sold back to Golar, we are a deficiency guarantor of Tundra Corp's obligations under the Tundra Lease and may be liable for hire payments thereunder.

In November 2015, prior to our acquisition (the "Tundra Acquisition") from Golar of Tundra Corp. ("Tundra Corp"), the owner of the *Golar Tundra*, Tundra Corp sold the Golar Tundra to a subsidiary of China Merchants Bank Leasing (or the "Tundra SPV") for \$254.6 million and subsequently leased back the vessel under a bareboat charter (or the "Tundra Lease"). Following the Tundra Put Sale (as described more below), Golar is the primary guarantor of the obligations of Tundra Corp (now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Golar) under the Tundra Lease. In the event that Tundra Corp is in default of its obligations under the Tundra Lease and Golar, as the primary guarantor, is unable to settle any liabilities due within five business days, Tundra SPV may recover such amounts from us, as the deficiency guarantor. Monthly payments under the Tundra Lease are approximately \$2.0 million. Golar has agreed to indemnify us for any costs incurred in our capacity as the deficiency guarantor. In the event Golar is unable to satisfy its obligations as primary guarantor under the Tundra Lease, it will be unlikely to be able to satisfy its obligations to us under this indemnification and we could be liable for all payments due under the Tundra Lease.

Vessel values may fluctuate substantially and, if these values are lower at a time when we are attempting to dispose of vessels, we may incur a loss.

Vessel values can fluctuate substantially over time due to a number of different factors, including:

- prevailing economic conditions in the natural gas and energy markets;
- a substantial or extended decline in demand for LNG;
- increases in the supply of vessel capacity;
- the size and age of a vessel; and
- the cost of retrofitting or modifying existing vessels, as a result of technological advances in vessel design or equipment, changes in applicable environmental or other regulations or standards, customer requirements or otherwise.

Vessel valuations will often fluctuate in line with movements in their supply-demand balance. In the event that we are selling a vessel at a time when supply of LNG carriers or FSRUs exceeds demand, the sale price achieved may be less than expected. If we are looking to replace an asset at a time when demand for vessels exceeds supply we may have to pay a higher price than our replacement capital expenditure provisions anticipated. As our vessels age, the expenses associated with maintaining and operating them are expected to increase, which could have an adverse effect on our business and operations if we do not maintain sufficient cash reserves for maintenance and replacement capital expenditures.

If a charter terminates, we may be unable to re-deploy the affected vessels at attractive rates and, rather than continue to incur costs to maintain and finance them, we may seek to dispose of them. Our inability to dispose of vessels at a reasonable value could result in a loss on their sale and adversely affect our ability to purchase a replacement vessel, results of operations and financial condition and ability to make distributions to unitholders.

We may experience operational problems with our vessels that reduce revenue and increase costs.

FSRUs and LNG carriers are complex and their operations are technically challenging. Marine LNG operations are subject to mechanical risks and problems. Our operating expenses depends on a variety of factors including crew costs, provisions, deck and engine stores and spares, lubricating oil, insurance, maintenance and repairs and shipyard costs, many of which are beyond

our control and affect the entire shipping industry. Factors such as increased cost of qualified and experienced seafaring crew and changes in regulatory requirements could also increase operating expenditures. Although we continue to take measures to improve operational efficiencies and mitigate the impact of inflation and price escalations, future increases to operational costs are likely to occur. If costs rise, they could materially and adversely affect our results of operations. In addition, operational problems may lead to loss of revenue or higher than anticipated operating expenses or require additional capital expenditures. Any of these results could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders.

The required drydocking of our vessels could be more expensive and time consuming than we anticipate, which could adversely affect our cash available for distribution.

The drydocking of our vessels requires significant capital expenditures and in most cases results in loss of revenue while our vessels are off-hire. Any significant increase in the number of days off-hire due to such drydocking or in the costs of any repairs could have a material adverse effect on our ability to pay distributions to our unitholders. In addition, factors such as pressure on raw material prices and changes in regulatory requirements could also increase capital expenditures. Although we do not anticipate multiple vessels being out of service at any given time, we may underestimate the time required to drydock any of our vessels or unanticipated problems may arise. In the event that multiple vessels are out of service at the same time, if a vessel is drydocked longer than expected or if the cost of repairs during drydocking is greater than budgeted, our cash available for distribution could be adversely affected.

We depend on Golar and certain of its subsidiaries, including Golar Management, GMN, GMM and GMC, to assist us in operating and expanding our business.

Our ability to enter into new charters and expand our customer relationships will depend largely on our ability to leverage our relationship with Golar and its reputation and relationships in the shipping industry. If Golar suffers material damage to its reputation or relationships, it may harm our ability to:

- renew existing charters upon their expiration;
- obtain new charters;
- successfully interact with shipyards;
- obtain financing on commercially acceptable terms;
- recover amounts due to us; or
- maintain satisfactory relationships with suppliers and other third parties.

In addition, each vessel in our fleet is subject to management agreements pursuant to which certain commercial and technical management services are provided by certain subsidiaries of Golar, including GMN, GMM and GMC. Pursuant to these agreements, these entities provide significant commercial and technical management services for our fleet. In addition, pursuant to a management and administrative services agreement between us and Golar Management (or the “Management and Administrative Services Agreement”), Golar Management provides us with significant management, administrative, financial and other support services. Our operational success and ability to execute our growth strategy depends significantly upon the satisfactory performance of these services. Our business will be harmed if these Golar subsidiaries fail to perform these services satisfactorily, if they cancel their agreements with us or if they stop providing these services to us. Please read “Item 7. Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—Related Party Transactions.”

Fees and cost reimbursements, which Golar Management determines for services provided to us, are substantial, are payable regardless of our profitability and reduce our cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

Pursuant to the fleet management agreements, we pay fees for services provided to us and our subsidiaries by Golar Management (a subsidiary of Golar) and certain other subsidiaries of Golar, including GMN, GMM and GMC, and we reimburse these entities for all expenses they incur on our behalf. These fees and expenses include all costs and expenses incurred in providing certain commercial and technical management services to our subsidiaries.

In addition, pursuant to the Management and Administrative Services Agreement, Golar Management provides us with significant management, administrative, financial and other support services. We reimburse Golar Management for its reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the provision of these services. In addition, we pay Golar Management a management fee equal to 5% of its costs and expenses incurred in connection with providing services to us.

For a description of the fleet management agreements and the Management and Administrative Services Agreement, please read “Item 7. Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions.” Fees and expenses payable pursuant to the fleet management agreements and the management and administrative services agreement are payable without regard to our financial

condition or results of operations. The payment of fees to and the reimbursement of expenses of subsidiaries of Golar could adversely affect our ability to pay cash distributions to our unitholders.

Our general partner and its other affiliates own a significant interest in us and have conflicts of interest and limited fiduciary and contractual duties, which may permit them to favor their own interests to the detriment of our unitholders.

As of April 6, 2018, Golar owned our general partner and 30.4% of our common units, and our general partner owned our general partner interest and all of our incentive distribution rights. Certain of our directors and officers are directors and/or officers of Golar or its affiliates and, as such, they have fiduciary duties to Golar that may cause them to pursue business strategies that disproportionately benefit Golar or which otherwise are not in the best interests of us or our unitholders. Conflicts of interest may arise between Golar and its affiliates (including our general partner) on the one hand, and us and our unitholders, on the other hand. As a result of these conflicts, our general partner and its affiliates may favor their own interests over the interests of our unitholders. These conflicts include, among others, the following situations:

- neither our partnership agreement nor any other agreement requires our general partner or Golar or its affiliates to pursue a business strategy that favors us or utilizes our assets, and Golar's officers and directors have a fiduciary duty to make decisions in the best interests of the shareholders of Golar, which may be contrary to our interests;
- our partnership agreement permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. Specifically, our general partner will be considered to be acting in its individual capacity if it exercises its call right, preemptive rights, registration rights or right to make a determination to receive common units in exchange for resetting the target distribution levels related to the incentive distribution rights, consents or withholds consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership, appoints any directors or votes for the election of any director, votes or refrains from voting on amendments to our partnership agreement that require a vote of the outstanding units, voluntarily withdraws from the partnership, transfers (to the extent permitted under our partnership agreement) or refrains from transferring its units, general partner interest or incentive distribution rights or votes upon the dissolution of the partnership;
- our general partner and our directors have limited their liabilities and reduced their fiduciary duties under the laws of the Marshall Islands, while also restricting the remedies available to our unitholders, and, as a result of purchasing common units, unitholders are treated as having agreed to the modified standard of fiduciary duties and to certain actions that may be taken by our general partner and our directors, all as set forth in the partnership agreement;
- our general partner is entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable costs incurred by it and its affiliates for our benefit;
- our partnership agreement does not restrict us from paying our general partner or its affiliates for any services rendered to us on terms that are fair and reasonable or entering into additional contractual arrangements with any of these entities on our behalf;
- our general partner may exercise its right to call and purchase our common units if it and its affiliates own more than 80% of our common units; and our general partner is not obligated to obtain a fairness opinion regarding the value of the common units to be repurchased by it upon the exercise of its limited call right.

Although a majority of our directors are elected by common unitholders, our general partner will likely have substantial influence on decisions made by our board of directors.

Golar and its affiliates may compete with us.

Pursuant to the omnibus agreement that we entered into in connection with our IPO (or the "Omnibus Agreement"), Golar and its affiliates (other than us, our general partner and our subsidiaries) generally agreed not to acquire, own, operate or charter certain FSRUs and LNG carriers operating under charters of five years or more (or "Five Year Vessels"). In June 2016, in connection with the formation by Golar of Golar Power, we entered into an additional omnibus agreement (or the "Golar Power Omnibus Agreement"), pursuant to which Golar and Golar Power agreed not to acquire, own, operate or charter Five Year Vessels. Both omnibus agreements, however, contain significant exceptions that may allow Golar, Golar Power and their respective affiliates to compete with us, which could harm our business. Please read "Item 7. Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions-B. Related Party Transactions-Omnibus Agreement-Non-competition" and "-Golar Power Omnibus Agreement-Non-competition."

The operation of FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers is inherently risky, and an incident involving loss of life or environmental consequences affecting any of our vessels could harm our reputation and business.

Our vessels and their cargos are at risk of being damaged or lost because of events such as:

- marine disasters;
- piracy;
- environmental accidents;
- bad weather;

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- mechanical failures;
- grounding, fire, explosions and collisions;
- human error; and
- war and terrorism.

An accident involving any of our vessels could result in any of the following:

- death or injury to persons, loss of property or environmental damage;
- delays in the delivery of cargo;
- loss of revenues from or termination of charter contracts;
- governmental fines, penalties or restrictions on conducting business;
- higher insurance rates; and
- damage to our reputation and customer relationships generally.

Any of these results could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results. If our vessels suffer damage, they may need to be repaired. The costs of vessel repairs are unpredictable and can be substantial. We may have to pay repair costs that our insurance policies do not cover. The loss of earnings while these vessels are being repaired, as well as the actual cost of these repairs, would decrease our results of operations. If any of our vessels is involved in an accident with the potential risk of environmental consequences, the resulting media coverage could have a material adverse effect on our business, our results of operations and cash flows, weaken our financial condition and negatively affect our ability to make distributions to unitholders.

Failure to comply with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act and applicable anti-bribery legislation in the other jurisdictions in which we do business could result in fines and criminal penalties and could have an adverse effect on our business.

The operations of our vessels outside of the United States puts us in contact with persons who may be considered “foreign officials” under the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (or the “FCPA”) and the Bribery Act 2010 of the Parliament of the United Kingdom (or the “UK Bribery Act”). We are committed to doing business in accordance with applicable anti-corruption laws and have adopted a code of business conduct and ethics which is consistent and in full compliance with the FCPA and the UK Bribery Act. However, we are subject to the risk that we, our affiliated entities or their respective officers, directors, employees and agents may take actions determined to be in violation of such anti-corruption laws, including the FCPA and the UK Bribery Act. Any such violation could result in substantial fines, sanctions, civil and/or criminal penalties, curtailment of operations in certain jurisdictions, and might adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition. In addition, actual or alleged violations could damage our reputation and ability to do business. Furthermore, detecting, investigating, and resolving actual or alleged violations is expensive and can consume significant time and attention of our management.

In order to effectively compete in some foreign jurisdictions, we utilize local agents and/or establish entities with local operators or strategic partners. All of these activities may involve interaction by our agents with government officials. Even though some of our agents or partners may not themselves be subject to the FCPA, the UK Bribery Act, or other anti-bribery laws to which we may be subject, if our agents or partners make improper payments to government officials or other persons in connection with engagements or partnerships with us, we could be investigated and potentially found liable for violation of such anti-bribery laws and could incur civil and criminal penalties and other sanctions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

We may be subject to litigation that, if not resolved in our favor and not sufficiently insured against, could have a material adverse effect on us.

We may be, from time to time, involved in various litigation matters. These matters may include, among other things, contract disputes, personal injury claims, environmental claims or proceedings, asbestos and other toxic tort claims, employment matters, governmental claims for taxes or duties and other litigation that arises in the ordinary course of our business. Although we intend to defend these matters vigorously, we cannot predict with certainty the outcome or effect of any claim or other litigation matter, and the ultimate outcome of any litigation or the potential costs to resolve them may have a material adverse effect on us. Insurance may not be applicable or sufficient in all cases and/or insurers may not remain solvent, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

A cyber-attack could materially disrupt our business.

We rely on information technology systems and networks, the majority of which are provided by Golar Management, in our operations and the administration of our business. Our operations could be targeted by individuals or groups seeking to sabotage or disrupt our information technology systems and networks, or to steal data. A successful cyber-attack could materially disrupt our operations, including the safety of our operations, or lead to unauthorized release of information or alteration of information on our systems. Any such attack or other breach of our information technology systems could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Terrorist attacks, piracy, war and general political unrest could lead to further economic instability, increased costs and disruption of our business.

Terrorist attacks and the continuing response of the United States and others to these attacks, as well as the threat of future terrorist attacks, continue to cause uncertainty in the world's financial markets and may affect our business, operating results, financial condition, ability to raise capital and future growth. In addition, current conflicts in Afghanistan, trade wars between the U.S., China and Russia and general political unrest in Ukraine, certain African nations and the Middle East may lead to additional regional conflicts and acts of terrorism around the world, which may contribute to further economic instability in the global financial markets. These uncertainties could also adversely affect our ability to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to us or at all. In the past, political conflicts have also resulted in attacks on vessels, mining of waterways and other efforts to disrupt international shipping, particularly in the Arabian Gulf region. Acts of terrorism and piracy have also affected vessels trading in regions such as the South China Sea and the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia. Any of these occurrences could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay distributions.

In addition, LNG facilities, shipyards, vessels (including FSRUs, FLNGs and conventional LNG carriers), pipelines and gas fields could be targets of future terrorist attacks or piracy. Terrorist attacks, war or other events beyond our control that adversely affect the production, storage, transportation or regasification of LNG to be shipped or processed by us could entitle our customers to terminate our charters, which would harm our cash flow and our business. Concern that LNG facilities may be targeted for attack by terrorists has contributed to significant community and environmental resistance to the construction of a number of LNG facilities, primarily in North America. If a terrorist incident involving an LNG facility, FSRU or LNG carrier did occur, the incident may adversely affect construction of additional LNG facilities or FSRUs or the temporary or permanent closing of various LNG facilities or FSRUs currently in operation.

Our insurance may be insufficient to cover losses that may occur to our property or result from our operations.

The operation of FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers is inherently risky. Although we carry protection and indemnity insurance consistent with industry standards, all risks may not be adequately insured against, and any particular claim may not be paid. Any claims covered by insurance would be subject to deductibles, and since it is possible that a large number of claims may be brought, the aggregate amount of these deductibles could be material. Certain of our insurance coverage is maintained through mutual protection and indemnity associations, and as a member of such associations we may be required to make additional payments over and above budgeted premiums if member claims exceed association reserves.

We may be unable to procure adequate insurance coverage at commercially reasonable rates in the future. For example, more stringent environmental regulations have led to increased costs for, and in the future may result in the lack of availability of, insurance against risks of environmental damage or pollution. A marine disaster could exceed our insurance coverage, which could harm our business, financial condition and operating results. Any uninsured or underinsured loss could harm our business and financial condition. In addition, our insurance may be voidable by the insurers as a result of certain of our actions, such as our vessels failing to maintain certification with applicable maritime self-regulatory organizations.

Changes in the insurance markets attributable to terrorist attacks or piracy may also make certain types of insurance more difficult for us to obtain. In addition, upon renewal or expiration of our current policies, the insurance that may be available to us may be significantly more expensive than our existing coverage.

We may be subject to increased premium payments, or calls, if the value of our claim records, the claim records of our fleet managers, and/or the claim records of other members of the protection and indemnity associations through which we receive insurance coverage for tort liability (including pollution-related liability) significantly exceed projected claims. In addition, our protection and indemnity associations may not have enough resources to cover claims made against them. Our payment of these calls could result in significant expense to us, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition and ability to pay distributions.

We may be unable to attract and retain key management personnel in the LNG industry, which may negatively impact the effectiveness of our management and our results of operation.

Our success depends to a significant extent upon the abilities and the efforts of our senior executives. While we believe that we have an experienced management team, the loss or unavailability of one or more of our senior executives for any extended period of time could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our officers face conflicts in the allocation of their time to our business.

Our officers are all directors or officers of Golar Management and perform executive officer functions for us pursuant to the Management and Administrative Services Agreement, are not required to work full-time on our affairs and also perform services for affiliates of our general partner, including Golar. The affiliates of our general partner, including Golar, conduct substantial businesses and activities of their own in which we have no economic interest. As a result, there could be material competition for the time and effort of our officers who also provide services to our general partner's affiliates, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Please read "Item 6-Directors, Senior Management and Employees".

A shortage of qualified officers and crew could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers require technically skilled officers and crews with specialized training. As the world FSRU, FLNG and LNG carrier fleet has grown, the demand for technically skilled officers and crews has increased, which could lead to a shortage of such personnel. Increases in our historical vessel operating expenses have been attributable primarily to the rising costs of recruiting and retaining officers for our fleet. If our vessel managers are unable to employ technically skilled staff and crew, they will not be able to adequately staff our vessels. A material decrease in the supply of technically skilled officers or an inability of Golar Management or our vessel managers to attract and retain such qualified officers could impair our ability to operate or increase the cost of crewing our vessels, which would materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and significantly reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

In addition, the *Golar Winter* is employed by Petrobras in Brazil. As a result, we are required to hire a certain portion of Brazilian personnel to crew this vessel in accordance with Brazilian law. Also, the *NR Satu* is employed by PTNR, in Indonesia. As a result, we are required to hire a certain portion of Indonesian personnel to crew the *NR Satu* in accordance with Indonesian law. Any inability to attract and retain qualified Brazilian and Indonesian crew members could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition and could significantly reduce our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations will result in fluctuations in our cash flows and operating results.

Historically our revenue has been generated in U.S. Dollars, but we directly or indirectly incur capital, operating and administrative expenses in multiple currencies, including, among others, the Euro, the Brazilian Real, the Indonesian Rupiah, the Norwegian Kroner (or "NOK") and Pound Sterling. If the U.S. Dollar weakens significantly, we would be required to convert more U.S. Dollars to other currencies to satisfy our obligations, which would cause us to have less cash available for distribution.

Because we report our operating results in U.S. Dollars, changes in the value of the U.S. Dollar also result in fluctuations in our reported revenues and earnings. In addition, under U.S. GAAP, all foreign currency-denominated monetary assets and liabilities such as cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, restricted cash and short-term deposits, accounts payable, long-term debt and capital lease obligation are revalued and reported based on the prevailing exchange rate at the end of the reporting period. This revaluation may cause us to report significant non-monetary foreign currency exchange gains and losses in certain periods. Please read "Item 11—Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" below for a more detailed discussion on foreign currency risk.

Compliance with safety and other vessel requirements imposed by classification societies may be very costly and may adversely affect our business.

The hull and machinery of every large, oceangoing commercial vessel must be classed by a classification society authorized by its country of registry. The classification society certifies that a vessel is safe and seaworthy in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the country of registry of the vessel and the Safety of Life at Sea Convention. With the exception of the *Golar Mazo*, which is certified by Lloyds Register, all other vessels in our current fleet are each certified by the Norwegian Class Society, DNV-GI.

As part of the certification process, a vessel must undergo annual surveys, intermediate surveys and special surveys. In lieu of a special survey, a vessel's machinery may be on a continuous survey cycle, under which the machinery would be surveyed periodically over a five-year period. Each of the vessels in our existing fleet is on a planned maintenance system approval, and as

such the classification society attends on board once every year to verify that the maintenance of the equipment on board is performed correctly. Each of the vessels in our existing fleet is required to be qualified within its respective classification society for drydocking once every five years subject to an intermediate underwater survey done using an approved diving company in the presence of a surveyor from the classification society.

If any vessel does not maintain its class or fails any annual survey, intermediate survey or special survey, the vessel will be unable to trade between ports and will be unemployable. We would lose revenue while the vessel was off-hire and incur costs of compliance. This would negatively impact our revenues and reduce our cash available for distribution to unitholders.

Further changes to existing environmental legislation that is applicable to international and national maritime trade may have an adverse effect on our business.

We believe that the heightened environmental, quality and security concerns of insurance underwriters, regulators and charterers will generally lead to additional regulatory requirements, including enhanced risk assessment and security requirements and greater inspection and safety requirements on all LNG carriers in the marine transportation markets and offshore LNG terminals. These requirements are likely to add incremental costs to our operations and the failure to comply with these requirements may affect the ability of our vessels to obtain and, possibly, collect on insurance or to obtain the required certificates for entry into the different ports where we operate.

Further legislation, or amendments to existing legislation, applicable to international and national maritime trade are expected over the coming years in areas such as vessel recycling, sewage systems, emission control (including emissions of greenhouse gases), ballast treatment and handling, etc. The United States implements legislation and regulations that require more stringent controls of air and water emissions from ocean-going vessels. Such legislation or regulations may require additional capital expenditures or operating expenses (such as increased costs for low-sulfur fuel) in order for us to maintain our vessels' compliance with international and/or national regulations.

Climate change and greenhouse gas restrictions may adversely impact our operations and markets.

Due to concern over the risk of climate change, a number of countries and the IMO have adopted, or are considering the adoption of, regulatory frameworks to reduce greenhouse gas emission from vessel emissions. These regulatory measures may include, among others, adoption of cap and trade regimes, carbon taxes, increased efficiency standards, and incentives or mandates for renewable energy. Also, a treaty may be adopted in the future that requires the adoption of restrictions on shipping emissions. Compliance with changes in laws and regulations relating to climate change could increase our costs of operating and maintaining our vessels and could require us to make significant financial expenditures that we cannot predict with certainty at this time.

Adverse effects upon the oil and gas industry relating to climate change, including growing public concern about the environmental impact of climate change, may also have an effect on demand for our services. For example, increased regulation of greenhouse gases or other concerns relating to climate change may reduce the demand for oil and gas in the future or create greater incentives for use of alternative energy sources. Any long-term material adverse effect on the oil and gas industry could have a significant financial and operational adverse impact on our business that we cannot predict with certainty at this time.

Please read "Item 4. Information on the Partnership—B. Business Overview—Environmental and Other Regulations—Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions" below for a more detailed discussion.

The LNG liquefaction, transportation, storage and regasification industry is subject to substantial environmental and other regulations, compliance with which may significantly limit our operations or increase our expenses.

Our operations are materially affected by extensive and changing international, national and local environmental protection laws, regulations, treaties, conventions and standards in force in international waters, the jurisdictional waters of the countries in which our vessels operate, as well as the countries of our vessels' registration, including those relating to equipping and operating FLNGs, FSRUs and LNG carriers, providing security and minimizing the potential for impacts to the environment from their operations. We have incurred, and expect to continue to incur, substantial expenses in complying with these laws and regulations, including expenses for vessel modifications and changes in operating procedures. Additional laws and regulations may be adopted that could limit our ability to do business or further increase costs, which could harm our business. In addition, failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations may result in administrative and civil penalties, criminal sanctions or the suspension or termination of operations. We may become subject to additional laws and regulations if we enter new markets or trades.

These requirements can affect the resale value or useful lives of our vessels, require a reduction in cargo capacity, vessel modifications or operational changes or restrictions, lead to decreased availability of insurance coverage for environmental matters or result in the denial of access to certain jurisdictional waters or ports, or detention in certain ports. Under local, national and

foreign laws, as well as international treaties and conventions, we could incur material liabilities, including cleanup obligations, natural resource damages, personal injury and property damage claims in the event that there is a release of a hazardous materials from our vessels or otherwise in connection with our operations. Violations of, or liabilities under, safety and environmental requirements can result in substantial penalties, fines and other sanctions, including in certain instances, seizure or detention of our vessels. Events of this nature would have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and the results of operations.

Our vessels operating in U.S. and international waters now or, in the future, will be subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to protection of the environment.

Our vessels operating in U.S. waters now or, in the future, will be subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to protection of the environment, including the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (or “OPA 90”), the U.S. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (or “CERCLA”), the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act. In some cases, these laws and regulations require us to obtain governmental permits and authorizations before we may conduct certain activities. These environmental laws and regulations may impose substantial penalties for noncompliance and substantial liabilities for pollution. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in substantial civil and criminal fines and penalties. As with the industry generally, our operations will entail risks in these areas, and compliance with these laws and regulations, which may be subject to frequent revisions and reinterpretation, may increase our overall cost of business.

Our vessels traveling in international waters are subject to various existing regulations published by the International Maritime Organization (or the “IMO”) as well as marine pollution and prevention requirements imposed by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (“MARPOL”). In addition, our LNG vessels may become subject to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, as amended by the April 2010 Protocol to the HNS Convention (or the “2010 HNS Convention”), if it is entered into force. In addition, national laws generally provide for a LNG carrier or offshore LNG facility owner or operator to bear strict liability for pollution, subject to a right to limit liability under applicable national or international regimes for limitation of liability. However, some jurisdictions are not a party to an international regime limiting maritime pollution liability, and, therefore, a vessel owner’s or operator’s rights to limit liability for maritime pollution in such jurisdictions may be uncertain.

Please read “Item 4—Information on the Partnership—Business Overview—Environmental and Other Regulations— International Maritime Regulations of LNG Vessels” and “Other Regulation” below for a more detailed discussion of these laws and regulations.

We may be unable to obtain, maintain, and/or renew permits necessary for our operations or experience delays in obtaining such permits, which could have a material effect on our operations.

The design, construction and operation of FSRUs, FLNGs and interconnecting pipelines and the transportation of LNG are subject to governmental approvals and permits. The permitting rules, and the interpretations of those rules, are complex, change frequently and are often subject to discretionary interpretations by regulators, all of which may make compliance more difficult or impractical, and may increase the length of time it takes to receive regulatory approval for offshore LNG operations. In the future, the relevant regulatory authorities may take actions to restrict or prohibit the access of FSRUs or LNG carriers to various ports or adopt new rules and regulations applicable to FSRUs and LNG carriers that will increase the time needed to obtain necessary environmental permits. We cannot assure unitholders that such changes would not have a material effect on our operations.

Changing laws and evolving reporting requirements could have an adverse effect on our business.

Changing laws, regulations and standards relating to reporting requirements, including the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 and the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”), will create additional compliance requirements for companies such as ours. To maintain high standards of corporate governance and public disclosure, we have invested in, and intend to continue to invest in, reasonably necessary resources to comply with evolving standards.

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 requires any commercial organizations that carry on a business or part of a business in the UK which both (i) supply goods or services and (ii) have an annual worldwide turnover of £36 million to prepare a slavery and human trafficking statement for each financial year ending on or after March 31, 2016. In this statement, the commercial organization must set out the steps it has taken to ensure there is no modern slavery in its own business and its supply chain, or state that it has taken no such steps. The Secretary of State may enforce the duty to prepare a slavery and human trafficking statement by means of civil proceedings against the organization concerned.

To the extent that we are found to be non-compliant of the requirements of the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015, whether with or without our knowledge, we may face governmental or other regulatory claims that could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and ability to pay dividends.

GDPR broadens the scope of personal privacy laws to protect the rights of European Union citizens and requires organizations to report on data breaches within 72 hours and be bound by more stringent rules for obtaining the consent of individuals on how their data can be used.

GDPR will become enforceable on May 25, 2018 and non-compliance may expose entities to significant fines or other regulatory claims which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial conditions, results of operations, cash flows and ability to pay distributions.

The shareholders' agreement with Chinese Petroleum Corporation with respect to the Golar Mazo contains provisions that may limit our ability to sell or transfer our interest in the Golar Mazo, which could have a material adverse effect on our cash flows and affect our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

We have a 60% interest in the joint venture that owns the *Golar Mazo*, which enables us to control the joint venture subject to certain protective rights held by Chinese Petroleum Corporation (or CPC), who holds the remaining 40% interest in the *Golar Mazo*. Under the shareholders' agreement, no party may sell, assign, mortgage, or otherwise transfer its rights, interests or obligations under the agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. If we determine that the sale or transfer of our interest in the *Golar Mazo* is in our best interest, we must provide CPC notice of our intent to sell or transfer our interest and grant CPC a right of first refusal to purchase our interest. If CPC does not accept the offer within 60 days after we notify CPC, we will be free to sell or transfer our interest to a third party. Any delay in the sale or transfer of our interest in the *Golar Mazo* or restrictions in our ability to manage the joint venture could have a material adverse effect on our cash flows and affect our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

PTNR has the right to purchase the NR Satu at any time at a price that must be agreed upon between us and PTNR. The exercise of this option could have a material adverse effect on our cash flow and our ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

PTNR has the right to purchase the *NR Satu* at any time at a price that must be agreed upon between us and PTNR. If PTNR exercises its purchase option, it would reduce the size of our fleet and we may be unable to identify or acquire a suitable replacement vessel with the proceeds of the option exercise. Even if we find a suitable replacement vessel, the hire rate of such vessel may be lower than the hire rate for the *NR Satu* under its charter. The exercise of this option could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, cash flows and ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Our consolidated variable interest entity, or VIE, may enter into different financing arrangements, which could affect our financial results.

In November 2015, we entered into a sale and leaseback transaction with a subsidiary, Sea 23 Leasing Co. Limited (or "Eskimo SPV") of China Merchants Bank Leasing (or "CMBL"). Eskimo SPV was determined to be a VIE of which we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary, and as a result we are required to consolidate the results of Eskimo SPV. Although consolidated into our results, we have no control over the funding arrangements negotiated by Eskimo SPV such as interest rates, maturity, and repayment profiles. In consolidating Eskimo SPV, we must make certain assumptions regarding the debt amortization profile and the interest rate to be applied against Eskimo SPV's debt principal. Our estimates are therefore dependent upon the timeliness of receipt and accuracy of financial information provided by Eskimo SPV. For additional detail refer to note 5 "Variable Interest Entities" to our consolidated financial statements. As of December 31, 2017, we consolidated one VIE in connection with the lease financing of the *Golar Eskimo*. For a description of our current financing arrangements including those of the VIE, please read "Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—F. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations." The funding arrangements negotiated by the VIE could adversely affect our financial results.

Maritime claimants could arrest our vessels, which could interrupt our cash flow.

If we are in default on certain kinds of obligations, such as those to our lenders, crew members, suppliers of goods and services to our vessels or shippers of cargo, these parties may be entitled to a maritime lien against one or more of our vessels. In many jurisdictions, a maritime lien holder may enforce its lien by arresting a vessel through foreclosure proceedings. In a few jurisdictions, claimants could try to assert "sister ship" liability against one vessel in our fleet for claims relating to another of our vessels. The arrest or attachment of one or more of our vessels could interrupt our cash flow and require us to pay to have the arrest lifted. Under some of our present charters, if the vessel is arrested or detained (for as few as 14 days in the case of one of our charters) as a result of a claim against us, we may be in default of our charter and the charterer may terminate the charter. This would negatively impact our revenues and reduce our cash available for distribution to unitholders.

We currently operate primarily outside the United States, which could expose us to political, governmental and economic instability that could harm our operations.

Because most of our operations are currently conducted outside of the United States, they may be affected by economic, political and governmental conditions in the countries where we are engaged in business or where our vessels are registered. Any disruption caused by these factors could harm our business. In particular, we derive a substantial portion of our revenues from shipping LNG from politically unstable regions, particularly the Arabian Gulf, Brazil, Indonesia and West Africa. Past political conflicts in certain of these regions have included attacks on vessels, mining of waterways and other efforts to disrupt shipping in the area. In addition to acts of terrorism, vessels trading in these and other regions have also been subject, in limited instances, to piracy. Future hostilities or other political instability in the regions in which we operate or may operate could have a material adverse effect on the growth of our business, results of operations and financial condition and our ability to make cash distributions. In addition, tariffs, trade embargoes and other economic sanctions by the United States or other countries against countries in the Middle East, Southeast Asia, Africa or elsewhere as a result of terrorist attacks, hostilities or otherwise may limit trading activities with those countries, which could also harm our business and ability to make cash distributions.

Our vessels may call on ports located in countries that are subject to restrictions imposed by the U.S. or other governments, which could adversely affect our business.

Although no vessels operated by us have called on ports located in countries subject to sanctions and embargoes imposed by the U.S. government and countries identified by the U.S. government as state sponsors of terrorism, such as Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, in the future our vessels may call on ports in these countries from time to time on our charterers' instructions. The U.S. sanctions and embargo laws and regulations vary in their application, as they do not all apply to the same covered persons or proscribe the same activities, and such sanctions and embargo laws and regulations may be amended or strengthened over time.

In particular, beginning in 2010, the U.S. government implemented a number of nuclear-related statutory sanctions measures targeting persons engaging in certain transactions with or involving Iran.

However, on July 14, 2015, the P5+1 (the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Russia and China), together with the European Union and Iran, reached a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (or the "JCPOA") intended to ensure that the Iranian nuclear program would be exclusively peaceful, which, if verified, would trigger the implementation of phased sanctions relief by the United Nations, the United States, and the European Union. The P5+1 and Iran also decided on July 14, 2015 to further extend through "Implementation Day" the nuclear commitments and sanctions relief provided for in the November 24, 2013 Joint Plan of Action. "Implementation Day" was described in the JCPOA as the date on which the International Atomic Energy Agency (or the "IAEA") verified that Iran had undertaken certain nuclear-related measures as described in the JCPOA.

On January 16, 2016, the IAEA verified that Iran had satisfied its commitments under the JCPOA. Accordingly, January 16, 2016, marked "Implementation Day," or the date on which the United States effected the lifting of its nuclear-related "secondary" sanctions and took additional steps consistent with its commitments under the JCPOA. The European Union also took action to lift its sanctions on January 16, 2016.

Although it is our intention to comply with the provisions of the JCPOA and other U.S. regulations, there can be no assurance that we will be in compliance in the future, as such regulations and U.S. sanctions may be amended over time, and the United States retains the authority to revoke the aforementioned relief if Iran fails to meet its commitments under the JCPOA.

Although we believe that we have been in compliance with all applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations, and intend to maintain such compliance, there can be no assurance that we will be in compliance in the future, particularly as the scope of certain laws may be unclear and may be subject to changing interpretations. Any such violation could result in fines, penalties or other sanctions that could severely impact our ability to access U.S. capital markets and conduct our business, and could result in some investors deciding, or being required, to divest their interest, or not to invest, in us. In addition, certain institutional investors may have investment policies or restrictions that prevent them from holding securities of companies that have contracts with U.S. embargoed countries or countries identified by the U.S. government as state sponsors of terrorism and certain financial institutions may have policies against lending or extending credit to companies that have contracts with U.S. embargoed countries or countries identified by the U.S. government as state sponsors of terrorism. The determination by these investors not to invest in, or to divest from, our common and preferred units or the determination by these financial institutions not to offer financing may adversely affect the price at which our common and preferred units trade. Moreover, our charterers may violate applicable sanctions and embargo laws and regulations as a result of actions that do not involve us or our vessels, and those violations could in turn negatively affect our reputation. In addition, our reputation and the market for our securities may be adversely affected if we engage in certain other activities, such as entering into charters with individuals or entities in countries subject to U.S. sanctions and embargo laws that are not controlled by the governments of those countries, or engaging in operations associated with those countries pursuant to contracts with third parties that are unrelated to those countries or entities controlled

by their governments. Investor perception of the value of our common and preferred units may be adversely affected by the consequences of war, the effects of terrorism, civil unrest and governmental actions in these and surrounding countries.

Our partnership agreement limits our general partner's and our directors' fiduciary duties to our unitholders and restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions taken by our general partner or our directors.

Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner will delegate to our board of directors the authority to oversee and direct our operations, management and policies on an exclusive basis, and such delegation will be binding on any successor general partner of the partnership. Our partnership agreement also contains provisions that reduce the standards to which our general partner and directors would otherwise be held by Marshall Islands law. For example, our partnership agreement:

- permits our general partner to make a number of decisions in its individual capacity, as opposed to in its capacity as our general partner. Where our partnership agreement permits, our general partner may consider only the interests and factors that it desires, and in such cases it has no fiduciary duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, us, our affiliates or our unitholders. Decisions made by our general partner in its individual capacity will be made by its sole owner, Golar. Specifically, pursuant to our partnership agreement, our general partner will be considered to be acting in its individual capacity if it exercises its right to make a determination to receive common units in exchange for resetting the target distribution levels related to the incentive distribution rights (or the IDRs), call right, pre-emptive rights or registration rights, consents or withholds consent to any merger or consolidation of the partnership, appoints any directors or votes for the election of any director, votes or refrains from voting on amendments to our partnership agreement that require a vote of the outstanding units, voluntarily withdraws from the partnership, transfers (to the extent permitted under our partnership agreement) or refrains from transferring its units, general partner interest or IDRs or votes upon the dissolution of the partnership;
- provides that our general partner and our directors are entitled to make other decisions in "good faith" if they reasonably believe that the decision is in our best interests;
- generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not approved by the conflicts committee of our board of directors and not involving a vote of unitholders must be on terms no less favorable to us than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or be "fair and reasonable" to us and that, in determining whether a transaction or resolution is "fair and reasonable," our board of directors may consider the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly advantageous or beneficial to us; and
- provides that neither our general partner nor our officers or our directors will be liable for monetary damages to us, our limited partners or assignees for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that our general partner or directors or its officers or directors or those other persons engaged in actual fraud or willful misconduct.

In order to become a limited partner of our partnership, a common unitholder is required to agree to be bound by the provisions in the partnership agreement, including the provisions discussed above.

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a person or group from attempting to remove our current management or our general partner which could diminish the trading price of our common units.

Our partnership agreement contains provisions that may have the effect of discouraging a person or group from attempting to remove our current management or our general partner.

- The vote of the holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of all outstanding common units voting together as a single class is required to remove the general partner. As of April 6, 2018, Golar owned our general partner and 30.4% of our common units.
- Common unitholders are entitled to elect only four of the seven members of our board of directors. Our general partner in its sole discretion appoints the remaining three directors.
- Election of the four directors elected by unitholders is staggered, meaning that the member(s) of only one of three classes of our elected directors will be selected each year. In addition, the directors appointed by our general partner serve for terms determined by our general partner.
- Our partnership agreement contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings of unitholders, to nominate directors and to acquire information about our operations as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management.
- Unitholders' voting rights are further restricted by the partnership agreement provision providing that if any person or group owns beneficially more than 4.9% of any class of units then outstanding, any such units owned by that person or group in excess of 4.9% may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes (except for purposes of nominating a person for election).

to our board), determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes, unless required by law. The voting rights of any such unitholders in excess of 4.9% will effectively be redistributed pro rata among the other common unitholders holding less than 4.9% of the voting power of all classes of units entitled to vote. Our general partner, its affiliates and persons who acquired common units with the prior approval of our board of directors will not be subject to this 4.9% limitation except with respect to voting their common units in the election of the elected directors.

- There are no restrictions in our partnership agreement on our ability to issue equity securities. The effect of these provisions may be to diminish the price at which our units will trade.

The control of our general partner may be transferred to a third party without unitholder consent.

Our general partner may transfer its general partner interest to a third party in a merger or in a sale of all or substantially all of its assets without the consent of the unitholders. In addition, our partnership agreement does not restrict the ability of the members of our general partner from transferring their respective membership interests in our general partner to a third party.

Unitholders have limited voting rights, and our partnership agreement restricts the voting rights of the unitholders owning more than 4.9% of our units.

Unlike the holders of common stock in a corporation, holders of common units have only limited voting rights on matters affecting our business. We hold a meeting of the limited partners every year to elect one or more members of our board of directors and to vote on any other matters that are properly brought before the meeting. Common unitholders are entitled to elect only four of the seven members of our board of directors. The elected directors are elected on a staggered basis and serve for three year terms. Our general partner in its sole discretion appoints the remaining three directors and set the terms for which those directors will serve. The partnership agreement also contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about our operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders' ability to influence the manner or direction of management. Unitholders have no right to elect our general partner, and our general partner may not be removed except by a vote of the holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding common units, including any common units owned by our general partner and its affiliates, voting together as a single class.

Our partnership agreement further restricts unitholders' voting rights by providing that if any person or group owns beneficially more than 4.9% of any class of units then outstanding, any such units owned by that person or group in excess of 4.9% may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders, calculating required votes (except for purposes of nominating a person for election to our board), determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes, unless required by law. The voting rights of any such unitholders in excess of 4.9% will effectively be redistributed pro rata among the other common unitholders holding less than 4.9% of the voting power of all classes of units entitled to vote. Our general partner, its affiliates and persons who acquired common units with the prior approval of our board of directors will not be subject to this 4.9% limitation except with respect to voting their common units in the election of the elected directors.

Substantial future sales of our common units in the public market could cause the price of our common units to fall.

We have granted registration rights to Golar and certain of its affiliates. These unitholders have the right, subject to some conditions, to require us to file registration statements covering any of our common units or other equity securities owned by them or to include those securities in registration statements that we may file for ourselves or other unitholders. As of April 6, 2018, Golar owned 21,226,586 common units. In addition, in connection with the October 2016 exchange of Old IDRs for New IDRs (or the "IDR Exchange"), we agreed to issue up to an additional 374,296 common units (or the "Earn-Out Units") to Golar in the future, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. Following their registration and sale under the applicable registration statement, those securities will become freely tradable. By exercising their registration rights and selling a large number of common units or other securities, these unitholders could cause the price of our common units to decline.

Our general partner, as the holder of all of the IDRs, may elect to cause us to issue additional common units to it in connection with a resetting of the target distribution levels related to our general partner's IDRs without the approval of the conflicts committee of our board of directors or holders of our common units. This may result in lower distributions to holders of our common units in certain situations.

Our general partner, as the holder of all of the IDRs, has the right, at a time when our general partner has received incentive distributions at the highest level to which it is entitled (48%) for each of the prior four consecutive fiscal quarters, to reset the initial cash target distribution levels at higher levels based on the distribution at the time of the exercise of the reset election. Following a reset election by our general partner, the minimum quarterly distribution amount will be reset to an amount equal to the average cash distribution amount per common unit for the two fiscal quarters immediately preceding the reset election (such

amount is referred to as the “reset minimum quarterly distribution”), and the target distribution levels will be reset to correspondingly higher levels based on the same percentage increases above the reset minimum quarterly distribution amount.

In connection with resetting these target distribution levels, our general partner will be entitled to receive a number of common units equal to that number of common units whose aggregate quarterly cash distributions equaled the average of the distributions to our general partner on the IDRs in the prior two quarters. We anticipate that our general partner would exercise this reset right in order to facilitate acquisitions or internal growth projects that would not be sufficiently accretive to cash distributions per common unit without such conversion; however, it is possible that our general partner could exercise this reset election at a time when it is experiencing, or may be expected to experience, declines in the cash distributions it receives related to its IDRs and may therefore desire to be issued our common units, rather than retain the right to receive incentive distributions based on the initial target distribution levels. As a result, a reset election may cause our common unitholders to experience dilution in the amount of cash distributions that they would have otherwise received had we not issued additional common units to our general partner in connection with resetting the target distribution levels related to our general partner’s IDRs.

We may issue additional equity securities, including securities senior to the common units, without the approval of our unitholders, which would dilute our current unitholders’ ownership interests.

We may, without the approval of our unitholders, issue an unlimited number of additional common units. In addition, we may issue units that are senior to the common units in right of distribution, liquidation and voting, provided that we may not issue any limited partner interests or other equity securities expressly made senior to the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary (“Senior Securities”) and, under certain circumstances limited partner interests or other equity securities with terms expressly providing that such class or series ranks on a parity with the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary (“Parity Securities”) without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units. The issuance by us of additional common units or other equity securities of equal or senior rank will have the following effects:

- our unitholders’ proportionate ownership interest in us will decrease;
- the amount of cash available for distribution on each unit may decrease;
- the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding unit may be diminished; and
- the market price of the common units may decline.

Our Series A Preferred Units have rights, preferences and privileges that are not held by, and are preferential to the rights of, holders of our common units.

Our Series A Preferred Units rank senior to all our common units with respect to distribution rights and liquidation preference. These preferences could adversely affect the market price for our common units, or could make it more difficult for us to sell our common units in the future.

In addition, distributions on the Series A Preferred Units accrue and are cumulative. Our obligation to pay distributions on our Series A Preferred Units, or on the common units issued following conversion of such Series A Preferred Units, could impact our liquidity and reduce the amount of cash flow available for working capital, capital expenditures, growth opportunities, acquisitions, and other general partnership purposes. Our obligations to the holders of Series A Preferred Units could also limit our ability to obtain additional financing or increase our borrowing costs, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition.

In establishing cash reserves, our board of directors may reduce the amount of cash available for distribution to our unitholders.

Our partnership agreement requires our general partner to deduct from operating surplus cash reserves that it determines are necessary to fund our future operating expenditures. These reserves also will affect the amount of cash available for distribution to our unitholders. As described above, our partnership agreement requires our board of directors each quarter to deduct from operating surplus estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, as opposed to actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, which could reduce the amount of available cash for distribution. The amount of estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures deducted from operating surplus is subject to review and change by our board of directors at least once a year, provided that any change must be approved by the conflicts committee of our board of directors.

Our general partner has a limited call right that may require unitholders to sell their common units at an undesirable time or price.

If at any time our general partner and its affiliates own more than 80% of the common units, our general partner will have the right, which it may assign to any of its affiliates or to us, but not the obligation, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the common units held by unaffiliated persons at a price not less than the then-current market price of our common units. Our general partner is not obligated to obtain a fairness opinion regarding the value of the common units to be repurchased by it upon the exercise of this limited call right. As a result, unitholders may be required to sell their common units at an undesirable time or price and may not receive any return on their investment. Unitholders may also incur a tax liability upon a sale of units.

Unitholders may not have limited liability if a court finds that unitholder action constitutes control of our business.

As a limited partner in a partnership organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands, a unitholder could be held liable for our obligations to the same extent as a general partner if a unitholder participates in the “control” of our business. Our general partner generally has unlimited liability for the obligations of the partnership, such as its debts and environmental liabilities, except for those contractual obligations of the partnership that are expressly made without recourse to our general partner. In addition, the limitations on the liability of holders of limited partner interests for the obligations of a limited partnership have not been clearly established in some jurisdictions in which we do business.

We can borrow money to pay distributions, which would reduce the amount of credit available to operate our business.

Our partnership agreement allows us to make working capital borrowings to pay distributions. Accordingly, if we have available borrowing capacity, we can make distributions on all our units even though cash generated by our operations may not be sufficient to pay such distributions. Any working capital borrowings by us to make distributions will reduce the amount of working capital borrowings we can make for operating our business.

Increases in interest rates may cause the market price of our units to decline.

An increase in interest rates may cause a corresponding decline in demand for equity investments in general, and in particular for yield-based equity investments such as our common units. Any such increase in interest rates or reduction in demand for our common units resulting from other relatively more attractive investment opportunities may cause the trading price of our common units or Series A Preferred Units to decline.

One of our vessels is currently financed by a UK tax lease. In the event of any adverse tax changes or a successful challenge by the UK revenue authorities with regard to the initial tax basis of the transactions or in the event of an early termination of a lease, we may be required to make additional payments to the UK vessel lessor, which could adversely affect our earnings and financial position.

One of our vessels is currently financed by a UK tax lease. In the event of any adverse tax changes to legislation affecting the tax treatment of the lease for the UK vessel lessor or a successful challenge by the UK revenue authorities to the tax assumptions on which the transaction was based, or in the event that we terminate our UK tax lease before its expiration, we would be required to return all or a portion of, or in certain circumstances significantly more than, the upfront cash benefits that we have received or that have accrued over time, together with fees that were financed in connection with our lease financing transactions, or post additional security or make additional payments to the UK vessel lessor.

Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (or “HMRC”) has been challenging the use of similar lease structures and has been engaged in litigation of a test case for some years. In August 2015, following an appeal to the Court of Appeal by the HMRC which set aside previous judgments in favor of the tax payer, the First Tier Tribunal (UK court) ruled in favor of HMRC. The judgments of the First Tier Tribunal do not create binding precedent for other UK court decisions and therefore the ruling in favor of HMRC is not binding in the context of our UK tax lease. HMRC has written to our lessor to indicate that it believes our lease maybe similar to the case noted above. We have reviewed the details of the case and the basis of the judgment with our legal and tax advisers to ascertain what impact, if any, the judgment may have on us and the possible range of exposure has been estimated at approximately \$nil to \$30.0 million (£ 22.5 million). In the event of any adverse tax changes or a successful challenge by HMRC with regard to the initial tax basis of the UK tax lease relating to *Methane Princess* lease, we may be required to make additional payments principally to the UK vessel lessor or HMRC.

Golar has agreed to indemnify us against these increased costs and similar costs related to other Golar vessels which were previously financed under UK tax leases, but any default by Golar would not limit our obligation under this lease. Any additional payments could adversely affect our earnings and financial position. For more information on the UK tax lease, please read “Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—F. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations.”

Unitholders may have liability to repay distributions.

Under some circumstances, unitholders may have to repay amounts wrongfully returned or distributed to them. Under the Marshall Islands Limited Partnership Act (or the Marshall Islands Act), we may not make a distribution to unitholders if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets. Marshall Islands law provides that for a period of three years from the date of the impermissible distribution, limited partners who received the distribution and who knew at the time of the distribution that it violated Marshall Islands law will be liable to the limited partnership for the distribution amount. Assignees who become substituted limited partners are liable for the obligations of the assignor to make contributions to the partnership that are known to the assignee at the time it became a limited partner and for unknown obligations if the liabilities could be determined from the partnership agreement. Liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interest and liabilities that are non-recourse to the partnership are not counted for purposes of determining whether a distribution is permitted.

We have been organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which does not have a well-developed body of partnership law.

Our partnership affairs are governed by our partnership agreement and by the Marshall Islands Act. The provisions of the Marshall Islands Act resemble provisions of the limited partnership laws of a number of states in the United States, most notably Delaware. The Marshall Islands Act also provides that it is to be applied and construed to make it uniform with the Delaware Revised Uniform Partnership Act and, so long as it does not conflict with the Marshall Islands Act or decisions of the Marshall Islands courts, interpreted according to the non-statutory law (or case law) of the State of Delaware. There have been, however, few, if any, court cases in the Marshall Islands interpreting the Marshall Islands Act, in contrast to Delaware, which has a fairly well-developed body of case law interpreting its limited partnership statute. Accordingly, we cannot predict whether Marshall Islands courts would reach the same conclusions as the courts in Delaware. For example, the rights of our unitholders and the fiduciary responsibilities of our general partner under Marshall Islands law are not as clearly established as under judicial precedent in existence in Delaware. As a result, unitholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests in the face of actions by our general partner and its officers and directors than would unitholders of a similarly organized limited partnership in the United States.

Because we are organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands, it may be difficult to serve us with legal process or enforce judgments against us, our directors or our management.

We are organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands, and substantially all of our assets are located outside of the United States. In addition, our general partner is a Marshall Islands limited liability company, and our directors and officers generally are or will be non-residents of the United States, and all or a substantial portion of the assets of these non-residents are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult or impossible for a unitholder to bring an action against us or against these individuals in the United States if such unitholder believes that its rights have been infringed under securities laws or otherwise. Even if a unitholder is successful in bringing an action of this kind, the laws of the Marshall Islands and of other jurisdictions may prevent or restrict such unitholder from enforcing a judgment against our assets or the assets of our general partner or our directors or officers.

Tax Risks

In addition to the following risk factors, read “Item 4-Information on the Partnership-Taxation of the Partnership,” “Item 10. Additional Information-E. Taxation-Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations,” and “-Non-United States Tax Considerations” for a more complete discussion of the expected material U.S. federal and non-U.S. income tax considerations relating to us and the ownership and disposition of our units. Read “-D. Risk Factors-Risks Inherent in Our Business” for a discussion on risks relating to our UK tax lease.

U.S. tax authorities could treat us as a “passive foreign investment company,” which would have adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. unitholders.

A non-U.S. entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes will be treated as a “passive foreign investment company” (or “PFIC”) for U.S. federal income tax purposes if at least 75.0% of its gross income for any taxable year consists of “passive income” or at least 50.0% of the average value of its assets produce, or are held for the production of, “passive income.” For purposes of these tests, “passive income” includes dividends, interest, gains from the sale or exchange of investment property, and rents and royalties other than rents and royalties that are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. For purposes of these tests, income derived from the performance of services does not constitute “passive income.” U.S. shareholders of a PFIC are subject to a disadvantageous U.S. federal income tax regime with respect to the income derived by the PFIC, the distributions they receive from the PFIC, and the gain, if any, they derive from the sale or other disposition of their interests in the PFIC.

Based on our current and projected method of operation, we believe that we were not a PFIC for any prior taxable year, and we expect that we will not be treated as a PFIC for the current or for any future taxable year. We believe that more than 25.0% of our gross income for each taxable year was or will be nonpassive income and more than 50.0% of the average value of our assets for each such year was or will be held for the production of such nonpassive income. This belief is based on certain valuations and projections regarding our assets, income and charters, and its validity is conditioned on the accuracy of such valuations and projections. While we believe such valuations and projections to be accurate, the shipping market is volatile and no assurance can be given that they will be accurate at any time in the future.

Moreover, there are legal uncertainties involved in determining whether the income derived from time-chartering activities constitutes rental income or income derived from the performance of services. In *Tidewater Inc. v. United States*, 565 F.3d 299 (5th Cir. 2009), the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (or the "Fifth Circuit") held that income derived from certain time-chartering activities should be treated as rental income rather than services income for purposes of a provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the "Code") relating to foreign sales corporations. In that case, the Fifth Circuit did not address the definition of passive income or the PFIC rules; however, the reasoning of the case could have implications as to how the income from a time charter would be classified under such rules. If the reasoning of this case were extended to the PFIC context, the gross income we derive or are deemed to derive from our time-chartering activities may be treated as rental income, and we would likely be treated as a PFIC. In published guidance, the Internal Revenue Service (or the "IRS") stated that it disagreed with the holding in *Tidewater*, and specified that time charters similar to those at issue in the case should be treated as service contracts. We have not sought, and we do not expect to seek, an IRS ruling on the treatment of income generated from our time-chartering activities. As a result, the IRS or a court could disagree with our position. No assurance can be given that this result will not occur. In addition, although we intend to conduct our affairs in a manner to avoid, to the extent possible, being classified as a PFIC with respect to any taxable year, we cannot assure unitholders that the nature of our operations will not change in the future and that we will not become a PFIC in any taxable year. If the IRS were to find that we are or have been a PFIC for any taxable year (and regardless of whether we remain a PFIC for subsequent taxable years), our U.S. unitholders would face adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. Please read "Item 10. Additional Information-E. Taxation-Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations-U.S. Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders-PFIC Status and Significant Tax Consequences" for a more detailed discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. unitholders if we are treated as a PFIC.

We may have to pay tax on U.S. source income, which would reduce our cash flow.

Under the Code, 50.0% of the gross transportation income of a vessel owning or chartering corporation, such as ourselves, that is attributable to transportation that either begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States is characterized as U.S. source gross transportation income. U.S. source gross transportation income generally is subject to a 4.0% U.S. federal income tax without allowance for deduction unless the corporation qualifies for exemption from tax under Section 883 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

We believe that we and each of our subsidiaries engaged in transportation will qualify for the Section 883 tax exemption for the foreseeable future, and we will take this position for U.S. federal income tax return reporting purposes. However, there are factual circumstances, including some that may be beyond our control, that could cause us to lose the benefit of this tax exemption. In addition, our position that we qualify for this exemption is based upon legal authorities that do not expressly contemplate an organizational structure such as ours; specifically, although we have elected to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we are organized as a limited partnership under Marshall Islands law. Therefore, we can give no assurance that the IRS will not take a different position regarding our qualification, or the qualification of any of our subsidiaries, for the Section 883 tax exemption.

If we or our subsidiaries are not entitled to this exemption under Section 883 for any taxable year, we or our subsidiaries generally would be subject to a 4.0% U.S. federal gross income tax on our U.S. source gross transportation income for such year. Our failure to qualify for the exemption under Section 883 could have a negative effect on our business and would result in decreased earnings available for distribution to our unitholders. The vessels in our fleet do not currently engage, and we do not expect that they will in the future engage, in transportation that begins and ends in the United States, and we do not currently anticipate providing any liquefaction, regasification or storage services within the territorial seas of the United States. If, notwithstanding this expectation, our subsidiaries earn income in the future from liquefaction, regasification or storage services in the United States or from transportation that begins and ends in the United States, that income would not be exempt from U.S. federal income tax under Section 883 of the Code and would be subject to a 35% net income tax in the United States. Please read "Item 4. Information on the Partnership-B. Business Overview-Taxation of the Partnership-The Section 883 Exemption" for a more detailed discussion of the rules relating to qualification for the exemption under Section 883 and the consequences of failing to qualify for such an exemption.

Unitholders may be subject to income tax in one or more non-U.S. jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, as a result of owning our units if, under the laws of any such jurisdiction, we are considered to be carrying on business there. Such laws may require unitholders to file a tax return with, and pay taxes to, those jurisdictions.

We conduct our affairs and cause or influence each of our subsidiaries to operate its business in a manner that minimizes income taxes imposed upon us and our subsidiaries and that may be imposed upon a unitholder as a result of owning our units. However, because we are organized as a partnership, there is a risk in some jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, that our activities or the activities of our subsidiaries may be attributed to our unitholders for tax purposes if, under the laws of such jurisdiction, we are considered to be carrying on business there. If a unitholder is subject to tax in any such jurisdiction, such unitholder may be required to file a tax return with, and to pay tax in, that jurisdiction based on such unitholder's allocable share of our income. We may be required to reduce distributions to a unitholders on account of any tax withholding obligations imposed upon us by that jurisdiction in respect of such allocation to such unitholder. The United States may not allow a tax credit for any foreign income taxes that a unitholder directly or indirectly incurs by virtue of an investment in us.

We believe we can conduct our affairs in a manner that does not result in our unitholders being considered to be carrying on business in the United Kingdom solely as a consequence of the acquisition, ownership, disposition or redemption of our units. However, the question of whether either we or any of our subsidiaries will be treated as carrying on business in any jurisdiction, including the United Kingdom, will be largely a question of fact to be determined through an analysis of contractual arrangements, including the fleet management agreements that our subsidiaries have entered into with Golar Management, certain other subsidiaries of Golar and certain third-party vessel managers and the Management and Administrative Services Agreement that we have entered into with Golar Management, as well as through an analysis of the manner in which we conduct business or operations, all of which may change over time. Furthermore, the laws of the United Kingdom or any other jurisdiction may also change, which could cause that jurisdiction's taxing authorities to determine that we are carrying on business in such jurisdiction and that we or our unitholders are subject to its taxation laws. In addition to the potential for taxation of our unitholders, any additional taxes imposed on us or any of our subsidiaries will reduce our cash available for distribution.

We will be subject to taxes, which will reduce our cash available for distribution to you.

Some of our subsidiaries will be subject to tax in the jurisdictions in which they are organized or operate, reducing the amount of cash available for distribution. In computing our tax obligation in these jurisdictions, we are required to take various tax accounting and reporting positions on matters that are not entirely free from doubt and for which we have not received rulings from the governing authorities. We cannot assure you that upon review of these positions the applicable authorities will agree with our positions. For example, the Indonesian tax authorities have notified one of our subsidiaries, PTGI, that it is canceling the waiver of VAT importation in the approximate amount of \$24.0 million for the *NR Satu*. PTGI initiated an action in the Indonesian tax court to dispute the waiver cancellation and the final hearing on the matter took place in June 2016. The final hearing took place in June 2016 and we received the verdict of the Tax Court in November 2017, which rejected PTGI's claim. In February 2018, PTGI filed a Judicial Review with the Supreme Court of Indonesia. In the event of a negative outcome, in addition to the liability for VAT, we may be liable for interest and penalties. We believe we will be indemnified by Nusantara Regas for any VAT liability interest and penalties as well as related interest and penalties under our time charter party agreement entered with them. A successful challenge by a tax authority could result in additional tax imposed on our subsidiaries, further reducing the cash available for distribution. In addition, changes in our operations could result in additional tax being imposed on us, our operating company or our or its subsidiaries in jurisdictions in which operations are conducted. Please read "Item 4. Information on the Partnership-B. Business Overview-Taxation of the Partnership."

A change in tax laws in any country in which we operate could adversely affect us.

Tax laws and regulations are highly complex and subject to interpretation. Consequently, we and our subsidiaries are subject to changing tax laws, treaties and regulations in and between the countries in which we operate. Our tax expense is based on our interpretation of the tax laws in effect at the time the expense was incurred. A change in tax laws, treaties or regulations, or in the interpretation thereof, could result in a materially higher tax expense or a higher effective tax rate on our earnings. Such changes may include measures enacted in response to the ongoing initiatives in relation to fiscal legislation at an international level, such as the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Item 4. Information on the Partnership

A. History and Development of the Partnership

We are a publicly traded limited partnership that was formed on September 24, 2007, under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Golar LNG Limited, a leading independent owner and operator of Floating Storage Regasification Units (“FSRUs”) and LNG carriers, to own and operate FSRUs and LNG carriers under long-term charters.

We completed our IPO in April 2011 and since then, we have increased our quarterly distribution from \$0.385 per unit paid on a prorated basis for the period from the closing of our IPO through June 30, 2011, to \$0.5775 per unit for the quarter ended December 31, 2017. From the time of our first annual general meeting in December 2012, four of the seven members of our board became electable by the common unitholders and because Golar no longer has the power to control our board of directors, we are no longer considered to be under common control with Golar.

We intend to leverage the relationships, expertise and reputation of Golar and its affiliates, a leading independent owner and operator of FSRUs and LNG carriers, to pursue potential growth opportunities and to attract and retain high-quality, creditworthy customers. As of April 6, 2018, we have a fleet of six FSRUs and four LNG carriers, all of which were either contributed by or acquired from Golar. Of the ten vessels, we acquired six vessels since our IPO in 2011 for an aggregate purchase price of \$1,893.8 million.

Since January 1, 2015, we have entered into the following sale and purchase agreements:

In January 2015, we acquired from Golar interests in the companies that own and operate the *Golar Eskimo* for a purchase price of \$388.8 million less assumed bank debt of \$162.8 million.

Tundra Acquisition

On May 23, 2016, we acquired from Golar Tundra Corp., the disponent owner and operator of the FSRU, the *Golar Tundra*, for a purchase price of \$330.0 million less assumed net lease obligations and net of working capital adjustments. Concurrent with the closing of the Tundra Acquisition, we entered into an agreement with Golar (as amended, the “Tundra Letter Agreement”) which provided, among others, that in the event the *Golar Tundra* had not commenced service under the charter with West African Gas Limited (“WAGL”) by May 23, 2017, we had the option (the “Tundra Put Right”) to require Golar to repurchase Tundra Corp at a price equal to the original purchase price we paid in our acquisition of Tundra Corp. Due to the existence of the Tundra Put Option, Golar continued to consolidate Tundra Corp, and thus, the results of operations and the assets and liabilities of Tundra Corp were not reflected in our financial statements. On May 30, 2017, we elected to exercise the Tundra Put Right. In connection with the exercise of the Tundra Put Right, we and Golar entered into an agreement pursuant to which we agreed to sell Tundra Corp to Golar (the “Tundra Put Sale”) on the Put Sale Closing Date in return for Golar’s promise to pay an amount equal to approximately \$107 million (the “Deferred Purchase Price”) plus an additional amount equal to 5% per annum of the Deferred Purchase Price (the “Additional Amount”). The Deferred Purchase Price and the Additional Amount are due and payable by Golar on April 30, 2018 as provided in the Hilli Purchase Agreement (discussed below). We agreed to accept the Deferred Purchase Price and the Additional Amount in lieu of a cash payment on the Put Sale Closing Date, in return for an option (which we have exercised) to purchase an interest in Hilli LLC. The closing of the Tundra Put Sale took place on October 17, 2017.

Hilli Acquisition

On August 15, 2017, we entered into the Hilli Purchase Agreement, providing for our acquisition from Golar and affiliates of Keppel and B&V of 50% of the common units in Hilli LLC, which will, on the closing date of the Hilli Acquisition, indirectly own the *Hilli*. Concurrently with the execution of the Hilli Purchase Agreement, we paid a \$70 million deposit to Golar, upon which we will receive interest at a rate of 5% per annum. The closing of the Hilli Acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions which include, vessel acceptance by the customer of the *Hilli*. We expect the closing of the *Hilli* Acquisition to occur on or around April 30, 2018. However, in the event that acceptance happens beyond April 30, 2018, the parties have agreed to extend the *Hilli* dropdown deadline until May 31, 2018.

See “Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects” for a description of our vessel acquisitions and the pending Hilli acquisition and the financing arrangements related to our fleet.

We maintain our principal executive headquarters at 2nd Floor, S.E. Pearman Building, 9 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM11, Bermuda. Our telephone number at that address is +1 (441) 2954705. Our principal administrative offices are located at 13th Floor, One America Square, 17 Crosswall, London, EC3N 2LB, United Kingdom.

B. Business Overview

Our Business

Our current business is owning and operating FSRUs and LNG carriers. We have also entered into an agreement to acquire an interest in the *Hilli*, an FLNG vessel. Our primary long-term business objective is to provide steady and predictable quarterly distributions to unitholders by growing our business through accretive acquisitions of FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers and chartering our vessels pursuant to long-term charters with customers that generate long-term stable cash flows.

The majority of the vessels in our current fleet are chartered to Petrobras, Dubai Supply Authority, PTNR, KNPC and Jordan under long and medium-term time charters. Our contracted vessels had an average remaining term of four years as of March 31, 2018. The remaining vessels are available for short term employment in the spot market. In prior years, we reported that we operated in one reportable segment, “LNG Market”, however, based on our maturity (following expiry of a number of long-term charters) in tandem with our strategic objectives, and changes in our methods of internal reporting and management structure, management have concluded that we provide two distinct services and operate in two reportable segments: LNG carriers and FSRUs.

Pursuant to our omnibus agreements with Golar and Golar Power, we will have the opportunity to purchase additional FSRUs and LNG carriers in the future from Golar and Golar Power when those vessels are fixed under charters of five or more years upon the expiration of their current charters. Any such acquisition will be subject to the approval of our board of directors and the conflicts committee. Please read “Item 7. Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions-Related Party Transactions-IPO Omnibus Agreement” and “-Golar Power Omnibus Agreement.”

In July 2016, Golar and Schlumberger B.V. (or Schlumberger), a subsidiary of Schlumberger Group, formed OneLNG^{SA} as a joint venture. OneLNG^{SA} is intended to offer an integrated upstream and midstream solution for the development of low cost gas reserves and the conversion of natural gas to LNG. Golar owns 51% and Schlumberger owns 49% of OneLNG^{SA}, and Golar and Schlumberger have equal management and governance rights. While we are not party to any omnibus agreement with OneLNG^{SA} and neither Golar nor OneLNG^{SA} is obligated to offer us any FLNG vessel it develops, Golar intends to offer to us the opportunity to acquire interests in FLNG vessels that it places under long-term charters.

Any such acquisition will be subject to the approval of our board of directors and the conflicts committee. No assurance can be given that any such acquisition will be consummated.

See “Item 7. Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions.”

Our pursuit of further acquisitions is dependent upon our ability to successfully raise capital at a cost that makes such acquisitions accretive and economically viable.

Business Strategies

Our primary long-term business objective is to provide steady and predictable quarterly distributions to unitholders by executing the following strategies:

- ***Pursue strategic and accretive acquisitions of FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers.*** We believe our affiliation with Golar and its affiliates positions us to pursue a broader array of growth opportunities, including strategic and accretive acquisitions from or with Golar, Golar Power, OneLNG or from third parties. Since our IPO, we have acquired six vessels from Golar. In addition, we have entered into an agreement to acquire 50% of the common units representing limited liability company interests in Hilli LLC, the indirect owner of Golar's first converted FLNG, the *Hilli* which is expected to close on or around April 30, 2018.
- ***Compete for long-term charter contracts for FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers when attractive opportunities arise.*** We intend to participate in competitive tender processes and engage in negotiated transactions with potential charterers for FSRUs, FLNGs and LNG carriers when attractive opportunities arise by leveraging the strength of the industry expertise of Golar, as well as our publicly traded partnership status.
- ***Manage our fleet and our customer relationships to provide a stable base of cash flows and superior operating performance.*** We intend to manage the stability of cash flows in our fleet by actively seeking the extension or renewal of existing charters, entering into new long-term charters with current customers and identifying potential business opportunities with new high-quality charterers.

We can provide no assurance, however, that we will be able to implement our business strategies described above. For further discussion of the risks that we face, please read “Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors”.

Our Fleet and Customers

The services of our vessels are provided to their charterers under time charter party agreements (or TCPs), or, in the case of the *Golar Winter*, under separate TCPs and operation and services agreements (or OSAs). The TCPs and the OSAs for the *Golar Winter* are interdependent and when combined have the same effect as the TCPs for our other vessels. We refer to the contracts under which we provide the services of our vessels to their charterers as our “time charters” or our “charters”. Time charters provide for the use of the vessel for a fixed period of time at a specified daily rate.

Under a time charter, the vessel owner provides crewing and other services related to the vessel’s operation which include repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lube oils and communication expenses as well as periodic drydocking costs. These costs related to the vessel’s operation are included in the daily rate, and the charterer is responsible for substantially all of the vessel voyage costs, which include fuel, port and canal fees, LNG boil-off, cargo loading and unloading expenses, canal tolls, agency fees and commissions. For FSRUs, the charterer is also responsible for providing, maintaining, repairing and operating certain facilities at the unloading port such as sufficient mooring infrastructure for LNG vessels to be berthed alongside and a high pressure send-out pipeline.

Under our time charters, hire is payable monthly, in advance, except for the *Golar Igloo* and the *Golar Eskimo*, where hire is received monthly in arrears. Under all of our charters, hire is payable in U.S. Dollars, except for the operating cost component for the *Golar Winter*, which is payable in Brazilian Reais.

Certain of our charters provide for the payment by the charterer of an all-inclusive daily fixed rate. Under our other charters, hire rate is primarily made up of two components:

- Capital cost component - primarily relates to the cost of the vessel and is structured to meet that cost and provide a return on investor capital. The capital cost component is generally constant for the duration of the initial term except for the *Golar Winter*.
- Operating cost component - intended to compensate us for vessel operating expenses including management fees. This component is generally established at the beginning of the charter and typically escalates annually on a fixed percentage or fluctuates annually based on changes in a specified consumer price index.

The hire rate payable for each of our vessels may be reduced if they do not perform to certain of their contractual specifications or if we are in breach of any of our representations and warranties in the charter.

When a vessel is “off-hire” or not available for service, the charterer generally is not required to pay the hire rate and we are responsible for all costs. Prolonged off-hire may lead to vessel substitution or termination of the time charter.

A vessel generally will be deemed off-hire if there is a specified time it is not available for the charterer’s use due to, among other things:

- operational deficiencies, drydocking for repairs, maintenance or inspection, equipment breakdowns, or delays due to accidents, crewing strikes, certain vessel detentions or similar problems; or
- our failure to maintain the vessel in compliance with its specifications and contractual standards or to provide the required crew.

FSRUs

The following table provides information about the six FSRUs in our fleet. Unless otherwise indicated, we hold a 100% economic interest in the vessels.

FSRU Vessel	Capacity (cbm)	Base Offtake Capacity (Bcf/d)	Year of Delivery	Year Acquired	Year of FSRU Retrofitting	Current Charter Commencement	Charterer	Charter Expiration	Charter Extension Option Periods
<i>Golar Spirit</i>	128,000	0.25	1981	Upon formation ⁽¹⁾ ₍₂₎	2007	None	None ⁽³⁾	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Golar Winter</i>	138,000	0.50	2004	At IPO ⁽²⁾	2008	September 2009	Petrobras	September 2024 ⁽⁴⁾	None
<i>Golar Freeze</i> ⁽⁵⁾	125,000	0.48	1977	October 2011	2010	May 2010	DUSUP	April 2019	None
<i>NR Satu</i> ⁽⁶⁾	125,000	0.50	1977	July 2012	2012	May 2012	PTNR	December 2022	2025
<i>Golar Igloo</i>	170,000	0.50	2014	March 2014	Not applicable	March 2014	KNPC	December 2018	One regasification season
<i>Golar Eskimo</i>	160,000	0.50	2014	January 2015	Not applicable	June 2015	Jordan	June 2025	None
Total Capacity	846,000	2.73							

- (1) Upon our formation, Golar contributed to us a 100% interest in certain subsidiaries which owned a 60% interest in the *Golar Mazo* and which leased the *Golar Spirit* and the *Methane Princess*.
- (2) In connection with our IPO, Golar transferred to us a 100% interest in the subsidiary which leased the *Golar Winter* and the legal title to the *Golar Spirit*.
- (3) In July 2017, we received an early termination fee from Petrobras for the early termination of the *Golar Spirit* charter. The charter, which had an original end date of August 2018, was terminated on June 23, 2017. The amount received from Petrobras was net of withholding tax paid to the Brazilian tax authorities. As of December 31, 2017, the *Golar Spirit* is currently in lay-up pending new employment.
- (4) The charter initially had a term of 10 years, expiring in 2019. However, in return for certain vessel modifications made at the request of Petrobras the charter was extended by a further five years to 2024. These modifications were completed in August 2013.
- (5) In July 2017, we agreed with the charterer of the *Golar Freeze*, DUSUP, to shorten the charter by a year, to end in April 2019 and to remove DUSUP's termination for convenience rights and extension option rights which ran to 2024. We have the right to terminate our obligations under the charter while continuing to receive the capital element of the charter hire until April 2019. (See "Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018").
- (6) We hold all of the voting stock and control all of the economic interests in PT Golar Indonesia ("PTGI"), the company that owns and operates the *NR Satu*, pursuant to a Shareholders' Agreement with the other shareholder of PTGI, PT Pesona. PT Pesona holds the remaining 51% interest in the issued share capital of PTGI.

The below table summarizes the key details of the hire rates for each contracted FSRU in our fleet:

Vessel	Capital cost component	Operating cost component	Other	Changes to hire rate in the extension period (if applicable)
<i>Golar Winter</i>	Increases on a bi-annual basis based on a cost of living index and as required for Owner to be kept whole for any changes in local tax law.	Fluctuates annually based on changes to a specified cost of living index and U.S. dollar foreign exchange index.	Drydocking costs are included as part of the capital cost component.	Not applicable
<i>Golar Freeze</i>	Fixed.	Fixed.	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>NR Satu</i>	This also includes a mooring capital element.	Annual adjustment based on actual costs.	There is also a tax component. ⁽¹⁾	The capital element will decrease 12% in 2023, then by a further 7% in 2024 and 2025.
<i>Golar Igloo</i> ⁽²⁾	The hire rate is an all-inclusive daily fixed rate.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Golar Eskimo</i>	Fixed for first five years of hire. Decreases by 6.4% after the first five years of hire.	Increases by a fixed percentage per annum.	Not applicable	Not applicable

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- (1) The tax element shall be adjusted only when there is any change in Indonesian tax laws (including any changes in interpretation or implementation thereof) or any treaty to which Indonesia is party or the invalidity of any tax assumptions used in determining the tax element.
- (2) The *Golar Igloo* provides floating storage and regasification services to KNPC for a nine-month period each year (or the Regasification Season) until the termination of the charter. The Regasification Season commences, at KNPC's election, between March 1 and March 31 of each year (or the Start Date) and ends nine months later (or the End Date). During the period between the End Date with respect to one Regasification Season and the Start Date of the next succeeding Regasification Season (or the Regasification Off-Season), we may charter the *Golar Igloo* to other customers under short-term charters.

As of March 31, 2018, our FSRU carriers had an average age of 23 years. Our FSRU carriers are generally expected to have a lifespan of approximately 40 years. The average lifespan of our FSRU carriers that have been retrofitted from a LNG carrier are expected to be approximately 55 years. The *Golar Spirit*, the *Golar Freeze* and the *NR Satu* have Moss containment systems while the *Golar Winter*, the *Golar Igloo* and the *Golar Eskimo* have membrane type cargo containment systems. Our charterers are able to use our FSRU carriers worldwide or to sublet the vessels to third parties.

During their retrofitting, the FSRUs, except for the *NR Satu*, were prepared for five years in service between drydockings. This is in line with the policy adopted by the industry for new LNG carriers. The *NR Satu* was prepared so it could remain in service for the duration of its charter with PTNR, including option periods, before its first drydocking as a FSRU. The FSRUs will benefit from the significantly reduced loads and wear and tear associated with remaining in sheltered waters for the majority of the terms of their charters. Our vessels are drydocked at least once during a five-year class cycle for inspection of the underwater parts and for general repairs.

Golar Spirit. The *Golar Spirit* is a FSRU that was retrofitted in 2007 from a LNG carrier built in 1981. The *Golar Spirit* utilizes a closed-loop regasification system. The *Golar Spirit* has the ability to operate as a traditional LNG carrier. Given that the *Golar Spirit* is principally expected to operate in a stationary location and given the non-corrosive nature of LNG, we believe that her useful post-retrofit service life will be extended by ten years in excess of her initial 40 year useful life. The *Golar Spirit* is currently in lay-up pending new employment.

Golar Winter. The *Golar Winter* is a FSRU that was retrofitted in 2008 from an LNG carrier built in 2004. The *Golar Winter* is currently operating under a time charter to Petrobras. In August 2013, we completed the modifications to the *Golar Winter* in return for an increase in the charter rate and an extension in the contract term by five years. The *Golar Winter* utilizes a regasification system able to operate in both open- and closed-loop modes. From the time that she commenced service as an FSRU, the *Golar Winter* was operated at an island jetty in Guanabara Bay outside Rio de Janeiro where she was moored at a jetty in sheltered waters behind a breakwater, delivering regasified LNG through a hard arm connection directly into a pipeline that services base load power generating assets. Following the completion of her modifications in August 2013, Petrobras moved the *Golar Winter* from Rio de Janeiro to Bahia. The *Golar Winter* is employed by Petrobras as an FSRU to service peak load power requirements. In addition, under the *Golar Winter* charter, Petrobras has the right to terminate the charter in 2019, after the tenth anniversary of the commencement of the charter without fault upon payment of the specified termination fee. Six months' notice is required if Petrobras wishes to exercise its right to no fault termination under the charter. Furthermore, an off-hire allowance is provided for a certain number of hours of scheduled off-hire per year.

Golar Freeze. The *Golar Freeze* is a FSRU that was retrofitted in 2010 from a LNG carrier built in 1977. The *Golar Freeze* is currently contracted as an FSRU under a time charter with DUSUP. DUSUP is the exclusive purchaser of natural gas in Dubai. When in operation, the *Golar Freeze* is moored alongside a purpose built jetty within the existing Jebel Ali port. The *Golar Freeze* is capable of storing and delivering regasified LNG to DUSUP for further delivery into the Dubai gas network. Given that the *Golar Freeze* is principally operated in a stationary location and given the non-corrosive nature of LNG, we believe that her useful post-retrofit service life will be extended by ten years in excess of its initial 40-year useful life. In July 2017, we and DUSUP have agreed to shorten the charter by one year and to remove DUSUP's termination for convenience rights and extension option rights (which ran to 2024). In addition, we are allowed a certain number of days to carry out periodic drydocking during which time the vessel will not be off-hire and therefore, we will continue to receive the hire rate during such period. See "Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018".

NR Satu. The *NR Satu* is a FSRU that was retrofitted in 2012 from a LNG carrier built in 1977. The *NR Satu* is currently operating under a time charter with PTNR. PTNR is a joint venture company that is 60% owned by Pertamina and 40% owned by PT Perusahaan Gas Negara, an unaffiliated Indonesian company engaged in the transport and distribution of natural gas in Indonesia. The *NR Satu* is permanently moored alongside a purpose built mooring facility. Given that the *NR Satu* is principally operated in a stationary location and given the non-corrosive nature of LNG, we believe that her useful post-retrofit service life will be 20 years. Furthermore, an off-hire allowance is provided for a certain number of hours of scheduled off-hire per year. In addition, the *NR Satu* charter contains a provision that allows PTNR to purchase the vessel at any time, subject to the commercial terms.

Golar Igloo. The *Golar Igloo* is a FSRU that was built by the Korean shipyard, Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd. and was delivered to Golar in February 2014. She is currently operating under a time charter to KNPC that expires in 2018. KNPC is the national oil refining company of Kuwait. We acquired the *Golar Igloo* in March 2014. Under the time charter, KNPC uses the *Golar Igloo* as an FSRU for nine months each year and she is moored at a jetty at the Old South Pier at the Mina Al Ahmadi Refinery. The *Golar Igloo* has the ability to operate as a traditional LNG carrier and may be utilized as a traditional LNG carrier for the three months each year that she is not operating as an FSRU as provided under her charter. In addition, under the *Golar Igloo* charter, we can offer a substitute FSRU for the remainder of the Regasification Season at the same hire rate in the event the *Golar Igloo* cannot perform the service due to an extended force majeure.

Golar Eskimo. The *Golar Eskimo* is a FSRU that was built by the Korean shipyard, Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd., and was delivered to Golar in December 2014. We acquired the *Golar Eskimo* in January 2015. In the second quarter of 2015, the *Golar Eskimo* commenced service under a ten year time charter with Jordan. The *Golar Eskimo* is moored at a purpose-built structure off the Red Sea port of Aqaba and connects to the Jordan Gas Transmission Pipeline that delivers natural gas to power plants in Jordan. In addition, under the *Golar Eskimo* charter, Jordan has the right to terminate the charter without fault (as long as it does not charter an alternative FSRU) on or after the fifth anniversary of the commencement of the charter and by giving 12 months prior written notice and payment of a specified early termination fee.

LNG Carriers

The following table provides additional information about the four LNG carriers in our current fleet. Unless otherwise indicated, we hold a 100% economic interest in the vessels.

LNG Carrier	Capacity (cbm)	Year of Delivery	Year Acquired	Charterer	Charter Expiration	Charter Extension Option Periods
<i>Golar Mazo</i> ⁽¹⁾	135,000	2000	Upon formation	None	Not applicable	Not applicable
<i>Methane Princess</i> ⁽¹⁾	138,000	2003	Upon formation	Royal Dutch Shell	March 2024	Five years plus five years
<i>Golar Grand</i>	145,700	2006	November 2012	Major international Oil and Gas company	May 2019	Terms extending up to seven years ⁽²⁾
<i>Golar Maria</i>	145,700	2006	February 2013	None	Not applicable	Not applicable
Total Capacity	<u>564,400</u>					

(1) Upon our formation, Golar contributed to us a 100% interest in certain subsidiaries which owned a 60% interest in the *Golar Mazo* and which leased the *Golar Spirit* and the *Methane Princess*. We currently own a 60% interest in the *Golar Mazo*, and Chinese Petroleum Corporation holds the remaining 40% interest.

(2) The new *Golar Grand* charterer has options to extend the charter by three one year periods and two further periods of up to two years each.

The below table summarizes the key details of the hire rates for the LNG carriers in our fleet on long-term charter:

Vessel	Capital cost component	Operating cost component	Changes to hire rate in the extension period (if applicable)
<i>Methane Princess</i>	Fixed.	Increases by a fixed percentage per annum.	Reduces by approximately 37%.
<i>Golar Grand</i>	The hire rate is an all-inclusive daily fixed rate.		The hire rate will increase from the initial hire rate during the extension periods by approximately 50%.

As of March 31, 2018, our LNG carriers had an average age of 14 years. LNG carriers are generally expected to have a lifespan of approximately 40 years. The *Methane Princess*, the *Golar Grand* and the *Golar Maria* have membrane-type cargo containment systems while the *Golar Mazo* has a Moss containment system. Our charterers are able to use our LNG carriers worldwide or to sublet the vessels to third parties. Our vessels are drydocked at least once during a five-year class cycle for inspection of the underwater parts and for general repairs.

Methane Princess. The *Methane Princess* is a LNG carrier built in 2003 that is currently operating under a time charter that expires in March 2024 with Royal Dutch Shell. Royal Dutch Shell engages in exploration and production of gas and oil reserves, export, shipping and import of LNG, pipeline transmission and distribution of gas, and various gas-powered electricity generation projects. In addition, under the *Methane Princess* charter, upon a default by us, the charterer is also entitled to require the charter to be substituted by a bareboat charter between us and the charterers on terms specified in the charter.

Golar Grand. The *Golar Grand* is a LNG carrier built in 2006 that is currently operating under a medium-term charter with a major international oil and gas company.

Golar Mazo. The *Golar Mazo* is a LNG carrier built in 2000. We own a 60% interest in this vessel and Chinese Petroleum Corporation owns the remaining 40%. The *Golar Mazo's* charter expired in December 2017. The vessel is currently being chartered from time-to-time in the spot market.

Golar Maria. The *Golar Maria* is a LNG carrier built in 2006. The *Golar Maria's* charter expired in November 2017. The vessel is currently being chartered from time-to-time in the spot market.

Vessel Maintenance and Management

Safety is our top operational priority. Our vessels are operated in a manner intended to protect the safety and health of our employees, the general public and the environment. We actively manage the risks inherent in our business and are committed to eliminating incidents that threaten safety, such as groundings, fires and collisions. We are also committed to reducing emissions and waste generation. We have established key performance indicators to facilitate regular monitoring of our operational performance. We set targets on an annual basis to drive continuous improvement, and we review performance indicators monthly to determine if remedial action is necessary to reach our targets.

Under our charters, we are responsible for the technical management of the vessels which Golar assists us in managing our vessel operations and maintaining a technical department to monitor and audit our vessel manager operations. As of December 31, 2017, Golar and its subsidiaries employed approximately 523 seagoing staff who serve on our vessels. Golar and its subsidiaries may employ additional seagoing staff to assist us as we grow. Golar regards attracting and retaining motivated seagoing personnel as a top priority. Golar offers seafarers competitive employment packages and opportunities for personal and career development, which relates to a philosophy of promoting internally. The officers operating our vessels are engaged on individual employment contracts, while the vessel managers have entered into Collective Bargaining Agreements that cover substantially all of the seamen that operate the vessels in our current fleet, which are flagged in the Marshall Islands, Indonesia or Liberia. Golar believes its relationships with these labor unions are good. Golar's commitment to training is fundamental to the development of the highest caliber of seafarers for our marine operations. Golar's cadet training approach is designed to balance academic learning with hands-on training at sea. Golar has relationships with training institutions in Croatia, India, Norway, Philippines, Indonesia and the United Kingdom. After receiving formal instruction at one of these institutions, cadets' training continues on board one of our vessels. We believe that high-quality crewing and training policies will play an increasingly important role in distinguishing the preferred larger and LNG-experienced independent shipping companies from those that are newcomers to LNG and lacking in-house experienced staff and established expertise on which to base their customer service and safety operations.

Golar and its subsidiaries provide expertise in various functions critical to our operations. This affords an efficient and cost effective operation and, pursuant to administrative services agreements with certain subsidiaries of Golar, access to human resources, financial and other administrative functions.

These functions are supported by on board and onshore systems for maintenance, inventory, purchasing and budget management. In addition, Golar's day-to-day focus on cost control will be applied to our operations. To some extent, the uniform design of some of our vessels and the adoption of common equipment standards should also result in operational efficiencies, including with respect to crew training and vessel management, equipment operation and repair, and spare parts ordering.

See “Item 7. Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions—Our Management Agreements.”

Risk of Loss, Insurance and Risk Management

The operation of any vessel, including LNG carriers and FSRUs, has inherent risks. These risks include mechanical failure, personal injury, collision, property loss, vessel or cargo loss or damage and business interruption due to political circumstances in foreign countries and/or war risk situations or hostilities. In addition, there is always an inherent possibility of marine disaster, including explosion, spills and other environmental mishaps, and the liabilities arising from owning and operating vessels in international trade. We believe that our present insurance coverage is adequate to protect us against the accident related risks involved in the conduct of our business and that we maintain appropriate levels of environmental damage and pollution insurance coverage consistent with standard industry practice. However, not all risks can be insured, and there can be no guarantee that any specific claim will be paid, or that we will always be able to obtain adequate insurance coverage at reasonable rates.

We have obtained hull and machinery insurance on all our vessels against marine and war risks, which include the risks of damage to our vessels, salvage or towing costs, and also insure against actual or constructive total loss of any of our vessels. However, our insurance policies contain deductible amounts for which we will be responsible. We have also arranged additional total loss coverage for each vessel. This coverage, which is called hull interest and freight interest coverage, provides us additional coverage in the event of the total loss of a vessel.

We have also obtained loss of hire insurance to protect us against loss of income in the event one of our vessels cannot be employed due to damage that is covered under the terms of our hull and machinery insurance. Under our loss of hire policies, our insurer will pay us the daily rate agreed in respect of each vessel for each day, in excess of a certain number of deductible days, for the time that the vessel is out of service as a result of damage, for a maximum of 180 days. The number of deductible days varies from 14 days for the new vessels to 30 days for the older vessels, also depending on the type of damage; machinery or hull damage.

Protection and indemnity insurance, which covers our third-party legal liabilities in connection with our shipping activities, is provided by mutual protection and indemnity associations, or P&I clubs. This includes third party liability and other expenses related to the injury or death of crew members, passengers and other third party persons, loss or damage to cargo, claims arising from collisions with other vessels or from contact with jetties or wharves and other damage to other third party property, including pollution arising from oil or other substances, and other related costs, including wreck removal. Subject to the capping discussed below, our coverage, except for pollution, is unlimited.

Our current protection and indemnity insurance coverage for pollution is \$1 billion per vessel per incident. The thirteen P&I clubs that comprise the International Group of Protection and Indemnity Clubs insure approximately 90% of the world's commercial tonnage and have entered into a pooling agreement to reinsure each association's liabilities. Each P&I club has capped its exposure in this pooling agreement so that the maximum claim covered by the pool and its reinsurance would be approximately \$5.45 billion per accident or occurrence. We are a member of Gard and Skuld P&I Clubs. As a member of these P&I clubs, we are subject to a call for additional premiums based on the clubs' claims record, as well as the claims record of all other members of the P&I clubs comprising the International Group. However, our P&I clubs have reinsured the risk of additional premium calls to limit our additional exposure. This reinsurance is subject to a cap, and there is the risk that the full amount of the additional call would not be covered by this reinsurance.

The insurers providing the Hull and Machinery, Hull and Cargo interests, Protection and Indemnity and Loss of Hire insurances have confirmed that they will consider any FSRUs as vessels for the purpose of providing insurance. For the FSRUs we have also arranged an additional Comprehensive General Liability insurance. This type of insurance is common for offshore operations and is additional to the P&I insurance.

We will use in our operations Golar's thorough risk management program that includes, among other things, computer-aided risk analysis tools, maintenance and assessment programs, a seafarers' competence training program, seafarers' workshops and membership in emergency response organizations. We expect to benefit from Golar's commitment to safety and environmental protection as certain of our subsidiaries assist us in managing its vessel operations. GMN received its ISO 9001 certification in April 2011, and is certified in accordance with the IMO's International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and Pollution Prevention (ISM) on a fully integrated basis.

Classification, Inspection and Maintenance

Every large, commercial seagoing vessel must be “classed” by a classification society. A classification society certifies that a vessel is “in class,” signifying that the vessel has been built and maintained in accordance with the rules of the vessel’s country of registry and the international conventions of which that country is a member. In addition, where surveys are required by international conventions and corresponding laws and ordinances of a flag state, the classification society will undertake them on application or by official order, acting on behalf of the authorities concerned.

Our FSRUs, except for the *NR Satu*, are “classed” as LNG carriers with the additional class notation REGAS-2 signifying that the regasification installations are designed and approved for continuous operation. The reference to “vessels” in the following, also apply to our FSRUs.

For maintenance of the class certificate, regular and extraordinary surveys of hull, machinery, including the electrical plant and any special equipment classed, are required to be performed by the classification society, to ensure continuing compliance. Vessels are drydocked at least once during a five-year class cycle for inspection of the underwater parts and for repairs related to inspections. If any defects are found, the classification surveyor will issue a “recommendation” which must be rectified by the shipowner within prescribed time limits. The classification society also undertakes on request of the flag state other surveys and checks that are required by the regulations and requirements of that flag state. These surveys are subject to agreements made in each individual case and/or to the regulations of the country concerned.

Most insurance underwriters make it a condition for insurance coverage that a vessel be certified as “in class” by a classification society, which is a member of the International Association of Classification Societies. With the exception of the *Golar Mazo*, which is certified by Lloyds Register, all other vessels in our current fleet are each certified by DNV-GL. All of our vessels have been awarded International Safety Management (“ISM”) certification and are currently “in class”.

The FSRU, the *NR Satu* has a dual class (DNV-GL and the Indonesian BKI) with class notation +OI Floating Offshore LNG Regasification Terminal, REGAS, POSMOOR. The unit is without a propulsion system and is permanently moored without the ability to trade as a LNG carrier.

We carry out inspections of the vessels on a regular basis; both at sea and while the vessels are in port. The results of these inspections, which are conducted both in port and while underway, result in a report containing recommendations for improvements to the overall condition of the vessel, maintenance, safety and crew welfare. Based in part on these evaluations, we create and implement a program of continual maintenance and improvement for our vessels and their systems.

The Natural Gas Industry

Predominantly used to generate electricity and as a heating source, natural gas is one of the “big three” fossil fuels that make up the vast majority of world energy consumption. As a cleaner burning fuel than both oil and coal, natural gas has become an increasingly attractive fuel source in the last decade. The moderate capital cost of gas fired power plants, the relatively high fuel efficiency and attractive pricing of gas together with its cleaner burning credentials and abundance mean that natural gas is expected to account for the largest increase in future global primary energy consumption.

According to the most recent Energy Information Administration (“EIA”) International Energy Outlook (2017), worldwide energy consumption is projected to increase by 28% from 2015 to 2040, with total energy demand in non-OECD countries increasing by 41%, compared with an increase of 9% in OECD countries. Natural gas consumption worldwide is forecast to increase by 43% between 2015 and 2040. Reduced emphasis placed on nuclear power which previously played a more prominent role in Japan and South Korea’s planned energy mix or its subsequent phasing out in other countries such as Germany together with a concerted effort by China to address domestic coal induced air quality issues over the coming years will see natural gas feature more prominently as the substitution fuel of choice.

In recognition of its environmental benefits the G20 has endorsed the role of natural gas as part of the transition to a cleaner energy mix. The lower carbon intensity of natural gas relative to coal and oil makes it an attractive fuel for the industrial and electric power sectors. Natural gas has an established presence in this sector which can be expected to increase over time. If the market for electrically charged vehicles expands as anticipated, additional demand for electricity and therefore gas can also be expected. From an environmental perspective, LNG as a direct fuel for transport is also a viable emissions mitigant. Use of LNG in the automotive sector is minimal today but expected to increase over time. Relative to petroleum and other liquids, the International Gas Union (“IGU”) states that use of LNG in transportation can reduce emissions of CO₂ by up to 29% whilst emissions of nitrogen oxide can be cut by up to 85% and particulate matter by up to 85%. Emissions of sulfur oxide can potentially

be reduced by over 90%. Increasing concern about sulfur oxide is making LNG an increasingly attractive alternative for fueling vessels. A significant cut in the allowable sulfur content of fuel as directed by the International Maritime Organization becomes effective in 2020 and a variety of newbuild vessels that utilize LNG as fuel are now under construction. Engine manufacturers for buses, heavy trucks, locomotives and drilling equipment have also started building dual fuel engines that use LNG. China is leading the roll-out of LNG corridors for LNG fueled vehicles and Europe is following suit. Selected railways and heavy vehicle fleet operators in the US are now using LNG as a fuel and maturing small scale LNG technology that can be used to access other isolated customers and reach new markets also represents a promising opportunity that is being pursued globally. The EIA expects that natural gas consumption for transportation fuel will grow close to 500% between 2015 and 2040.

Natural gas accounts for approximately 25% of global energy demand according to the IGU. Of this, 10% is supplied in the form of LNG. This compares to just 4% in 1990. Countries that have natural gas demand in excess of the indigenous supply must either import natural gas through a pipeline or, alternatively, in the form of LNG aboard vessels. LNG is natural gas that has been converted into its liquid state through a cooling process, which allows for efficient transportation by sea. Upon arrival at its destination, LNG is returned to its gaseous state by either an FSRU or land based regasification facilities for distribution to power stations and consumers through pipelines. The EIA expects that world LNG trade will nearly triple between 2015 and 2040.

Natural gas is an abundant fuel source, with the Oil and Gas Journal estimating that, as of January 1, 2016, worldwide proved natural gas reserves were 6,950 Tcf having grown by 40% over the past 20 years. Almost three-quarters of the world's natural gas reserves are located in the Middle East and Eurasia. Russia, Iran and Qatar accounted for 54% of the world's natural gas reserves as of January 1, 2016, and the United States, the fourth largest holder of natural gas reserves, will see an increase in production growth from 24 Tcf per annum in 2012 to 35.3 Tcf per annum in 2040. Production in the Australia/New Zealand region is forecast to increase from 2.1Tcf per annum in 2012 to 7.0Tcf per annum in 2040 with the majority originating from Australia. A significant portion of the Australian volume has now entered the market. Sizable new discoveries have also been made on the east coast of Africa in countries including Mozambique, Tanzania and Kenya. With an average growth rate of 7% since 2000, LNG supply has grown faster than any other source of gas and the IGU expect further expansion of this share going forward.

The EIA predicts a substantial increase in the production of “unconventional” natural gas, including tight gas, shale gas and coalbed methane. Shale gas production is expected to be focused on the US, China and Canada. Recoverable reserves of this unconventional gas are however variable and uncertain. Improvements in the hydraulic fracturing process used to produce this gas could result in upward revisions to existing reserves however the significant water requirements of the process together with environmental concerns could equally constrain the recoverability of many known reserves.

Although the growth in production of unconventional domestic natural gas has eliminated LNG demand in the US, the long-term impact of shale gas and other unconventional natural gas production on the global LNG trade is unclear. Substantial increases in the extraction of US shale gas in 2008-9 initially suppressed demand for US bound LNG and therefore shipping. Between 2010 and 2013 a number of cargos were then redirected from the US to the Far East which increased LNG ton miles and demand for LNG shipping. The advent of Australian volumes, closer to their main Far Eastern LNG markets then suppressed ton miles reducing demand for shipping between 2014 and 2016. More recently ton miles have begun to rise again as increasing levels of Far Eastern demand is satisfied by new US export volumes that started to deliver into the market from the end of 2016. A further 50 million tons of new liquefaction currently under construction in the US is expected to deliver over the coming 3-years. A significant portion of this new production will likely find a home in the faster growing and more distant markets of the Middle East, India and the Far East. Ton miles and shipping demand are therefore expected to continue increasing toward the end of the decade.

Liquefied Natural Gas

Overview

The need to transport natural gas over long distances across oceans led to the development of the international LNG trade. The first shipments were made on a trial basis in 1959 between the United States and the United Kingdom, while 1964 saw the start of the first commercial-scale LNG project to ship LNG from Algeria to the United Kingdom. LNG shipping provides a cost-effective and safe means for transporting natural gas overseas. The LNG is transported overseas in specially built tanks on double-hulled ships to a receiving terminal, where it is offloaded and stored in heavily insulated tanks. In regasification facilities at the receiving terminal, the LNG is returned to its gaseous state (or regasified) and then carried by pipeline for distribution to power stations and other natural gas customers.

The following diagram displays the flow of natural gas and LNG from production to consumption.

LNG Supply Chain



The LNG supply chain involves the following components:

Exploring and drilling: Natural gas is produced and transported via pipeline to natural gas liquefaction facilities located along the coast of the producing country. The advent of floating liquefaction will also see the gas being piped to offshore liquefaction facilities.

Production and liquefaction: Natural gas is cooled to a temperature of minus 162 degrees Celsius, transforming the gas into a liquid, which reduces its volume to approximately 1/600th of its volume in a gaseous state. The reduced volume facilitates economical storage and transportation by ship over long distances, enabling countries with limited natural gas reserves and limited access to long-distance transmission pipelines or concerns over security of supply to meet their demand for natural gas.

Shipping: LNG is loaded onto specially designed, double-hulled LNG carriers and transported overseas from the liquefaction facility to the receiving terminal.

Regasification: At the receiving terminal (either onshore or aboard specialized LNG carriers called Floating Storage and Regasification Units “FSRU”s), the LNG is returned to its gaseous state, or regasified.

Storage, distribution, marketing & power generation: Once regasified, the natural gas is stored in specially designed facilities or transported to power producers and natural gas consumers via pipelines.

The basic costs of producing, liquefying, transporting and regasifying LNG are much higher than in an equivalent oil supply chain. This high unit cost of supply has, in the recent past, led to the pursuit of ever-larger land based facilities in order to achieve improved economies of scale. In many recent cases, even these large projects have cost substantially more than anticipated. To address the escalating costs, more cost competitive FLNG solutions across a spectrum of project sizes have been developed by a handful of oil majors and also by Golar. Many previously uneconomic pockets of gas can now be monetized and this will add to reserves and further underpin the long term attractiveness of gas. Golar’s FLNG solution, which focuses on the liquefaction of clean, lean, pipeline quality gas, is expected to be one of the cheapest liquefaction alternatives in today’s market. As such, it represents one of the only solutions to have remained economically viable following the substantial drop in oil and LNG prices that commenced in October 2014. FLNG allows smaller resource holders, developers and customers to enter the LNG business and occupy a legitimate space alongside the largest resource holders, major oil companies and world-scale LNG buyers. For the established LNG industry participants, the prospect of the lower unit costs and lower risk profile of Golar’s FLNG solution provide an important and compelling alternative to the traditional giant land based projects especially in this current energy price environment.

According to Poten and Partners, LNG liquefaction produced 103 million tonnes per annum of LNG in 2000. This increased to around 293 million tonnes per annum in 2017 according to Shell. According to Fearnleys, approximately 85 million tonnes per annum of new LNG production capacity is expected to come into operation by 2020. Based on current trading patterns and ton miles and assuming retirement of vessels 35 years or older, the order book of approximately 100 conventional LNG carriers together with the current surplus of carriers on the water is anticipated to be insufficient to carry this expected new production.

The LNG Fleet

As of March 31, 2018, the world LNG carrier fleet consisted of 533 LNG vessels (including 28 FSRUs, 36 vessels less than 46,000 cbm, 7 floating storage units, or FSUs and 4 floating liquefaction or FLNG units). There were also orders for 116 new LNG carriers (including 10 FSRUs, 11 vessels less than 46,000 cbm, 1 FSU and 1 FLNGs), the majority of which will be delivered between now and 2019.

The LNG carriers on order define the next generation of employable carriers in regards to size and propulsion. The current “standard” size for LNG carriers has increased substantially since the 1970s, while propulsion preference has shifted from a steam turbine to the more fuel efficient Dual/Trifuel Diesel Electric or M-type, Electronically-controlled Gas Injection systems.

While there are a number of different types of LNG vessel and “containment system”, there are two dominant containment systems in use today:

- The *Moss* system was developed in the 1970s and uses free standing insulated spherical tanks supported at the equator by a continuous cylindrical skirt. In this system, the tank and the hull of the vessel are two separate structures.
- The Membrane system uses insulation built directly into the hull of the vessel, along with a membrane covering inside the tanks to maintain their integrity. In this system, the vessel's hull directly supports the pressure of the LNG cargo. The membrane system most efficiently utilizes the entire volume of a ship's hull, and is cheaper to build. Most of our LNG carriers are of the membrane type.

Illustrations of these systems are included below:



Most newbuilds on order employ the membrane containment system because it most efficiently utilizes the entire volume of a vessel's hull, is cheaper to build and has historically been more cost effective for canal transits. In general, the construction period for an LNG carrier is approximately 28-34 months.

Competition

We operate in markets that are highly competitive and based primarily on supply and demand. As the FSRU market continues to grow and mature there are new competitors entering the market. A number of our competitors have also ordered FSRUs without involving a third party provider. Expectations of rapid growth in the FSRU market has given owners the confidence to place orders for FSRUs before securing charters. This has led to more competition for mid- and long-term FSRU charters. Competition for these long-term charters is based primarily on price, LNG storage capacity, efficiency of the regasification process, vessel availability, size, age and condition of the vessel, relationships with LNG carrier users and the quality, LNG experience and reputation of the operator. In addition, LNG carriers may operate in the emerging LNG carrier spot market that covers short-term charters of one year or less during periods of increased competition due to an oversupply of LNG carriers

We believe that, together with Golar and its affiliates, we are one of the world’s largest independent LNG carrier and FSRU owners and operators. As of April 6, 2018 , we, together with Golar and its affiliates, have a fleet of 26 vessels comprised of 16 LNG carriers, 7 FSRUs, 1 FLNG and 2 FLNG conversion candidates. Our LNG carrier new buildings have storage capacity of approximately 160,000 cbm to 162,000 cbm; a 0.1% boil-off rate; tri-fuel engines; and are capable of charter speeds of up to 19.5 knots. Our newbuild FSRUs range in capacity from 160,000 cbm to 170,000 cbm and can provide regasification throughput of up to 750 thousand cubic feet per day (or 5.8 million tonnes per annum). The FSRUs can, subject to the customer's requirements, remain classified as an LNG carrier, flexible for LNG carrier service, or be classified as an offshore unit, remaining permanently moored at site for a long contract duration without the requirement for periodic dry docking.

We compete with other independent shipping companies who also own and operate LNG carriers.

In addition, some of the major oil and gas producers, including Royal Dutch Shell and BP, own LNG carriers. National gas and shipping companies also have large fleets of LNG vessels that have expanded and will likely continue to expand. These include Malaysian International Shipping Company (“MISC”), National Gas Shipping Company located in Abu Dhabi, and Qatar Gas Transport Company, or Nakilat.

Seasonality

Historically, LNG trade, and therefore charter rates, increased in the winter months and eased in the summer months as demand for LNG for heating in the Northern Hemisphere rose in colder weather and fell in warmer weather. In general, the tanker industry including the LNG vessel industry, has become less dependent on the seasonal transport of LNG than a decade ago. The advent of FSRUs has opened up new markets and uses for LNG, spreading consumption more evenly over the year. There is a higher seasonal demand during the summer months due to energy requirements for air conditioning in some markets or reduced availability of hydro power in others and a pronounced higher seasonal demand during the winter months for heating in other markets.

Our vessels primarily operate under long-term charters and are not subject to the effect of seasonal variations in demand, with the exception of the *Golar Igloo*, whose charter specifies a regasification season of 9 months, extendable at the option of the charterer.

Floating LNG Regasification

Floating LNG Storage and Regasification Vessels

Floating LNG storage and regasification vessels are commonly known as FSRUs. The figure below depicts a typical FSRU:



FSRU Golar Eskimo undergoing sea trials prior to delivery

The FSRU regasification process involves the vaporization of LNG and pressurizing and injection of the natural gas directly into a pipeline. In order to regasify LNG, FSRUs are equipped with vaporizer systems that can operate in an open-loop mode, a closed-loop mode or in both modes. In the open-loop mode, seawater is pumped through the system to provide the heat necessary to convert the LNG to the vapor phase. In the closed-loop system, a natural gas-fired boiler is used to heat water that is circulated in a closed-loop through the vaporizer and a steam heater to convert the LNG to the vapor phase. In general, FSRUs can be divided into four subcategories:

- FSRUs that are permanently located offshore;
- FSRUs that are permanently near shore and attached to a jetty (with LNG transfer being either directly vessel to vessel or over a jetty);

- shuttle carriers that regasify and discharge their cargos offshore; and
- shuttle carriers that regasify and discharge their cargos alongside.

Our business model to date has been focused on FSRUs that are permanently moored offshore or near shore and provide continuous regasification service.

Demand for Floating LNG Regasification Facilities

The long-term outlook for global natural gas supply and demand has stimulated growth in LNG production and trade, which is expected to drive a necessary expansion of regasification infrastructure. While worldwide regasification capacity still exceeds worldwide liquefaction capacity, a large portion of the existing global regasification capacity is concentrated in a few markets such as Japan, Korea and Taiwan. Domestic production of shale gas and the advent of U.S. LNG exports mean that substantial U.S. Gulf Coast regasification capacity is no longer required. Much of the European regas capacity is also underutilized. In China, now the world's second largest market for LNG, there has been a shortage of regas capacity and demand for regasified LNG exceeded land based regas capacity at the end of 2017. Elsewhere there is significant demand for regasification infrastructure in Asia, Middle-East, Central/South America, Africa and the Caribbean. We believe that the advantages of FSRUs compared to onshore facilities, as detailed in the paragraphs below, make them highly competitive in these markets. In the Middle East, Caribbean and South America most new regasification projects utilize an FSRU.

Floating LNG regasification projects first emerged as a solution to the difficulties and protracted process of obtaining permits to build shore-based LNG reception facilities (especially along the North American coasts). Due to their offshore location, FSRU facilities are significantly less likely than onshore facilities to be met with resistance in local communities, which is especially important in the case of a facility that is intended to serve a highly populated area where there is a high demand for natural gas. As a result, it is typically easier and faster for FSRUs to obtain necessary permits than for comparable onshore facilities. More recently, cost and time have become the main drivers behind the growing interest in the various types of floating LNG regasification projects. FSRU projects can typically be completed in less time (2 to 3 years compared to 4 or more years for land based projects) and at a significantly lower cost (20-50% less) than land based alternatives.



FSRU Golar Eskimo moored off the port of Aqaba in Jordan

In addition, FSRUs offer a more flexible solution than land based terminals. They can be used as an LNG carrier, a regasification shuttle vessel or permanently moored as an FSRU. FSRUs can be used on a seasonal basis, as a short-term (1 to 2 years) regasification solution or as a long-term solution for up to 40 years. FSRUs offer a fast track regasification solution for markets that need immediate access to LNG supply. FSRUs can also be utilized as bridging solutions until a land-based terminal is constructed. In this way, FSRUs are both a replacement for, and complement to, land-based regasification alternatives.

Floating LNG Regasification Vessel Fleet Size and Ownership

Compared to onshore terminals, the floating LNG regasification industry is fairly young. There are a limited number of companies including Golar, as well as Exmar, Excelerate Energy L.P., Hoegh LNG Partners LP, Hoegh LNG ASA, BW Gas, and Mitsui O.S.K. Lines that are operating FSRU terminals for LNG importers around the world. Golar was the first company to enter into an agreement for the long-term employment of an FSRU based on the conversion of an existing LNG carrier.

Floating Liquefaction Vessels



FLNG Hilli Episeyo shortly before departure from Singapore

Golar's floating liquefaction strategy is to target stranded reserves (such as coal bed methane and shale gas or lean gas sourced from offshore fields) and convert this to LNG. These feed gas streams require little to no gas processing prior to liquefaction. Golar's liquefaction solution places onshore technology on board an existing LNG carrier using a rapid low-cost execution model resulting in a vessel conversion time of approximately three years. In 2014 Golar executed agreements with Keppel and Black & Veatch for the conversion of the LNG carrier, *Golar Hilli* to an FLNG vessel at Keppel's shipyard in Singapore. The *Hilli* has a production capacity of up to 2.5 million tonnes per annum and on board storage of approximately 125,000 cubic meters of LNG. The FLNG *Golar Hilli*, renamed *Hilli Episeyo* in July 2017 delivered from Keppel Shipyard in October 2017 and proceeded to Cameroon, arriving in late November. Commissioning of the vessel commenced in December 2017 and production of LNG began in March 2018. As of the current date, we expect acceptance testing procedures to commence shortly. *Hilli* is the world's first FLNG vessel based on a converted LNG carrier and one of only four FLNG vessels globally.

Environmental and Other Regulations

General

Governmental and international agencies extensively regulate the carriage, handling, storage and regasification of LNG. These regulations include international conventions and national, state and local laws and regulations in the countries where our vessels now, or in the future, will operate or where our vessels are registered. We cannot predict the ultimate cost of complying with these regulations, or the impact that these regulations will have on the resale value or useful lives of our vessels. In addition, any serious marine incident that results in significant oil pollution or otherwise causes significant adverse environmental impact, including the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, could result in additional legislation or regulation that could negatively affect our profitability. In July 2016, for example, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement ("BSEE") finalized new regulations imposing well control requirements on offshore oil and gas drilling. However, this measure and others like it are being reevaluated by promulgating agencies pursuant to Executive Orders 13783 and 13795, which promote energy exploration and production. It remains to be seen what revisions may be proposed when that review is complete. Various governmental and quasi-governmental agencies require us to obtain permits, licenses and certificates for the operation of our vessels.

Although we believe that we are substantially in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations and have all permits, licenses and certificates required for our vessels, future non-compliance or failure to maintain necessary permits or approvals could require us to incur substantial costs or temporarily suspend operation of one or more of our vessels. A variety of governmental and private entities inspect our vessels on both a scheduled and unscheduled basis. These entities, each of which may have unique requirements and each of which conducts frequent inspections, include local port authorities, such as the United States Coast Guard, or USCG, harbor master or equivalent, classification societies, flag state, or the administration of the country of registry, charterers, terminal operators and LNG producers.

GMN is operating in compliance with the International Standards Organization (or ISO) Environmental Standard for the management of the significant environmental aspects associated with the ownership and operation of a fleet of LNG carriers. GMN received its ISO 14001 Environmental Standard Certificate during summer 2012. This certification requires that we and GMN commit managerial resources to act on our environmental policy through an effective management system.

International Maritime Regulations of LNG Vessels

The IMO is the United Nations' agency that provides international regulations governing shipping and international maritime trade. The requirements contained in the ISM Code promulgated by the IMO, govern our operations. Among other requirements, the ISM Code requires the party with operational control of a vessel to develop an extensive safety management system that includes, among other things, the adoption of a policy for safety and environmental protection setting forth instructions and procedures for operating its vessels safely and also describing procedures for responding to emergencies. Our ship manager holds a Document of Compliance (DoC) under the ISM Code for operation of Gas Carriers.

Vessels that transport gas, including LNG carriers and FSRUs, are also subject to regulation under the International Gas Carrier Code, or the IGC Code published by the IMO. The IGC Code provides a standard for the safe carriage of LNG and certain other liquid gases by prescribing the design and construction standards of vessels involved in such carriage. Compliance with the IGC Code must be evidenced by a Certificate of Fitness for the Carriage of Liquefied Gases in Bulk. Each of our vessels is in compliance with the IGC Code and each of our new buildings/conversion contracts requires that the vessel receive certification that it is in compliance with applicable regulations before it is delivered. Non-compliance with the IGC Code or other applicable IMO regulations may subject a shipowner or a bareboat charterer to increased liability, may lead to decreases in available insurance coverage for affected vessels and may result in the denial of access to, or detention in, some ports.

The IMO also promulgates ongoing amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 and its protocol of 1988, otherwise known as SOLAS. SOLAS provides rules for the construction of and equipment required for commercial vessels and includes regulations for safe operation. It requires the provision of lifeboats and other life-saving appliances, requires the use of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System which is an international radio equipment and watch keeping standard, afloat and at shore stations, and relates to the International Convention on the Standards of Training and Certification of Watchkeeping Officers, or STCW, also promulgated by the IMO. Flag states that have ratified SOLAS and STCW generally employ the classification societies, which have incorporated SOLAS and STCW requirements into their class rules, to undertake surveys to confirm compliance.

SOLAS and other IMO regulations concerning safety, including those relating to treaties on training of shipboard personnel, lifesaving appliances, radio equipment and the global maritime distress and safety system, are applicable to our operations. Non-compliance with these types of IMO regulations may subject us to increased liability or penalties, may lead to decreases in available insurance coverage for affected vessels and may result in the denial of access to, or detention in, some ports. For example, the USCG and EU authorities have indicated that vessels not in compliance with the ISM Code will be prohibited from trading in U.S. and European Union ports.

In the wake of increased worldwide security concerns, the IMO amended SOLAS and added the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, or ISPS Code as a new chapter to that convention. The objective of the ISPS, which came into effect on July 1, 2004, is to detect security threats and take preventive measures against security incidents affecting vessels or port facilities. GMN has developed Security Plans, appointed and trained Ship and Office Security Officers and all of our vessels have been certified to meet the ISPS Code. See "Vessel Security Regulations" for a more detailed discussion about these requirements.

The IMO continues to review and introduce new regulations. It is impossible to predict what additional regulations, if any, may be passed by the IMO and what effect, if any, such regulation may have on our operations.

Air Emissions

The International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships, or MARPOL, is the principal international convention negotiated by the IMO governing marine pollution prevention and response. MARPOL imposes environmental standards on the shipping industry relating to oil spills, management of garbage, the handling and disposal of noxious liquids, sewage and air emissions. MARPOL 73/78 Annex VI regulations for the "Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships" apply to all vessels, fixed and floating drilling rigs and other floating platforms. Annex VI sets limits on sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide emissions from vessel exhausts, emissions of volatile compounds from cargo tanks, incineration of specific substances, and prohibits deliberate emissions of ozone depleting substances. Annex VI also includes a global cap on sulfur content of fuel oil and allows for special areas to be established with more stringent controls on sulfur emissions. The certification requirements for Annex VI depend on size of the vessel and time of the periodic classification survey. Ships weighing more than 400 gross tons and engaged in international voyages involving countries that have ratified the conventions, or vessels flying the flag of those countries, are required to have an International Air Pollution Certificate (or an IAPP Certificate). Annex VI came into force in the United States on January 8, 2009 and has been amended a number of times. As of the current date, all our vessels delivered or drydocked since May 19, 2005 have been issued IAPP Certificates.

Annex I to MARPOL applies to various vessels delivered on or after August 1, 2010. It includes requirements for the protected location of the fuel tanks, performance standards for accidental oil fuel outflow, a tank capacity limit and certain other maintenance, inspection and engineering standards. IMO regulations also require owners and operators of vessels to adopt Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans. Periodic training and drills for response personnel and for vessels and their crews are required.

Amendments to Annex VI to the MARPOL Convention took effect in 2010 that require progressively stricter limitations on sulfur emissions from vessels. As of January 1, 2012, fuel used to power vessels may contain no more than 3.5% sulfur for areas outside of designated emission control areas, or ECAs. This cap will then decrease progressively until it reaches 0.5% by January 1, 2020. The amendments all establish new tiers of stringent nitrogen oxide emissions standards for new marine engines, depending on their date of installation. The European directive 2005/33/EC bans the use of fuel oils containing more than 0.10% sulfur by mass by any merchant vessel while at berth in any EU country. Our vessels have achieved compliance, where necessary, by being modified to burn gas only in their boilers when alongside a berth. Except for the *Golar Mazo*, we have modified the boilers on all our vessels to also allow operation on low sulfur diesel oil, or LSDO.

More stringent emission standards could apply in coastal areas designated as ECAs, such as the United States and Canadian coastal areas designated by the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee, as discussed in "U.S. Clean Air Act" below. These areas include certain coastal areas of North America and the United States Caribbean Sea. Annex VI Regulation 14, which came into effect on January 1, 2015, set a 0.10% sulfur limit in areas of the Baltic Sea, North Sea, North America, and United States Caribbean Sea ECAs.

U.S. air emissions standards are now equivalent to these amended Annex VI requirements. Additional or new conventions, laws and regulations may be adopted that could require the installation of expensive emission control systems. Because our vessels are largely powered by means other than fuel oil we do not anticipate that any emission limits that may be promulgated will require us to incur any material costs for the operation of our vessels but that possibility cannot be eliminated.

Ballast Water Management Convention

The IMO has negotiated international conventions that impose liability for pollution in international waters and the territorial waters of the signatories to such conventions. For example, the IMO adopted an International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, or the BWM Convention, in February 2004. The BWM Convention's implementing regulations call for a phased introduction of mandatory ballast water exchange requirements to be replaced in time with mandatory concentration limits. The Convention entered into force on September 8, 2017, however IMO later decided to postpone the compliance date for existing vessels by 2 years, i.e. until the first renewal survey following September 8, 2019. The USCG has decided to maintain the 2017 effective date. This makes all vessels constructed before the entry into force date "existing" vessels, and requires the installation of a Ballast Water Treatment System (BWTS) on such vessels at the first renewal survey following the entry into force date. Furthermore, in October 2014 the MEPC met and adopted additional resolutions concerning the BWM Convention's implementation. Upon entry into force of the BWM Convention, mid-ocean ballast water exchange became mandatory for our vessels.

As referenced below, the USCG issued new ballast water management rules on March 23, 2012, and the EPA adopted a new Vessel General Permit, or VGP, in December 2013 that contains numeric technology-based ballast water effluent limitations that will apply to certain commercial vessels with ballast water tanks. Under the requirements of the BWM Convention installation

of ballast water treatments, BWT systems, will be needed on all our LNG Carriers. As long as our FSRUs are operating as FSRUs and kept stationary they will not need installation of a BWT system. Ballast water treatment technologies are now becoming more mature, although the various technologies are still developing. The additional costs of complying with these rules, relating to all our vessels are estimated to be in the range of \$1.5 million and \$2 million per vessel and will be phased in over time in connection with the renewal surveys that are required. We have therefore decided to install BWTS on all our LNG Carriers on their first drydocking after 2017.

Bunkers Convention/CLC State Certificate

The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution 2001, or the Bunker Convention entered into force in the states party to the Bunker Convention on November 21, 2008. The Convention provides a liability, compensation and compulsory insurance system for the victims of oil pollution damage caused by spills of bunker oil. The Convention makes the ship owner liable to pay compensation for pollution damage (including the cost of preventive measures) caused in the territory, including the territorial sea of a State Party, as well as its economic zone or equivalent area. Registered owners of any sea going vessel and seaborne craft over 1,000 gross tonnage, of any type whatsoever, and registered in a State Party, or entering or leaving a port in the territory of a State Party, will be required to maintain insurance which meets the requirements of the Convention and to obtain a certificate issued by a State Party attesting that such insurance is in force. The State issued certificate must be carried on board at all times.

P&I Clubs in the International Group issue the required Bunkers Convention “Blue Cards” to enable signatory states to issue certificates. All of our vessels have received “Blue Cards” from their P&I Club and are in possession of a CLC State-issued certificate attesting that the required insurance cover is in force.

The flag state, as defined by the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, has overall responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of international maritime regulations for all vessels granted the right to fly its flag. The “Shipping Industry Guidelines on Flag State Performance” evaluates flag states based on factors such as sufficiency of infrastructure, ratification of international maritime treaties, implementation and enforcement of international maritime regulations, supervision of surveys, casualty investigations and participation at the IMO meetings.

Anti-Fouling Requirements

Our vessels are subject to the IMO’s International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, or the Anti-fouling Convention, which prohibits the use of organotin compound coatings to prevent the attachment of mollusks and other sea life to the hulls of vessels. Vessels of over 400 gross tons engaged in international voyages must obtain an International Anti-fouling System Certificate and undergo a survey before the vessel is put into service or when the anti-fouling systems are altered or replaced. We have obtained Anti-fouling System Certificates for all of our vessels, and we do not believe that maintaining such certificates will have an adverse financial impact on the operation of our vessels.

United States Environmental Regulation of LNG Vessels

Our vessels operating in U.S. waters now or in the future will be subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to protection of the environment. In some cases, these laws and regulations require us to obtain governmental permits and authorizations before we may conduct certain activities. These environmental laws and regulations may impose substantial penalties for noncompliance and substantial liabilities for pollution. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in substantial civil and criminal fines and penalties. As with the industry generally, our operations will entail risks in these areas, and compliance with these laws and regulations, which may be subject to frequent revisions and reinterpretation, increases our overall cost of business.

Oil Pollution Act and The Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

The U.S. Oil Pollution act of 1990 or OPA 90 established an extensive regulatory and liability regime for environmental protection and clean up of oil spills. OPA 90 affects all owners and operators whose vessels trade with the United States or its territories or possessions, or whose vessels operate in the waters of the United States, which include the U.S. territorial waters and the 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone of the United States. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, or CERCLA applies to the discharge of hazardous substances whether on land or at sea. While OPA 90 and CERCLA would not apply to the discharge of LNG, they may affect us because we carry oil as fuel and lubricants for our engines, and the discharge of these could cause an environmental hazard. Under OPA 90, vessel operators, including vessel owners, managers and bareboat or “demise” charterers, are “responsible parties” who are all liable regardless of fault, individually and as a group, for all containment and clean-up costs and other damages arising from oil spills from their vessels. These “responsible parties” would not be liable if the spill results solely from the act or omission of a third party, an act of God or an act of war. The other damages aside from clean-up and containment costs are defined broadly to include:

- injury to, destruction or loss of, or loss of use of, natural resource and the costs of assessment thereof;
- injury to, or economic losses resulting from, the destruction of real and personal property;
- net loss of taxes, royalties, rents, fees or net profit revenues resulting from injury, destruction or loss of real or personal property, or natural resources;
- loss of subsistence use of natural resources that are injured, destroyed or lost;
- lost profits or impairment of earning capacity due to injury, destruction or loss of real or personal property or natural resources;
- net cost of increased or additional public services necessitated by removal activities following a discharge of oil, such as protection from fire, safety or health hazards.

The limits of OPA liability are the greater of \$2,200 per gross ton or \$18,796,800 for any tanker other than single-hull tank vessels, over 3,000 gross tons (subject to possible adjustment for inflation) (relevant to ours and Golar’s LNG carriers). These limits of liability do not apply, however, where the incident is caused by violation of applicable U.S. federal safety, construction or operating regulations, or by the responsible party’s gross negligence or willful misconduct. These limits likewise do not apply if the responsible party fails or refuses to report the incident or to cooperate and assist in connection with the substance removal activities. OPA specifically permits individual states to impose their own liability regimes with regard to oil pollution incidents occurring within their boundaries, and some states have enacted legislation providing for unlimited liability for discharge of pollutants within their waters. In some cases, states, which have enacted their own legislation, have not yet issued implementing regulations defining ship owners’ responsibilities under these laws.

CERCLA, which also applies to owners and operators of vessels, contains a similar liability regime and provides for clean up, removal and natural resource damages for releases of “hazardous substances”. Liability under CERCLA is limited to the greater of \$300 per gross ton or \$0.5 million for each release from vessels not carrying hazardous substances as cargo or residue, and \$300 per gross ton or \$5 million for each release from vessels carrying hazardous substances as cargo or residue. As with OPA, these limits of liability do not apply where the incident is caused by violation of applicable U.S. federal safety, construction or operating regulations, or by the responsible party’s gross negligence or willful misconduct or if the responsible party fails or refuses to report the incident or to cooperate and assist in connection with the substance removal activities. OPA and CERCLA each preserve the right to recover damages under existing law, including maritime tort law. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with OPA, CERCLA and all applicable state regulations in the ports where our vessels call.

OPA requires owners and operators of vessels to establish and maintain with the USCG evidence of financial responsibility sufficient to meet the limit of their potential strict liability under OPA/CERCLA. Under the regulations, evidence of financial responsibility may be demonstrated by insurance, surety bond, self-insurance or guaranty. Under OPA regulations, an owner or operator of more than one vessel is required to demonstrate evidence of financial responsibility for the entire fleet in an amount equal only to the financial responsibility requirement of the vessel having the greatest maximum liability under OPA/CERCLA. Each of our ship owning subsidiaries that has vessels trading in U.S. waters has applied for, and obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center three-year certificates of financial responsibility, or COFR, supported by guarantees which we purchased from an insurance based provider. We believe that we will be able to continue to obtain the requisite guarantees and that we will continue to be granted COFRs from the USCG for each of our vessels that is required to have one.

Compliance with any new requirements of OPA, or other laws or regulations, may substantially impact our cost of operations or require us to incur additional expenses to comply with any new regulatory initiatives or statutes. For example, in July 2016, the BSEE finalized new regulations imposing well control requirements on offshore oil and gas drilling. However, this measure and others like it are being reevaluated by promulgating agencies pursuant to Executive Orders 13783 and 13795, which promote energy exploration and production. Additional legislation or regulation applicable to the operation of our vessels that may be implemented in the future could adversely affect our business and ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

Clean Water Act

The U.S. Clean Water Act, the CWA, prohibits the discharge of oil or hazardous substances in U.S. navigable waters unless authorized by a duly-issued permit or exemption, and imposes strict liability in the form of penalties for any unauthorized discharges. The CWA also imposes substantial liability for the costs of removal, remediation and damages and complements the remedies available under OPA and CERCLA. In addition, many U.S. states that border a navigable waterway have enacted environmental pollution laws that impose strict liability on a person for removal costs and damages resulting from a discharge of oil or a release of a hazardous substance. These laws may be more stringent than U.S. federal law.

The EPA and USCG, have enacted rules relating to ballast water discharge, compliance with which requires the installation of equipment on our vessels to treat ballast water before it is discharged or the implementation of other port facility disposal arrangements or procedures at potentially substantial cost, and/or otherwise restrict our vessels from entering U.S. waters.

The EPA regulates the discharge of ballast and bilge water and other substances in United States waters under the CWA. The EPA regulations require vessels 79 feet in length or longer (other than commercial fishing vessels and recreational vessels) comply with a permit that regulates ballast water discharges and other discharges incidental to the normal operation of certain vessels within United States waters - the Vessel General Permit for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of Vessels, VGP. In March 2013 the EPA issued the VGP that will remain effective until December 2018. It should also be noted that in October 2015, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling that directed the EPA to redraft the sections of the 2013 VGP that address ballast water. However, the Second Circuit stated that 2013 VGP will remain in effect until the EPA issues a new VGP. It is presently unclear when the agency plans to publish the draft and final versions of the new VGP. The 2013 VGP focuses on authorizing discharges incidental to operations of commercial vessels and the 2013 VGP contains ballast water discharge limits for most vessels to reduce the risk of invasive species in US waters, more stringent requirements for exhaust gas scrubbers and the use of environmentally acceptable lubricants.

USCG regulations adopted and proposed for adoption under the U.S. National Invasive Species Act, NISA, also impose mandatory ballast water management practices for all vessels equipped with ballast water tanks entering or operating in United States waters, which require the installation of equipment on our vessels to treat ballast water before it is discharged or the implementation of other port facility disposal arrangements or procedures, or otherwise restrict our vessels from entering United States waters. The USCG must approve any technology before it is placed on a vessel.

As of January 1, 2014, vessels became technically subject to the phasing-in of these standards. As a result, the USCG has provided waivers to vessels which could not install the then as-yet unapproved technology. In December 2016, the USCG gave its first type-approval to a BWMS and, as of January 2, 2018, has type-approved six systems. The EPA, on the other hand, has taken a different approach to enforcing ballast discharge standards under the VGP. In December 2013, the EPA issued an enforcement response policy in connection with the new VGP in which the EPA indicated that it would take into account the reasons why vessels do not have the requisite technology installed, but will not grant any waivers.

In May 2016, the USCG published a review of the practicability of implementing a more stringent ballast water discharge standard. The results concluded that technology to achieve a significant improvement in ballast water treatment efficacy cannot be practically implemented. In February, 2016, the USCG issued a new rule amending the Coast Guard's ballast water management recordkeeping requirements. Effective February 22, 2016, vessels with ballast tanks operating exclusively on voyages between ports or places within a single Captain of the Port zone must submit an annual report of their ballast water management practices. Further, under the amended requirements, vessels may submit their reports after arrival at the port of destination instead of prior to arrival.

In addition to the requirements in the new VGP, vessel owners and operators must meet twenty-five sets of state-specific requirements under the CWA's § 401 certification process. Because the CWA § 401 process allows tribes and states to impose their own requirements for vessels operating within their waters, vessels operating in multiple jurisdictions could face potentially conflicting conditions specific to each jurisdiction that they travel through.

Clean Air Act

The U.S. Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended, or the CAA, requires the EPA to promulgate standards applicable to emissions of volatile organic compounds and other air contaminants. Our vessels are subject to vapor control and recovery requirements for certain cargos when loading, unloading, ballasting, cleaning and conducting other operations in regulated port areas and emission standards for so-called “Category 3” marine diesel engines operating in U.S. waters. The marine diesel engine emission standards are currently limited to new engines beginning with the 2004 model year. On April 30, 2010, the EPA promulgated final emission standards for Category 3 marine diesel engines equivalent to those adopted in the amendments to Annex VI to MARPOL. The emission standards apply in two stages: near-term standards for newly-built engines apply from 2011, and long-term standards requiring an 80% reduction in nitrogen dioxides, or NOx, apply from 2016. Compliance with these standards may cause us to incur costs to install control equipment on our vessels in the future.

Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

In February 2005, the Kyoto Protocol entered into force. Pursuant to the Kyoto Protocol, adopting countries are required to implement national programs to reduce emissions of certain gases, generally referred to as greenhouse gases, which are suspected of contributing to global warming. Currently, the emissions of greenhouse gases from international transport are not subject to the Kyoto Protocol. In December 2009, more than 27 nations, including the United States and China, signed the Copenhagen Accord, which includes a non-binding commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, in December 2011, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change adopted the Durban Platform which calls for a process to develop binding emissions limitations on both developed and developing countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change applicable to all Parties. The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris did not result in an agreement that directly limits greenhouse gas emissions from vessels. The European Union has indicated that it intends to propose an expansion of the existing European Union emissions trading scheme to include emissions of greenhouse gases from marine vessels and in January 2012, the European Commission launched a public consultation on possible measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vessels. In April 2015, a regulation was adopted requiring that large vessels (over 5,000 gross tons) calling at European ports from January 2018 collect and publish data on carbon dioxide emissions.

As of January 1, 2013, all vessels, including rigs and drillships, must comply with mandatory requirements adopted by the MEPC in July 2011 relating to greenhouse gas emissions. The amendments to MARPOL Annex VI Regulations for the prevention of air pollution from vessels add a new Chapter 4 to Annex VI on Regulations on energy efficiency requiring the Energy Efficiency Design Index, or EEDI, for new vessels, and the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan, or SEEMP, for all vessels. These measures entered into force on January 1, 2013. Other amendments to Annex VI add new definitions and requirements for survey and certification, including the format for the International Energy Efficiency Certificate. The regulations apply to all vessels of 400 gross tonnage and above. The IMO also adopted a mandatory requirement in October 2016 that ships of 5000 gross tonnage and above record and report their fuel oil consumption. The requirement entered into force in March 2018. These new rules will likely affect the operations of vessels that are registered in countries that are signatories to MARPOL Annex VI or vessels that call upon ports located within such countries. The implementation of the EEDI and SEEMP standards could cause us to incur additional compliance costs. The IMO is also considering the implementation of a market-based mechanism for greenhouse gas emissions from vessels. At the October 2016 Marine Environmental Protection Committee session, the IMO adopted a roadmap for developing a comprehensive IMO strategy on reduction of GHG emissions. The IMO anticipates adopting initial GHG reduction strategy in 2018. The EU has indicated that it intends to implement regulation in an effort to limit emissions of greenhouse gases from vessels if such emissions are not regulated through the IMO.

In the United States, the EPA has issued a final finding that greenhouse gases threaten public health and safety, and has promulgated regulations that regulate the emission of greenhouse gases from certain sources. The EPA enforces both the CAA and the international standards found in Annex VI of MARPOL concerning marine diesel emissions, and the sulfur content found in marine fuel. Other federal and state regulations relating to the control of greenhouse gas emissions may follow, including climate change initiatives that have been considered in the U.S. Congress. Any passage of climate control legislation or other regulatory initiatives by the IMO, the European Union, the United States, or other countries where we operate, or any treaty adopted at the international level to succeed the Kyoto Protocol, that restrict emissions of greenhouse gases from vessels could require us to make significant financial expenditures that we cannot predict with certainty at this time. In addition, even without such regulation, our business may be indirectly affected to the extent that climate change results in sea level changes or more intense weather events.

Dubai Environmental Regulations

The *Golar Freeze* is now in Dubai waters and is subject to various regulations relating to protection of the environment. These laws and regulations require us to obtain governmental permits and authorizations before we may conduct certain activities. DUSUP, our charter party, has the contractual responsibility to obtain all permits necessary to operate the *Golar Freeze* in Dubai, and it already has done so. However, it is still our responsibility to meet the requirements of the environmental laws. To the extent that the local environmental laws and regulations of Dubai become more stringent over time, it is DUSUP's obligation to fund the costs of improvements needed to meet any such requirements.

For instance, Dubai's Federal Law No. 24 of 1999 for the Protection and Development of the Environment requires major projects to be licensed by the Ministry of Environment and Water. As part of the licensure application, the Agency requires an environmental impact assessment to determine the project's effect on the environment. Vessels are prohibited from discharging harmful substances, including oil, into Dubai's waters. Violators are subject to fines. At this time, *Golar Freeze* constitutes a major project under the applicable regulations and we supplied the necessary information to DUSUP. Using the information provided, DUSUP has acquired all of the necessary operating permits to comply with Dubai's Federal Law No. 24.

In addition, Dubai's Law No. 11 of 2010 on licensing Marine Transport Means includes licensing and registration requirements for vessels and crews. As a condition of licensing, registration, or license renewal, the vessel owner must present evidence of an insurance policy issued by an insurance company which is licensed to operate in Dubai and which covers the owner against liability from damages inflicted upon third parties. Vessels entering Dubai's waters are required to be in compliance with the technical specifications of their flag state and the Dubai Maritime City Authority (or DMCA) is authorized to conduct technical inspections of vessels entering Dubai's waters. The DMCA is authorized to create additional environmental regulations and in the future the DMCA may create regulations which effect greenhouse gas emissions. Violators of Law No. 11 of 2010 can be subject to fines, cancellation of licensure, and seizure of the vessel. We have obtained the requisite insurance and have met the applicable licensure and registration requirements for the *Golar Freeze*.

Also, the DMCA has issued two regulations which both took effect on August 1, 2011. The Dubai Anchorages Regulation applies to vessels entering Dubai's waters and exclusive economic zone. The owner of a vessel must indemnify the DMCA for all claims and costs arising out of actual or potential pollution damage and costs of cleanup resulting from any act, omissions, neglect or default of the Master of the vessel, employees, contractors or sub-contractors or from the unseaworthiness of the vessel. The Ship to Ship Transfer Operations Regulation requires vessels to carry a Ship to Ship Transfer Operation Plan conforming to the requirements of MARPOL Annex I. The Operation Plan must be approved by the vessel's flag administration or submitted electronically to the DMCA for review. After April 1, 2012, all Operation Plans must be approved by the vessel's flag administration. Violators of these regulations are subject to criminal liability.

These environmental laws and regulations and others may impose costly and onerous obligations and violation or pollution events can lead to substantial civil and criminal fines and penalties. Because the cost of improvements needed to comply with any such new laws or regulations of Dubai is generally the responsibility of DUSUP, we do not foresee any increases in our overall cost of business due to any revisions or reinterpretations of existing Dubai law, or the promulgation of new Dubai or UAE environmental regulations.

Brazil Environmental Regulations

In Brazil, the environmental requirements are defined by the field operator, and in most cases, Petrobras, where it is involved. Brazilian environmental law includes international treaties and conventions to which Brazil is a party, as well as federal, state and local laws, regulations and permit requirements related to the protection of health and the environment. Brazilian oil and gas business is subject to extensive regulations by several governmental agencies, including the National Agency for Oil and Gas, the Brazilian Navy and the Brazilian Authority for Environmental Affairs and Renewable Resources.

The *Golar Winter* which is operating in Brazil as an FSRU is subject to various local regulations such as the Conama Resolution 357 (the "Water Act" of March 2005) and the Conama Resolution 382 (the "Air Pollution Act" of December 2006). Failure to comply may subject us to administrative, criminal and civil liability, with strict liability in administrative and civil cases.

Indonesia Environmental Regulations

The *NR Satu*, which is operating in Indonesia as an FSRU, is also subject to various local environmental regulations. In Indonesia, the environmental requirements of downstream business activity for the gas industry are regulated and supervised by the Government of Indonesia and controlled through business and technical licenses issued by the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources and BPH Migas, the regulatory agency for downstream oil and gas activity. Under Law 22, the Government of Indonesia has the exclusive rights to gas exploitation and activities carried out by private entities based on government-issued licenses. Companies engaging in downstream activities must comply with environmental management and occupational health and safety provisions related to operations. This includes obtaining environmental licenses and conducting environmental monitoring and reporting for activities that may have an impact on the environment.

On October 3, 2009, the Indonesian Government passed Law No. 32 of 2009 regarding Environmental Protection and Management, replacing Law No. 23 of 1997 on Environmental Management. Under this law every business activity having significant impact on the environment is required to carry out an environmental impact assessment (known as an AMDAL). Based on the assessment of the AMDAL by the Commission of AMDAL Assessment, the Minister, Governor, or Mayor/Regent (in accordance with their respective authority) must specify a decree of environmental feasibility. The decree of environmental feasibility is used as the basis for the issuance of an environmental license by the Minister, Governor, or Mayor/Regent (as applicable). The environmental license is a prerequisite to obtaining the relevant business license.

Failure to comply with these laws and obtain the necessary business and technical licenses could result in sanctions including suspension and/or freezing of the business and responsibility for all damages arising from any violation.

The Indonesian government may periodically revise its environmental laws and regulations or adopt new ones, and the effects of new or revised regulations on our operations cannot be predicted. There can be no assurance that additional significant costs and liabilities will not be incurred to comply with such current and future regulations or that such regulations will not have a material effect on our operations.

Kuwait Environmental Regulations

Kuwait is a party to the Kuwait Regional Convention for Co-operation on the Protection of the Marine Environment from Pollution, which requires all parties to take appropriate measures to prevent, abate and combat pollution of the marine environment of the sea area. The *Golar Igloo* is operating in Kuwait and is subject to various regulations against disposals to sea.

The Kuwaiti government may periodically revise its environmental laws and regulations or adopt new ones, and the effects of new or revised regulations on our operations cannot be predicted. There can be no assurance that additional significant costs and liabilities will not be incurred to comply with such current and future regulations or that such regulations will not have a material effect on our operations.

Jordan Environmental Regulations

The *Golar Eskimo* is currently operating in Aqaba, Jordan. The Gulf of Aqaba is considered a Special Area according to Annex One of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 73/78 (MARPOL 73/78).

Jordan's Regulation (No. 21) for the Protection of the Environment in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone for the year 2001 creates a number of regulatory requirements designed to prevent harm to the environment. These include limitations on air emissions, releases into the water, and rules for the disposal of garbage, noxious liquid substances, hazardous, radioactive and nucleic substances into the water. The *Golar Eskimo* may be subject to operational permit requirements if it disposes of waste into the water in this Zone. All disposals from the vessel will therefore be sent ashore.

Under these regulations, our operations may be suspended if any activity causes or threatens to cause environmental pollution in the Zone, or results in deterioration of the quality of water resources. We may also be required to perform environmental audits.

The Jordanian government may periodically revise its environmental laws and regulations or adopt new ones, and the effects of new or revised regulations on our operations cannot be predicted. There can be no assurance that additional significant costs and liabilities will not be incurred to comply with such current and future regulations or that such regulations will not have a material effect on our operations.

Vessel Safety Regulations

The Maritime Safety Committee adopted a paragraph 5 of SOLAS regulation III/1 to require lifeboat on-load release mechanisms not complying with new International Life-Saving Appliances, or LSA, Code requirements to be replaced no later than the first scheduled dry-docking of the vessel after July 1, 2014 but, in any case, not later than July 1, 2019. The SOLAS amendment, which entered into force on January 1, 2013, is intended to establish new, stricter, safety standards for lifeboat release and retrieval systems, aimed at preventing accidents during lifeboat launching, and will require the assessment and possible replacement of a large number of lifeboat release hooks.

All vessels that were docked since 2014 had the lifeboat release and retrieval systems overhauled and modified where found necessary.

According to SOLAS Ch V/19.2.10, all vessels shall have an Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems, or ECDIS, installed in the period from 2012 to 2018. Our LNG vessels must have approved ECDIS fitted no later than the first survey on or after July 1, 2015. All our vessels now have an ECDIS installed and our officers have been sent to specific training courses.

Vessel Security Regulations

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, there have been a variety of initiatives intended to enhance vessel security. On November 25, 2002, the Maritime Transportation Act of 2002, or MTSA, came into effect. To implement certain portions of the MTSA, in July 2003, the USCG issued regulations requiring the implementation of certain security requirements aboard vessels operating in waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Similarly, in December 2002, amendments to SOLAS created a new chapter of the convention dealing specifically with maritime security. The new chapter became effective in July 2004 and imposes various detailed security obligations on vessels and port authorities, most of which are contained in the ISPS Code. The ISPS Code is designed to protect ports and international shipping against terrorism. After July 1, 2004, to trade internationally, a vessel must attain an International Ship Security Certificate (or ISSC) from a recognized security organization approved by the vessel's flag state. Among the various requirements are:

- on-board installation of automatic identification systems to provide a means for the automatic transmission of safety-related information from among similarly equipped ships and shore stations, including information on a ship's identity, position, course, speed and navigational status;
- on-board installation of vessel security alert systems, which do not sound on the vessel but only alerts the authorities on shore;
- the development of vessel security plans;
- ship identification number to be permanently marked on a vessel's hull;
- a continuous synopsis record kept on board showing a vessel's history, including the name of the vessel and of the state whose flag the ship is entitled to fly, the date on which the vessel was registered with that state, the ship's identification number, the port at which the vessel is registered and the name of the registered owner(s) and their registered address; and
- compliance with flag state security certification requirements.

The USCG regulations, intended to align with international maritime security standards, exempt non-U.S. vessels from obtaining USCG-approved MTSA vessel security plans provided such vessels have on board an ISSC that attests to the vessel's compliance with SOLAS security requirements and the ISPS Code.

GMN has developed Security Plans, appointed and trained Ship and Office Security Officers and each of our vessels in our fleet complies with the requirements of the ISPS Code, SOLAS and the MTSA.

Other Regulations

Our LNG vessels may also become subject to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea, or HNS, adopted in 1996, the HNS Convention, and subsequently amended by the April 2010 Protocol. The HNS Convention introduces strict liability for the ship owner and covers pollution damage as well as the risks of fire and explosion, including loss of life or personal injury and damage to property. HNS includes, among other things, liquefied natural gas. However, the HNS Convention continues to lack the ratifications required to come into force.

The 2010 Protocol sets up a two-tier system of compensation composed of compulsory insurance taken out by ship owners and an HNS fund that comes into play when the insurance is insufficient to satisfy a claim or does not cover the incident. Under the 2010 Protocol, if damage is caused by bulk HNS, claims for compensation will first be sought from the ship owner up to a maximum of 100 million Special Drawing Rights, or SDR. If the damage is caused by packaged HNS or by both bulk and packaged HNS, the maximum liability is 115 million SDR. Once the limit is reached, compensation will be paid from the HNS Fund up to a maximum of 250 million SDR. The 2010 Protocol has yet entered into effect. It will enter into force, eighteen months after the date on which certain consent and administrative requirements are satisfied. While a majority of the necessary number of states has indicated their consent to be bound by the 2010 Protocol, the required minimum has not been met. We cannot estimate the costs that may be needed to comply with any such requirements that may be adopted with any certainty at this time.

Taxation of the Partnership

United States Taxation

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to us. This discussion is based upon provisions of the Code as in effect on the date of this Annual Report, existing final and temporary regulations thereunder (or Treasury Regulations), and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all of which are subject to change or differing interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below. The following discussion is for general information purposes only and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to us.

Election to be Treated as a Corporation. We have elected to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As such, we are subject to U.S. federal income tax on our income to the extent it is from U.S. sources or is treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States unless such income is exempt from tax under Section 883.

Taxation of Operating Income. Substantially all of our gross income has historically been attributable to the transportation, regasification and storage of LNG, and we expect that substantially all of our gross income will continue to be attributable to the transportation, regasification and storage of, as well as liquefaction of, LNG. Gross income generated from liquefaction, regasification and storage of LNG outside of the United States generally is not subject to U.S. federal income tax, and gross income generated from such activities in the United States generally is subject to U.S. federal income tax. Gross income that is attributable to transportation that either begins or ends, but that does not both begin and end, in the United States (or U.S. Source International Transportation Income) is considered to be 50.0% derived from sources within the United States and may be subject to U.S. federal income tax as described below. Gross income attributable to transportation that both begins and ends in the United States (or U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income) is considered to be 100.0% derived from sources within the United States and generally is subject to U.S. federal income tax. Gross income attributable to transportation exclusively between non-U.S. destinations is considered to be 100.0% derived from sources outside the United States and generally is not subject to U.S. federal income tax.

We are not permitted by law to engage in transportation that gives rise to U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income, and we do not anticipate providing any liquefaction, regasification or storage services within the territorial seas of the United States. However, certain of our activities give rise to U.S. Source International Transportation Income, and future expansion of our operations could result in an increase in the amount of U.S. Source International Transportation Income, all of which could be subject to U.S. federal income taxation unless the exemption from U.S. taxation under Section 883 of the Code (or the Section 883 Exemption) applies.

The Section 883 Exemption. In general, the Section 883 Exemption provides that if a non-U.S. corporation satisfies the requirements of Section 883 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder (or the Section 883 Regulations), it will not be subject to the net basis and branch profits taxes or the 4.0% gross basis tax described below on its U.S. Source International Transportation Income. The Section 883 Exemption applies only to U.S. Source International Transportation Income and does not apply to U.S. Source Domestic Transportation Income. As discussed below, we believe that based on our current ownership structure, the Section 883 Exemption applies and we are not subject to U.S. federal income tax on our U.S. Source International Transportation Income.

To qualify for the Section 883 Exemption, we must, among other things, meet the following three requirements:

- be organized in a jurisdiction outside the United States that grants an equivalent exemption from tax to corporations organized in the United States with respect to the types of U.S. Source International Transportation Income that we earn (or an Equivalent Exemption);

- satisfy the Publicly Traded Test (as described below) or the Qualified Shareholder Stock Ownership Test (as described below); and
- meet certain substantiation, reporting and other requirements.

In order for a non-U.S. corporation to meet the Publicly Traded Test, its equity interests must be “primarily traded” and “regularly traded” on an established securities market either in the United States or in a jurisdiction outside the United States that grants an Equivalent Exemption. The Section 883 Regulations provide, in pertinent part, that equity interests in a non-U.S. corporation will be considered to be “primarily traded” on an established securities market in a given country if, with respect to the class or classes of equity relied upon to meet the “regularly traded” requirement described below, the number of units of each such class that are traded during any taxable year on all established securities markets in that country exceeds the number of units in such class that are traded during that year on established securities markets in any other single country. Equity interests in a non-U.S. corporation will be considered to be “regularly traded” on an established securities market under the Section 883 Regulations if one or more classes of such equity interests that, in the aggregate, represent more than 50.0% of the combined vote and value of all outstanding equity interests in the non-U.S. corporation satisfy certain listing and trading volume requirements. These listing and trading volume requirements will be satisfied with respect to a class of equity interests if trades in such class are effected, other than in *de minimis* quantities, on an established securities market on at least 60 days during the taxable year and the aggregate number of units in such class that are traded on an established securities market during the taxable year is at least 10.0% of the average number of units outstanding in that class during the taxable year (with special rules for short taxable years). In addition, a class of equity interests will be considered to satisfy these trading volume requirements if the equity interests in such class are traded during the taxable year on an established securities market in the United States and are “regularly quoted by dealers making a market” in such class (within the meaning of the Section 883 Regulations).

Even if a class of equity satisfies the foregoing requirements, and thus generally would be treated as “regularly traded” on an established securities market, an exception may apply to cause the class to fail the regularly traded test if, for more than half of the number of days during the taxable year, one or more 5.0% unitholders (i.e. unitholders owning, actually or constructively, at least 5.0% of the vote and value of that class) own in the aggregate 50.0% or more of the vote and value of the class (or the Closely Held Block Exception). The Closely Held Block Exception does not apply, however, in the event the corporation can establish that a sufficient proportion of such 5.0% unitholders are Qualified Shareholders (as defined below) so as to preclude other persons who are 5.0% unitholders from owning 50.0% or more of the value of that class for more than half the days during the taxable year.

As set forth above, as an alternative to satisfying the Publicly Traded Test, a non-U.S. corporation may qualify for the Section 883 Exemption by satisfying the Qualified Shareholder Stock Ownership Test. A corporation generally will satisfy the Qualified Shareholder Stock Ownership Test if more than 50.0% of the value of its outstanding equity interests is owned, or treated as owned after applying certain attribution rules, for at least half of the number of days in the taxable year by:

- individual residents of jurisdictions that grant an Equivalent Exemption;
- non-U.S. corporations organized in jurisdictions that grant an Equivalent Exemption and that meet the Publicly Traded Test; or
- certain other qualified persons described in the Section 883 Regulations (which we refer to collectively as Qualified Shareholders).

We believe that we satisfy all of the requirements for the Section 883 Exemption, and we expect that we will continue to satisfy such requirements. We are organized under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The U.S. Treasury Department has recognized the Republic of the Marshall Islands as a jurisdiction that grants an Equivalent Exemption with respect to the type of U.S. Source International Transportation Income we earn and expect to earn in the future. Consequently, our U.S. Source International Transportation Income (including for this purpose, any such income earned by our subsidiaries) should be exempt from U.S. federal income taxation provided we meet the Publicly Traded Test and we satisfy certain substantiation, reporting and other requirements.

Our common units and our Series A Preferred Units are traded only on the Nasdaq Global Market, which is considered to be an established securities market. Thus the number of our common units and Series A Preferred Units that are traded on the Nasdaq Global Market exceeds the number of our common units and Series A Preferred Units that are traded on any other established securities market, and this is not expected to change. Therefore, we believe that our equity interests are “primarily traded” on an established securities market for purposes of the Publicly Traded Test.

Although the matter is not free from doubt, based on our analysis of our current and expected cash flow and distributions on our outstanding equity interests, we believe that (i) our common units and Series A Preferred Units represent more than 50.0% of the total value of all of our outstanding equity interests and (ii) our common units and our Series A Preferred Units represent more than 50% of the total combined voting power of our equity interests. In addition, we believe that our common units and our Series A Preferred Units each currently satisfy, and expect that our common units and our Series A Preferred Units each will continue to satisfy, the listing and trading volume requirements described previously. Therefore, we believe that our equity interests are “primarily traded” on an established securities market for purposes of the Publicly Traded Test.

Further, our partnership agreement provides that any person or group that beneficially owns more than 4.9% of any class of our units then outstanding generally will be treated as owning only 4.9% of such units for purposes of voting for directors. Although there can be no assurance that this limitation will be effective to eliminate the possibility that we have or will have any 5.0% unitholders for purposes of the Closely Held Block Exception, based on the current ownership of our common units, we believe that our common units have not lost eligibility for the Section 883 Exemption as a result of the Closely Held Block Exception. Thus, although the matter is not free from doubt and is based upon our belief and expectations regarding our satisfaction of the factual requirements described above, we believe that we satisfied the Publicly Traded Test for 2017 and will continue to satisfy the Publicly Traded Test for future taxable years.

The conclusions described above are based upon legal authorities that do not expressly contemplate an organizational structure such as ours. In particular, although we have elected to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we are organized as a limited partnership under Marshall Islands law. Accordingly, while we believe that, assuming satisfaction of the factual requirements described above, our common units and Series A Preferred Units should be considered “regularly traded” on an established securities market and that we should satisfy the requirements for the Section 883 Exemption, it is possible that the IRS would assert that our common units and Series A Preferred Units do not meet the “regularly traded” test. In addition, as described previously, our ability to satisfy the Publicly Traded Test depends upon factual matters that are subject to change. Should any of the factual requirements described above fail to be satisfied, we may not be able to satisfy the Publicly Traded Test. Furthermore, our board of directors could determine that it is in our best interests to take an action that would result in our not being able to satisfy the Publicly Traded Test in the future. Please see “—The Net Basis and Branch Profits Tax” and “—The 4.0% Gross Basis Tax” below for a discussion of the consequences in the event we do not satisfy the Publicly Traded Test.

The Net Basis Tax and Branch Profits Tax. If we earn U.S. Source International Transportation Income and the Section 883 Exemption does not apply, the U.S. source portion of such income may be treated as effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States (or Effectively Connected Income) if we have a fixed place of business in the United States involved in the earning of U.S. Source International Transportation Income and substantially all of our U.S. Source International Transportation Income is attributable to regularly scheduled transportation or, in the case of vessel leasing income, is attributable to a fixed place of business in the United States. In addition, if we earn income from liquefaction, regasification or storage of LNG within the territorial seas of the United States, such income may be treated as Effectively Connected Income. Based on our current operations, substantially all of our potential U.S. Source International Transportation Income is not attributable to regularly scheduled transportation or received from vessel leasing, and none of our liquefaction, regasification or storage activities occur within the territorial seas of the United States. As a result, we do not anticipate that any of our U.S. Source International Transportation Income or income earned from liquefaction, regasification or storage will be treated as Effectively Connected Income. However, there is no assurance that we will not earn income pursuant to regularly scheduled transportation or bareboat charters attributable to a fixed place of business in the United States, or earn income from liquefaction, regasification or storage activities within the territorial seas of the United States, in the future, which would result in such income being treated as Effectively Connected Income.

Any income we earn that is treated as Effectively Connected Income, net of applicable deductions, would be subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax (currently imposed at a rate of up to 21.0%). In addition, a 30.0% branch profits tax could be imposed on any income we earn that is treated as Effectively Connected Income, as determined after allowance for certain adjustments, and on certain interest paid or deemed paid by us in connection with the conduct of our U.S. trade or business.

On the sale of a vessel that has produced Effectively Connected Income, we could be subject to the net basis U.S. federal corporate income tax as well as branch profits tax with respect to the gain recognized up to the amount of certain prior deductions for depreciation that reduced Effectively Connected Income. Otherwise, we would not be subject to U.S. federal income tax with respect to gain realized on the sale of a vessel, provided the sale is considered to occur outside of the United States under U.S. federal income tax principles. In general, a sale of vessel will be considered to occur outside of the United States for this purpose if title to the vessel, and risk of loss with respect to the vessel, pass to the buyer outside the United States. It is expected that any sale of a vessel by us will be considered to occur outside of the United States.

The 4.0% Gross Basis Tax. If the Section 883 Exemption does not apply and the net basis tax does not apply, we would be subject to a 4.0% U.S. federal income tax on the U.S. source portion of our gross U.S. Source International Transportation Income, without benefit of deductions. Under the sourcing rules described above under “—Taxation of Operating Income,” 50.0% of our U.S. Source International Transportation Income would be treated as being derived from U.S. sources.

Marshall Islands Taxation

We believe that because we, our operating subsidiaries and our controlled affiliates do not, and do not expect to conduct business or operations in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, neither we nor our controlled affiliates will be subject to income, capital gains, profits or other taxation under current Marshall Islands law. As a result, distributions by our operating subsidiary and our controlled affiliates to us will not be subject to Marshall Islands taxation.

United Kingdom Taxation

The following is a discussion of the material United Kingdom tax consequences applicable to us relevant to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. This discussion is based upon existing legislation and current H.M. Revenue & Customs practice as of the date of this Annual Report. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences described below. The following discussion is for general information purposes only and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the United Kingdom tax considerations applicable to us.

Tax Residence and Taxation of a Permanent Establishment in the United Kingdom. A company treated as resident in the United Kingdom for purposes of the United Kingdom Corporation Tax Acts is subject to corporation tax in the same manner and to the same extent as a United Kingdom incorporated company. For this purpose, place of residence is determined by the place at which central management and control of the company is carried out.

In addition, a non-United Kingdom resident company will be subject to United Kingdom corporation tax on profits attributable to a permanent establishment in the United Kingdom to the extent it carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through such a permanent establishment. A company not resident in the United Kingdom will be treated as having a permanent establishment in the United Kingdom if it has a fixed place of business in the United Kingdom through which the business of the company is wholly or partly carried on or if an agent acting on behalf of the company has and habitually exercises authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the company.

Unlike a company, a partnership resident in the United Kingdom or carrying on a trade in the United Kingdom is not itself subject to tax, although its partners generally will be liable for United Kingdom tax based upon their shares of the partnership’s income and gains. Please read “Item 10—Additional Information—E. Taxation”.

Taxation of Non-United Kingdom Incorporated Subsidiaries. We will undertake measures designed to ensure that our non-United Kingdom incorporated subsidiaries will be considered controlled and managed outside of the United Kingdom and not as having a permanent establishment or otherwise carrying on a trade in the United Kingdom. While certain of our subsidiaries that are incorporated outside of the United Kingdom will enter into agreements with Golar Management, a United Kingdom incorporated company, for the provision of administrative and/or technical management services, we believe that the terms of these agreements will not result in any of our non-United Kingdom incorporated subsidiaries being treated as having a permanent establishment or carrying on a trade in the United Kingdom. As a consequence, we expect that our non-United Kingdom incorporated subsidiaries will not be treated as resident in the United Kingdom and the profits these subsidiaries earn will not be subject to tax in the United Kingdom.

Taxation of United Kingdom Incorporated Subsidiaries. Each of our subsidiaries that is incorporated in the United Kingdom will be regarded for the purposes of the United Kingdom Corporation Tax Acts as being resident in the United Kingdom and will be liable to United Kingdom corporation tax on its worldwide income and chargeable gains, regardless of whether this income or gains are remitted to the United Kingdom. The generally applicable rate of United Kingdom corporation tax was 20.0% from April 1, 2016 (reducing to 19% from April 1, 2017 and further reducing to 17% from April 1, 2020). Our United Kingdom incorporated subsidiaries will be liable to tax at this rate on their net income, profits and gains after deducting expenses incurred wholly and exclusively for the purposes of the business being undertaken. There is currently no United Kingdom withholding taxes on distributions made to us.

Brazilian Taxation

The following discussion is based upon our knowledge and understanding of the tax laws of Brazil and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder, all as in effect of the date of this Annual Report and subject to possible change on a retroactive basis. The following discussion is for general information purposes and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the Brazilian income tax considerations applicable to us.

One of our subsidiaries, Golar Serviços de Operação de Embarcações Ltda, (or Golar Brazil), has entered into operation and services agreements with Petrobras with respect to the *Golar Spirit* and the *Golar Winter*.

On commencement of trade by Golar Brazil in July 2008 (upon delivery of the *Golar Spirit*), we became subject to tax in Brazil (including net income taxes due from Golar Brazil, if any, and any Brazilian withholding taxes is required to be withheld by Golar Brazil from payments it makes to our other subsidiaries) in the approximate amount of 30.5% of the payments due to Golar Brazil under the operation and services agreement with respect to the *Golar Winter*. A portion of this tax is withheld by Petrobras from payments it makes to Golar Brazil under the operation and services agreement, and the remainder is collected directly from Golar Brazil.

Previously Petrobras were not required to withhold tax from payments it makes under the charters for the *Golar Winter* so long as the payments were not made to a “non-tax paying” jurisdiction as defined by the Brazilian authorities. Payments by Petrobras under the charters made to UK resident companies were not therefore subject to withholding tax. From January 2018, due to a change in Brazilian tax legislation, Petrobras will now withhold tax from payments it makes under the charter for the *Golar Winter*, however Golar is indemnified from this withholding tax expenses by Petrobras.

Brazil may levy tax on the importation of goods and assets into Brazil. However, under the agreements with Petrobras, Petrobras is responsible for these taxes so long as we provide the proper documentation and take the necessary measures in order to clear the vessel and spare parts for importation and customs clearance. Consequently, we do not expect to be liable for any taxes on the importation of goods or assets into Brazil.

Indonesia Taxation

The following discussion is based upon our knowledge and understanding of the tax laws of Indonesia and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder, all as in effect of the date of this Annual Report and subject to possible change on a retroactive basis. The following discussion is for general information purposes and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the Indonesian income tax considerations applicable to us.

PTGI, which owns and operates the *NR Satu*, has entered into a time charter party agreement with PTNR.

On commencement of the charter by PTGR in Indonesia, which occurred in May 2012 upon delivery of the *NR Satu*, we became subject to tax in Indonesia payable by PTGI. This includes (and is not limited to) corporate income tax on profits at a rate of 25%, withholding taxes required to be withheld by PTGI from payments it makes to our other subsidiaries including dividends to PTGI’s immediate parent or interest payments on group loans as well as third party debt financing.

However, the tax exposure in Indonesia is intended to be mitigated by revenue due under the charter. This tax element of the time charter rate was established at the beginning of the time charter, and shall be adjusted only if there is a change in Indonesian tax laws or certain stipulated tax assumptions are invalid.

PTNR withholds tax from payments it makes under the charter for the *NR Satu*.

In November and December 2015, the Indonesian tax authorities issued letters to PTGI to, among other things, revoke a previously granted VAT importation waiver in the approximate amount of \$24.0 million for the *NR Satu*. In April 2016, PTGI initiated an action in the Indonesian tax court to dispute the waiver cancellation. The final hearing took place in June 2016 and we received the verdict of the Tax Court in November 2017, which rejected PTGI’s claim. In February 2018, PTGI filed a Judicial Review with the Supreme Court of Indonesia. In the event that the revocation of the waiver is upheld by the Supreme Court and a liability arises, which we do not believe to be probable, we believe PTGI will be indemnified by PTNR for any VAT liability as well as related interest and penalties under our time charter party agreement entered into with them. See Note 25 “Other Commitments and Contingencies” to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Kuwait Taxation

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The following discussion is based upon our knowledge and understanding of the tax laws of Kuwait and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder, all as in effect of the date of this Annual Report and subject to possible change on a retroactive basis. The following discussion is for general information purposes and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the Kuwait income tax considerations applicable to us.

Golar Hull M2031 Corp (“Golar M2031”) which owns and operates the *Golar Igloo* has entered into LNG Storage and Regasification services contract with Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC).

On commencement of the charter by KNPC, which occurred in March 2014 upon delivery of the *Golar Igloo*, we became subject to corporate income tax in Kuwait payable by Golar M2031. The corporate income tax is predicated on a deemed profit margin of 30% on contracted revenue in Kuwait and is subject to a 15% Corporate Income Tax Rate.

KNPC withholds 5% of the monthly hire from payments it makes under the charter for the *Golar Igloo* which will be released upon Golar M2031 obtaining a certificate from the Kuwaiti Tax Authorities confirming all outstanding tax obligations have been settled.

Kuwait may levy tax on the importation of goods and assets into Kuwait. However, under the charter with KNPC for the *Golar Igloo*, we are exempt from customs related taxes, charges, administration fees and duties arising in connection with the charter.

Jordan Taxation

The following discussion is based upon our knowledge and understanding of the tax laws of Jordan and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder, all as in effect of the date of this Annual Report and subject to possible change on a retroactive basis. The following discussion is for general information purposes and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the Jordan income tax considerations applicable to us.

Golar Eskimo Corporation (“GEC”) entered into a charter with Jordan. On commencement of the charter with Jordan, which occurred in June 2015, shortly after the *Golar Eskimo* entered into Jordanian territorial waters, we became subject to corporate income tax in Jordan payable by the branch of GEC. As the branch is registered in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (“ASEZA”), it is subject to various exemptions and favorable tax rates including corporate income tax rate of 5%.

Jordan tax legislation indicated that the branch should be able to claim tax depreciation by reference to the delivered cost of the *Golar Eskimo*, the amount that would be reflected on the balance sheet of the branch for accounting purposes. However, the Jordanian tax authorities may challenge our position on the value placed on the vessel, which impacts the value of tax depreciation claimed. We believe that in the event we are challenged we will be successful in defending our position.

Barbados Taxation

The following discussion is based upon our knowledge and understanding of the tax laws of Barbados and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder, all as in effect of the date of this Annual Report and subject to possible change on a retroactive basis. The following discussion is for general information purposes and does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the Barbados income tax considerations applicable to us.

In 2017, following the establishment of branches of both Golar Spirit Corporation and Golar Winter Corporation in Barbados under the International Business Company (“IBC”) regime, we became subject to corporate income tax in Barbados at a tax rate of between 0.25% and 2.5%.

C. Organizational Structure

Golar GP LLC, a Marshall Islands limited liability company, is our general partner. Our general partner is a subsidiary of Golar, which is a Bermuda exempted company. Please read Exhibit 8.1 to this Annual Report for a list of our significant subsidiaries.

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

Other than the vessels in our current fleet, we also own a purpose-built mooring structure with a net book value of \$17.7 million and \$21.1 million as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The mooring structure is located off West Java, Indonesia where the *NR Satu* is permanently moored for the duration of its time charter with PTNR. Together with the *NR Satu*, the mooring structure is under a time charter with PTNR which terminates at the end of 2022. The mooring structure, together with the *NR Satu*, is also secured in favor of the \$175 million *NR Satu* facility.

Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments

There are no written comments which have been provided by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding our periodic reports which remain unresolved as of the date of the filing of this Form 20-F with the Commission.

Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our historical financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report. Among other things, those financial statements include more detailed information regarding the basis of presentation for the following information. Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and are presented in U.S. Dollars.

Background and Overview

We were formed in 2007 by Golar, a leading independent owner and operator of LNG carriers and FSRUs, to own and operate FSRUs and LNG carriers under long-term charters that generate long-term stable cash flows. Our fleet currently consists of six FSRUs and four LNG carriers. We expect to make additional accretive acquisitions of long-term stable cash flow generating FSRUs, LNG carriers, and FLNGs from Golar and third parties in the future as market conditions permit.

We completed our IPO on April 13, 2011 and our common units are traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “GMLP”.

Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018

Tundra Acquisition

On May 23, 2016, we acquired from Golar all of the shares of Tundra Corp. Due to the existence of the Tundra Put Option, Golar continued to consolidate Tundra Corp, and thus, the results of operations and the assets and liabilities of Tundra Corp were not reflected in our financial statements. The *Golar Tundra* was expected to commence operations in order to serve the Ghana (Tema) LNG Project in the second quarter of 2016. On May 30, 2017, we elected to exercise the Tundra Put Right to require Golar to repurchase Tundra Corp at a price equal to the original purchase price we paid in our acquisition of Tundra Corp. In connection with the exercise of the Tundra Put Right, we and Golar entered into an agreement pursuant to which we agreed to sell Tundra Corp to Golar on the Put Sale Closing Date in return for Golar's promise to pay the \$107.2 million Deferred Purchase Price plus an Additional Amount equal to 5% per annum of the Deferred Purchase Price. The Deferred Purchase Price and the Additional Amount are due and payable by Golar on or around April 2018 as provided in the Hilli Purchase Agreement (discussed below). We agreed to accept the Deferred Purchase Price and the Additional Amount in lieu of a cash payment on the Put Sale Closing Date, in return for an option (which we have exercised) to purchase an interest in Hilli LLC. The closing of the Tundra Put Sale took place on October 17, 2017.

Hilli Acquisition

On August 15, 2017, Golar Partners Operating LLC, our wholly owned subsidiary, entered into the Hilli Purchase Agreement for the acquisition from Golar and affiliates of Keppel Shipyard Limited and Black and Veatch of 50% of the common units in Hilli LLC, which will, on the closing date of the Hilli Acquisition, indirectly own the *Hilli*. Such common units will represent the equivalent of 50% of the two liquefaction trains, out of a total of four, that are contracted to Perenco and SNH under the *Hilli's* eight-year Liquefaction Tolling Agreement. The purchase price for the common units is \$658 million less net lease obligations under the financing facility for the *Hilli* (the "Hilli Facility"), which are expected to be between \$468 and \$480 million. Concurrently with the execution of the Hilli Purchase Agreement, we paid a \$70 million deposit to Golar, upon which we receive interest at a rate of 5% per annum.

The closing of the Hilli Acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions which include, among other things, receiving the consent of the lenders under the Hilli Facility, the acceptance by the Customer of the *Hilli*, the commencement of commercial operations under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement and the formation of Hilli LLC and the related pre-closing contributions. In addition, in connection with the closing, we expect to provide a several guarantee of 50% of Golar Hilli Corp's indebtedness under the Hilli Facility.

Upon the closing of the Hilli Acquisition, which is expected to occur on or around April 30, 2018, Golar, Keppel and B&V will sell 50% of the common units of Hilli LLC to us in return for the payment by us of the net purchase price of between approximately \$178 and \$190 million. We will apply the \$107.2 million Deferred Purchase Price receivable from Golar in connection with the Tundra Put Sale and the \$70 million deposit referred to above against the net purchase price and will pay the balance with cash on hand. However, in the event acceptance is delayed beyond April 30, 2018, both parties have agreed to extend the closing date for the Hilli Acquisition to May 31, 2018.

We do not expect to initially consolidate Hilli LLC or Hilli Corp and expect to reflect our share of net income from Hilli LLC on our income statement as "equity in net earnings of affiliates."

Our board of directors (our "Board") and the conflicts committee of the Board (the "Conflicts Committee") have approved the Hilli Acquisition and the purchase price. The Conflicts Committee retained a financial advisor to assist with its evaluation of the Hilli Acquisition.

For a discussion of certain risks associated with the *Hilli* Acquisition see "Item 3. Key Information—Risk Factors."

Liquefaction Tolling Agreement

In October 2015, Hilli Corp entered into a binding term sheet for FLNG tolling services with the Customer for the development of the Hilli Project. The binding term sheet was converted into a Liquefaction Tolling Agreement with the Customer which was executed on November 29, 2017. Under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement, the *Hilli* will provide liquefaction services for the Customer until the earlier of (i) eight years from the date the delivered *Hilli* is accepted by the Customer (the "Acceptance Date"), or (ii) the time of receipt and processing by the *Hilli* of 500 billion cubic feet of feed gas. The *Hilli* has tendered its Notice of Readiness ("NOR") on December 3, 2017. Following the NOR, the commissioning process of testing the *Hilli* and preparing it for service commenced in December 2017, and under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement, the commercial start date to begin providing liquefaction services is the earlier of 180 days after the scheduled commissioning start date or the Acceptance Date, as may be extended by the parties. Under the terms of the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement, the *Hilli* is required to make available 1.2 million tonnes of liquefaction capacity per annum, which capacity will be spread evenly over the course of each contract year. The Customer will pay Hilli Corp a monthly tolling fee, which will fluctuate to a certain extent in relation to the price of Brent crude. Under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement, the Customer has an option to increase liquefaction capacity. The Liquefaction Tolling Agreement provides certain termination rights to the Customer and Hilli Corp. The Liquefaction Tolling Agreement provides for the payment by Hilli Corp of penalties of up to \$300 million which will be secured by a letter of credit, in the event of Hilli Corp's underperformance or non-performance, with the penalties decreasing after the second anniversary of the Acceptance Date. If the Customer elects to terminate the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement prior to the second anniversary of the Acceptance Date, the Customer will be obligated to pay Hilli Corp \$400 million, with termination payments decreasing if the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement is terminated after the second anniversary of the Acceptance Date.

Bonds Issuance and Repurchase

On February 15, 2017, we completed the issuance and sale of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of our senior unsecured non-amortizing bonds in the Nordic bond market (the “2017 Norwegian Bonds”). The 2017 Norwegian Bonds mature in May 2021 and bear interest at a rate of 3-month LIBOR plus 6.25%. In connection with the issuance of the 2017 Norwegian Bonds, we entered into economic hedge interest rate swaps to reduce the risk associated with fluctuations in interest rates by converting the floating rate of the interest obligation under the 2017 Norwegian Bonds to an all-in interest rate of 8.194%. The 2017 Norwegian Bonds were listed on the Oslo Bors on July 17, 2017.

The net proceeds from our sale of the 2017 Norwegian Bonds were used to repay our outstanding High-Yield Bonds and related swap obligation which matured in October 2017 and for general partnership purposes.

Equity offerings

In February 2017, we sold 5,175,000 common units in an underwritten public offering. To maintain its 2% general partner interest, our general partner acquired 94,714 general partner units. We generated proceeds of \$118.8 million, net of underwriters' fees, from the offering and the sale of general partner units, which we used for general partnership purposes and to pay a portion of the deposit for the Hilli Acquisition.

In September 2017, we entered into an equity distribution agreement with a sales agent pursuant to which we may, from time to time, issue common units with an aggregate offering price up to \$150.0 million (“ATM Program”). As of December 31, 2017, we had sold 145,675 common units at an average gross sales price of \$22.79 per unit and net proceeds of \$3.3 million were received. As of December 31, 2017, we had paid an aggregate of \$33.0 thousand in sales commissions to the sales agent. In connection with such sales, our general partner purchased 2,973 general partner units at an average price of \$22.79 per unit.

As of April 6, 2018, we had sold 617,969 common units in 2018 at an average gross sales price of \$23.15 per unit and received net proceeds of \$14.1 million. As of April 6, 2018, we had paid an aggregate of approximately \$0.1 million in sales commissions to the sales agent in 2018. In connection with such sales, our general partner acquired 12,548 additional general partner units, at an average price of \$23.15 per unit for an aggregate sales price of \$0.3 million.

In October 2017, we sold 5,520,000 of our Series A Preferred Units in an underwritten public offering. We generated proceeds of \$133.0 million, net of underwriters' fees, from the offering, which we intend to use for general partnership purposes.

Earn-Out Units

On October 13, 2016, we entered into an exchange agreement (the “Exchange Agreement”) with Golar and our general partner pursuant to which Golar and our general partner agreed to contribute all of their rights, title and interest in the then-outstanding incentive distribution rights (“IDRs”) in exchange for the issuance of new IDRs and 61,109 general partner units to our general partner and 2,994,364 common units to Golar (the “IDR Exchange”). Under the Exchange Agreement, we agreed to issue an aggregate of up to 748,592 additional common units and up to 15,278 additional general partner units to Golar and our general partner, respectively, if certain target distributions are met (collectively, the “Earn-Out Units”). As of November 14, 2017, we had paid the minimum quarterly distribution in respect of each of the four quarters ended September 30, 2017. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement, we issued 50% of the Earn-Out Units, 374,295 common units and 7,639 general partner units to Golar and the general partner, respectively.

New Golar Grand Charter

In February 2017, we entered into a time charter with a major international oil and gas company for the *Golar Grand* which commenced in May 2017 for an initial period of two years. However, up until November 2017, the *Golar Grand* was sub-chartered back from Golar at the same rate as the rate in the new *Golar Grand* charter. The *Golar Grand* charterer has options that could extend the charter for up to an additional seven years.

Golar Spirit Early Termination

On June 23, 2017, the *Golar Spirit* charter, which had an original expiration date of August 2018, was terminated following a notice of early termination from the charterer, Petrobras. In accordance with the terms of the charter, Petrobras paid us a termination fee net of withholding tax paid to the Brazilian tax authorities in July 2017. The *Golar Spirit* is currently in lay-up. We were unable to employ the *Golar Spirit* under a suitable replacement charter by the 90th day following the early termination date, thus, we provided additional security of \$40 million to the lenders under our \$800 million credit facility. The security deposit for the *Golar Spirit* may be applied against *Golar Spirit's* proportion of the \$800 million facility quarterly repayment.

Golar Freeze Charters

In July 2017, we agreed with the charterer of the *Golar Freeze*, DUSUP, certain amendments to the existing time charter that was due to end in May 2020. We and DUSUP have agreed to shorten the charter by one year (so that it will now expire in 2019) and to remove DUSUP's termination for convenience rights and extension option rights (which ran to 2024). We have the right to terminate our obligations under the charter while continuing to receive the capital element of the charter hire until the end of the new charter period in April 2019.

New Charter

In January 2018, we entered into a 15-year time charter with an energy and logistics company (the "New Charter") in the Atlantic Basin. The charter provides us with the flexibility to nominate either the *Golar Spirit* or the *Golar Freeze* to service the contract provided that the nominated FSRU satisfies certain technical specifications ahead of project start-up, which is expected in the fourth quarter of 2018. Under the New Charter, the charterer has the option to terminate the contract after 3 years and seek an alternative regasification solution, but only in the event that certain throughput targets have not been met. Additionally, we will have a matching right to provide such alternative solution. The New Charter also includes a 5-year extension option.

Common Unit Repurchase Program

In March 2018, our Board of Directors approved a common unit repurchase program of up to \$25.0 million of our outstanding common units in the open market over a two year period. As of April 6, 2018, we had repurchased a total of 439,672 common units for an aggregate cost of \$8.0 million.

Organizational Changes

On March 19, 2018, Brian Tienzo replaced Graham Robjohns as our Principal Executive Officer. Mr. Robjohns will serve as the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Golar, having served as our Principal Executive Officer since July 2011. In addition to serving as our Principal Executive Officer, Mr. Tienzo will continue to serve as our Principal Financial Officer and our Principal Accounting Officer.

Market Overview and Trends

Historically, spot and short-term charter hire rates for LNG carriers have been uncertain, which reflects the variability in the supply and demand for LNG carriers. The industry has not, however, experienced a structural surplus of LNG carriers since the 1980s with fluctuations in rates and utilization over the intervening decades reflecting short-term timing disconnects between the delivery of new vessels and delivery of the new LNG they were ordered to transport. During the last cycle an excess of LNG carriers first became evident in 2004, before reaching a peak in the second quarter of 2010, when spot and short term charter hire rates together with utilization reached near historic lows. Due to a lack of newbuild orders placed between 2008 and 2010, this trend then reversed from the third quarter of 2010 such that the demand for LNG shipping was not being met by available supply in 2011 and the first half of 2012. Spot and short-medium term charter hire rates together with fleet utilization reached historic highs in 2012. During 2013, hire rates and utilization slowly declined from these all-time highs reaching an equilibrium around the third quarter of 2013 when the supply and demand of vessels was broadly in alignment. From late 2013, the pace of newbuild LNG carrier deliveries outstripped the supply of new LNG liquefaction, with the supply of LNG carriers exceeding shipping requirements throughout 2014, 2015 and 2016. Historically low charter rates and levels of utilization were recorded in early 2016 and rates and utilization levels remained subdued through to the first half of 2017 despite new Australian volumes. Thereafter, the anticipated arrival and ramp up of new U.S. LNG volumes and an associated increase in ton miles began to absorb the built-up surplus of LNG carriers. It is anticipated that the market will reach an equilibrium position during the second half of 2018 and then be short of LNG carriers from late 2019 provided there are no significant unplanned outages at existing liquefaction facilities as a result of geopolitical or other unexpected events.

There are significantly fewer FSRUs than LNG carriers however their market has grown from zero in 2005 to 28 in operation or available for hire as of March 31, 2018. There are also 10 FSRUs currently on order. Plentiful supply of cheap LNG has encouraged continued growth in demand for FSRUs and we expect this to continue. However, the number of competitors for FSRU business has increased and is expected to continue to increase which will have a negative impact on margins.

An increasing number of emerging markets for LNG require smaller volumes on more flexible terms. Demand growth within these markets is also subject to higher levels of uncertainty. A large industrial user or small utility may represent initial anchor demand for an FSRU with the expectation that new end users will cluster around the anchor customer or that other users nearby will switch from more expensive fuels to take advantage of an FSRU's underutilized regas capacity over time. An FSRU that provides for small scale offloading also allows for other less proximate demand to be met. Excess capacity that will never be utilized on larger and more expensive newbuild FSRUs undermines this business model. We believe we are in a good position to capitalize on this mid-size FSRU market with its remaining FSRU, ships available for conversion to suitably sized FSRUs and access to Golar's proven low cost conversion model. Active discussions and negotiations with other potential customers continue, which include projects to convert LNG carriers to FSRUs.

Having dropped to around \$27 per barrel early in 2016, Brent crude spot prices have since recovered and stabilized at levels between \$60 and \$70 per barrel. Natural gas prices have also recovered. Although significant additional LNG supply over the coming 3-years may result in another "decoupling" of LNG prices from oil, demand for LNG, particularly as a result of faster than expected coal-to-gas switching by China has been supportive of LNG prices. An increasing portion of the new demand for LNG from Far Eastern markets is being satisfied by new US supply. This has resulted in an increase in ton miles, vessel utilization and hire rates and the trend is expected to continue. The arrival of substantial volumes of new LNG over the next 3 years is expected to reflect positively on the shipping market and remain supportive of the FSRU business. Continued strong LNG demand growth that matches this supply is also expected. Should demand not be sustained, falling LNG prices could negatively impact new investment decisions for large-scale LNG liquefaction projects. While potentially a positive catalyst for cost competitive liquefaction solutions including floating liquefaction, this has potentially negative long-term consequences both for LNG carrier and FSRU demand. Any sustained decline in the delivery of new LNG volumes, chartering activity and charter rates could also adversely affect the market value of our vessels, on which certain of the ratios and financial covenants we are required to comply with in our credit facilities are based. See "Risk Factors—Risks Inherent In our Business—Our future performance and growth depend on continued growth in LNG production and demand for LNG, FLNGs, FSRUs and LNG carriers."

Factors Affecting the Comparability of Future Results

Our historical results of operations and cash flows may not be indicative of results of operations and cash flows to be expected in the future, principally for the following reasons:

- ***We intend to increase the size of our fleet by making other acquisitions*** . Our growth strategy focuses on expanding our fleet through the acquisition of FSRUs, LNG carriers and FLNGs under long-term time charters from Golar or third parties. We may need to issue additional equity or incur additional indebtedness to fund additional vessels that we purchase.
- ***Vessel operating and other costs may face industry-wide cost pressures***. Factors such as pressure on raw material prices, increased cost of qualified and experienced seafaring crew and changes in regulatory requirements could also increase operating expenditures. Although we continue to take measures to improve operational efficiencies and mitigate the impact of inflation and price escalations, future increases to operational costs are likely to occur.
- ***We may enter into different financing arrangements*** . Our financing arrangements currently in place may not be representative of the arrangements we will enter into in the future. For example, we may amend our existing credit facilities or enter into new financing arrangements. For descriptions of our current financing arrangements, please read "—B. Liquidity and Capital Resources—Borrowing Activities."
- ***Our results are affected by fluctuations in the fair value of our derivative instruments***. The change in fair value of our derivative instruments is included in our net income as most of our derivative instruments are not designated as hedges for accounting purposes. These changes may fluctuate significantly as interest rates fluctuate. Please read note 23 in the notes to our consolidated financial statements.

- **Our results may be affected by tax exposure and changes in deferred tax.** The deferred tax asset recognized for the foreign tax operating loss in Indonesia for 2016 was fully utilized in 2017. In 2017 and 2016, we recognized a deferred tax asset relating to the recognition of certain historical tax positions relating to foreign tax operating losses in Jordan. Furthermore, in 2017 and 2016, we recognized a deferred tax liability relating to the excess of the tax basis depreciation over the accounting basis depreciation in connection with the *Golar Eskimo*. Please see note 8 in the notes to our consolidated financial statements. This may have an impact on our future results as we may not recognize deferred tax in the future. Tax accounting and reporting judgments that we make may not be entirely free from doubt. It is possible that applicable tax authorities will disagree with our positions, possibly resulting in additional taxes being owed. For instance, the Indonesian tax authorities have revoked a previously granted waiver of VAT importation for one of our subsidiaries, PTGI, in the approximate amount of \$24.0 million for the *NR Satu*. In February 2018, PTGI filed a judicial review with the Indonesian Supreme court. In the event that the revocation of the waiver is upheld by the Supreme Court and a liability arises, it is possible that PTGI will be liable for the VAT plus penalties and interest. See “Item 3. Risk Factors—We will be subject to taxes, which will reduce our cash available for distribution”.
- **The amount and timing of drydocking and the number of drydocking days of our vessels can significantly affect our revenues between periods.** Our vessels are off-hire at various points of time due to scheduled and unscheduled maintenance. During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, we had 123, 88 and 84 off-hire days, respectively, relating to drydocking of our vessels. Material differences in the number of off-hire days from period to period could cause financial results to differ materially. The material impact of off-hire time on our business and results of operations is discussed below.
- **The Golar Igloo generated revenues during the first month of her three month Regasification Off-Season.** Under the *Golar Igloo*’s charter with KNPC, *Golar Igloo* is to provide FSRU services for nine months of each year (the regasification season). During the charter term, there is a three-month window each year from December until February, during which the *Golar Igloo* will not provide FSRU services to KNPC, permitting us to pursue spot carrier and other short-term business opportunities. KNPC extended the *Golar Igloo*’s charter after the end of the regasification season until December 31 2017, 2016 and 2015. 2018 will be the last regasification season under the current charter. We cannot guarantee that KNPC will employ the *Golar Igloo* beyond the 2018 regasification season.
- **Reductions of hire rates for extension periods may significantly affect our revenues.** Certain of our other time charters provide for significant reductions in hire rates payable during extension periods if the charterer extends the applicable charter beyond its initial term. These reductions range from 12% for the *NR Satu* to 37% for the *Methane Princess*. Our results of operations will be negatively impacted in periods during which any of our vessels are operating under a reduced hire rate.
- **Vessels may be re-contracted at lower rates.** We currently derive all of our revenue from a limited number of customers on medium to long-term charters. The charters on the *Golar Spirit*, the *Golar Maria* and the *Golar Mazo* have expired and the charter on the *Golar Igloo* is due to expire in 2018. Hire rates for FSRUs and LNG carriers fluctuate over time as a result of changes in the supply-demand balance relating to current and future FSRU and LNG carrier capacity. Hire rates at a time when we may be seeking a new charter may be lower than the hire rates at which our vessels are currently chartered. If rates are lower when we are seeking a new charter, or if we elect not to or are not able to re-charter a vessel, our earnings and ability to make distributions to our unitholders may decline. See “Item 3. Risk Factors—Hire rates for FSRUs and LNG carriers may fluctuate substantially. If rates are lower when we are seeking a new charter, our earnings and ability to make distributions to our unitholders may decline”.
- **For periods when vessel are in lay-up, vessel operating costs will be lower.** The *Golar Spirit* was placed into lay-up in August 2017. We receive no revenues for vessels while they are in lay-up or being converted, but we benefit from lower vessel operating costs, principally from reduced crew on board, and minimal maintenance requirements and voyage costs.
- **Our ability to close the Hilli Acquisition on a timely basis or at all.** The *Hilli* Acquisition is expected to close on or before April 30, 2018, but the closing of the *Hilli* Acquisition is subject to satisfaction of certain closing conditions including commissioning and acceptance by the customer.
- **Our cash flows will be impacted by the Hilli Acquisition.** The *Hilli* is the world’s first converted FLNG vessel. FLNG vessels are complex and their operations are technically challenging and subject to mechanical risks. Accordingly, the operations of the *Hilli* are subject to risks that could negatively impact affect our earnings and financial condition. Furthermore, upon the closing of the *Hilli* Acquisition we expect to initially account for our investment in *Hilli* LLC under the equity method. Accordingly, our share of future earnings from *Hilli* LLC will be presented in “equity in net earnings from affiliates” within our consolidated statement of operations.

Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

We believe the principal factors that will affect our future results of operations include:

- the number of vessels in our fleet, and our ability to acquire additional (or interests in) vessels from Golar or from third parties;
- our ability to maintain good working relationships with our key existing charterers and to increase the number of our charterers through the development of new working relationships;
- demand for LNG shipping services, FSRU and FLNG services, and the underlying demand for and supply of natural gas and LNG;
- our ability to successfully employ our vessels at economically attractive rates, as our charters expire or are otherwise terminated;
- the effective and efficient technical management of our vessels;
- Golar's ability to obtain and maintain major international energy company approvals and to satisfy their technical, health, safety and compliance standards; and
- economic, regulatory, political and governmental conditions that affect the shipping and the LNG industry. This includes changes in the number of new LNG importing countries and regions and availability of surplus LNG from projects around the world, as well as structural LNG market changes allowing greater flexibility and enhanced competition with other energy sources.

In addition to the factors discussed above, we believe certain specific factors have impacted, and will continue to impact, our results of operations. These factors include:

- the hire rate earned by our vessels and unscheduled off-hire days;
- mark-to-market charges in interest rate swaps and foreign currency derivatives;
- foreign currency exchange gains and losses;
- our access to capital required to acquire additional vessels and/or to implement our business strategy;
- the level of vessel operating costs; and
- our level of debt and the related interest expense and amortization of principal.

Please read "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors" for a discussion of certain risks inherent in our business.

Important Financial and Operational Terms and Concepts

We use a variety of financial and operational terms and concepts when analyzing our performance. These include the following:

Total Operating Revenues. Total operating revenues refers to time charter revenues. We recognize revenues from time charters over the term of the charter as the applicable vessel operates under the charter. We do not recognize revenue during days when the vessel is off-hire, unless the charter agreement makes a specific exception.

Off-hire (Including Commercial Waiting Time). Our vessels may be idle, that is, off-hire, for several reasons: scheduled drydocking or special survey or vessel upgrade or maintenance or inspection, which we refer to as scheduled off-hire; days spent waiting for a charter, which we refer to as commercial waiting time; and unscheduled repairs, maintenance, operational deficiencies, equipment breakdown, accidents, crewing strikes, certain vessel detentions or similar problems, or our failure to maintain the vessel in compliance with its specifications and contractual standards or to provide the required crew, which we refer to as unscheduled off-hire.

Drydocking. We must periodically drydock each of our vessels for inspection, repairs and maintenance and any modifications required to comply with industry certification or governmental requirements. Except for the *NR Satu*, which will go into drydock after its charter with PTNR, we drydock each of our vessels every five years. In addition, a shipping society classification intermediate survey is performed on our LNG carriers between the second and third year of a five-year drydocking period. We capitalize a substantial portion of the costs incurred during drydocking and for the survey and amortize those costs on a straight-line basis from the completion of a drydocking or intermediate survey over the estimated useful life of the drydock. We expense as incurred costs for routine repairs and maintenance performed during drydocking or intermediate survey that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the assets. The number of drydockings undertaken in a given period and the nature of the work performed determine the level of drydocking expenditures.

Voyage and Commission Expenses. Voyage expenses, which are primarily fuel costs but which also include other costs such as port charges, are paid by our customers under our time charters. However, we may incur voyage related expenses during off-hire periods when positioning or repositioning vessels before or after the period of a time charter or before or after drydocking, which expenses will be payable by us. We also incur some voyage expenses, principally fuel costs, when our vessels are in periods of commercial waiting time.

Time Charter Equivalent Earnings. In order to compare vessels trading under different types of charters, it is standard industry practice to measure the revenue performance of a vessel in terms of average daily TCE. For our time charters, this is calculated by dividing time charter revenues by the number of calendar days minus days for scheduled off-hire. Where we are paid a fee to position or reposition a vessel before or after a time charter, this additional revenue, less voyage expenses, is included in the calculation of TCE. For shipping companies utilizing voyage charters (where the vessel owner pays voyage costs instead of the charterer), TCE is calculated by dividing voyage revenues, net of vessel voyage costs, by the number of calendar days minus days for scheduled off-hire. TCE is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please read “Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Historical Financial and Operating Data—Non-GAAP Financial Measure” for a reconciliation of TCE to total operating revenues (TCE’s most directly comparable financial measure in accordance with GAAP).

Vessel Operating Expenses. Vessel operating expenses include direct vessel operating costs associated with operating a vessel, such as crew wages, which are the most significant component, vessel supplies, routine repairs, maintenance, lubricating oils, insurance and management fees for the provision of commercial and technical management services.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense, or the periodic cost charged to our income for the reduction in usefulness and long-term value of our vessels, is related to the number of vessels we own or operate under long-term capital leases. We depreciate the cost of our owned vessels, less their estimated residual value, and amortize the amount of our capital lease assets over their estimated economic useful lives, on a straight-line basis.

We amortize our drydocking costs over five years based on each vessel’s next anticipated drydocking. Income derived from sale and subsequently leased assets is deferred and amortized in proportion to the amortization of the leased assets. Also, we amortize our intangible assets, which pertain to customer related and contract based assets representing primarily long-term time charter party agreements acquired in connection with the acquisition of certain subsidiaries from Golar, over the term of the time charter party agreement.

Administrative Expenses. We are party to a management and services agreement with Golar Management, under which Golar Management provides certain management and administrative services to us and is reimbursed for costs and expenses incurred in connection with these services at a cost plus 5% basis. The balance of administrative expenses relate to corporate expenses such as legal, accounting and regulatory compliance costs.

Interest Expense and Interest Income. Interest expense depends on our overall level of borrowing and may significantly increase when we acquire or lease vessels. In addition, by virtue of sale and leaseback transactions we have or may enter into with lessor VIEs, where we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary, we are required to consolidate the VIEs into our results. Although consolidated into our results, we have no control over the funding arrangements negotiated by these lessor VIE entities which includes the interest rates to be applied. For additional detail, refer to note 5 to our consolidated financial statements. Furthermore, our estimation process is dependent upon the timeliness of receipt and accuracy of financial information provided by these financial institutions. Interest expense may also change with prevailing interest rates, although interest rate swaps or other derivative instruments may reduce the effect of these changes. Interest income will depend on prevailing interest rates and the level of our cash deposits and restricted cash deposits.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets . Our vessels are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. In assessing the recoverability of our vessels' carrying amounts, we must make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows, the vessels' estimated useful life and estimates in respect of residual or scrap value. We estimate those future cash flows based on the existing service potential of our vessels. If the carrying value of a vessel were to exceed the undiscounted future cash flows, we would write the vessel down to its fair value. As of December 31, 2017, we performed an impairment test on certain vessels, as we have assessed that there were indications of impairment for certain vessels. With reference to undiscounted future cash flows based on the existing service potential of the vessels and the associated long term charters, no impairment was identified. Since our inception, our vessels have not been impaired. For additional details, refer to note 2 to our consolidated financial statements.

Other Financial Items. Other financial items include financing fee arrangement costs such as commitment fees on credit facilities, market valuation adjustments for interest rate swap derivatives, foreign exchange gains/losses and foreign currency derivatives. The market valuation adjustment for our interest rate and foreign currency derivatives may have a significant impact on our results of operations and financial position although it does not materially impact our short-term liquidity unless we terminate these swaps before their maturity. Foreign exchange gains or losses arise due to the retranslation of our capital lease obligations and the cash deposits securing those obligations. Any gain or loss represents an unrealized gain or loss and will arise over time as a result of exchange rate movements. Our liquidity position will only be affected to the extent that we choose or are required to withdraw monies from or pay additional monies into the deposits securing our capital lease obligations.

Non-Controlling Interest. Non-controlling interest refers to the 40% interest in the *Golar Mazo*. In addition, since our entry into a sale and leaseback arrangement with a wholly-owned subsidiary (or "Eskimo SPV") of China Merchants Bank Leasing ("CMBL") in November 2015 relating to the *Golar Eskimo*, we have consolidated the Eskimo SPV into our results. Thus, the equity attributable to CMBL is included in our non-controlling interest. For additional details, see Note 5 "Variable Interest Entities" to our consolidated financial statements.

Inflation and Cost Increases

Although inflation has had a moderate impact on operating expenses, interest costs, drydocking expenses and overhead, we do not expect inflation to have a significant impact on direct costs in the current and foreseeable economic environment other than potentially in relation to insurance costs and crew costs. Insurance costs have historically seen periods of high cost inflation, although not within the last 12 months. It is anticipated that insurance costs may continue to rise in the future. LNG transportation is a business that requires specialist skills that take some time to acquire and the number of vessels is increasing. Similarly, historically, there have been periods of increased demand for qualified crew, which has and may in future put inflationary pressure on crew costs. Only vessels on full cost pass-through charters would be fully protected from crew cost increases. The impact of these increases will be mitigated to some extent by the following provisions in our existing charters:

- The *Methane Princess*'s and the *Golar Eskimo*'s charters provide that the operating cost component of the charter hire rate, established at the beginning of the charter, will increase by a fixed percentage per annum (except for insurance in the case of the *Methane Princess*, which is covered at cost).
- Under the OSA for the *Golar Winter*, the charter hire rates are payable in Brazilian Reals. The charter hire rates payable under the OSA covers all vessel operating expenses, other than drydocking and insurance. The charter hire rate payable under the OSA was established between the parties at the time the charter was entered into and will be increased based on a specified mix of consumer price and U.S. Dollar foreign exchange rate indices on an annual basis.
- The *NR Satu* time charter provides for annual adjustment to the operating expense component of the charter hire rate as necessary to take into account cost increases.

A. Operating Results

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared with the Year Ended December 31, 2016

The following details our consolidated revenues and expense information for our two reportable segments; FSRUs and LNG carriers for each of the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. See Note 6 "Segment Information" to our Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our segments.

FSRU Segment

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	Change	% Change
Statement of Operations Data:				
(dollars in thousands, except TCE and average daily vessel operating costs)				
Total operating revenues	\$ 316,599	\$ 322,373	\$ (5,774)	(2)%
Vessel operating expenses	(47,960)	(43,884)	(4,076)	9 %
Voyage and commission expenses	(8,375)	(5,049)	(3,326)	66 %
Administrative expenses ⁽¹⁾	(10,029)	(5,773)	(4,256)	74 %
Depreciation and amortization	(80,762)	(78,025)	(2,737)	4 %
Operating income	169,473	189,642	(20,169)	(11)%
Other non-operating income	922	1,318	(396)	(30)%

Other Financial Data:

Total operating revenues	\$ 316,599	\$ 322,373	\$ (5,774)	(2)%
Voyage and commission expenses	(8,375)	(5,049)	(3,326)	66 %
Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days	308,224	317,324	(9,100)	(3)%
Average daily TCE ⁽²⁾	\$ 159,950	\$ 144,501	\$ 15,449	11 %

⁽¹⁾ Includes direct general and administrative expenses and indirect general and administrative expenses (allocated to each segment based on the number of vessels). See the discussion under "Other Operating Results" below.

⁽²⁾ Refer to "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Non-GAAP Financial Measure." for a definition of average daily TCE.

Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days : During the year ended December 31, 2017 , our total calendar days less scheduled off-hire days decreased to 1,927 days, compared to 2,196 days in 2016 , mainly as a result of the *Golar Spirit* entering into lay-up following the early termination of her time charter and the scheduled drydocking of the *Golar Winter* in 2017.

Operating revenues : Total operating revenues decreased by \$5.8 million to \$316.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$322.4 million in 2016 . This was primarily due to:

- \$9.2 million reduction in revenue from the *Golar Winter* following her scheduled drydocking in 2017; and
- a \$1.7 million reduction in revenue from the *Golar Freeze* due to the reduction of the daily time charter rate under the amended *Golar Freeze* time charter, which was effective as of July 2017.

This was partially offset by \$4.7 million of increased revenue from the *NR Satu* as a result of increased hire rates in 2017. The revenue from the *Golar Spirit* in 2017 is consistent with the revenue in 2016 due to the early termination fee received in 2017.

Vessel operating expenses : The increase of \$4.1 million in vessel operating expenses to \$48.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 , as compared to \$43.9 million in 2016 , was principally due to:

- \$4.5 million of incremental repairs and maintenance costs for the *NR Satu* following her scheduled maintenance window during the year ended December 31, 2017 ; and
- \$1.2 million in additional costs for *Golar Winter* , due to higher upstoring and repairs and maintenance cost during her scheduled drydocking in September 2017. There were no comparable costs in the year ended December 31, 2016.

This was partially offset by a \$1.7 million reduction in the operating costs associated with the *Golar Spirit* due to the vessel being placed in lay-up in August 2017 following the termination of her charter.

Voyage and commission expenses : Voyage and commission expenses increased by \$3.3 million to \$8.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$5.0 million in 2016 , mainly due to positioning costs incurred in connection with the *Golar Spirit* being placed in lay-up in August 2017 and the *Golar Winter* 's scheduled drydocking in September 2017.

Depreciation and amortization : Depreciation and amortization increased by \$2.7 million to \$80.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 , compared to \$78.0 million in 2016 primarily due to \$3.0 million of incremental drydock amortization on the *Golar Winter* and *Golar Freeze* following the decision to accelerate their planned drydockings, the *Golar Winter* from 2018 to the second half of 2017, and the *Golar Freeze* from 2020 to the second half of 2018, respectively.

LNG Carrier Segment

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	Change	% Change
Statement of Operations Data:	(dollars in thousands, except TCE and average daily vessel operating costs)			
Total operating revenues	\$ 116,503	\$ 119,225	(2,722)	(2)%
Vessel operating expenses	(20,318)	(16,002)	(4,316)	27 %
Voyage and commission expenses	(1,319)	(925)	(394)	43 %
Administrative expenses ⁽¹⁾	(5,181)	(2,827)	(2,354)	83 %
Depreciation and amortization	(23,048)	(22,443)	(605)	3 %
Operating income	66,637	77,028	(10,391)	(13)%
Other Financial Data:				
Total operating revenues	\$ 116,503	\$ 119,225	\$ (2,722)	(2)%
Voyage and commission expenses	(1,319)	(925)	(394)	43 %
	115,184	118,300	(3,116)	(3)%
Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days	1,435	1,438	(3)	—%
Average daily TCE ⁽²⁾	\$ 80,268	\$ 82,267	\$ (1,999)	(2)%

⁽¹⁾ Includes direct general and administrative expenses and indirect general and administrative expenses (allocated to each segment based on the number of vessels). See the discussion under “Other Operating Results” below.

⁽²⁾ Refer to “Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Non-GAAP Financial Measure.” for a definition of average daily TCE.

Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days : During the year ended December 31, 2017 , our total calendar days less scheduled off-hire days decreased to 1,435 days, compared to 1,438 days in 2016 , mainly as a result of the scheduled drydocking of the *Golar Grand* in 2017. This was partially offset by the scheduled drydocking of the *Golar Maria* in 2016.

Operating revenues : Total operating revenues decreased by \$2.7 million to \$116.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$119.2 million in 2016 . This was primarily due to \$4.5 million reduction in revenue from the *Golar Grand* resulting from her scheduled drydocking in 2017 and the expiration of the charter back to Golar in November 2017. The hire rate under the time charter with the new charterer is lower than the previous hire rate with Golar. This was partially offset by \$1.3 million of increased revenue from the *Golar Mazo* as a result of increased hire rates in 2017.

Vessel operating expenses : The increase of \$4.3 million in vessel operating expenses to \$20.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 , as compared to \$16.0 million in 2016 , was principally due to \$5.2 million of incremental operating cost incurred in 2017 by the *Golar Grand* due to the vessel being taken out of lay-up and completion of her drydock prior to commencement of her new charter in mid-April 2017. This is partially offset by a \$0.6 million reduction in operating cost for the *Golar Maria* as a result of lower repairs and maintenance costs during the year ended December 31, 2017 .

Voyage and commission expenses : Voyage and commission expenses increased by \$0.4 million to \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$0.9 million in 2016 , mainly due to positioning cost incurred by the *Golar Mazo* following the expiration of her charter during the year ended December 31, 2017 . The voyage and commission expenses for the *Golar Maria* in 2017 were in line with 2016. The *Golar Maria* had incurred bunker cost as a result of the scheduled drydocking in 2016 and when her charter ended in November 2017.

Other operating results

The following details our other consolidated results for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Administrative expenses ⁽¹⁾	\$ (15,210)	\$ (8,600)	\$ (6,610)	77%
Interest income	7,804	4,295	3,509	82%
Interest expense	(75,425)	(66,938)	(8,487)	13%
Other financial items	(7,567)	(2,745)	(4,822)	176%
Taxes	(16,996)	(16,858)	(138)	1%
Non-controlling interest	(15,568)	(13,571)	(1,997)	15%

⁽¹⁾ Includes direct general and administrative expenses and indirect general and administrative expenses (allocated to each segment based on the number of vessels).

Administrative expenses : Administrative expenses increased by \$6.6 million to \$15.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$8.6 million in 2016. We are party to a management and services agreement with Golar Management, under which Golar Management provides certain management and administrative services to us and is reimbursed for costs and expenses incurred in connection with these services at a cost plus 5% basis. Under this arrangement, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, we incurred charges of \$7.8 million and \$4.3 million, respectively. The remaining balance of administrative expenses amounting to \$7.4 million and \$4.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, relate to corporate expenses such as legal, accounting and regulatory compliance costs.

Interest income : Interest income increased by \$3.5 million to \$7.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to \$4.3 million in 2016. This was principally due to the \$2.4 million interest income earned on the \$107.2 million Deferred Purchase Price relating to the Tundra Put Sale and the \$70 million deposit paid upon execution of the Hilli Purchase Agreement, for which we earn interest at 5% per annum.

Interest expense : Interest expense increased by \$8.5 million to \$75.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to \$66.9 million in 2016. This was principally due to the following:

- \$6.4 million in additional interest relating to our issuance of \$250 million of senior unsecured non-amortizing 2017 Norwegian Bonds in February 2017 to replace our 2012 High Yield Bonds, which matured in October 2017; and
- \$1.7 million increase in interest expense arising on the Methane Princess lease for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. This was due to the effect of a reduction in corporation tax rates recognized in 2016.

Other financial items : Other financial items reflect a loss of \$7.6 million and \$2.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, as set forth in the table below:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2017	2016	Change	% Change
	(dollars in thousands)			
Mark-to-market gains for interest rate swaps	\$ 12,074	\$ 9,893	\$ 2,181	22 %
Interest expense on un-designated interest rate swaps	(7,554)	(10,824)	3,270	(30)%
Net unrealized and realized gains/(losses) on interest rate swaps	4,520	(931)	5,451	(585)%
Losses on repurchase of 2012 High-Yield Bonds and related cross currency interest rate swap	(6,506)	—	(6,506)	100 %
Premium paid on repurchase of 2012 High-Yield Bond	(2,820)	—	(2,820)	100 %
Financing arrangement fees and other costs	(1,283)	(1,468)	185	(13)%
Other items	(1,478)	(346)	(1,132)	327 %
Other financial items, net	\$ (7,567)	\$ (2,745)	\$ (4,822)	176 %

Net unrealized and realized losses on interest rate swaps. Net unrealized and realized losses on interest rate swaps resulted in a net gain of \$ 4.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to a net loss of \$ 0.9 million in 2016 due to the

increase in long-term swap interest rates in 2017 which has resulted in gains on the mark-to-market valuation of our interest rate swaps.

As of December 31, 2017, our interest rate swaps portfolio had a notional value of \$1,335.3 million. We designated approximately 5% of these swaps as hedging instruments. Accordingly, a further \$0.1 million unrealized gain was accounted for as a change in other comprehensive income, which would have otherwise been recognized in earnings for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Losses on repurchase of 2012 High-Yield Bonds and related cross currency interest rate swap. As a consequence of the cessation of hedge accounting for the related cross currency interest rate swap (entered into as a hedge against our NOK denominated 2012 High-Yield bonds), we reclassified to the statement of operations \$5.0 million of accumulated mark-to-market losses previously recorded within accumulated other comprehensive income. We also recognized foreign exchange losses of \$6.2 million arising from the repurchase of our 2012 High-Yield Bonds and \$4.7 million mark-to-market gains on the cross currency interest rate swaps in our statement of operations. In 2016, any foreign exchange gains or losses on retranslation of our 2012 High-Yield Bonds and mark-to-market gains or losses on the related cross currency interest rate swap were recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Premium paid on repurchase of 2012 High-Yield Bonds. This pertains to premium paid upon the repurchase of the 2012 High-Yield Bonds during the year ended December 31, 2017.

Other items. Other items represent, among other things, foreign currency differences arising on retranslation of foreign currency balances including foreign currency gains on the *Methane Princess* lease. Foreign currency losses increased by \$0.7 million as a result of the appreciation of the U.S. Dollar against the Pound Sterling in 2017. Other items also include \$0.4 million of mark-to-market losses on the Earn-Out Units issued in connection with the IDR reset transaction in 2016 which were recognized as a derivative liability in our consolidated balance sheet (see note 23).

Non-controlling interest: Non-controlling interest increased by \$2.0 million to \$15.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to \$13.6 million in 2016, mainly due to increased hire rates for the *Golar Mazo* in 2017.

A. Operating Results

Year Ended December 31, 2016 Compared with the Year Ended December 31, 2015

The following details our consolidated revenues and expense information for our two reportable segments; FSRUs and LNG carriers for each of the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

FSRU Segment

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2016	2015	Change	% Change
(dollars in thousands, except TCE and average daily vessel operating costs)				
Statement of Operations Data:				
Total operating revenues	\$ 322,373	\$ 307,344	\$ 15,029	5 %
Vessel operating expenses	(43,884)	(44,589)	705	(2)%
Voyage and commission expenses	(5,049)	(5,581)	532	(10)%
Administrative expenses ⁽¹⁾	(5,773)	(4,311)	(1,462)	34 %
Depreciation and amortization	(78,025)	(77,036)	(989)	1 %
Operating income	189,642	175,827	13,815	8 %
Other non-operating income	1,318	—	1,318	100 %

Other Financial Data:

Total operating revenues	\$ 322,373	\$ 307,344	\$ 15,029	5 %
Voyage and commission expenses	(5,049)	(5,581)	532	(10)%
	317,324	301,763	15,561	5 %
Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days	2,196	2,087	109	5 %
Average daily TCE ⁽²⁾	\$ 144,501	\$ 144,592	\$ (91)	— %

⁽¹⁾ Includes direct general and administrative expenses and indirect general and administrative expenses (allocated to each segment based on the number of vessels). See the discussion under “Other Operating Results” below.

⁽²⁾ Refer to “Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Non-GAAP Financial Measure.” for a definition of average daily TCE.

Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days : During the year ended December 31, 2016, our total calendar days less scheduled off-hire days increased to 2,196 days, compared to 2,087 days in 2015, mainly as a result of the scheduled drydocking of the *Golar Freeze* in 2015.

Operating revenues : Total operating revenues increased by \$15.0 million to \$322.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to \$307.3 million in 2015. This is primarily due to:

- \$6.5 million of increased revenue from the *Golar Eskimo* due to the expiration of the sub-lease with Golar on June 30, 2015 and commencement of charter hire revenue from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan at a higher rate;
- \$4.5 million of additional revenue from the *Golar Freeze* representing a full year of revenue compared to approximately ten months in 2015 following her scheduled drydocking in April 2015; and
- \$3.3 million increase in revenue from the *Golar Winter* and the *Golar Spirit* mainly due to a \$2.0 million withholding tax refund from our operations in Brazil arising from over payments between 2008 to 2012. We also received interest on the withholding tax refund which is presented as other non-operating income.

Vessel operating expenses : The decrease of \$0.7 million in vessel operating expenses to \$43.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, as compared to \$44.6 million in 2015, was principally due to \$2.0 million in additional repairs and maintenance costs incurred in 2015 in respect of the *Golar Freeze* due to her scheduled drydocking in April 2015. There were no comparable costs in the year ended December 31, 2016. This was partially offset by \$1.6 million in additional costs for the *Golar Igloo*, due to higher upstoring and repairs and maintenance cost during her regasification off-season period.

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Depreciation and amortization : Depreciation and amortization increased by \$1.0 million to \$78.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to \$77.0 million in 2015 primarily due to \$1.3 million of incremental depreciation and intangibles amortization from the *Golar Eskimo*. This follows her acquisition in January 2015 and represents a full year's depreciation and amortization recognized in 2016 compared to eleven months in 2015.

Other non-operating income : Other non-operating income of \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 relates to the interest on the refund of Brazilian withholding tax received from the Brazilian tax authorities that was overpaid in prior periods in respect of the *Golar Spirit* and the *Golar Winter*.

LNG Carrier Segment

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2016	2015	Change	% Change
Statement of Operations Data:	(dollars in thousands, except TCE and average daily vessel operating costs)			
Total operating revenues	\$ 119,225	\$ 127,343	\$ (8,118)	(6)%
Vessel operating expenses	(16,002)	(20,656)	4,654	(23)%
Voyage and commission expenses	(925)	(2,144)	1,219	(57)%
Administrative expenses ⁽¹⁾	(2,827)	(2,330)	(497)	21 %
Depreciation and amortization	(22,443)	(22,220)	(223)	1 %
Operating income	77,028	79,993	(2,965)	(4)%

Other Financial Data:

Total operating revenues	\$ 119,225	\$ 127,343	\$ (8,118)	(6)%
Voyage and commission expenses	(925)	(2,144)	1,219	(57)%
	118,300	125,199	(6,899)	(6)%
Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days	1,438	1,460	(22)	(2)%
Average daily TCE ⁽²⁾	\$ 82,267	\$ 85,753	\$ (3,486)	(4)%

⁽¹⁾ Includes direct general and administrative expenses and indirect general and administrative expenses (allocated to each segment based on the number of vessels). See the discussion under "Other Operating Results" below.

⁽²⁾ Refer to "Item 3. Key Information—A. Selected Financial Data—Non-GAAP Financial Measure." for a definition of average daily TCE.

Calendar days less scheduled off-hire days : During the year ended December 31, 2016, our total calendar days less scheduled off-hire days decreased to 1,438 days, compared to 1,460 days in 2015, mainly as a result of the scheduled drydocking of the LNG carrier, the *Golar Maria* in 2016.

Operating revenues : Total operating revenues decreased by \$8.1 million to \$119.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to \$127.3 million in 2015. This is primarily due to:

- a \$6.0 million reduction in revenue from the *Golar Grand*, following her redelivery from Royal Dutch Shell in mid-February 2015 and her subsequent charter back to Golar at a lower daily time charter rate; and
- a \$2.0 million reduction in revenue from the *Golar Maria* resulting from her scheduled drydocking in 2016.

Vessel operating expenses : The decrease of \$4.7 million in vessel operating expenses to \$16.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, as compared to \$20.7 million in 2015, was principally due to a \$4.0 million reduction in the operating cost for the *Golar Grand* due to the vessel being placed in lay-up in December 2015.

Voyage and commission expenses : Voyage and commission expenses decreased by \$1.2 million to \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to \$2.1 million in 2015, mainly due to higher bunker consumption cost incurred by the *Golar Maria* in 2015.

Other operating results

The following details our other consolidated results for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2016	2015		
	(dollars in thousands)			
Administrative expense ⁽¹⁾	\$ (8,600)	\$ (6,643)	\$ (1,957)	29 %
Interest income	4,295	1,315	2,980	227 %
Interest expense	(66,938)	(61,632)	(5,306)	9 %
Other financial items	(2,745)	(17,151)	14,406	(84)%
Taxes	(16,858)	(5,669)	(11,189)	197 %
Non-controlling interest	(13,571)	(10,547)	(3,024)	29 %

⁽¹⁾ Includes direct general and administrative expenses and indirect general and administrative expenses (allocated to each segment based on the number of vessels).

Administrative expenses : Administrative expenses increased by \$2.0 million to \$8.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 compared to \$6.6 million in 2015.

Under the management and services agreement with Golar Management, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, we incurred charges of \$4.3 million and \$3.0 million, respectively. In 2015, management fees recharged by Golar to us in relation to management and administrative services and technical services were recorded under both administrative expenses and vessel operating expenses respectively. In 2016, as a result of Golar's in-housing of technical operations (as a result of GMN becoming a 100% owned subsidiary of Golar), we have subsequently accounted for more of the management fees recharged by Golar under administrative expenses. The remaining balance of administrative expenses amounting to \$4.3 million and \$3.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, relate to corporate expenses such as legal, accounting and regulatory compliance costs.

Interest income : Interest income increased by \$3.0 million to \$4.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to \$1.3 million in 2015. This increase is due principally to the recognition of the \$2.0 million which we received from Golar under the Tundra Letter Agreement and accounted for as interest income for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Interest expense : Interest expense increased by \$5.3 million to \$66.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to \$61.6 million in 2015. This was principally due to the following:

- \$5.0 million incremental interest arising on the new \$800 million credit facility entered into in May 2016. The new facility is larger and on average accrues interest at a margin higher than the facilities it replaced;
- \$3.4 million incremental interest on our \$150.0 million 2015 Norwegian Bonds issued in May 2015 (the "2015 Norwegian Bonds"). A full year of interest was incurred in the year ended December 31, 2016 compared with approximately seven months of interest in the same period in 2015; and
- an increase in the amortization of deferred financing costs by \$2.1 million resulting from the write-off of deferred financing costs following the refinancing of our credit facilities secured by seven of our vessels in May 2016.

This was partially offset by:

- \$1.0 million reduction in interest expense due to the repayment of the Eskimo vendor loan in November 2015.
- a \$3.0 million decrease in interest expense on the Methane Princess lease following changes to corporation tax rates and the strengthening of the U.S. Dollar to Pound Sterling; and
- a decline of \$1.2 million in interest expense arising on designated swaps due to the de-designation of swaps related to the Golar LNG Partners Credit Facility following its refinancing in May 2016.

Other financial items : Other financial items reflect a loss of \$2.7 million and \$17.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 , respectively, as set forth in the table below:

	Year Ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2016	2015		
	(dollars in thousands)			
Mark-to-market gains for interest rate swaps	\$ 9,893	\$ 655	\$ 9,238	1,410 %
Interest expense on un-designated interest rate swaps	(10,824)	(14,385)	3,561	(25)%
Net unrealized and realized losses on interest rate swaps	(931)	(13,730)	12,799	(93)%
Financing arrangement fees and other costs	(1,468)	(1,694)	226	(13)%
Other items	(346)	(1,727)	1,381	(80)%
Other financial items, net	\$ (2,745)	\$ (17,151)	\$ 14,406	(84)%

Net unrealized and realized losses on interest rate swap: Net unrealized and realized losses on interest rate swaps resulted in a net loss of \$ 0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 , compared to a net loss of \$ 13.7 million in 2015 . A key factor contributing to the reduction in net unrealized and realized loss to \$ 0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 was due to the increase in long-term swap interest rates in 2016 which has resulted in increased gains on the mark-to-market valuation of our interest rate swaps.

As of December 31, 2016 , our interest rate swaps portfolio had a notional value of \$1,131.7 million (excluding the cross-currency interest rate swap). We designated approximately 7% of these swaps as hedging instruments. Accordingly, a further \$0.1 million unrealized gain was accounted for as a change in other comprehensive income, which would have otherwise been recognized in earnings for the year ended December 31, 2016 .

We were also party to a cross currency interest rate swap with a notional value of \$227.2 million, entered into as a hedge against our NOK denominated bonds (the High-Yield Bonds), which was designated as a cash flow hedge. A \$4.1 million gain was accounted for as a change in accumulated other comprehensive income which would have otherwise been recognized in earnings for the year ended December 31, 2016 . The cross currency interest rate swap also had a credit support arrangement that required us to provide cash collateral in the event that the market value of the swap fell below a certain level.

Other items: Other items represent, among other things, foreign currency differences arising on retranslation of foreign currency balances including foreign currency gains on the *Methane Princess* lease. Foreign currency gain increased by \$0.5 million as a result of the appreciation of the U.S. Dollar against the Pound Sterling in 2016.

Income taxes : Income taxes relate primarily to the taxation of our operations in the United Kingdom, Brazil, Jordan, Indonesia and Kuwait. Taxes during 2016 increased by \$ 11.2 million to a \$ 16.9 million tax charge compared to a \$ 5.7 million tax charge in 2015 . The increase in the tax charge was mainly attributable to income and deferred taxes in respect of our Indonesian operations. In 2016, the tax audits for our Indonesian operations for the years 2012 and 2013 were re-opened and concluded by the local tax authorities. The conclusion of the tax audits resulted in an additional current income tax charge to cover penalties and interest on certain taxes for the periods 2012 to 2016. There was also an increase in the deferred tax charge in Indonesia relating to the utilization of tax losses which were initially recognized in 2014 and 2015. In addition, there was an increase in the deferred tax charge in Jordan relating to the utilization of tax losses in 2016 compared to 2015. There was a higher charge in 2016 given that it was in respect of a full year charter hire, compared to approximately six months of charter hire in 2015.

Non-controlling interest : Non-controlling interest increased by \$3.0 million to \$13.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to \$10.6 million in 2015, mainly due to our entry into a sale and leaseback arrangement with a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMBL in November 2015 relating to the *Golar Eskimo*. We have consolidated the Eskimo SPV into our results.

B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity and Cash Needs

We operate in a capital-intensive industry and we expect to finance the purchase of additional vessels and other capital expenditures through a combination of borrowings from, and leasing arrangements with, commercial banks, cash generated from operations and debt and equity financings. In addition to paying distributions, our other short-term liquidity requirements relate to servicing interest on our debt, scheduled repayments of long-term debt, funding working capital requirements, including drydocking, and maintaining cash reserves against fluctuations in operating cash flows.

Our funding and treasury activities are intended to maximize investment returns while maintaining appropriate liquidity. Cash and cash equivalents are held primarily in U.S. Dollars with some balances held in other currencies. We have not used derivative instruments other than for interest rate and currency risk management purposes.

Short-term Liquidity and Cash Requirements

Sources of short-term liquidity include cash balances, current restricted cash and short-term deposits balances, available amounts under revolving credit facilities and receipts from our charters. Revenues from the majority of our time charters are received monthly in advance. In addition we benefit from low inventory requirements (consisting primarily of fuel, lubricating oil and spare parts) due to fuel costs, which represent the majority of these costs, being paid for by the charterer under time charters.

As of December 31, 2017, our cash and cash equivalents, including current restricted cash and short-term deposits, were \$274.3 million. Our restricted cash balances (excluding \$7.7 million in performance bonds relating to certain of our charters) contribute to our short and medium term liquidity as they are used to fund payment of certain financial obligations (including loans, capital leases and derivatives) which would otherwise be paid out of our unrestricted cash balances. Since December 31, 2017, significant transactions impacting our cash flows include:

- we paid a cash distribution of \$0.5775 per unit (\$41.5 million in the aggregate) to all common and general partner unitholders with respect to the quarter ended December 31, 2017 in February 2018;
- we paid a cash distribution of \$0.63802 per Series A Preferred Unit (\$3.5 million in the aggregate) for the period from October 31, 2017 through February 14, 2018, in February 2018;
- we issued 617,969 common units in connection with our ATM Program and 12,548 general partner units to our General Partner in 2018, which generated net proceeds of \$14.4 million;
- we made \$16.6 million of scheduled debt repayments;
- we entered into an interest rate swap with Citibank, commencing March 31, 2018, for a period of 8 years. The swap has a notional value of \$480.0 million, and will exchange the 3-month USD LIBOR rate for a blended fixed rate of 2.86%;
- we repurchased 439,672 common units in March 2018 under our common unit repurchase program for an aggregate price of \$8.0 million. All repurchased shares were subsequently cancelled in accordance with our common unit repurchase program;
- we made a repayment of \$75.0 million of the revolving credit facility under our \$800 million credit facility;

Other cash requirements

Upon the closing of the Hilli Acquisition, which is expected to occur on or around April 2018, Golar, Keppel and B&V will sell 50% of the common units of Hilli LLC to the Partnership in return for the payment by the Partnership of the net purchase price of between approximately \$178 and \$190 million. We will apply the \$107.2 million Deferred Purchase Price receivable from Golar in connection with the Tundra Put Sale and the \$70 million deposit paid in August 2017 against the net purchase price and will pay the balance with cash on hand.

We have recently entered into preliminary discussions with Golar regarding the potential acquisition of additional common units of Hilli LLC. No assurance can be given that we will acquire any additional interest in Golar Hilli LLC, and any such acquisition will be subject to, among other things, agreement as to the purchase price and the approval of the board of directors of Golar and our board of directors and Conflicts Committee.

We are able to raise capital from the ATM Program we instituted in September 2017 pursuant to which we may, from time to time issue common units with an aggregate offering price of up to \$150 million.

Together with proceeds from our 2017 financing activities and cash expected to be generated from operations (assuming the current rates earned from existing charters continue until charter termination or expiration, where applicable) will be sufficient to cover our operational cash outflows and our ongoing obligations under our financing commitments to service our debt interest, make scheduled loan repayments and pay cash distributions. Accordingly, we believe our current resources are sufficient to meet our working capital requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Medium to Long-term Liquidity and Cash Requirements

Our medium to long-term liquidity requirements include funding the acquisition of new vessels, maintenance capital expenditures, the repayment of long-term debt and the payment of distributions to our unitholders, to the extent we have sufficient cash from operations after the establishment of cash reserves and payment of fees.

Generally, our long-term sources of funds will be cash from operations, long-term bank borrowings and other debt and equity financings. Because we will distribute the majority of our available cash, we expect that we will rely upon external financing sources, including bank borrowings and the issuance of debt and equity securities, to fund acquisitions and other expansion capital expenditures. Occasionally we may enter into vendor financing arrangements with Golar to provide intermediate financing for capital expenditures until longer-term financing is obtained, at which time we will use all or a portion of the proceeds from the longer-term financings to repay outstanding amounts due under these arrangements.

Our pursuit of further acquisitions is dependent upon our ability to successfully raise capital at a cost that makes such acquisitions accretive and economically viable.

Estimated Maintenance and Replacement Capital Expenditures

Our operating agreements require us to distribute our available cash each quarter. In determining the amount of cash available for distribution, our board of directors determines the amount of cash reserves to set aside, including reserves for future maintenance capital expenditures, working capital and other matters. The capital expenditures we are required to make to maintain our fleet are substantial. As of December 31, 2017, our annual estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures are \$63.6 million, which is comprised of \$16.8 million for drydock maintenance and \$46.8 million, including financing costs, for replacing our existing vessels at the end of their useful lives.

The estimate for future vessel replacement is based on assumptions regarding the remaining useful life of our vessels, a net investment rate applied on reserves, replacement values of our vessels based on current market conditions, and the residual value of our vessels. The actual cost of replacing the vessels in our fleet will depend on a number of factors, including prevailing market conditions, time charter daily rates and the availability and cost of financing at the time of replacement. Our operating agreement requires our board of directors to deduct from operating surplus each quarter estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, as opposed to actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, in order to reduce disparities in operating surplus caused by fluctuating maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, such as drydocking and vessel replacement. Our board of directors, with the approval of the conflicts committee, may determine that one or more of the assumptions should be revised, which could cause the board of directors to increase the amount of estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures. We may elect to finance some or all of our maintenance and replacement capital expenditures through the issuance of additional common units which could be dilutive to existing unitholders.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our net cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 271,003	\$ 261,232	\$ 212,230
Net cash (used in) / provided by investing activities	(70,426)	(107,247)	734
Net cash used in financing activities	(19,333)	(128,961)	(271,276)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	181,244	25,024	(58,312)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	65,710	40,686	98,998
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	246,954	65,710	40,686

In addition to our cash and cash equivalents noted above, as of December 31, 2017, we had restricted cash and short-term deposits of \$182.9 million. This comprised principally of \$171.5 million that represents balances retained on restricted accounts in accordance with certain lease and loan requirements (these balances act as security for, and over time are used to, repay lease and loan obligations). For additional detail refer to Note 16 “Restricted Cash and Short-term Deposits” in the consolidated financial statements.

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$271.0 million, \$261.2 million and \$212.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased by \$9.8 million to \$271.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to \$261.2 million in 2016. This was primarily due to an improvement in the general timing of working capital in the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to the same period in 2016, mainly from an increase in cash inflows from related parties of \$35.4 million. This was partly offset by an increase in cash payments for drydocking expenditures by \$16.6 million due to the drydocking of three vessels in 2017, (the *Golar Grand*, the *Golar Mazo* and the *Golar Winter*) compared with the drydocking of the LNG carrier, the *Golar Maria* in 2016.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased by \$49.0 million to \$261.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to \$212.2 million in 2015. This was primarily due to:

- a \$6.9 million increase in revenues from charterers coupled by an improvement in the collection of trade receivables by \$12.8 million;
- a decrease in drydocking expenditure of \$11.0 million, by virtue of the lower cost of the scheduled drydocking of the LNG carrier, the *Golar Maria* in 2016 compared with the scheduled drydocking of the FSRU, the *Golar Freeze* in 2015; and
- a \$7.7 million decrease in restricted cash primarily related to the *Golar Eskimo* performance bond in 2015.

Net Cash (Used in)/Provided by Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities of \$70.4 million in 2017 was due to the payment of a \$70.0 million deposit in connection with the Hilli Acquisition in August 2017.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$107.2 million in 2016 was due to the payment of a \$107.2 million deposit in connection with the acquisition of the *Golar Tundra*, which closed in May 2016. Pursuant to the exercise of the Tundra Put Option in October 2017, we agreed to accept an option (which we have exercised) to purchase an interest in Hilli LLC in lieu of a cash payment on October 17, 2017. See “Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018 - Tundra Acquisition” for additional details.

Net cash provided by investing activities of \$0.7 million in 2015 was primarily due to the payment of \$6.0 million of cash consideration (net of cash acquired) in connection with the acquisition of the *Golar Eskimo* in January 2015 and \$3.7 million cash utilized for vessels additions. This was partially offset by the release of restricted cash of \$10.4 million.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities is principally generated from funds from equity offerings, new debt and lease financings, offset by debt and lease repayments.

Net cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2017 of \$19.3 million was primarily due to the following:

- repayment of debt and lease obligations of \$463.8 million. Of this amount, \$234.2 million relates to the redemption of our High-Yield Bonds and termination of the related cross currency interest rate swap;
- payment of cash distributions during the year of \$168.1 million (of which \$7.0 million were distributions to our non-controlling interests);
- \$19.7 million incremental increase in restricted cash, mainly due to (i) an increase in the cash collateral requirements associated with the \$800 million credit facility of \$41.7 million which was a consequence of the *Golar Spirit* lease termination in 2017; and (ii) a \$3.8 million increase in the cash balances held by Eskimo SPV. This was offset by the release of cash collateral associated with our cross-currency swap upon the repayment of our High-Yield Bonds in October 2017 of \$32.4 million; and
- financing and debt settlement costs of \$5.4 million mainly in connection with issuance of the 2017 Norwegian Bonds.

This was partially offset by the receipt of aggregate proceeds of \$630.0 million from our equity offerings and debt financings, comprising (i) net proceeds of \$122.0 million from our public offering of common units in February 2017 and our ATM Program; (ii) net proceeds of \$133.0 million raised from our public offering of Series A Preferred Units; (iii) \$250.0 million from the issuance of our 2017 Norwegian Bonds; and (iv) \$125.0 million drawdown of our long-term revolving credit facilities.

Net cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2016 of \$129.0 million was primarily due to the following:

- payment of cash distributions during the year of \$167.0 million (\$12.4 million of which was distributions to our non-controlling interests);
- repayment of debt (including debt due to related party) and lease obligations of \$770.4 million. Of this amount, \$681.4 million relates to repayment of the Maria and Freeze Facility, the Golar LNG Partners Credit Facility, the Golar Partners Operating Credit Facility and the Golar Igloo Debt in connection with their refinancing in May 2016 into the \$800.0 million credit facility;
- financing and debt settlement costs of \$13.5 million mainly in connection with the new \$800.0 million credit facility; and
- payment of \$0.5 million in connection with our common unit repurchase program.

This was partially offset by:

- the receipt of aggregate proceeds of \$815.0 million from our existing debt or debt refinancing, comprising (i) \$40.0 million drawdown of our long-term revolving credit facilities; and (ii) \$775.0 million proceeds from the \$800 million credit facility; and
- a \$7.6 million reduction in restricted cash, mainly due to a decrease in the cash collateral requirements associated with our cross-currency swap and a reduction in the cash balances held by Eskimo SPV.

Net cash used in financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2015 of \$271.3 million was primarily due to the following:

- payment of cash distributions during the year of \$164.3 million (\$11.4 million of which was distributions to our non-controlling interests);

- repayment of debt (including debt due to related party) and lease obligations of \$713.8 million. Of this amount, \$220 million relates to repayment in full of the \$220.0 million unsecured non-amortizing loan to us from Golar (the “Eskimo Vendor Loan”) in connection with our acquisition of the *Golar Eskimo* , and \$133.4 million relates to the settlement of the outstanding debt balances on the *Golar Maria* and the *Golar Freeze* debt facilities in connection with their refinancing in June 2015;
- net cash deposits of \$31.2 million to restricted cash balances, which is mainly attributable to additional cash collateral requirements associated with our cross currency interest rate swap arrangement resulting from the depreciation of the mark-to-market valuation of the swap.

This was partially offset with the receipt of aggregate proceeds of \$644.1 million from our new debt or debt refinancing, comprising (i) \$150.0 million from drawdown of our long-term revolving credit facilities; (ii) \$150.0 million from the issuance of our 2015 Norwegian bonds; and (iii) \$344.1 million proceeds from short-term debt (including \$254.1 million loan proceeds drawn due to the consolidation of Eskimo SPV relating to the Eskimo refinancing in November 2015, see note 5 to our consolidated financial statements).

Borrowing Activities

As of December 31, 2017, we had total outstanding borrowings, gross of capitalized borrowing costs, of \$1,387.6 million .

Please refer to “Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—F. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations”, Note 20 “Debt” and Note 21 “Capital Lease” to our Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for further detailed information on our borrowings and capital lease respectively as of December 31, 2017.

Debt and Lease Restrictions

Loan Agreements

Our loan agreements contain operating and financial restrictions and other covenants that may restrict our business and financing activities as well as our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders, including restrictive covenants that generally require the prior written consent of the lenders or otherwise restrict our ability to, among other things:

- merge or consolidate with any other person;
- make certain capital expenditures;
- pay distributions to our unitholders;
- terminate or materially amend certain of our charters;
- enter into any other line of business;
- make any acquisitions;
- incur additional indebtedness or grant any liens to secure any of our existing or future indebtedness;
- enter into sale transactions in respect of the vessel securing such credit facility;
- enter into sale-leaseback transactions in respect of certain of our vessels; and
- enter into transactions with our affiliates.

Our loan agreements generally prohibit us from paying distributions to our unitholders if we are not in compliance with certain financial covenants or upon the occurrence of an event of default. Please refer to Note 20 “Debt” to our Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for further detailed information on the financial covenants and ratios imposed under the agreements governing our credit facilities.

In addition, our lenders and lessors may accelerate the maturity of indebtedness under our financing agreements and foreclose upon the collateral securing the indebtedness upon the occurrence of certain events of default, including our failure to comply with any of the covenants contained in our financing agreements. Various debt and lease agreements contain covenants that require compliance with certain financial ratios. Such ratios include equity ratios, working capital ratios and earnings to net debt ratio covenants, debt service coverage ratios, minimum net worth covenants, minimum value clauses and minimum cash and cash equivalent restrictions in respect of our subsidiaries and us. In addition, there are cross default provisions in most of our and Golar’s loan and lease agreements.

As of December 31, 2017 , we were in compliance with all covenants under our existing debt and lease agreements.

Derivatives

We use financial instruments to reduce the risk associated with fluctuations in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. We have a portfolio of interest rate swaps that exchange or swap floating rate interest to fixed rates, which from a financial perspective, hedges our obligations to make payments based on floating interest rates. As of December 31, 2017, we had interest rate swaps with a notional outstanding value of \$1,335.3 million representing approximately 99% of total debt and capital lease obligations, net of related restricted cash. Our swap agreements have expiration dates between 2018 and 2023 and have fixed rates of between 1.07% and 2.44%.

In February 2018, we entered into an interest rate swap with Citibank for a period of 8 years that is effective on March 31, 2018. The swap has a notional value of \$480.0 million, and will exchange the 3-month USD LIBOR rate for a blended fixed rate of 2.86%.

We enter into foreign currency forward contracts in order to manage our exposure to the risk of movements in foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. We also receive some of the revenue in respect of the *Golar Spirit* and *Golar Winter* charters in Brazilian Reals. We are affected by foreign currency fluctuations primarily through our FSRU projects, expenditures in respect of our vessels' drydocking, some operating expenses including the effect of paying the majority of our seafaring officers in Euros, and some of our administrative costs. The currencies which impact us the most include, but are not limited to, the Euro, Norwegian Kroner, Singapore Dollars, Brazilian Reals, Indonesian Rupiah and, to a lesser extent, Pound Sterling. See Note 23 "Financial Instruments" to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Capital Commitments

Hilli Acquisition

In August 2017, we entered into the Hilli Purchase Agreement to acquire 50% of the common units in Hilli LLC. Such common units will represent the equivalent of 50% of the two liquefaction trains, out of a total of four in *Hilli*, that will be contracted to Perenco and SNH under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement. The purchase price for the common units in Hilli LLC is \$658 million less net lease obligations under the financing facility for the *Hilli*, which are expected to be between \$468 and \$480 million. Concurrently with the execution of the Hilli Purchase Agreement, we paid a \$70 million deposit to Golar, upon which we will receive interest at a rate of 5% per annum. We will apply the \$107.2 million Deferred Purchase Price receivable from Golar in connection with the Tundra Put Sale and will pay the remaining portion of the purchase price with cash on hand. The Hilli Acquisition is expected to close on or around April 2018. However, in the event acceptance is delayed beyond April 30, 2018, both parties have agreed to extend the closing date for the Hilli Acquisition to May 31, 2018. See "Item 5—Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018—*Hilli Acquisition*".

We have recently entered into preliminary discussions with Golar regarding the potential acquisition of additional common units of Hilli LLC. No assurance can be given that we will acquire any additional common units in Hilli LLC, and any such acquisition will be subject to, among other things, agreement as to the purchase price and the approval of the board of directors of Golar and our board of directors and Conflicts Committee.

Possible Acquisitions of Other Vessels

We assess potential acquisition opportunities on a regular basis. Pursuant to our omnibus agreements with Golar and Golar Power, we will have the opportunity to purchase additional FSRUs and LNG carriers in the future from Golar and Golar Power when those vessels are fixed under charters of five or more years upon their expiration of their current charters. Subject to the terms of our loan agreements, we could elect to fund any future acquisitions with equity or debt or cash on hand or a combination of these forms of consideration. Any debt incurred for this purpose could make us more leveraged and subject us to additional operational or financial covenants.

Drydocking

From now through to December 31, 2021, six of the vessels in our current fleet will undergo their scheduled drydockings. We estimate that we will spend in total approximately \$52.0 million for drydocking of these vessels with approximately \$30.5 million expected to be incurred in 2018, \$13.0 million in 2019, \$nil in 2020 and \$8.5 million in 2021.

We reserve a portion of cash generated from our operations to meet the costs of future drydockings. As our fleet matures and expands, our drydocking expenses will likely increase. Ongoing costs for compliance with environmental regulations are primarily included as part of our drydocking and society classification survey costs or are a component of our operating expenses.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires that management make estimates and assumptions affecting 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The following is a discussion of the accounting policies applied by us that are considered to involve a higher degree of judgment in their application. Please read Note 2 “Significant Accounting Policies” to our consolidated financial statements for additional information.

Revenue Recognition

Our revenues include minimum lease payments under time charters, fees for repositioning vessels as well as the reimbursement of certain vessel operating costs such as drydocking costs and taxes. We record revenues generated from time charters, which we classify as operating leases, over the term of the charter as service is provided.

We recognize the reimbursement for drydocking costs evenly over the period to the next drydocking, which is generally five years. We recognize repositioning fees (which are included in time charter revenue) received in respect of time charters at the end of the charter when the fee becomes fixed and determinable. However, where there is a fixed amount specified in the charter, which is not dependent upon redelivery location, we will recognize the fee evenly over the term of the charter. Where a vessel undertakes multiple single voyage time charters, revenue is recognized, including the repositioning fee if fixed and determinable, on a discharge-to-discharge basis. Under this basis, revenue is recognized evenly over the period from departure of the vessel from its last discharge port to departure from the next discharge port.

Vessels and Impairment

Description: We review vessels and equipment for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying value of the vessel may not be fully recoverable. When such events or circumstances are present, we assess recoverability by comparing the vessel's projected undiscounted net cash flows to its carrying value. If the total projected undiscounted net cash flows is lower than the vessel's carrying value, an impairment loss shall be measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset (asset group) exceeds its fair value. As of December 31, 2017, the carrying value of six of our vessels was higher than their estimated market values (based on third party ship broker valuations). As a result, we concluded that an impairment trigger existed and so performed a recoverability assessment for each of these vessels. However, no impairment loss was recognized as for each of these vessels, the projected undiscounted net cash flows was significantly higher than its carrying value. Refer to Note 13 “Vessels, Net” in our consolidated financial statements.

Judgments and estimates : The cash flows on which our assessment of recoverability is based is highly dependent upon our forecasts, which are highly subjective and, although we believe the underlying assumptions supporting this assessment are reasonable and appropriate at the time they were made, it is therefore reasonably possible that a further decline in the economic environment could adversely impact our business prospects in the next year. This could represent a triggering event for a further impairment assessment.

Accordingly, the principal assumptions we have used in our recoverability assessment (i.e. projected undiscounted net cash flows basis) included, among others, charter rates, ship operating expenses, utilization, drydocking requirements and residual value. These assumptions are based on historical trends but adjusted for future expectations. Specifically, forecasted charter rates are based on information regarding current spot market charter rate (based on a third party valuation), option renewal rate with the existing counterparty or existing long-term charter rate, in addition to industry analyst and broker reports. Estimated outflows for operating expenses and drydockings are based on historical costs adjusted for assumed inflation.

Effect if actual results differ from assumptions : Although we believe the underlying assumptions supporting the impairment assessment are reasonable, if charter rate trends and the length of the current market downturn vary significantly from our forecasts, management may be required to perform step two of the impairment analysis that could expose us to material impairment charges in the future. Our estimates of vessel market values may not be indicative of the current or future market value of our vessels or prices that we could achieve if we were to sell them and a material loss might be recognized upon the sale of our vessels.

Vessel market values

Description : Under "Vessels and impairment", we discuss our policy for assessing impairment of the carrying values of our vessels. During the past few years, the market values of certain vessels in the worldwide fleet have experienced particular volatility, with substantial declines in many vessel classes. There is a future risk that the market value of certain of our vessels could decline below those vessels' carrying value, even though we would not recognize an impairment for those vessels' due to our belief that projected undiscounted net cash flows expected to be earned by such vessels over their operating lives would exceed such vessels' carrying amounts.

Judgments and estimates : Our estimates of market value assume that our vessels are all in good and seaworthy condition without need for repair and, if inspected, would be certified in class without notations of any kind. Our estimates for our LNG carriers and FSRUs are based on approximate vessel market values that have been received from third party ship brokers, which are commonly used and accepted by our lenders for determining compliance with the relevant covenants in our credit facilities. Vessel values can be highly volatile, such that our estimates may not be indicative of the current or future market value of our vessels or prices that we could achieve if we were to sell. In addition, the determination of estimated market values may involve considerable judgment given the illiquidity of the secondhand market for these types of vessels.

Effect if actual results differ from assumptions : As of December 31, 2017, while we intend to hold and operate our vessels, were we to hold them for sale, we have determined the fair market value of our vessels, with the exception of the six vessels, were greater than their carrying value. With respect to these six vessels, the carrying value of these vessels exceeded their aggregate market value. However, as discussed above, for each of these vessels, the carrying value was less than its projected undiscounted net cash flows, consequently, no impairment loss was recognized.

Earn-Out Units Resulting from the Exchange of Incentive Distribution Rights "IDR Reset"

Description : On October 13, 2016, we entered into an equity exchange agreement with Golar and our general partner in which they reset their rights to receive cash distributions in respect of their interests in the incentive distribution rights, or Old IDRs, in exchange for the issuance of (i) New IDRs, (ii) an aggregate of 2,994,364 common units and 61,109 general partner units, and (iii) an aggregate of up to 748,592 additional common units and up to 15,278 additional general partner units that may be issued if target distributions are met ("the Earn-Out Units").

Judgments and estimates : Half of the Earn-Out Units ("first tranche") were issued as we paid a distribution of \$0.5775 per common unit in each of the quarterly periods ended December 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017. The remaining Earn-Out Units ("second tranche") will be issued if we pay a distribution equal to \$0.5775 per common unit in the periods ending December 31, 2017, March 31, 2018, June 30, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

The new IDRs resulted in the minimum quarterly distribution level increasing from \$0.3850 per common unit to \$0.5775 per common unit. The fair value of the Old IDRs is not materially different to the fair value of all of the newly issued instruments.

We analogized to the guidance on modifications and exchanges of equity preferred shares and adopted an accounting policy to assess the transaction on a qualitative basis. We concluded that the IDR reset represented a modification of the Old IDRs. Furthermore, we considered the nature of the Earn Out units and determined that they met the definition of a derivative. Accordingly, the overall effect of the transaction was (i) reclassification of the initial fair value of the derivative from equity to current liabilities; (ii) reallocation between unitholders within equity due to the recognition of the incremental fair value of the modification and fair values of newly issued instruments and resulting deemed distribution.

The fair value of the Earn-Out units was determined using a Monte-Carlo simulation method. This simulation was performed within the Black Scholes option pricing model then solved via an iterative process by applying the Newton-Raphson method for the fair value of the earn out units, such that the price of a unit output by the Monte Carlo simulation equaled the price observed in the market. The method took into account the historical volatility, dividend yield as well as the share price of the Golar Partner common units as of the IDR reset date and at balance sheet date. See Note 27 "Equity" to our consolidated financial statements.

Effect if actual results differ from assumptions : Changes in the share price of our common units might impact the historical volatility assumption, and in turn, the valuation of our Earn-Out Units and result in material gains or losses in the future.

Consolidation of lessor VIE entity

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Description : As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, we leased one vessel, the *Golar Eskimo*, under a finance lease from a wholly owned special purpose vehicle (“lessor SPV”) of a financial institution in connection with our sale and leaseback transaction. While we do not hold any equity investments in this lessor SPV, we have determined that we are the primary beneficiary of this entity and accordingly, we are required to consolidate this variable interest entity (“VIE”) into our financial results. The key line items impacted by our consolidation of this VIE are short-term and long-term debt, restricted cash and short-term deposits and interest expense.

Judgments and estimates : In consolidating this lessor VIE, on a quarterly basis, we must make assumptions regarding the debt amortization profile and the interest rate to be applied against the VIE’s debt principle. Our estimates are therefore dependent upon the timeliness of receipt and accuracy of financial information provided by this lessor VIE entity. Upon receipt of the audited annual financial statements of the lessor VIE, we will make a true-up adjustment for any material differences.

Effect if actual results differ from assumptions : If audited financial statements of the lessor VIE are not available upon filing of the annual financial statements, there might be differences between the numbers included in our consolidated financial statements and that reported by the VIE, which could be material.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

See Note 3 “Recently Issued Accounting Standards” to our consolidated financial statements.

C. Research and Development

Not applicable.

D. Trend Information

Please see the sections of Item 5 entitled “Market Overview and Trends” and “Factors Affecting the Comparability of Future Results.” Please also see “Item 4—B. Business Overview.”

E. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At December 31, 2017, we do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

F. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our contractual obligations for the periods indicated as of December 31, 2017 :

	Total Obligation	Due in 2018	Due in 2019—2020	Due in 2021—2022	Due Thereafter
(in millions)					
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,387.6	\$ 122.3	\$ 337.2	\$ 716.0	\$ 212.1
Interest commitments on long-term debt - floating and other interest rate swaps ⁽²⁾	256.7	72.4	121.1	38.4	24.8
Capital lease obligations	128.1	1.3	3.7	5.4	117.7
Interest commitments on capital lease obligations ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	82.3	6.6	13.0	12.6	50.1
Purchase obligations ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	—	—	—
Total	\$ 1,854.7	\$ 202.6	\$ 475.0	\$ 772.4	\$ 404.7

⁽¹⁾ Amounts shown gross of deferred financing costs of \$16.6 million.

⁽²⁾ Our interest commitment on our long-term debt is calculated based on assumed USD LIBOR rates of between 2.09% and 2.93% respectively, taking into account our various margin rates and interest rate swaps associated with our debt. Our interest commitment on our capital lease obligations is calculated on an assumed average Pound Sterling LIBOR of 5.2%.

⁽³⁾ In the event of any adverse tax rate changes or rulings our lease obligation with regard to the *Methane Princess* could increase significantly (please read the discussion above under “—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Borrowing Activities—Capital Lease Obligations”). However, Golar has agreed to indemnify us against any such increase.

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⁽⁴⁾ Upon the closing of the Hilli Acquisition, Golar, Keppel and B&V will sell 50% of the common units of Hilli LLC to the Partnership in return for the payment by the Partnership of the net purchase price of between approximately \$178 and \$190 million. We will apply the \$107.2 million Deferred Purchase Price receivable from Golar in connection with the Tundra Put Sale and the \$70 million deposit we paid in August 2017 against the net purchase price and will pay the balance with cash on hand.

G. Safe Harbor

See “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

A. Directors and Senior Management

Directors

The following provides information about each of our directors as of April 6, 2018. The business address for these individuals is 2nd Floor, S.E. Pearman Building, 9 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda.

Name	Age	Position
Tor Olav Trøim	55	Chairman
Paul Leand Jr.	51	Director and Conflicts Committee Member
Lori Wheeler Naess	47	Director and Audit Committee Chairperson
Carl Steen	67	Director and Audit Committee Member
Alf Thorkildsen	61	Director, Conflicts and Audit Committee Member
Michael Ashford	71	Director and Company Secretary
Jeremy Kramer	56	Director and Conflicts Committee Member

Tor Olav Troim has served as our Director and Chairman of our Board of Directors since January 2009. He has served as a director of Golar since September 2011 and the Chairman of the Board of Golar since September 2017. Mr. Trøim previously served as a director and vice-president of Golar from its incorporation in May 2001 until October 2009, after which time he served as a director and Chairman of Golar's listed subsidiary, Golar LNG Energy Limited. Mr. Trøim was Vice President and a director of Seadrill Limited (“Seadrill”) between 2005 and 2014. Additionally between 1995 and 2014 he also served, at various times, as a director of a number of related public companies including Frontline Limited, Golden Ocean Group Limited, Archer Limited as well as Seatankers Management Limited. Prior to 1995 he served as an Equity Portfolio Manager with Storebrand ASA and Chief Executive Officer for the Norwegian Oil Company DNO AS. Mr. Trøim graduated as M.Sc Naval Architect from the University of Trondheim, Norway in 1985. He currently holds controlling interests in Magni Partners Bermuda and Magni Partners UK. He also serves as a director in Stolt Nielsen Limited, Borr Drilling and Valerenga Football Club.

Paul Leand Jr. has served on our Board of Directors since March 2011 and is a member of our Conflicts Committee. Mr. Leand joined AMA Capital Partners LLC (“AMA”), an investment bank specializing in the maritime industry, in 1998 from First National Bank of Maryland. He was appointed CEO in 2004. He has led the development of AMA’s restructuring practice, helping AMA earn its position as the pre-eminent maritime restructuring advisor for both creditors and companies alike. Mr. Leand spearheaded the firm’s private equity investments in Chembulk and PLM and Lloyds Fonds. Mr. Leand serves as Chairman of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., Lloyd Fonds AG, North Atlantic Drilling, Seadrill and Ship Finance International Ltd.

Lori Wheeler Naess was appointed as a Director and Audit Committee Chairperson in February 2016. Ms. Naess has also served on our Board of Directors and as Audit Committee Chairperson of Golar since February 2016. Ms. Naess was most recently a Director with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Oslo and was a Project Leader for the Capital Markets Group. Between 2010 and 2012 she was a Senior Advisor for the Financial Supervisory Authority in Norway and prior to 2010 she was also with PricewaterhouseCoopers in roles in the U.S., Norway and Germany. Ms. Naess is a U.S. Certified Public Accountant.

Carl Steen has served on our Board of Directors since his appointment in August 2012 and serves on our Audit Committee. Mr. Steen has served on the Board of Directors of Golar since February 2015. Mr. Steen initially graduated in 1975 from ETH Zurich Switzerland with a M.Sc. in Industrial and Management Engineering. After working for a number of high profile companies, Mr. Steen joined Nordea Bank from January 2001 to February 2011 as head of the bank’s Shipping, Oil Services & International Division. Mr. Steen holds directorship positions in various Norwegian and international companies including Euronav NV, Wilh Wilhelmsen Holding ASA and Belships ASA.

Alf Thorkildsen was appointed to our Board of Directors in February 2015 and serves on our Conflicts Committee and Audit Committee. Mr. Thorkildsen is currently a senior partner with Hitecvision, which he joined in 2013 from the position as Chief Executive Officer of Seadrill. During his tenure, Seadrill grew to become the world's largest driller by market capitalization and enterprise value. Mr. Thorkildsen joined Seadrill in 2006 as CFO. Prior to this, he was the CFO of Smedvig ASA, a leading Norwegian drilling company, which was acquired by Seadrill in 2006. Mr. Thorkildsen started his career in 1980 in Larsen and Hagen Shipping and worked thereafter for 20 years in Shell in numerous senior positions.

Michael Ashford has served on our Board of Directors since his appointment in September 2017. Mr. Ashford has also served as our Company Secretary since October 2016. Mr. Ashford is a Chartered Secretary and is a current member and Past President of the International Council of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. Mr. Ashford has previously held various directorship and company secretary positions in shipping and aviation companies.

Jeremy Kramer was appointed to our Board of Directors in September 2016 and serves on our Conflicts Committee. He is also on the Board of Directors of DHT Holdings where he serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mr. Kramer was a Senior Portfolio Manager in the Straus Group at Neuberger Berman from 1998 to 2016, managing equity portfolios primarily for high net worth clients. Prior to that, he worked at Alliance Capital from 1994 to 1998, first as a Securities Analyst and then as a Portfolio Manager focused on small and mid-cap equity securities. Mr. Kramer also managed a closed-end fund, the Alliance Global Environment Fund. He worked at Neuberger Berman from 1988 to 1994 as a Securities Analyst. Mr. Kramer earned an MBA from Harvard University Graduate School of Business in 1988. He graduated with a BA from Connecticut College in 1983.

Executive Officers

We currently do not have any executive officers and rely on the executive officers and directors of Golar Management and Golar Management Norway who perform executive officer services for our benefit pursuant to the management and administrative services agreement and who are responsible for our day-to-day management subject to the direction of our board of directors. Golar Management also provides certain commercial and technical management services to our fleet. The following provides information about each of the executive officers of Golar Management who perform executive officer services for us and who are not also members of our board of directors as of April 6, 2018. The business address for our executive officers is 2nd Floor, S.E. Pearman Building, 9 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton HM 08, Bermuda.

Name	Age	Position
Brian Tienzo	44	Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer
Øistein Dahl	57	Chief Operating Officer

Brian Tienzo was appointed as our Principal Executive Officer effective March 19, 2018. He has served as our Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer since July 2011. Mr. Tienzo was our Controller from April 2011 until July 2011. Mr. Tienzo has also served as the Chief Financial Officer of Golar Management since July 2011 and as the Group Financial Controller of Golar Management since 2008. Mr. Tienzo joined Golar Management in February 2001 as the Group Management Accountant. From 1995 to 2001 he worked for Z-Cards Europe Limited, Parliamentary Communications Limited and Interoute Communications Limited in various financial management positions. He is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Øistein Dahl has served as our Chief Operating Officer since 2012. He served as Managing Director of Golar Management Norway (previously Golar Wilhelmsen) since September 2011 and as Chief Operating Officer of Golar Management since April 2012. Prior to September 2011, he worked for the Leif Höegh & Company Group (roll-on roll-off, tank, bulk, reefer general cargo and LNG vessels). He held various positions within the Höegh Group of companies within vessel management, newbuilding and projects, as well as business development before becoming President for Höegh Fleet in October 2007, a position he held for four years. Mr. Dahl has also worked within offshore engineering and with the Norwegian Class Society, DNV-GL. Mr. Dahl has a MSc degree from the NTNU technical university in Trondheim.

B. Compensation

Reimbursement of Expenses of Our General Partner

Our general partner does not receive compensation from us for any services it provides on our behalf, although it will be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred on our behalf. In addition, we will reimburse Golar Management for expenses incurred pursuant to the management and administrative services agreement. Please read “Item 7—Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—Management and Administrative Services Agreement.”

Executive Compensation

Under the management and administrative services agreement, we reimburse Golar Management for its reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the provision of executive officer and other administrative services to us. In addition, we pay Golar Management a management fee equal to 5% of its costs and expenses incurred on our behalf. During the year ended December 31, 2017, we paid Golar Management \$7.8 million in connection with the provision of these services to us.

Golar Management compensates Mr. Robjohns, Mr. Dahl and Mr. Tienzo in accordance with its own compensation policies and procedures. Officers and employees of affiliates of our general partner may participate in employee benefit plans and arrangements sponsored by Golar, our general partner or their affiliates, including plans that may be established in the future.

Compensation of Directors

Our officers or officers of Golar who also serve as our directors do not receive additional compensation for their service as directors but may receive director fees in lieu of other compensation paid by Golar. Each non-management director receives compensation for attending meetings of our board of directors, as well as committee meetings. In addition, each director is reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses in connection with attending meetings of the board of directors or committees. Each director is fully indemnified by us for actions associated with being a director to the extent permitted under Marshall Islands law. During the year ended December 31, 2017, we paid to our directors aggregate cash compensation of approximately \$0.6 million. We do not have a retirement plan for our directors or executive officers.

Golar LNG Options

In addition to cash compensation paid to our directors and amounts paid by us to Golar Management under the Management and Administrative Services Agreement, during 2017 we also recognized an expense of \$0.2 million relating to the award of 29,950 (with an exercise price of \$23.50 at grant date) and 45,000 (with an exercise price of \$56.70 at grant date) share options in Golar LNG limited granted to certain of our directors and officers. The exercise price is reduced by the value of dividends declared and paid. The options have a contractual term of five years and vest evenly over three years. See note 26 to our consolidated financial statements.

Golar LNG Partners LP Long Term Incentive Plan

The Golar LNG Partners LP Long Term Incentive Plan (the “GMLP LTIP”) was adopted by our board of directors, effective as of May 30, 2016. An expense of \$0.2 million has been recognized for the year ended December 31, 2017 relating to the award of 99,000 options to purchase common units to directors and management under the GMLP LTIP. The options have an exercise price of \$20.55 per unit and will be reduced by the value of the distributions declared and paid. One third of the recipients’ allotted options vested in November 2017, the second third will vest in November 2018 and the final third will vest in November 2019. The option period is five years. See note 26 to our consolidated financial statements.

C. Board Practices

General

Our partnership agreement provides that our board will consist of seven members, three of whom are appointed by our general partner in its sole discretion and four of whom are elected by our common unitholders. Directors appointed by our general partner will serve as directors for terms determined by our general partner. Our current board of directors consists of three members appointed by our general partner, Lori Naess, Tor Olav Trøim and Michael Ashford, who previously served as our secretary and was appointed by our general partner to replace Andrew Whalley, who resigned on September 27, 2017.

Directors elected by our common unitholders are divided into three classes serving staggered three-year terms. At our 2017 annual meeting on September 27, 2017, Carl Steen was re-elected as a Class II Director of the Partnership whose term will expire at the 2020 annual meeting. Jeremy Kramer and Paul Leand Jr. serve as Class III elected directors whose term will expire at the 2018 annual meeting. Alf Thorkildsen serves as the Class I elected director whose term will expire at the 2019 annual meeting.

At each annual meeting, directors are elected to succeed the class of directors whose terms have expired by a plurality of the votes of the common unitholders. Directors elected by our common unitholders will be nominated by the board of directors or by any limited partner or group of limited partners that holds at least 10% of the outstanding common units. Our board has determined that Mr. Kramer, Mr. Leand, Ms. Naess, Mr. Steen and Mr. Thorkildsen satisfy the independence standards established by The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC as applicable to us.

There are no service contracts between us and any of our directors providing for benefits upon termination of their employment or service.

Each outstanding common unit is entitled to one vote on matters subject to a vote of common unitholders. However, to preserve our ability to be exempt from U.S. federal income tax under Section 883 of the Code, if at any time, any person or group owns beneficially more than 4.9% or more of any class of units then outstanding, any such units owned by that person or group in excess of 4.9% may not be voted (except for purposes of nominating a person for election to our board). The voting rights of any such unitholders in excess of 4.9% will effectively be redistributed pro rata among the other common unitholders holding less than 4.9% of the voting power of such class of units. Our general partner, its affiliates and persons who acquired common units with the prior approval of our board of directors will not be subject to this 4.9% limitation except with respect to voting their common units in the election of the elected directors.

The Series A Preferred Units generally have no voting rights except (i) with respect to amendments to the partnership agreement that would adversely affect the rights of the Series A Preferred Units, (ii) or in the event the Partnership proposes to issue parity securities or senior securities. However, if and whenever distributions payable on the Series A Preferred Units are in arrears for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, holders of Series A Preferred Units (voting together as a class with all other classes of parity securities upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) will be entitled to replace one of the members of our board of directors appointed by our general partner with a person nominated by such holders (unless the holders of Series A Preferred Units, voting together as a class with all other classes of parity securities upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, have previously elected a member of our board of directors, and such director continues then to serve on the board of directors).

Committees

We have an audit committee that, among other things, reviews our external financial reporting, engages our external auditors and oversees our internal audit activities and procedures and the adequacy of our internal accounting controls, as more fully set forth in its written charter, which has been adopted by the board. Our audit committee currently is comprised of three directors, Lori Naess, Carl Steen, and Alf Thorkildsen. Lori Naess qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert” for purposes of SEC rules and regulations.

We also have a conflicts committee currently comprised of three members of our board of directors. The conflicts committee is available at the board’s discretion to review specific matters that the board believes may involve conflicts of interest. The conflicts committee will determine if the resolution of the conflict of interest is fair and reasonable to us. The members of the conflicts committee may not be officers or employees of us or directors, officers or employees of our general partner or its affiliates, and must meet the independence standards established by The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC to serve on an audit committee of a board of directors and certain other requirements. Any matters approved by the conflicts committee will be conclusively deemed to be fair and reasonable to us, approved by all of our partners, and not a breach by our directors, our general partner or its affiliates of any duties any of them may owe us or our unitholders. Our conflicts committee is currently comprised of Paul Leand Jr., Alf Thorkildsen and Jeremy Kramer.

Exemptions from Nasdaq Corporate Governance Rules

Because we qualify as a foreign private issuer under SEC rules, we are permitted to follow the corporate governance practices of the Marshall Islands (the jurisdiction in which we are organized) in lieu of certain Nasdaq corporate governance requirements that would otherwise be applicable to us.

Nasdaq rules do not require a listed company that is a foreign private issuer to have a board of directors that is comprised of a majority of independent directors. Under Marshall Islands law, we are not required to have a board of directors comprised of a majority of directors meeting the independence standards described in Nasdaq rules. In addition, Nasdaq rules do not require limited partnerships like us to have a board of directors comprised of a majority of independent directors. Accordingly, while our board is currently comprised of a majority of independent directors, our board of directors may not be comprised of a majority of independent directors in the future.

Nasdaq rules do not require foreign private issuers like us to establish a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee. Similarly, under Marshall Islands law, we are not required to have a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee. In addition, Nasdaq rules do not require limited partnerships like us to have a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee. Accordingly, we do not have a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee.

D. Employees

Other than our Secretary, we currently do not have any employees and rely on the executive officers, directors and other key employees of Golar Management who perform services for us pursuant to the management and administrative services agreement. Employees of Golar Management, including those employees acting as our executive officers and employees of Golar Management Norway, GMM and GMC provide services to our subsidiaries pursuant to the fleet management agreements and the management and administrative services agreement. As of December 31, 2017, Golar and its subsidiaries employed approximately 523 seagoing staff who serve on our vessels. Certain subsidiaries of Golar, including Golar Management, Golar Management Norway, GMM and GMC, provide commercial and technical management services, including all necessary crew-related services, to our subsidiaries pursuant to the fleet management agreements.

Pursuant to our management agreements, our Manager and certain of its affiliates provide us with all of our employees. Our board of directors has the authority to hire other employees as it deems necessary.

E. Unit Ownership

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

See “Item 7—Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—A. Major Unitholders”.

Item 7. Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions

A. Major Unitholders

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of our common units as of April 6, 2018 by each person that we know to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding common units and by our directors and executive officers as a group. The number of units beneficially owned by each person is determined under SEC rules and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose:

Name of Beneficial Owner	Common Units Beneficially Owned	
	Number	Percent
Golar LNG Limited	21,226,586	30.4%
Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. ⁽¹⁾	5,344,183	7.6%
FMR LLC ⁽²⁾	4,511,101	6.5%
All directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons)	*	*

* Less than 1%

⁽¹⁾ Based solely on information contained in a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 6, 2018 by Oppenheimer Funds, Inc.

⁽²⁾ Based solely on information contained in a Schedule 13G filed on February 13, 2018 by FMR LLC.

B. Related Party Transactions

From time to time we have entered into agreements and have consummated transactions with certain related parties. We may enter into related party transactions from time to time in the future. In connection with our initial public offering, we established a conflicts committee, comprised entirely of independent directors, which must approve all proposed material related party transactions.

IPO Omnibus Agreement

We are subject to an omnibus agreement that we entered into with Golar and certain of its affiliates, our general partner and certain of our subsidiaries in connection with our IPO. On October 5, 2011, we entered into an amendment to the omnibus agreement with the other parties thereto. The following discussion describes certain provisions of the omnibus agreement, as amended.

Non-competition

Under the omnibus agreement, Golar agreed, and caused its controlled affiliates (other than us, our general partner and our subsidiaries) to agree, not to acquire, own, operate or charter any FSRU or LNG carrier operating under a charter for five or more years. We refer to these vessels, together with any related charters, as “Five-Year Vessels” and to all other FSRUs and LNG carriers, together with any related charters, as “Non-Five-Year Vessels.” The restrictions in this paragraph did not prevent Golar or any of its controlled affiliates (other than us and our subsidiaries) from:

- (1) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering Non-Five-Year Vessels;
- (2) acquiring one or more Five-Year Vessels if Golar promptly offers to sell the vessel to us for the acquisition price plus any administrative costs (including re-flagging and reasonable legal costs) associated with the transfer to us at the time of the acquisition;
- (3) putting a Non-Five-Year Vessel under charter for five or more years if Golar offers to sell the vessel to us for fair market value (x) promptly after the time it becomes a Five-Year Vessel and (y) at each renewal or extension of that charter for five or more years;
- (4) acquiring one or more Five-Year Vessels as part of the acquisition of a controlling interest in a business or package of assets and owning, operating or chartering those vessels; provided, however, that:
 - (a) if less than a majority of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Five-Year Vessels, as determined in good faith by Golar’s board of directors, Golar must offer to sell such vessels to us for their fair market value plus any additional tax or other similar costs that Golar incurs in connection with the acquisition and the transfer of such vessels to us separate from the acquired business; and
 - (b) if a majority or more of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Five-Year Vessels, as determined in good faith by Golar’s board of directors, Golar must notify us of the proposed acquisition in advance. Not later than 10 days following receipt of such notice, we will notify Golar if we wish to acquire such vessels in cooperation and simultaneously with Golar acquiring the Non-Five-Year Vessels. If we do not notify Golar of our intent to pursue the acquisition within 10 days, Golar may proceed with the acquisition and then offer to sell such vessels to us as provided in (a) above;

- (5) acquiring a non-controlling interest in any company, business or pool of assets;
- (6) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering any Five-Year Vessel if we do not fulfill our obligation to purchase such vessel in accordance with the terms of any existing or future agreement;
- (7) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering a Five-Year Vessel subject to the offers to us described in paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) above pending our determination whether to accept such offers and pending the closing of any offers we accept;
- (8) providing ship management services relating to any vessel; or
- (9) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering a Five-Year Vessel if we have previously advised Golar that we consent to such acquisition, operation or charter.

If Golar or any of its controlled affiliates (other than us or our subsidiaries) acquires, owns, operates or charters Five-Year Vessels pursuant to any of the exceptions described above, it may not subsequently expand that portion of its business other than pursuant to those exceptions.

In addition, under the omnibus agreement we and our affiliates may not acquire, own, operate or charter Five-Year Vessels only. The restrictions in this paragraph will not:

- (1) prevent us from owning, operating or chartering any Non-Five-Year Vessel that was previously a Five-Year Vessel while owned by us;
- (2) prevent us or any of our subsidiaries from acquiring Non-Five-Year Vessels as part of the acquisition of a controlling interest in a business or package of assets and owning, operating or chartering those vessels; provided, however, that:
 - (a) if less than a majority of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Non-Five-Year Vessels, as determined in good faith by us, we must offer to sell such vessels to Golar for their fair market value plus any additional tax or other similar costs that we incur in connection with the acquisition and the transfer of such vessels to Golar separate from the acquired business; and
 - (b) if a majority or more of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Non-Five-Year Vessels, as determined in good faith by us, we must notify Golar of the proposed acquisition in advance. Not later than 10 days following receipt of such notice, Golar must notify us if it wishes to acquire the Non-Five-Year Vessels in cooperation and simultaneously with us acquiring the Five-Year Vessels. If Golar does not notify us of its intent to pursue the acquisition within 10 days, we may proceed with the acquisition and then offer to sell such vessels to Golar as provided in (a) above;
- (3) prevent us or any of our subsidiaries from acquiring, owning, operating or chartering any Non-Five-Year Vessels subject to the offer to Golar described in paragraph (2) above, pending its determination whether to accept such offer and pending the closing of any offer it accepts; or
- (4) prevent us or any of our subsidiaries from acquiring, owning, operating or chartering Non-Five-Year Vessels if Golar has previously advised us that it consents to such acquisition, ownership, operation or charter.

If we or any of our subsidiaries acquires, owns, operates or charters Non-Five-Year Vessels pursuant to any of the exceptions described above, neither we nor such subsidiary may subsequently expand that portion of our business other than pursuant to those exceptions.

Upon a change of control of us or our general partner, the noncompetition provisions of the omnibus agreement will terminate immediately. Upon a change of control of Golar, the noncompetition provisions of the omnibus agreement applicable to Golar will terminate at the time that is the later of the date of the change of control and the date on which all of our outstanding subordinated units have been converted to common units.

Under the omnibus agreement, a change of control occurs upon (i) the sale, lease, exchange or other transfer of all or substantially all assets to another entity, (ii) the consolidation or merger into another entity, and (iii) an entity other than Golar or its affiliates becoming the beneficial owner of more than 50% of all outstanding voting stock.

Rights of First Offer on FSRUs and LNG carriers

Under the omnibus agreement, we and our subsidiaries granted to Golar a right of first offer on any proposed sale, transfer or other disposition of any Five-Year Vessels or Non-Five-Year Vessels owned by us. Under the omnibus agreement, Golar and its subsidiaries granted a similar right of first offer to us for any Five-Year Vessels they might own. These rights of first offer do not apply to a (a) sale, transfer or other disposition of vessels between any affiliated subsidiaries, or pursuant to the terms of any current or future charter or other agreement with a charter party or (b) merger with or into, or sale of substantially all of the assets to, an unaffiliated third-party.

Prior to engaging in any negotiation regarding any vessel disposition with respect to a Five-Year Vessel with a non-affiliated third-party or any Non-Five-Year Vessel, we or Golar will deliver a written notice to the other relevant party setting forth the material terms and conditions of the proposed transaction. During the 30-day period after the delivery of such notice, we and Golar will negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement on the transaction. If we do not reach an agreement within such 30-day period, we or Golar, as the case may be, will be able within the next 180 calendar days to sell, transfer, dispose or re-charter the vessel to a third party (or to agree in writing to undertake such transaction with a third party) on terms generally no less favorable to us or Golar, as the case may be, than those offered pursuant to the written notice.

Upon a change of control of us or our general partner, the right of first offer provisions of the omnibus agreement will terminate immediately. Upon a change of control of Golar, the right of first offer provisions applicable to Golar under the omnibus agreement will terminate at the time that is the later of the date of the change of control and the date on which all of our outstanding subordinated units have converted to common units.

Indemnification

Under the omnibus agreement, Golar agreed to indemnify us for:

- certain income tax liabilities attributable to the operation of the assets contributed or sold to us prior to the time they were contributed or sold; and
- any liabilities in excess of our scheduled payments under the UK tax lease used to finance the *Methane Princess*, including liabilities in connection with termination of such lease.

Amendments

The omnibus agreement may not be amended without the prior approval of the conflicts committee of our board of directors if the proposed amendment will, in the reasonable discretion of our board of directors, adversely affect holders of our common units.

Golar Power Omnibus Agreement

On June 19, 2016, in connection with the formation of Golar Power, we entered into the Golar Power Omnibus Agreement with Golar and Golar Power. Pursuant to the Golar Power Omnibus Agreement, Golar Power agreed not to acquire, own, operate or charter any FSRU or LNG carrier operating under a charter for five or more years, subject to certain exceptions. The non-competition provisions applicable to Golar Power under the Golar Power Omnibus Agreement are similar to those applicable to Golar pursuant to the Omnibus Agreement that we entered into in connection with our initial public offering. In addition, under the Golar Power Omnibus Agreement, the Golar Power Entities granted to us a right of first offer on any proposed sale, transfer or other disposition of any Five-Year Vessels owned or acquired by any Golar Power Entity.

Upon a change of control of us or our general partner, the Golar Power Omnibus Agreement shall terminate immediately. In the event that one or more Golar LNG Entities (as defined in the Golar Power Omnibus Agreement) cease to own, in the aggregate, at least 33 1/3% of the ownership interests in Golar Power, the Golar Power Omnibus Agreement shall terminate as of the date such ownership interest falls below 33 1/3%.

Our Management Agreements

Management and Administrative Services Agreement

In connection with our IPO, we entered into a management and administrative services agreement with Golar Management, pursuant to which Golar Management agreed to provide certain commercial, management and administrative support services to us such as accounting, auditing, legal, insurance, IT, cash management, clerical, investor relations and other administrative services. In addition, certain officers and directors of Golar Management are to provide executive officer functions for our benefit. These officers of Golar Management are responsible for our day-to-day management, subject to the direction of our board of directors. We and Golar Management entered into an amended and restated management and administrative services agreement to reflect changes in the titles of certain of our officers. The material provisions of the amended and restated management and administrative services agreement, including terms related to our obligations and the obligations of Golar Management to provide us with services, remain unchanged from those contained in the management and administrative services agreement entered into at the time of our IPO. We have extended this agreement on similar terms for a period of 5 years on April 1, 2016.

The management and administrative services agreement may be terminated prior to the end of its term by us upon 120 days' notice for any reason in the sole discretion of our board of directors. For each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the fees under the management and administrative services agreement were \$7.8 million, \$4.3 million, and \$2.9 million, respectively. Golar Management may terminate the management and administrative services agreement upon 120 days' notice in the event of certain circumstances, such as a change of control of us or our general partner, an order to wind up the partnership, amongst other events. A change of control under the management services agreement means an event in which securities of any class entitling the holders thereof to elect a majority of the members of the board of directors of the entity are acquired, directly or indirectly, by a person or group, who did not immediately before such acquisition, own securities of the entity entitling such person or group to elect such majority.

We reimburse Golar Management for its reasonable costs and expenses incurred in connection with the provision of these services. In addition, we pay Golar Management a management fee equal to 5% of its costs and expenses incurred in connection with providing services to us for the month after Golar Management submits to us an invoice for such costs and expenses, together with any supporting detail that may be reasonably required.

Through his co-ownership of Helm Energy Advisors Inc. ("Helm"), a company established and domiciled in Canada, Mr. Doug Arnell, who was appointed to our board of directors in February 2015 and resigned in September 2016, acted and advised us on various projects for us and earned \$nil and \$0.8 million from Golar in fees for the years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Under the management and administrative services agreement, we agreed to indemnify Golar Management and its employees and agents against all actions which may be brought against them under the management and administrative services agreement including, without limitation, all actions brought under the environmental laws of any jurisdiction, and against and in respect of all costs and expenses they may suffer or incur due to defending or settling such actions; provided, however that such indemnity excludes any or all losses which may be caused by or due to the fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct of Golar Management or its employees or agents.

Corporate Services Agreement with Golar Management (Bermuda) Limited ("GMB"). GMB a wholly-owned subsidiary of Golar which owns 100% of Golar Management acts as the registered office in Bermuda and provides corporate secretarial, registrar and administration services to us with effect from January 1, 2017. The corporate services agreement may be terminated prior to the end of its term by either party upon 30 days' notice.

Fleet management agreements

Each vessel in our fleet is subject to management agreements, pursuant to which certain commercial and technical management services are provided by certain subsidiaries of Golar Management, as described below. Under these fleet management agreements, our subsidiaries pay fees to, and reimburse the costs and expenses of the vessel managers as described below.

Golar Management Limited

The vessel owning subsidiaries (or disponent owners of the vessels) have each entered into separate vessel management agreements directly (or in the case of *Golar Mazo*, indirectly) with Golar Management to manage the vessels in accordance with sound and commercial technical vessel management practice, so far as practicable.

For *Golar Mazo*, the vessel management agreement is between Faraway and Aurora Management Inc. (“Aurora Management”), in which the Partnership has a 90% ownership interest, but which Aurora Management has indirectly subcontracted to Golar Management. In February 2018, Faraway and Golar Management entered into a new vessel management agreement, thus terminating the previous vessel management agreement between Faraway and Aurora Management.

The aggregate management fees payable under these fleet management agreements for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015 was \$5.9 million, \$6.5 million, and \$7.6 million, respectively. The vessel management fees are reviewed annually and revised by mutual agreement of the parties. In addition, pursuant to the vessel management agreements, Golar Management is to be reimbursed an amount equal to the disbursements and expenses in connection with the provision of the services contracted under the management agreement. The vessel management agreement may be terminated prior to the end of its term by us upon 30 days' notice.

Technical Management Sub-agreements with GMN, GMM and GMC, or collectively, the "sub-managers"

In order to assist with the technical management of each of the vessels in our current fleet, Golar Management has entered into Management Agreements with GMN, GMM and GMC as sub-managers, for the operations of our fleet (the Vessels Sub-Management Agreements). The Vessels Sub-Management Agreements provide that: (a) GMN must provide for the technical management of each vessel, which includes, but is not limited to the provision of competent personnel to supervise the maintenance and efficiency of the vessel; arrange and supervise drydockings, repairs, alterations and maintenance of such vessel and arrange and supply the necessary stores, spares and lubricating oils; (b) GMM must provide suitably qualified crew for each vessel; and (c) GMC must provide suitably qualified crew for each vessel and provide for the management of the crew including, but not limited to, arranging for all transportation of the crew, ensuring the crew meets all medical requirements of the flag state, and conducting union negotiations.

Golar Management is responsible for payment of the annual management fees to the sub-managers in respect of the vessels. We are not responsible for paying the management fees to the sub-managers. These fees are subject to upward adjustments based on cost of living indexes in the domiciles of the sub-managers. The sub-managers are entitled to extra remuneration for the performance of tasks outside the scope of the Vessels Sub-Management Agreements.

The Vessels Sub-Management Agreements will terminate upon failure by any party to meet its obligations under the agreement, in the case of the sale or total loss of the vessel, or in the event an order or resolution is passed for the winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy of any party or if a receiver is appointed. In addition, Golar Management must indemnify the sub-managers and their employees, agents and subcontractors against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands or liabilities arising in connection with the performance of the agreement.

Agency Agreement with PT Pesona Sentra Utama (or PT Pesona). PT Pesona, an Indonesian company established in 2005 and engaged in technical crewing management in Indonesia, owns 51% of the issued share capital in our subsidiary, PTGI, the owner and operator of *NR Satu*, in order to comply with Indonesian cabotage requirements. Under the agency agreement PT Pesona provides agency and local representation services for us with respect to *NR Satu*, which includes, but not limited to, accounting, charter administration, legal and liaison services with respect to Indonesian legal and government authorities and clerical services. Under the agency agreement PT Pesona received a fee of \$0.5 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively. This fee is subject to review annually and revision by mutual agreement of the parties. The PT Pesona agency agreement shall continue indefinitely, unless and until terminated upon notice by either party within 30 days of expected termination.

See “Item 4—Information on the Partnership—B. Business Overview” for the services provided by the management companies.

Other Related Party Transactions

Vessel Acquisitions and Related Transactions

Eskimo Acquisition

In January 2015, we acquired from Golar interests in the companies that own and operate the *Golar Eskimo* for a purchase price of \$388.8 million less assumed bank debt of \$162.8 million (the “Golar Eskimo Acquisition”). In connection with the Golar Eskimo Acquisition, we entered into an agreement with Golar pursuant to which it paid to us an aggregate amount of \$22.0 million in six equal monthly installments for the period January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015 for the right to use

the *Golar Eskimo*. We in return remitted to Golar \$12.9 million of hire payments actually received with respect to the vessel during this period.

We financed a portion of the cash purchase price of the Golar Eskimo Acquisition with the proceeds of the Eskimo Vendor Loan that required repayment within two years (with a prepayment incentive fee of up to 1.0% of the loan amount) and bore interest at a blended rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus a margin of 2.84%. The loan was repaid in full in November 2015.

Tundra Acquisition

On May 23, 2016, we acquired from Golar the disponent owner and operator of the FSRU, the *Golar Tundra*, for a purchase price of \$330.0 million less assumed net lease obligations and net of working capital adjustments. Concurrent with the closing of the Tundra Acquisition, we entered into an agreement with Golar (as amended, the “Tundra Letter Agreement”) which provided, among others, that in the event the *Golar Tundra* had not commenced service under the charter by May 23, 2017, we had the option (the “Tundra Put Right”) to require Golar to repurchase Tundra Corp at a price equal to the original purchase price. Due to the existence of the Tundra Put Option, Golar continued to consolidate Tundra Corp, and thus, the results of operations and the assets and liabilities of Tundra Corp were not reflected in our financial statements. The *Golar Tundra*'s project made limited progress and on May 30, 2017, we elected to exercise the Tundra Put Right. In connection with the exercise of the Tundra Put Right, we and Golar entered into an agreement pursuant to which we agreed to sell Tundra Corp to Golar on October 17, 2017. We agreed to accept the Deferred Purchase Price and the Additional Amount in lieu of a cash payment on the Put Sale Closing Date, in return for an option (which we have exercised) to purchase an interest in the *Hilli*.

In November 2015, prior to the Tundra Acquisition, Tundra Corp sold the *Golar Tundra* to Tundra SPV for \$254.6 million and subsequently leased back the vessel under a bareboat charter. Following the Tundra Put Sale, Golar is the primary guarantor of the obligations of Tundra Corp (now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Golar) under the Tundra Lease. We, however, are a party to a guarantee pursuant to which we are the deficiency guarantor of Tundra Corp's obligations under the Tundra Lease. This means that in the event that Tundra Corp is in default of its obligations under the Tundra Lease and Golar, as the primary guarantor, is unable to settle any liabilities due within five business days, Tundra SPV may recover such amounts from us, as the deficiency guarantor. Monthly payments under the Tundra Lease are approximately \$2.0 million. Under a separate side agreement, Golar has agreed to indemnify us for any costs incurred in our capacity as the deficiency guarantor.

Hilli Acquisition

On August 15, 2017, we entered into the Hilli Purchase Agreement to acquire from Golar and affiliates of Keppel and B&V 50% of the common units in Hilli LLC, which will, on the closing date of the Hilli Acquisition, indirectly own the *Hilli*. Concurrently with the execution of the Hilli Purchase Agreement, we paid a \$70 million deposit to Golar, upon which we will receive interest at a rate of 5% per annum. The closing of the Hilli Acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions which include, vessel acceptance by the customer of the *Hilli*. We expect the closing of the *Hilli* Acquisition to occur on or around April 30, 2018. However, in the event that acceptance happens beyond April 30, 2018, the parties have agreed to extend the *Hilli* dropdown deadline until May 31, 2018.

Trading and Other Balances

Receivables and payables with Golar and its subsidiaries comprise primarily of unpaid management fees, advisory and administrative services and other related party arrangements including the *Golar Grand* time charter and the Tundra Letter Agreement. In addition, certain receivables and payables arise when we pay an invoice on behalf of a related party and vice versa. Receivables and payables are generally settled quarterly in arrears. Trading balances due to Golar and its subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and intended to be settled in the ordinary course of business. In November 2015 and January 2016, we also provided loans to Golar in the amount of \$50.0 million and \$30.0 million and for fixed periods of 28 days and 60 days respectively. We charged interest on these loans at a rate of LIBOR plus 5%.

Methane Princess Lease Security Deposit Movements

This represents net advances to Golar since the IPO, which correspond with the net release of funds from the security deposits held relating to the Methane Princess lease. This is in connection with the Methane Princess tax lease indemnity provided by Golar under the Omnibus Agreement. Accordingly, these amounts held with Golar will be settled as part of the eventual termination of the Methane Princess lease.

Dividends to China Petroleum Corporation

During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, Faraway Maritime Shipping Co. (owns and operates the *Golar Mazo*), which is 60% owned by us and 40% owned by CPC, paid total dividends to CPC of \$7.0 million, \$12.4 million, and \$11.4 million, respectively.

Dividends to Golar

We have declared and paid quarterly distributions totaling \$52.3 million, \$54.7 million and \$52.1 million to Golar for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Please refer to Note 24 “Related Party Transactions” to our Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information.

C. Interests of Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

Item 8. Financial Information

A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

Please see “Item 18. Financial Statements” below for additional information required to be disclosed under this item.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time we have been, and expect to continue to be, subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of our business, principally personal injury and property casualty claims. These claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources.

In November and December 2015, the Indonesian tax authorities issued letters to PTGI to, among other things, revoke a previously granted VAT importation waiver in the approximate amount of \$24.0 million for the *NR Satu*. We have filed a Judicial Review with the Supreme Court of Indonesia in February 2018 and we are awaiting the decision on the case. In the event that the revocation of the waiver is upheld by the Supreme Court and a liability arises, which we do not believe to be probable, we believe PTGI will be indemnified by PTNR for any VAT liability as well as related interest and penalties under our time charter party agreement entered into with them.

HMRC has been challenging us regarding the use of UK lease structure relating to the *Methane Princess*. We have reviewed the details of the case and the basis of the judgment with our legal and tax advisers to ascertain what impact, if any, the judgment may have on us and the possible range of exposure has been estimated at approximately \$nil to \$30 million (£22.5 million). Golar has agreed to indemnify us against any liabilities incurred as a consequence of a successful challenge by the UK Revenue Authorities with regard to the initial tax basis of the *Methane Princess* lease and in relation to other vessels previously financed by UK tax leases. Golar are currently in conversation with HMRC on this matter, presenting the factual background of Golar's position.

For further details, please refer to Note 25 “Other Commitments and Contingencies” to our Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Our Cash Distribution Policy

Rationale for Our Cash Distribution Policy

Our cash distribution policy reflects a judgment that our unitholders will be better served by our distributing our cash available (after deducting expenses, including estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures and reserves) rather than retaining it. Because we believe we will generally finance any expansion capital expenditures from external financing sources, we believe that our investors are best served by our distributing all of our available cash. Our cash distribution policy is consistent with the terms of our partnership agreement, which requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly (after deducting expenses, including estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures and reserves).

Limitations on Cash Distributions and Our Ability to Change Our Cash Distribution Policy

There is no guarantee that unitholders will receive quarterly distributions from us. Our distribution policy is subject to certain restrictions and may be changed at any time, including:

- Our unitholders have no contractual or other legal right to receive distributions other than the obligation under our partnership agreement to distribute available cash on a quarterly basis, which is subject to the broad discretion of our board of directors to establish reserves and other limitations.
- We will be subject to restrictions on distributions under our financing arrangements. Our financing arrangements contain material financial tests and covenants that must be satisfied in order to pay distributions. If we are unable to satisfy the restrictions included in any of our financing arrangements or are otherwise in default under any of those agreements, it could have a material adverse effect on our ability to make cash distributions to our unitholders, notwithstanding our stated cash distribution policy.
- We are required to make substantial capital expenditures to maintain and replace our fleet. These expenditures may fluctuate significantly over time, particularly as our vessels near the end of their useful lives. In order to minimize these fluctuations, our partnership agreement requires us to deduct estimated, as opposed to actual, maintenance and replacement capital expenditures from the amount of cash that we would otherwise have available for distribution to our unitholders. In years when estimated maintenance and replacement capital expenditures are higher than actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures, the amount of cash available for distribution to unitholders will be lower than if actual maintenance and replacement capital expenditures were deducted.
- Although our partnership agreement requires us to distribute all of our available cash, our partnership agreement, including provisions contained therein requiring us to make cash distributions, may be amended. Our partnership agreement can be amended with the approval of a majority of the outstanding common units. As of April 6, 2018, Golar owned our general partner and 30.4% of our common units.
- Even if our cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions we pay under our cash distribution policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by our board of directors, taking into consideration the terms of our partnership agreement.
- Under Section 51 of the Marshall Islands Act, we may not make a distribution to unitholders if the distribution would cause our liabilities to exceed the fair value of our assets.
- PTGI is subject to restrictions on distributions under Indonesian laws due to its formation under the laws of Indonesia. Under Article 71.3 of the Indonesian Company Law (Law No. 40 of 2007), dividend distributions may be made only if PTGI has positive retained earnings. For the year ended December 31, 2017, PTGI paid \$1.2 million of dividends to PT Pesona.
- We may lack sufficient cash to pay distributions to our unitholders due to decreases in total operating revenues, decreases in hire rates, the loss of a vessel (including, without limitation, through a customer's exercise of its purchase option) or increases in operating or general and administrative expenses, principal and interest payments on outstanding debt, taxes, working capital requirements, maintenance and replacement capital expenditures or anticipated cash needs. Please read "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors" for a discussion of these factors.

Minimum Quarterly Distribution

Following the IDR Exchange in October 2016, as described under "—Incentive Distribution Rights," the minimum quarterly distribution per unit was increased to \$0.5775. There is no guarantee that we will pay the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units in any quarter. Even if our cash distribution policy is not modified or revoked, the amount of distributions paid under our policy and the decision to make any distribution is determined by our board of directors, taking into consideration the terms of our partnership agreement. We will be prohibited from making any distributions to unitholders if it would cause an event of default, or an event of default is then existing, under our financing arrangements. Please read "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Liquidity and Capital Resources" for a discussion of the restrictions contained in our credit facilities and lease arrangements that may restrict our ability to make distributions.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the aggregate amount of cash distributions paid was \$161.1 million.

In February 2018, we paid a cash distribution of \$0.5775 per common and general partner units in respect of the three months ended December 31, 2017. The aggregate amount of the distribution was \$41.5 million.

Series A Preferred Units

Series A Preferred Units rank senior to our common units as to the payment of distribution. Distributions on Series A preferred units are payable out of amounts legally available therefor at an initial rate equal to 8.75% per annum of the stated liquidation preference. Distributions are payable quarterly in arrears on the 15th day of February, May, August and November of each year, when, as and if declared by our board of directors.

The first distribution on the Series A Preferred Units was paid on February 15, 2018 in an amount equal to \$0.63802 per unit, representing accumulated distributions from October 31, 2017, the original issuance date of the Series A Preferred Units through February 14, 2018. The aggregate amount of the distribution was \$3.5 million. Refer to Note 27 "Equity—Series A Preferred Units" to our consolidated financial statements.

Incentive Distribution Rights

Incentive distribution rights represent the right to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels have been achieved. Our general partner and Golar currently hold the incentive distribution rights. The incentive distribution rights may be transferred separately from our general partner interest. Any transfer by our general partner of the incentive distribution rights would not change the percentage allocations of quarterly distributions with respect to such rights.

On October 19, 2016 (the "IDR Exchange Closing Date"), pursuant to the terms of an Exchange Agreement (the "Exchange Agreement"), dated as of October 13, 2016, by and between the Partnership, Golar and our general partner, Golar and our general partner exchanged all of their incentive distribution rights in the Partnership ("Old IDRs") for (i) the issuance by us on the IDR Exchange Closing Date of a new class of incentive distribution rights in the Partnership ("New IDRs"), (ii) an aggregate of 2,994,364 additional common units and an aggregate of 61,109 additional general partner units and (iii) the issuance in the future of an aggregate of up to 748,592 additional common units and up to 15,278 additional general partner units (collectively, the "Earn-Out Units") that may be issued subject to certain conditions described below.

As of November 14, 2017 we had paid a distribution of available cash from operating surplus equal to \$0.5775 per common unit in respect of each of the quarterly periods ended December 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017. Accordingly, we issued 50% of the Earn-Out Units—374,295 common units and 7,639 general partner units—to Golar and the general partner, respectively. The remaining Earn-Out Units will be issued if we pay a distribution of available cash from operating surplus equal to \$0.5775 per common unit in the periods ending December 31, 2017, March 31, 2018, June 30, 2018 and September 30, 2018. See Note 27 "Equity—Exchange of Incentive Distribution Rights" to our consolidated financial statements.

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The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of the additional available cash from operating surplus among the common unitholders, our general partner and the holders of the incentive distribution rights up to the various target distribution levels under the New IDRs. The amounts set forth under “Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions” are the percentage interests of the common unitholders, our general partner and the holders of the incentive distribution rights in any available cash from operating surplus we distribute up to and including the corresponding amount in the column “Total Quarterly Distribution Target Amount” until available cash from operating surplus we distribute reaches the next target distribution level, if any. The percentage interests shown for the unitholders, our general partner and the holders of the incentive distribution rights for the minimum quarterly distribution are also applicable to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the minimum quarterly distribution. The percentage interests shown for our general partner include its 2.0% general partner interest only and assume that our general partner has contributed any capital necessary to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest.

	Total Quarterly Distribution Target Amount	Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions		
		Common Unitholders	General Partner	IDR Holders
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$0.5775	98%	2%	0%
First Target Distribution	Up to \$0.6641	98%	2%	0%
Second Target Distribution	Above \$0.6641 up to \$0.7219	85%	2%	13%
Third Target Distribution	Above \$0.7219 up to \$0.8663	75%	2%	23%
Thereafter	Above \$0.8663	50%	2%	48%

B. Significant Changes

Not applicable.

Item 9. The Offer and Listing

C. Markets

Our common units started trading on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “GMLP” on April 8, 2011.

The following table sets forth the high and low prices for the common units on the Nasdaq since the date of listing for the periods indicated.

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	High	Low
Year ended December 31, 2017	\$ 25.82	\$ 18.77
Year ended December 31, 2016	\$ 24.76	\$ 8.02
Year ended December 31, 2015	\$ 32.28	\$ 7.55
Year ended December 31, 2014	\$ 39.35	\$ 26.54
Year ended December 31, 2013	\$ 36.00	\$ 27.55
Second quarter 2018 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17.78	\$ 16.78
First quarter 2018	\$ 23.46	\$ 16.82
Fourth quarter 2017	\$ 23.33	\$ 19.62
Third quarter 2017	\$ 23.28	\$ 19.61
Second quarter 2017	\$ 23.49	\$ 18.77
First quarter 2017	\$ 25.82	\$ 21.25
Fourth quarter 2016	\$ 24.76	\$ 18.32
Third quarter 2016	\$ 20.60	\$ 17.38
Second quarter 2016	\$ 19.93	\$ 14.00
First quarter 2016	\$ 16.63	\$ 8.02
Month ended April 30, 2018 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 17.78	\$ 16.78
Month ended March 31, 2018	\$ 19.76	\$ 16.82
Month ended February 28, 2018	\$ 22.23	\$ 18.49
Month ended January 31, 2018	\$ 23.46	\$ 21.77
Month ended December 31, 2017	\$ 23.32	\$ 19.62
Month ended November 30, 2017	\$ 22.27	\$ 19.72
Month ended October 31, 2017	\$ 23.33	\$ 21.58

⁽¹⁾ For the period from April 1, 2018 through April 6, 2018 .

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Our Series A Preferred Units started trading on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “GMLPP” on October 26, 2017. The following table sets forth the high and low prices for the Series A Preferred Units on the Nasdaq since the date of listing for the periods indicated.

	High	Low
Year ended December 31, 2017	\$ 26.05	\$ 24.68
Second quarter 2018 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 25.45	\$ 25.19
First quarter 2018	\$ 26.70	\$ 25.00
Fourth quarter 2017	\$ 26.05	\$ 24.68
Month ended April 30, 2018 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 25.45	\$ 25.19
Month ended March 31, 2018	\$ 25.60	\$ 25.09
Month ended February 28, 2018	\$ 26.70	\$ 25.00
Month ended January 31, 2018	\$ 26.53	\$ 25.59
Month ended December 31, 2017	\$ 26.05	\$ 25.06
Month ended November 30, 2017	\$ 25.53	\$ 24.92
Month ended October 31, 2017	\$ 25.50	\$ 24.68

⁽¹⁾ For the period from April 1, 2018 through April 6, 2018 .

Item 10. Additional Information**A. Share Capital**

Not applicable.

B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

The information required to be disclosed under Item 10B is incorporated by reference to (i) our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on October 31, 2017 and (ii) our Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the SEC on November 13, 2017.

C. Material Contracts

The following is a summary of each material contract (other than material contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business), to which we or any of our subsidiaries is a party, for the two years immediately preceding the date of this Annual Report:

1. Omnibus Agreement dated April 13, 2011, by and among Golar LNG Ltd., Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar Energy Limited. See “Item 7—Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions” for a summary of certain contract terms.
2. Amendment No. 1 to Omnibus Agreement, dated October 5, 2011 by and among Golar LNG Ltd., Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar Energy Limited. See “Item 7—Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions” for a summary of certain contract terms.
3. Purchase, Sale and Contribution Agreement, dated November 1, 2012, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar Partners Operating LLC and Golar LNG Ltd, providing for, among other things, the acquisition of the *Golar Grand* for a purchase price of \$265.0 million for the vessel plus working capital adjustments of \$2.6 million less the assumed capital lease obligations of \$90.8 million.

4. \$175 million Facility Agreement, dated December 14, 2012, by and among a group of banks as the lender and PT Golar Indonesia as the borrower. PT Golar Indonesia, the company that owns and operates the FSRU, *NR Satu*, entered into a 7 year secured loan facility. The total facility amount is \$175 million and is split into two tranches, a \$155 million term loan facility and a \$20 million revolving facility. The facility is with a syndicate of banks and bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3.5%. The loan is payable on a quarterly basis with a final balloon payment of \$52.5 million payable after 7 years. See Note 20 “Debt—NR Satu Facility” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
5. Bond Agreement dated October 11, 2012 between Golar LNG Partners LP and Norsk Tillitsmann ASA as bond trustee. We completed the issuance of NOK 1,300 million senior unsecured bonds in October 2017. The bonds bore interest at a rate equal to 3 months NIBOR plus a margin of 5.20% payable quarterly. See Note 20 “Debt—Repayment of High-Yield Bonds” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
6. Purchase, Sale and Contribution Agreement, dated December 5, 2013, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar Partners Operating LLC and Golar LNG Ltd., providing for the acquisition of the *Golar Igloo* for a purchase price of approximately \$310.0 million less assumed debt of \$161.3 million plus the fair value of the interest rate swap asset of \$3.6 million and net working capital adjustments.
7. The Purchase, Sale and Contribution Agreement dated December 15, 2014, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar Partners Operating LLC and Golar LNG Ltd., providing for, among other things, the acquisition of the *Golar Eskimo* for a purchase price of \$330.0 million for the vessel plus \$9.0 million of working capital adjustments less assumed bank debt of \$108.0 million. See Note 10 “Business Combination” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
8. Time charter party agreement by and between Golar Grand Corporation and Golar Trading Corporation, with respect to the *Golar Grand*, dated as of May 27, 2015. See Note 24 “Related Party Transactions” to our Consolidated Financial Statements for a summary of certain terms.
9. Bond Agreement dated May 20, 2015 between Golar LNG Partners LP and Nordic Trustee ASA as bond trustee. See Note 20 “Debt—2015 Norwegian Bonds” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
10. Purchase and Sale Agreement made by and between Golar LNG Limited and Golar Partners Operating LLC, dated February 10, 2016 with respect to the acquisition of the *Golar Tundra*. See Item 5 “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018—Tundra Acquisition”.
11. Bareboat charter, Memorandum of Agreement and Common Terms Agreements, by and among Golar Eskimo Corp, and a subsidiary of China Merchants Bank Limited (Eskimo SPV), dated November 4, 2015, providing for the sale and leaseback of the *Golar Eskimo*. See Note 5 “Variable Interest Entities—Eskimo Corp” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
12. Bareboat charter, Memorandum of Agreement and Common Terms Agreements, by and among Golar LNG NB13 Corporation, and a subsidiary of China Merchants Bank Limited (Tundra SPV), dated November 19, 2015, providing for the sale and leaseback of the *Golar Tundra*. See Item 5 “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018—Tundra Acquisition”.
13. Supplemental Agreement by and among Golar LNG NB13 Corporation, Golar LNG Limited, Golar LNG Partners LP and a subsidiary of China Merchants Bank Limited (Tundra SPV), dated April 28, 2016, as supplement to the Bareboat charter, Memorandum of Agreement and Common Terms Agreements dated November 19, 2015. See Item 5 “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018—Tundra Acquisition”.
14. Letter Agreement dated May 17, 2016, the Second Letter Amendment dated September 26, 2016 and the Third Letter Agreement dated May 30, 2017, by and between Golar Partners Operating LLC and Golar LNG Limited. See Item 5 “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—Significant Developments in 2017 and Early 2018—Tundra Acquisition” and Note 24 “Related Party Transactions” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
15. Facilities Agreement for an \$800 million senior secured amortizing term loan and revolving credit facility, dated April 27, 2016, the First Supplemental Letter to Facilities Agreement, dated April 27, 2016, the Second Supplemental Letter to Facilities Agreement, dated May 22, 2017, the Third Supplemental Letter to Facilities Agreement, dated June 29, 2017 and the Fourth Supplemental Letter to Facilities Agreement, dated January 16, 2018, by and among Golar Partners Operating LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Nordea Bank Norge ASA, as agent and security agent and the other parties thereto. See Note 20 “Debt—\$800 million credit facility” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.

16. Omnibus Agreement dated June 19, 2016, by and among Golar LNG Ltd., Golar Power Limited, Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar Partners Operating LLC. See “Item 7—Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions” for a summary of certain contract terms.
17. Management and Administrative Services Agreement between Golar LNG Partners LP and Golar Management Limited, dated April 1, 2016, as amended. See “Item 7—Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions” for a summary of certain contract terms.
18. Exchange Agreement by and among Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar LNG Limited, dated October 13, 2016. See Note 27 “Equity—Exchange of Incentive Distribution Rights” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
19. Bond Agreement dated February 10, 2017 between Golar LNG Partners LP and Nordic Trustee ASA as bond trustee. See Note 20 “Debt—2017 Norwegian Bonds” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.
20. Purchase and Sale Agreement by and among Golar LNG Limited, KS Investments Pte. Ltd., Black & Veatch International Company and Golar Partners Operating LLC, dated August 15, 2017, as amended relating to acquisition of interest in Hilli LLC. See “Item 7—Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions—B. Related Party Transactions” for a summary of certain contract terms.
21. Deed of Guarantee by Golar LNG Partners LP in favor of Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited in respect of the obligations of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation, dated as of November 19, 2015. See “Item 7-Major Unitholders and Related Party Transactions-B. Related Party Transactions.”
22. Indemnity Letter, dated as of October 17, 2017, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP and Golar LNG Limited, pursuant to which Golar LNG Limited agreed to indemnify Golar LNG Partners LP for any liabilities that may arise in connection with its deficiency guarantee of the obligations of Golar Tundra Corp to Golar LNG NB13 Corporation under the sale leaseback arrangement relating to the Golar Tundra. See Note 24 “Related Party Transactions” to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of certain terms.

D. Exchange Controls

We are not aware of any governmental laws, decrees or regulations, including foreign exchange controls, in the Republic of The Marshall Islands that restrict the export or import of capital, or that affect the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders of our securities.

We are not aware of any limitations on the right of non-resident or foreign owners to hold or vote our securities imposed by the laws of the Republic of The Marshall Islands or our partnership agreement.

E. Taxation

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to prospective unitholders. This discussion is based upon provisions of the Code, Treasury Regulations, and current administrative rulings and court decisions, all as in effect or existence on the date of this Annual Report and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences of unit ownership to vary substantially from the consequences described below. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to “we,” “our” or “us” are references to Golar LNG Partners LP.

The following discussion applies only to beneficial owners of common units or Series A Preferred Units that own the units as “capital assets” within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (i.e., generally, for investment purposes) and is not intended to be applicable to all categories of investors, such as unitholders subject to special tax rules (e.g., financial institutions, insurance companies, broker-dealers, tax-exempt organizations, retirement plans or individual retirement accounts or former citizens or long-term residents of the United States), persons who hold the units as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, constructive sale or other integrated transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or persons that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar, each of whom may be subject to tax rules that differ significantly from those summarized below. If a partnership or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds our common units or Series A Preferred Units, the tax treatment of its partners generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Unitholders who are partners in a partnership holding our common units or Series A Preferred Units should consult a tax advisor regarding the tax consequences to them of the partnership’s ownership of such units.

No ruling has been or will be requested from the IRS regarding any matter affecting us or our unitholders. The statements made herein may be challenged by the IRS and, if so challenged, may not be sustained upon review in a court.

This discussion does not contain information regarding any U.S. state or local, estate, gift or alternative minimum tax considerations concerning the ownership or disposition of common units or Series A Preferred Units. This discussion does not comment on all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to particular unitholders in light of their individual circumstances, and each prospective unitholder is urged to consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and other tax consequences of the ownership or disposition of common units or Series A Preferred Units.

Election to be Treated as a Corporation

We have elected to be treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Consequently, among other things, U.S. Holders (as defined below) will not be directly subject to U.S. federal income tax on our income, but rather will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on distributions received from us and dispositions of units as described below.

U.S. Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders

As used herein, the term “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of our common units or Series A Preferred Units that owns (actually or constructively) less than 10.0% of our equity and that is:

- an individual U.S. citizen or resident (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes),
- a corporation (or other entity that is classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) organized under the laws of the United States or any of its political subdivisions,
- an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or
- a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) the trust has a valid election in effect to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Distributions

Subject to the discussion below of the rules applicable to PFICs, any distributions to a U.S. Holder made by us with respect to our Series A Preferred Units generally will constitute dividends to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles, allocated to our Series A Preferred Units, and any distributions to a U.S. Holder made by us with respect to our common units generally will constitute dividends to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles, allocated to our common units. Distributions in excess of our earnings and profits allocated to our Series A Preferred Units or common units, as applicable, will be treated first as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s tax basis in its Series A Preferred Units or common units and, thereafter, as capital gain. U.S. Holders that are corporations generally will not be entitled to claim a dividends received deduction with respect to distributions they receive from us because we are not a U.S. corporation. Dividends received with respect to our common units or Series A Preferred Units generally will be treated as “passive category income” for purposes of computing allowable foreign tax credits for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Dividends received with respect to our common units or Series A Preferred Units by a U.S. Holder that is an individual, trust or estate (or a U.S. Individual Holder) generally will be treated as “qualified dividend income,” which is currently taxable to such U.S. Individual Holder at preferential capital gain tax rates provided that: (i) our common units or Series A Preferred Units, as applicable, are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States (such as The Nasdaq Global Market on which our common units and Series A Preferred Units are traded); (ii) we are not a PFIC for the taxable year during which the dividend is paid or the immediately preceding taxable year (which we do not believe we are, have been or will be, as discussed below under “-PFIC Status and Significant Tax Consequences”); (iii) the U.S. Individual Holder has owned the common units or Series A Preferred Units for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the date on which such common units or Series A Preferred Units, as applicable become ex-dividend (and has not entered into certain risk limiting transactions with respect to such units, as); and (iv) the U.S. Individual Holder is not under an obligation to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property. There is no assurance that any dividends paid on our common units or Series A Preferred Units will be eligible for these preferential rates in the hands of a U.S. Individual Holder, and any dividends paid on our common units or Series A Preferred Units that are not eligible for these preferential rates will be taxed as ordinary income to a U.S. Individual Holder.

Special rules may apply to any amounts received in respect of our common units or Series A Preferred Units that are treated as “extraordinary dividends.” In general, an extraordinary dividend is a dividend with respect to a common unit that is equal to or in excess of 10.0% of the unitholder’s adjusted tax basis (or fair market value upon the unitholder’s election) in such

common unit, and a dividend with respect to a Series A Preferred Unit that is equal to or in excess of 5.0% of the unitholder's adjusted tax basis (or fair market value upon the unitholder's election) in such preferred unit. In addition, extraordinary dividends include dividends received within a one year period that, in the aggregate, equal or exceed 20.0% of a unitholder's adjusted tax basis (or fair market value). If we pay an "extraordinary dividend" on our common units or Series A Preferred Units that is treated as "qualified dividend income," then any loss recognized by a U.S. Individual Holder from the sale or exchange of such units will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of the amount of such dividend.

Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income

Certain U.S. Holders, including individuals, estates and trusts, will be subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on, among other things, dividends and capital gains from the sale or other disposition of equity interests. For individuals, the additional Medicare tax applies to the lesser of (i) "net investment income" or (ii) the excess of "modified adjusted gross income" over \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married and filing jointly or \$125,000 if married and filing separately). "Net investment income" generally equals the taxpayer's gross investment income reduced by deductions that are allocable to such income. Unitholders should consult their tax advisors regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from their ownership and disposition of our units.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition

Subject to the discussion of PFIC status below, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of our common units or Series A Preferred Units in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized by the U.S. Holder from such sale, exchange or other disposition and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in such common units or Series A Preferred Units. The U.S. Holder's initial tax basis in its units generally will be the U.S. Holder's purchase price for the units and that tax basis will be reduced (but not below zero) by the amount of any distributions on such units that are treated as non-taxable returns of capital, as discussed above under "—Distributions." Such gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period is greater than one year at the time of the sale, exchange or other disposition. Certain U.S. Holders (including individuals) may be eligible for preferential rates of U.S. federal income tax in respect of long-term capital gains. A U.S. Holder's ability to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations. Such capital gain or loss generally will be treated as U.S. source income or loss, as applicable, for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes.

PFIC Status and Significant Tax Consequences

Adverse U.S. federal income tax rules apply to a U.S. Holder that owns an equity interest in a non-U.S. corporation that is classified as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, we will be treated as a PFIC with respect to a U.S. Holder if, for any taxable year in which the holder held our units, either:

- at least 75.0% of our gross income (including the gross income of our vessel-owning subsidiaries) for such taxable year consists of passive income (*e.g.* , dividends, interest, capital gains from the sale or exchange of investment property, and rents derived other than in the active conduct of a rental business); or
- at least 50.0% of the average value of the assets held by us (including the assets of our vessel-owning subsidiaries) during such taxable year produce, or are held for the production of, passive income.

Income earned, or treated as earned (for U.S. federal income tax purposes), by us in connection with the performance of services would not constitute passive income for PFIC purposes. By contrast, rental income generally would constitute "passive income" unless we were treated as deriving that rental income in the active conduct of a trade or business under the applicable rules.

Based on our current and projected method of operation, we believe that we were not a PFIC for any prior taxable year, and we expect that we will not be treated as a PFIC for the current or any future taxable year. We believe that more than 25.0% of our gross income for each taxable year was or will be nonpassive income and more than 50.0% of the average value of our assets for each such year was or will be held for the production of such nonpassive income. This belief is based on certain valuation and projections regarding our assets, income, charters and other commercial agreements, and its validity is conditioned on the accuracy of such valuations and projections. While we believe such valuations and projections to be accurate, the shipping market is volatile and no assurance can be given that they will continue to be accurate at any time in the future.

Moreover, there are legal uncertainties involved in determining whether the income derived from time-chartering activities constitutes rental income or income derived from the performance of services. While there is legal authority supporting our conclusions, including IRS pronouncements concerning the characterization of income derived from time charters as services income, the Fifth Circuit held in *Tidewater Inc. v. United States* , 565 F.3d 299 (5th Cir. 2009) that income derived from certain marine time charter agreements should be treated as rental income rather than services income for purposes of a "foreign sales

corporation” provision of the Code. In that case, the Fifth Circuit did not address the definition of passive income or the PFIC rules; however, the reasoning of the case could have implications as to how the income from a time charter would be classified under such rules. If the reasoning of this case were extended to the PFIC context, the gross income we derive or are deemed to derive from our time chartering activities may be treated as rental income, and we would likely be treated as a PFIC. The IRS has announced its nonacquiescence with the court’s holding in the *Tidewater* case and, at the same time, announced the position of the IRS that the marine time charter agreements at issue in that case should be treated as service contracts.

Distinguishing between arrangements treated as generating rental income and those treated as generating services income involves weighing and balancing competing factual considerations, and there is no legal authority under the PFIC rules addressing our specific method of operation. Conclusions in this area therefore remain matters of interpretation. We are not seeking a ruling from the IRS on the treatment of income generated from our time chartering operations. Thus, it is possible that the IRS or a court could disagree with our position. In addition, although we intend to conduct our affairs in a manner to avoid being classified as a PFIC with respect to any taxable year, we cannot assure unitholders that the nature of our operations will not change in the future and that we will not become a PFIC in any future taxable year.

As discussed more fully below, if we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year (and regardless of whether we remain a PFIC for subsequent taxable years), a U.S. Holder would be subject to different taxation rules depending on whether the U.S. Holder makes an election to treat us as a “Qualified Electing Fund,” which we refer to as a “QEF election.” As an alternative to making a QEF election, a U.S. Holder should be able to make a “mark-to-market” election with respect to our units, as discussed below. If we are a PFIC, a U.S. Holder will be subject to the PFIC rules described herein with respect to any of our subsidiaries that are PFICs. However, the mark-to-market election discussed below will likely not be available with respect to shares of such PFIC subsidiaries. In addition, if a U.S. Holder owns our units during any taxable year that we are a PFIC, such holder must file an annual report with the IRS.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Making a Timely QEF Election

If a U.S. Holder makes a timely QEF election (or an Electing Holder), then, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that holder must report as income for its taxable year its pro rata share of our ordinary earnings and net capital gain, if any, for our taxable years that end with or within the taxable year for which that holder is reporting, regardless of whether or not the Electing Holder received distributions from us in that year. The Electing Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the common units or Series A Preferred Units will be increased to reflect such taxed but undistributed earnings and profits. Distributions of earnings and profits that were previously taxed will result in a corresponding reduction in the Electing Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the common units or Series A Preferred Units and will not be taxed again once distributed. An Electing Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common units or Series A Preferred Units. A U.S. Holder makes a QEF election with respect to any year that we are a PFIC by filing IRS Form 8621 with its U.S. federal income tax return. If contrary to our expectations, we determine that we are treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, we will provide each U.S. Holder with the information necessary to make the QEF election described above.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Making a “Mark-to-Market” Election

If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year and, as we anticipate, our common units or Series A Preferred Units were treated as “marketable stock,” then, as an alternative to making a QEF election, a U.S. Holder would be allowed to make a “mark-to-market” election with respect to our common units or Series A Preferred Units, as applicable, provided the U.S. Holder completes and files IRS Form 8621 in accordance with the relevant instructions and related Treasury Regulations. If that election is made, the U.S. Holder generally would include as ordinary income in each taxable year the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the U.S. Holder’s common units or Series A Preferred Units at the end of the taxable year over the holder’s adjusted tax basis in such units. The U.S. Holder also would be permitted an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the units over the fair market value thereof at the end of the taxable year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. A U.S. Holder’s tax basis in its units would be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss recognized. Gain recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of our common units or Series A Preferred Units would be treated as ordinary income, and any loss recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the common units or Series A Preferred Units, as applicable would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent that such loss does not exceed the net mark-to-market gains previously included in income by the U.S. Holder. Because the mark-to-market election only applies to marketable stock, however, it would not apply to a U.S. Holder’s indirect interest in any of our subsidiaries that were determined to be PFICs.

Taxation of U.S. Holders Not Making a Timely QEF or Mark-to-Market Election

If we were to be treated as a PFIC for any taxable year, a U.S. Holder that does not make either a QEF election or a “mark-to-market” election for that year (or a Non-Electing Holder) would be subject to special rules resulting in increased tax

liability with respect to (1) any excess distribution (i.e., the portion of any distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder on our common units or Series A Preferred Units in a taxable year in excess of 125.0% of the average annual distributions received by the Non-Electing Holder in the three preceding taxable years, or, if shorter, the Non-Electing Holder's holding period for the units), and (2) any gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of such units. Under these special rules:

- the excess distribution or gain would be allocated ratably over the Non-Electing Holder's aggregate holding period for the common units or Series A Preferred Units;
- the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any taxable year prior to the taxable year we were first treated as a PFIC with respect to the Non-Electing Holder would be taxed as ordinary income; and
- the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years would be subject to tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable class of taxpayers for that year, and an interest charge for the deemed deferral benefit would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year.

These penalties would not apply to a qualified pension, profit sharing or other retirement trust or other tax-exempt organization that did not borrow money or otherwise utilize leverage in connection with its acquisition of our common units or Series A Preferred Units. If we were treated as a PFIC for any taxable year and a Non-Electing Holder who is an individual dies while owning our common units or Series A Preferred Units, such holder's successor generally would not receive a step-up in tax basis with respect to such units.

U.S. Federal Income Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders

A beneficial owner of our common or Series A Preferred Units (other than a partnership or an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. Holder is referred to as a Non-U.S. Holder. Unitholders who are partners in a partnership (or an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holding our common units or Series A Preferred Units should consult a tax advisor regarding the tax consequences to them of the partnership's ownership of such units.

Distributions

Distributions we pay to a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax if the Non-U.S. Holder is not engaged in a U.S. trade or business. If the Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a U.S. trade or business, our distributions will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the same manner as a U.S. Holder to the extent they constitute income effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. trade or business. The after-tax amount of any effectively connected dividends received by a corporate Non-U.S. Holder may also be subject to an additional U.S. branch profits tax at a 30% rate (or, if applicable, a lower treaty rate). However, distributions paid to a Non-U.S. Holder that is engaged in a trade or business may be exempt from taxation under an income tax treaty if the income arising from the distribution is not attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder.

Disposition of Units

In general, a Non-U.S. Holder is not subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax on any gain resulting from the disposition of our common units or Series A Preferred Units provided the Non-U.S. Holder is not engaged in a U.S. trade or business. A Non-U.S. Holder that is engaged in a U.S. trade or business will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the same manner as a U.S. Holder in the event the gain from the disposition of units is effectively connected with the conduct of such U.S. trade or business (provided, in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder entitled to the benefits of an income tax treaty with the United States, such gain also is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment). However, even if not engaged in a U.S. trade or business, individual Non-U.S. Holders may be subject to tax on gain resulting from the disposition of our common units or Series A Preferred Units if they are present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year in which those units are disposed and meet certain other requirements.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, payments to a non-corporate U.S. Holder of distributions or the proceeds of a disposition of our common units or Series A Preferred Units will be subject to information reporting. These payments to a non-corporate U.S. Holder also may be subject to backup withholding if the non-corporate U.S. Holder:

- fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number;
- is notified by the IRS that it has failed to report all interest or corporate distributions required to be reported on its U.S. federal income tax returns; or
- in certain circumstances, fails to comply with applicable certification requirements.

Non-U.S. Holders may be required to establish their exemption from information reporting and backup withholding by certifying their status on IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECL, W-8EXP or W-8IMY, as applicable.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, a unitholder generally may obtain a credit for any amount withheld against its liability for U.S. federal income tax (and obtain a refund of any amounts withheld in excess of such liability) by timely filing a U.S. federal income tax return with the IRS.

In addition, individual citizens or residents of the United States holding certain “foreign financial assets” (which generally includes stock and other securities issued by a foreign person unless held in account maintained by a financial institution) that exceed certain thresholds (the lowest being holding foreign financial assets with an aggregate value in excess of: (1) \$50,000 on the last day of the tax year or (2) \$75,000 at any time during the tax year) are required to report information relating to such assets. Significant penalties may apply for failure to satisfy the reporting obligations described above. Unitholders should consult their tax advisors regarding their reporting obligations, if any, that would result from their purchase, ownership or disposition of our units.

Non-United States Tax Considerations

Marshall Islands Tax Consequences

The following discussion is based upon the current laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands applicable to persons who do not reside in, maintain offices in or engage in business in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

We and certain of our subsidiaries are incorporated in the Marshall Islands. Under current Marshall Islands law, we are not subject to tax on income or capital gains, and no Marshall Islands withholding tax will be imposed upon payments of dividends by us to unitholders that are not residents or domiciled or carrying any commercial activity in the Marshall Islands, nor will such unitholders be subject to any Marshall Islands taxation on the sale or other disposition of our units.

United Kingdom Tax Consequences

The following is a discussion of the material United Kingdom tax consequences that may be relevant to prospective unitholders who are persons not resident for tax purposes in the United Kingdom (*non-UK Holders*).

Prospective unitholders who are resident in the United Kingdom are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential United Kingdom tax consequences to them of an investment in our units. For this purpose, a company incorporated outside of the United Kingdom will be treated as resident in the United Kingdom in the event its central management and control is carried out in the United Kingdom.

The discussion that follows is based upon existing United Kingdom legislation and current H.M. Revenue & Customs practice as of the date of this Annual Report. Changes in these authorities may cause the tax consequences to vary substantially from the consequences of unit ownership described below. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this section to “we”, “our”, or “us” are references to Golar LNG Partners LP.

Taxation of Non-UK Holders

Under the United Kingdom Tax Acts, non-UK holders will not be subject to any United Kingdom taxes on income or profits (including chargeable (capital) gains) in respect of the acquisition, holding, disposition or redemption of the units, provided that:

- we are not treated as carrying on a trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom;
- such holders do not have a branch or agency or permanent establishment in the United Kingdom to which such units pertain; and
- such holders do not use or hold and are not deemed or considered to use or hold their units in the course of carrying on a trade, profession or vocation in the United Kingdom.

A non-United Kingdom resident company or an individual not resident in the United Kingdom that carries on a business in the United Kingdom through a partnership is subject to United Kingdom tax on income derived from the business carried on by the partnership in the United Kingdom. Nonetheless, we expect to conduct our affairs in such a manner that we will not be treated as carrying on business in the United Kingdom. Consequently, we expect that non-UK Holders will not be considered to be carrying on business in the United Kingdom for the purposes of the United Kingdom Tax Acts solely by reason of the acquisition, holding, disposition or redemption of their units.

While we do not expect it to be the case, if the arrangements we propose to enter into result in our being considered to carry on business in the United Kingdom for the purposes of the United Kingdom Tax Acts, our unitholders would be considered to be carrying on business in the United Kingdom and would be required to file tax returns with the United Kingdom taxing authority and, subject to any relief provided in any relevant double taxation treaty (including, in the case of holders resident in the United States, the double taxation agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States), would be subject to taxation in the United Kingdom on any income and chargeable gains that are considered to be attributable to the business carried on by us in the United Kingdom.

EACH PROSPECTIVE UNITHOLDER IS URGED TO CONSULT HIS OWN TAX COUNSEL OR OTHER ADVISOR WITH REGARD TO THE LEGAL AND TAX CONSEQUENCES OF UNIT OWNERSHIP UNDER THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

G. Statements by Experts

Not applicable.

H. Documents on Display

Documents concerning us that are referred to herein may be inspected at our principal executive headquarters at 2nd Floor, S.E. Pearman Building, 9 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. Those documents electronically filed via the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval (or EDGAR) system may also be obtained from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, free of charge, or from the SEC's Public Reference Section at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC public reference rooms may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable.

Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to various market risks, including interest rate and foreign currency exchange risks. We enter into a variety of derivative instruments and contracts to maintain the desired level of exposure arising from these risks.

Our policy is to hedge our exposure to risks, where possible, within boundaries deemed appropriate by management.

A discussion of our accounting policies for derivative financial instruments is included in Note 2 "Significant Accounting Policies" to our consolidated financial statements. Further information on our exposure to market risk is included in Note 23 "Financial Instruments" to our consolidated financial statements.

The following analyses provide quantitative information regarding our exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk and interest rate risk. There are certain shortcomings inherent in the sensitivity analyses presented, primarily due to the assumption that exchange rates change in a parallel fashion and that interest rates change instantaneously.

Interest rate risk. A significant portion of our long-term debt is subject to adverse movements in interest rates. Our interest rate risk management policy permits economic hedge relationships in order to reduce the risk associated with adverse fluctuations in interest rates. We use interest rate swaps and fixed rate debt to manage the exposure to adverse movements in interest rates. Interest rate swaps are used to convert floating rate debt obligations to a fixed rate in order to achieve an overall desired position of fixed and floating rate debt. Credit exposures are monitored on a counterparty basis, with all new transactions subject to senior management approval.

Assuming a 1% increase in the interest rate (including the effect of interest rates under the related interest rate swap agreements) as applied against our floating rate debt balance as of December 31, 2017, this would increase our interest expense by \$1.2 million per annum. We have calculated our floating rate debt as the principal outstanding on our long-term bank debt and

net capital lease obligations (net of related restricted cash balances). For disclosure of the fair value of the derivatives and debt obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2017, please read Note 23 “Financial Instruments” to consolidated financial statements.

Foreign currency risk. A substantial amount of our transactions, assets and liabilities are denominated in currencies other than U.S. Dollars, such as Pound Sterling, in relation to the administrative expenses we will be charged by Golar Management in the UK and operating expenses incurred in a variety of foreign currencies and Brazilian Reais in respect of our Brazilian subsidiary which receives income and pays expenses in Brazilian Reais. Based on our Pound Sterling expenses for the year ended December 31, 2017, a 10% depreciation of the U.S. Dollar against Pound Sterling would have increased our expenses by approximately \$0.4 million. Based on our Brazilian Reais expenses for the year ended December 31, 2017, a 10% depreciation of the U.S. Dollar against the Brazilian Reais would have increased our net revenue and expenses by approximately \$0.7 million.

The base currency of the majority of our seafaring officers’ remuneration was the Euro, Indonesian Rupiah or Brazilian Reais. Based on the crew costs for the year ended December 31, 2017, a 10% depreciation of the U.S. Dollar against the Euro, Indonesian Rupiah and the Brazilian Reais would increase our crew cost by approximately \$2.4 million.

We are exposed to some extent in respect of the lease transaction entered into with respect to the *Methane Princess*, which is denominated in Pound Sterling, although it is hedged by the Pound Sterling cash deposit that secures the obligations under the lease. We use cash from the deposit to make payments in respect of the lease transaction entered into with respect to the *Methane Princess*. Gains or losses that we incur are unrealized unless we choose or are required to withdraw monies from or pay additional monies into the deposit securing this obligation. Among other things, movements in interest rates give rise to a requirement for us to adjust the amount of the Pound Sterling cash deposit. Based on this lease obligation and the related cash deposit as of December 31, 2017, a 10% appreciation in the U.S. Dollar against Pound Sterling would give rise to a foreign exchange movement of approximately \$0.9 million.

Item 12. Description of Securities Other than Equity Securities

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies

Not applicable.

Item 14. Material Modifications to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 15. Controls and Procedures

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Management assessed the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the end of the period covered by this annual report as of December 31, 2017. Based upon that evaluation, our principal executive, financial and accounting officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the evaluation date.

(b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 13a-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the following report is provided by management in respect of our internal control over financial reporting. As defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission, internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by our Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP and includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Partnership;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures of the Partnership are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Partnership; and
- 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.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our published consolidated financial statements for external purposes under GAAP.

In connection with the preparation of our annual consolidated financial statements, management has undertaken an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013), issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Management's assessment included an evaluation of the design of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and testing of the operational effectiveness of those controls. Based on this assessment, management has concluded and hereby reports that as of December 31, 2017, the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(c) Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

The effectiveness of the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017 has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears on page F-3 of our consolidated financial statements.

(d) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the period covered by this Annual Report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 16. [Reserved]**Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert**

Our board of directors has determined that Lori Wheeler Naess qualifies as an audit committee financial expert and is independent under applicable Nasdaq and SEC standards.

Item 16B. Code of Ethics

We have adopted the Golar LNG Partners LP Corporate Code of Business Ethics and Conduct that applies to all of our employees and our officers and directors. This document is available under the "Corporate Governance" tab in the "Investor Relations" section of our website (www.golarlngpartners.com). We intend to disclose, under this tab of our web site, any waivers to or amendments of the Golar LNG Partners LP Corporate Code of Business Ethics and Conduct for the benefit of any of our directors and executive officers.

Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

In 2017 and 2016, the fees incurred by the Partnership for Ernst & Young LLP's services were as follows:

	2017	2016
Audit Fees	\$ 1,010,092	\$ 901,748
Tax Fees	271,295	45,009
All Other Fees	391,873	—
	<u>\$ 1,673,260</u>	<u>\$ 946,757</u>

Audit Fees

Audit fees for 2017 and 2016 include fees related to aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant, for the audit of the Partnership's annual financial statements and services provided by the principal accountant, in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the two most recent fiscal years.

Total audit fees incurred with respect to Ernst & Young LLP were \$1.0 million and \$0.9 million for 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Tax Fees

Tax fees for 2017 and 2016 are the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

The Audit Committee has the authority to pre-approve permissible audit-related and non-audit services not prohibited by law to be performed by our independent auditors and associated fees. Engagements for proposed services either may be separately pre-approved by the audit committee or entered into pursuant to detailed pre-approval policies and procedures established by the audit committee, as long as the audit committee is informed on a timely basis of any engagement entered into on that basis. The audit committee separately pre-approved all engagements and fees paid to our principal accountant in 2017.

All Other Fees

All other fees are the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for other services that are not included in the scope of the current year audit or tax services as mentioned above. This majority of the balance comprises of advisory services provided during the year.

Item 16D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees

Not applicable.

Item 16E. Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

Not applicable.

Item 16F. Change in Registrants' Certifying Accountant

Not applicable.

Item 16G. Corporate Governance

Because we qualify as a foreign private issuer under SEC rules, we are permitted to follow the corporate governance practices of the Marshall Islands (the jurisdiction in which we are organized) in lieu of certain Nasdaq corporate governance requirements that would otherwise be applicable to us.

Nasdaq rules do not require a listed company that is a foreign private issuer to have a board of directors that is comprised of a majority of independent directors. Under Marshall Islands law, we are not required to have a board of directors comprised of a majority of directors meeting the independence standards described in Nasdaq rules. In addition, Nasdaq rules do not require limited partnerships like us to have boards of directors comprised of a majority of independent directors.

Nasdaq rules do not require foreign private issuers like us to establish a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee. Similarly, under Marshall Islands law, we are not required to have a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee. In addition, Nasdaq rules do not require limited partnerships like us to have a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee. Accordingly, we do not have a compensation committee or a nominating/corporate governance committee.

Item 16H. Mine Safety Disclosure

Not applicable.

PART III**Item 17. Financial Statements**

Not applicable.

Item 18. Financial Statements

The following financial statements, together with the related reports of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon, are filed as part of this Annual Report appearing on pages F-1 through F-50.

Item 19. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Annual Report:

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1**	Certificate of Limited Partnership of Golar LNG Partners LP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (Registration No. 333-173160))
1.2**	Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Golar LNG Partners LP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Form 6K filed on October 31, 2017)
2.1**	Long Term Incentive Plan, adopted May 30, 2016, providing to Employees, Consultants and Directors who perform services for the Partnership and its subsidiaries incentive compensation awards based on Units (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the registrant's Form S-8 filed on July 12, 2016)
2.2**	Exchange Agreement by and among Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar LNG Limited, dated October 13, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on October 19, 2016)
4.1**	Omnibus Agreement dated April 13, 2011, by and among Golar LNG Ltd., Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar Energy Limited (incorporated by reference to the Exhibits of the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 20-F for fiscal year ended December 31, 2011)
4.1(a)**	Amendment No. 1 to Omnibus Agreement, dated October 5, 2011 by and among Golar LNG Ltd., Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar Energy Limited (incorporated by reference to the Exhibits of the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 20-F for fiscal year ended December 31, 2011)
4.2**	First Amended and Restated Management and Administrative Services Agreement, effective as of July 1, 2011, between Golar LNG Partners LP and Golar Management Limited (incorporated by reference to the Exhibits of the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 20-F for fiscal year ended December 31, 2011)
4.3**	Form of Management Agreement with Golar Management Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (Registration No. 333-173160))
4.4**	\$175 million Facility Agreement, dated December 14, 2012, by and among a group of banks as the lender and PT Golar Indonesia as the borrower (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on February 5, 2013)
4.5**	Purchase, Sale and Contribution Agreement, dated December 5, 2013, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar Partners Operating LLC and Golar LNG Ltd., providing for, among other things, the acquisition of the <i>Golar Igloo</i> (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on December 10, 2013)
4.6**	Purchase, Sale and Contribution Agreement of the acquisition of the Golar Eskimo dated December 15, 2014 among Golar LNG Ltd, Golar LNG Partners LP and Golar Partners Operating LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on December 19, 2014)
4.7**	Bond Agreement dated May 20, 2015 between Golar LNG Partners LP and Nordic Trustee ASA as bond trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on May 26, 2015)
4.8**	Fourth Supplemental Deed to facility agreement, made by and among DNB Bank ASA (formerly known as DnB NOR Bank ASA), Citigroup Global Markets Limited and DVB Bank SE, London Branch, as the mandated lead arrangers, the other lenders party thereto, Golar LNG 2234 LLC, as borrower, and the other parties thereto, with respect to the Maria and Freeze refinancing (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on July 7, 2015)

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4.9**	Purchase and Sale Agreement made by and between Golar LNG Limited and Golar Partners Operating LLC, dated February 10, 2016 with respect to the acquisition of the Golar Tundra (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on February 2, 2016)
4.10**	Facilities Agreement for an \$800 million senior secured amortizing term loan and revolving credit facility, dated April 27, 2016, by and among Golar Partners Operating LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Nordea Bank Norge ASA, as agent and security agent and the other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.38 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on May 2, 2016)
4.11**	Bareboat charter by and between Golar Eskimo Corp and Sea 23 Leasing Co. Limited, dated November 4, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.39 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on May 2, 2016)
4.12**	Memorandum of Agreement by and between Golar Eskimo Corp and Sea 23 Leasing Co. Limited, dated November 4, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.40 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on May 2, 2016)
4.13**	Common Terms Agreements, by and between Golar Eskimo Corp and Sea 23 Leasing Co. Limited, dated November 4, 2015, providing for the sale and leaseback of the <i>Golar Eskimo</i> (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.41 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on May 2, 2016)
4.14**	Letter Agreement dated May 17, 2016, and Letter Agreement Amendment dated September 26, 2016, by and between Golar Partners Operating LLC and Golar LNG Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 and 4.9, respectively, to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on October 3, 2016)
4.15**	Bareboat charter by and between Golar LNG NB 13 Corporation and Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited, dated November 19, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on October 3, 2016)
4.16**	Memorandum of Agreement by and between Golar LNG NB 13 Corporation and Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited, dated November 19, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on October 3, 2016)
4.17**	Common Terms Agreements, by and between Golar LNG NB 13 Corporation and Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited, dated November 19, 2015, providing for the sale and leaseback of the <i>Golar Tundra</i> (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on October 3, 2016)
4.18**	Omnibus Agreement dated June 19, 2016, by and among Golar LNG Ltd., Golar Power Limited, Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar GP LLC and Golar Partners Operating LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.10 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on October 3, 2016)
4.19**	Supplemental Agreement dated April 28, 2016, by and among Golar LNG NB13 Corporation, Golar LNG Limited, Golar LNG Partners LP and a subsidiary of China Merchants Bank Limited (Tundra SPV) to the Bareboat charter, Memorandum of Agreement and Common Terms Agreements dated November 19, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on February 7, 2017)
4.20**	Management and Administrative Services Agreement between Golar LNG Partners LP and Golar Management Limited, dated April 1, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.39 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on May 1, 2017)
4.21**	Bond Agreement dated February 10, 2017 between Golar LNG Partners LP and Nordic Trustee ASA as bond trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.40 to the registrant's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed on May 1, 2017)
4.22**	Third Amendment to the Letter Agreement dated May 30, 2017, by and between Golar Partners Operating LLC and Golar LNG Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on June 29, 2017)
4.23**	First Supplemental Letter, dated April 27, 2016 to Facilities Agreement for an \$800 million senior secured amortizing term loan and revolving credit facility by and among Golar Partners Operating LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Nordea Bank Norge ASA, as agent and security agent and the other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on September 13, 2017)
4.24**	Second Supplemental Letter, dated May 22, 2017 to Facilities Agreement for an \$800 million senior secured amortizing term loan and revolving credit facility by and among Golar Partners Operating LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Nordea Bank Norge ASA, as agent and security agent and the other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on September 13, 2017)

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4.25**	Third Supplemental Letter, dated June 29, 2017, to Facilities Agreement for an \$800 million senior secured amortizing term loan and revolving credit facility by and among Golar Partners Operating LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Nordea Bank Norge ASA, as agent and security agent and the other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on September 13, 2017)
4.26**	Purchase and Sale Agreement by and among Golar LNG Limited, KS Investments Pte. Ltd., Black & Veatch International Company and Golar Partners Operating LLC, dated August 15, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the registrant's Report of Foreign Issuer on Form 6-K filed on September 13, 2017)
4.27*	Corporate Services Agreement by and between Golar LNG Partners and Golar Management (Bermuda) Limited, dated as of June 26, 2017
4.28*	Deed of Guarantee by Golar LNG Partners LP in favor of Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited in respect of the obligations of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation, dated as of November 19, 2015
4.29*	Indemnity Letter, dated as of October 17, 2017, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP and Golar LNG Limited
4.30*	Fourth Supplemental Letter to Facilities Agreement for an \$800 million senior secured amortizing term loan and revolving credit facility, dated January 16, 2018, by and among Golar Partners Operating LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Nordea Bank Norge ASA, as agent and security agent and the other parties thereto
4.31*	Amendment No. 1 to Management and Administrative Services Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2018, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP and Golar Management Limited
4.32*	Amendment No. 1 to Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2018, by and between Golar LNG Partners LP, Golar LNG Limited, KS Investments Pte. Ltd. And Black & Veatch International Company
4.33*	Supplemental Agreement to \$175 million Facility Agreement, dated March 29, 2018, by and PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui as the lender, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Singapore Branch as the agent, PT Golar Indonesia as the borrower and guaranteed by Golar LNG Partners LP
8.1*	Subsidiaries of Golar LNG Partners LP
12.1*	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Golar LNG Partners LP Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer
13.1*	Certification under Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer
15.1*	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Ernst & Young LLP.
101. INS	XBRL Instance Document
101. SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101. CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Calculation Linkbase
101. DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Definition Linkbase
101. LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Label Linkbase
101. PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Presentation Linkbase

* Filed herewith.

** Incorporated by reference.

SIGNATURES

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

By: /s/ Brian Tienzo

Name: Brian Tienzo

Title: Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer
and Principal Accounting Officer

Date: April 16, 2018

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Unitholders and the Board of Directors of Golar LNG Partners LP

Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Golar LNG Partners LP (the "Partnership") as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2017 and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Partnership at December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2017, 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) (PCAOB), the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated April 16, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Partnership's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Partnership's auditor since 2014.

London, United Kingdom

April 16, 2018

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Unitholders and the Board of Directors of Golar LNG Partners LP

Opinion on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited Golar LNG Partners LP's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Golar LNG Partners LP (the "Partnership") maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the 2017 consolidated financial statements of the Partnership and our report dated April 16, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Basis for Opinion

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 Annual 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 are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Partnership in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. 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, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

London, United Kingdom

April 16, 2018

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 , 2016 AND 2015

(in thousands of \$, except per unit amounts)

	Notes	2017	2016	2015
Operating revenues				
Time charter revenues	6	415,679	413,230	393,132
Time charter revenues from related parties	24	17,423	28,368	41,555
Total operating revenues		433,102	441,598	434,687
Operating expenses				
Vessel operating expenses	24	(68,278)	(59,886)	(65,244)
Voyage and commission expenses	24	(9,694)	(5,974)	(7,724)
Administrative expenses	24	(15,210)	(8,600)	(6,643)
Depreciation and amortization		(103,810)	(100,468)	(99,256)
Total operating expenses		(196,992)	(174,928)	(178,867)
Operating income		236,110	266,670	255,820
Other non-operating income		922	1,318	—
Financial income (expense)				
Interest income	24	7,804	4,295	1,315
Interest expense	24	(75,425)	(66,938)	(61,632)
Other financial items, net	7	(7,567)	(2,745)	(17,151)
Net financial expenses		(75,188)	(65,388)	(77,468)
Income before income taxes		161,844	202,600	178,352
Income taxes	8	(16,996)	(16,858)	(5,669)
Net income		144,848	185,742	172,683
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		(15,568)	(13,571)	(10,547)
Net income attributable to Golar LNG Partners LP Owners		129,280	172,171	162,136
General partners' interest in net income				
General partners' interest in net income ⁽¹⁾		2,544	23,135	18,469
Preferred unitholders' interest in net income		2,080	—	—
Common unitholders' interest in net income		124,656	139,948	106,476
Subordinated unitholders' interest in net income		—	9,088	37,191
Earnings per unit - Common Units:				
Basic	28	1.82	2.44	2.38
Diluted	28	1.80	2.43	2.38
Cash distributions declared and paid per Common unit in the year				
		2.31	2.31	2.30

(1) This includes net income attributable to IDR holders of \$nil, \$19.7 million and \$15.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017, 2016 AND 2015

(in thousands of \$)

	Note	2017	2016	2015
Net income		144,848	185,742	172,683
Unrealized net gain/(loss) on qualifying cash flow hedging instruments:				
Other comprehensive income/(loss) before reclassification ⁽¹⁾		94	4,263	(5,106)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) to the statement of operations	7	4,985	409	(2,533)
Net other comprehensive income/(loss)		<u>5,079</u>	<u>4,672</u>	<u>(7,639)</u>
Comprehensive income		<u>149,927</u>	<u>190,414</u>	<u>165,044</u>
Comprehensive income attributable to:				
Golar LNG Partners LP Owners		134,359	176,843	154,497
Non-controlling interests		15,568	13,571	10,547
		<u>149,927</u>	<u>190,414</u>	<u>165,044</u>

(1) There is no tax impact on any of the periods presented.

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

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016
(in thousands of \$)

	Notes	2017	2016
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		246,954	65,710
Restricted cash and short-term deposits	16	27,306	44,927
Trade accounts receivable	11	18,255	20,444
Amounts due from related parties	24	7,625	23,914
Inventories		3,506	1,110
Other current assets	12	7,850	4,822
Total current assets		311,496	160,927
Non-current assets			
Restricted cash	16	155,627	117,488
Vessels and equipment, net	13	1,588,923	1,652,710
Vessel under capital lease, net	14	105,945	111,186
Intangible assets, net	15	73,206	86,133
Amounts due from related parties	24	177,247	107,247
Other non-current assets	17	14,927	17,017
Total assets		2,427,371	2,252,708
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Current portion of long-term debt	20	118,850	78,101
Current portion of obligations under capital lease	21	1,276	787
Trade accounts payable		4,780	2,110
Accrued expenses	18	32,240	17,438
Other current liabilities	19	22,941	117,036
Total current liabilities		180,087	215,472
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term debt	20	1,252,184	1,296,609
Obligations under capital lease	21	126,805	116,964
Other non-current liabilities	22	20,694	19,234
Total liabilities		1,579,770	1,648,279
Commitments and contingencies	25		
Equity			
Partners' capital:			
Common unitholders: 69,768,261 units issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017 (2016: 64,073,291)		585,440	490,564
Preferred unitholders: 5,520,000 preferred units issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017		132,991	—
General partner interest: 1,423,843 units issued and outstanding at December 31, 2017 (2016: 1,318,517)		52,600	50,942
Total partners' capital		771,031	541,506
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)		26	(5,053)
Total before non-controlling interests		771,057	536,453
Non-controlling interests		76,544	67,976
Total equity		847,601	604,429
Total liabilities and equity		2,427,371	2,252,708

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

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR
THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017, 2016 AND 2015
(in thousands of \$)

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	Notes	2017	2016	2015
Operating activities				
Net income		144,848	185,742	172,683
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		103,810	100,468	99,256
Recognition of foreign tax losses		—	—	(4,945)
Utilization of deferred tax asset		5,086	5,308	4,076
Movement in deferred tax liability		2,085	2,064	—
Amortization of deferred charges		5,969	8,412	6,308
Unrealized foreign exchange loss/(gains)		3,657	(532)	(493)
Unit options expense	26	238	23	—
Drydocking expenditure		(20,660)	(4,060)	(15,093)
Realized loss on bond repurchase		6,327	—	—
Interest element included in obligation under capital lease		534	(1,205)	279
Change in assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchase of subsidiaries:				
Trade accounts receivable		2,189	1,126	(11,704)
Inventories		458	230	(642)
Other current assets and non-current assets		(2,240)	(5,305)	3,188
Amounts due to/(from) related parties		17,856	(17,512)	(18,071)
Trade accounts payable		1,417	(1,700)	902
Accrued expenses		9,889	(4,746)	(4,578)
Restricted cash		(5)	(129)	(7,686)
Other current liabilities		(10,455)	(6,952)	(11,250)
Net cash provided by operating activities		271,003	261,232	212,230
Investing activities				
Additions to vessels and equipment		(426)	—	(3,667)
Acquisition of <i>Golar Eskimo</i> , net of cash acquired ⁽¹⁾		—	—	(5,971)
Deposits made in connection with acquisitions from Golar	24	(70,000)	(107,247)	—
Short-term debt granted to related parties		—	—	(50,000)
Repayment of short-term debt granted to related parties		—	—	50,000
Restricted cash		—	—	10,372
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(70,426)	(107,247)	734
Financing activities				
Proceeds from long-term debt	20	375,000	815,000	644,070
Repayments of long-term debt (including related parties)		(228,816)	(770,422)	(707,202)
Repurchase of high yield bonds and related swaps		(234,197)	—	—
Repayments of obligation under capital lease		(821)	(122)	—
Financing arrangement fees and other costs		(5,377)	(13,521)	(6,628)
Proceeds from issuances of equity, net of issue costs	27	255,040	—	—
Common units repurchased and canceled	27	—	(495)	(5,970)
Restricted cash		(12,102)	7,627	(31,248)
Cash distributions paid		(161,060)	(154,668)	(152,898)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(7,000)	(12,360)	(11,400)
Net cash used in financing activities		(19,333)	(128,961)	(271,276)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		181,244	25,024	(58,312)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		65,710	40,686	98,998
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		246,954	65,710	40,686
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid during the year for:				
Interest paid		62,670	58,005	52,814
Income taxes paid		4,470	5,278	5,124

(1) In addition to the cash consideration paid for the acquisition of the *Golar Eskimo* in 2015, there was non-cash consideration in relation to the assumption of bank debt of \$162.8 million . (See note 10).

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GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' CAPITAL FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017, 2016 AND 2015

(in thousands of \$)

	Note	Partners' Capital				Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss)	Total before Non- controlling interest	Non- controlling Interest	Total Owner's Equity
		Preferred Units	Common Units	Subordinated Units	General Partner Units and IDRs (2)				
Consolidated balance at December 31, 2014		—	490,824	12,063	33,320	(2,086)	534,121	67,618	601,739
Net income		—	106,476	37,191	18,469	—	162,136	10,547	172,683
Cash distributions (1)		—	(104,797)	(36,605)	(11,496)	—	(152,898)	—	(152,898)
Non-controlling interest dividends		—	—	—	—	—	—	(11,400)	(11,400)
Other comprehensive loss		—	—	—	—	(7,639)	(7,639)	—	(7,639)
Common units repurchased and canceled		—	(5,970)	—	—	—	(5,970)	—	(5,970)
Consolidated balance at December 31, 2015		—	486,533	12,649	40,293	(9,725)	529,750	66,765	596,515
Net income		—	139,948	9,088	23,135	—	172,171	13,571	185,742
Cash distributions (1)		—	(124,400)	(18,422)	(11,846)	—	(154,668)	—	(154,668)
Non-controlling interest dividends		—	—	—	—	—	—	(12,360)	(12,360)
Other comprehensive income		—	—	—	—	4,672	4,672	—	4,672
Common units repurchased and canceled		—	(495)	—	—	—	(495)	—	(495)
Conversion of subordinated units	27	—	3,315	(3,315)	—	—	—	—	—
Grant of unit options		—	23	—	—	—	23	—	23
Exchange of IDRs	27	—	(14,360)	—	(640)	—	(15,000)	—	(15,000)
Consolidated balance at December 31, 2016		—	490,564	—	50,942	(5,053)	536,453	67,976	604,429
Net income		2,080	124,656	—	2,544	—	129,280	15,568	144,848
Cash distributions (1)		(2,080)	(157,840)	—	(3,221)	—	(163,141)	—	(163,141)
Non-controlling interest dividends		—	—	—	—	—	—	(7,000)	(7,000)
Other comprehensive income		—	—	—	—	5,079	5,079	—	5,079
Net proceeds from issuance of common units		—	119,902	—	2,214	—	122,116	—	122,116
Conversion of earn-out units		—	7,920	—	121	—	8,041	—	8,041
Net proceeds from issuance of preferred units	27	132,991	—	—	—	—	132,991	—	132,991
Grant of unit options		—	238	—	—	—	238	—	238
Consolidated balance at December 31, 2017		132,991	585,440	—	52,600	26	771,057	76,544	847,601

(1) This includes cash distributions to IDR holders for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 of \$nil, \$8.8 million and \$8.7 million, respectively. In addition it includes accrued distributions to Series A Preferred Unitholders for the period from issuance (October 31, 2017) to December 31, 2017.

(2) As of December 31, 2017, the carrying value of the equity attributable to the IDR holders was \$32.5 million (2016: \$32.5 million)

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

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

NOTES TO THE AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL

Golar LNG Partners LP (the “Partnership”, “we”, “our”, or “us”) was initially formed as an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Golar LNG Limited (“Golar”) in September 2007 under the laws of the Marshall Islands for the purpose of acquiring the interests in wholly owned and partially owned subsidiaries of Golar.

References to Golar in these consolidated financial statements refer, depending on the context to Golar LNG Limited and to one or any more of its direct or indirect subsidiaries.

We completed our initial public offering (“IPO”) in April 2011. Our common units are traded on the NASDAQ under the symbol: GMLP.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, Golar held 30.4% and 32.5% of our common units, respectively. In addition, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, Golar held a 2% general partner interest in us and 100% of our incentive distributions rights (“IDRs”).

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, we operated a fleet of six FSRUs and four LNG carriers. Our contracted vessels operate under charters with expiration dates between 2018 and 2025.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Principles of consolidation

A variable interest entity (“VIE”) is defined by the accounting standard as a legal entity where either (a) equity interest holders, as a group, lack the characteristics of a controlling financial interest, including decision making ability and an interest in the entity’s residual risks and rewards, or (b) the equity holders have not provided sufficient equity investment to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, or (c) the voting rights of some investors are not proportional to their obligations to absorb the expected losses of the entity, their rights to receive the expected residual returns of the entity, or both and substantially all of the entity’s activities either involve or are conducted on behalf of an investor that has disproportionately few voting rights. A party that is a variable interest holder is required to consolidate a VIE if the holder has both (a) the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the entity’s economic performance, and (b) the obligation to absorb losses that could potentially be significant to the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the VIE.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the entities listed in notes 4 and 5.

Investments in entities in which we directly or indirectly hold more than 50% of the voting control are consolidated in the financial statements, as well as certain variable interest entities in which we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary. All intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated. The non-controlling interests of the above mentioned subsidiaries are included in the Balance Sheets and Statements of Operations as “Non-controlling interests”.

Foreign currencies

We and our subsidiaries’ functional currency is the U.S. dollar as the majority of the revenues are received in U.S. dollars and a majority of our expenditures are incurred in U.S. dollars. Our reporting currency is U.S. dollars.

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are translated into U.S. dollars at the rates of exchange in effect at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated using rates of exchange at the balance sheet date. Foreign currency non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated using historical rates of exchange. Foreign currency transaction and translation gains or losses are included in the statements of operations.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires that management make estimates and assumptions affecting 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In consolidating VIEs, on a quarterly basis, we must make assumptions regarding the debt amortization profile and the interest rate to be applied against the VIEs' debt principal. Our estimates are therefore dependent upon the timeliness of receipt and accuracy of financial information provided by these lessor VIE entities. Upon receipt of the audited annual financial statements of VIEs, we will make a true-up adjustment for any material differences.

In assessing the recoverability of our vessels' carrying amounts, we make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows, estimates in respect of residual or scrap value, charter rates, ship operating expenses, utilization and drydocking requirements.

Summary of significant accounting policies

Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for under the acquisition method. On acquisition, the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. Any excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired is recognized as goodwill. Any deficiency of the cost of acquisition below the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired (i.e. bargain purchase) is credited to the statement of operations in the period of acquisition. The consideration transferred for an acquisition is measured at fair value of the consideration given. Acquisition related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of subsidiary undertakings are included from the date of acquisition.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, we will recognize a measurement-period adjustment during the period in which we determine the amount of the adjustment, including the effect on earnings of any amounts we would have recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date.

Revenue and expense recognition

Revenues include minimum lease payments under time charters, fees for repositioning vessels. Revenues generated from time charters, which we classify as operating leases, are recorded over the term of the charter as service is provided. However, we do not recognize revenue if a charter has not been contractually committed to by a customer and ourselves, even if the vessel has discharged its cargo and is sailing to the anticipated load port on its next voyage.

Repositioning fees (included in time and voyage charter revenues) received in respect of time charters are recognized at the end of the charter when the fee becomes fixed and determinable. However, where there is a fixed amount specified in the charter, which is not dependent upon redelivery location, the fee will be recognized evenly over the term of the charter.

Reimbursement for drydocking costs is recognized evenly over the period to the next drydocking, which is generally five years.

Under our time charters, the majority of voyage expenses are paid by our customers. Voyage related expenses, principally fuel, may also be incurred when positioning or repositioning the vessel before or after the period of time charter and during periods when the vessel is not under charter or is off-hire, for example when the vessel is undergoing repairs. These expenses are recognized as incurred.

Vessel operating expenses, which are recognized when incurred, include crewing, repairs and maintenance, insurance, stores, lube oils, communication expenses and third party management fees.

Operating leases

Initial direct costs (those directly related to the negotiation and consummation of the lease) are deferred and allocated to earnings over the lease term. Rental income and expense are amortized over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Income taxes

Income taxes are based on a separate return basis. The guidance on income taxes prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attributes for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized principally for the expected tax consequences of temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Realization of the deferred income tax asset is dependent on generating sufficient taxable income in future years.

We use a two-step approach for recognizing and measuring tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in a tax return regarding uncertainties in income tax positions. The first step is recognition: we determine whether it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The second step is measurement: a tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is measured to determine the amount of benefit to recognize in the financial statements. The tax position is measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

Penalties and interest related to uncertain tax positions are recognized in "Income taxes" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Comprehensive Income

As of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, our accumulated other comprehensive loss relates to unrealized net losses on qualifying cash flow hedges.

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Unrealized net loss on qualifying cash flow hedging instruments	26	(5,053)	(9,725)

Cash and cash equivalents

We consider all demand and time deposits and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be equivalent to cash.

Restricted cash and short-term deposits

Restricted cash and short-term deposits consist of bank deposits, which may only be used to settle certain pre-arranged loan or lease payments and which are held as cash collateral required for certain swaps and cash held by VIE. We consider all short-term deposits as held to maturity. These deposits are carried at amortized cost. We place our short-term deposits primarily in fixed term deposits with high credit quality financial institutions.

Trade accounts receivable

Trade receivables are presented net of allowances for doubtful balances. At each balance sheet date, all potentially uncollectible accounts are assessed individually for purposes of determining the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts.

Inventories

Inventories, which are comprised principally of fuel, lubricating oils and vessel spares, are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Vessels and equipment

Vessels are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The cost of vessels less the estimated residual value is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets' remaining useful economic lives. Management estimates the residual values of our vessels based on a scrap value cost of steel and aluminum times the weight of the vessel noted in lightweight tons. Residual values are periodically reviewed and revised to recognize changes in conditions, new regulations or other reasons.

The cost of building the mooring equipment is capitalized and depreciated over the initial lease term of the related charter.

Refurbishment costs incurred during the period are capitalized as part of vessels and depreciated over the vessels' remaining useful economic lives. Refurbishment costs are costs that appreciably increase the capacity, or improve the efficiency or safety of vessels and equipment.

Drydocking expenditures are capitalized when incurred and amortized over the period until the next anticipated drydocking, which is generally every five years. For vessels that are newly built or acquired, we have adopted the "built-in overhaul" method of accounting. The built-in overhaul method is based on the segregation of vessel costs into those that should be depreciated over the useful life of the vessel and those that require drydocking at periodic intervals to reflect the different useful lives of the components of the assets. The estimated cost of the drydocking component is amortized until the date of the first drydocking following acquisition, upon which the cost is capitalized and the process is repeated. When a vessel is disposed, any unamortized drydocking expenditure is charged against income in the period of disposal.

Useful lives applied in depreciation are as follows:

Vessels (excluding converted FSRUs)	40 years
Vessels - Converted FSRUs	20 years from conversion date
Drydocking expenditure	5 years
Mooring equipment	11 years

Vessel under capital lease

We lease one vessel under an agreement that has been accounted for as a capital lease. Obligations under capital lease are carried at the present value of future minimum lease payments, and the asset balance is amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining economic useful life of the vessel. Interest expense is calculated at a constant rate over the term of the lease.

Depreciation of the vessel under capital lease is included within depreciation and amortization expense in the statement of operations. The vessel under capital lease is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the vessel's remaining useful economic life, based on a useful life of 40 years. Refurbishment costs and drydocking expenditures incurred in respect of vessel under capital lease is accounted for consistently as that of an owned vessel.

Our capital lease is 'funded' via long term cash deposits which closely match the lease liability. Future changes in the lease liability arising from interest rate changes are only partially offset by changes in interest income on the cash deposits, and where differences arise, this is funded by, or released to, available working capital.

Income derived from the sale of subsequently leased assets is deferred and amortized in proportion to the amortization of the leased assets (see Note 22). Amortization of deferred income is offset against depreciation and amortization expense in the statement of operations.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets pertain to customer related and contract based assets representing primarily long-term time charter party agreements acquired in connection with the acquisition of certain subsidiaries from Golar. Intangible assets identified are recorded at fair value. Fair value is determined by reference to the discounted amount of expected future cash flows. These intangible assets are amortized over the term of the time charter party agreement and the amortization expense is included in the statement of operations in the depreciation and amortization line item. Impairment testing is performed when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the intangible asset may not be recoverable.

Impairment of long-lived assets

We continually monitor events and changes in circumstances that could indicate carrying amounts of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. In assessing the recoverability of our vessels' carrying amounts, we make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and estimates in respect of residual or scrap value. When such events or changes in circumstances are present, we assess the recoverability of long-term assets by determining whether the carrying value of such assets will be recovered through undiscounted expected future cash flows. If the total of the future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of those assets, an impairment loss shall be measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset (asset group) exceeds its fair value.

Deferred charges

Costs associated with long-term financing, including debt arrangement fees, are deferred and amortized over the term of the relevant loan under the effective interest method. Amortization of debt issuance cost is included in interest expenses. These costs are presented as a deduction from the corresponding liability, consistent with debt discounts.

Provisions

In the ordinary course of business, we are subject to various claims, suits and complaints. Management, in consultation with internal and external advisers, will provide for a contingent loss in the financial statements if the contingency was present at the date of the financial statements and the likelihood of loss was probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If we have determined that the reasonable estimate of the loss is a range and there is no best estimate within the range, we will provide the lower amount within the range.

Derivatives

We use derivatives to reduce market risks associated with our operations. We use interest rate swaps for the management of interest risk exposure. The interest rate swaps effectively convert a portion of our debt from a floating to a fixed rate over the life of the transactions without an exchange of underlying principal.

We seek to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates through the use of foreign currency forward contracts.

All derivative instruments are initially recorded at fair value as either assets or liabilities in the accompanying balance sheets and subsequently remeasured to fair value, regardless of the purpose or intent for holding the derivative.

Where the fair value of a derivative instrument is a net liability, the derivative instrument is classified in “Other current liabilities” in the balance sheet. Where the fair value of a derivative instrument is a net asset, the derivative instrument is classified in “Other non-current assets” in the balance sheet. The method of recognizing the resulting gain or loss is dependent on whether the derivative contract is designed to hedge a specific risk and also qualifies for hedge accounting. We have adopted hedge accounting for certain of our interest rate swaps (including our cross currency interest rate swap) arrangements designated as cash flow hedges. For derivative instruments that are not designated or do not qualify as hedges, the changes in fair value of the derivative financial instrument are recognized in earnings and recorded each period in current earnings in “Other financial items, net”.

When a derivative is designated as a cash flow hedge, we formally document the relationship between the derivative and the hedged item. This documentation includes the strategy risk and risk management for undertaking the hedge and the method that will be used to assess effectiveness of the hedge. If the derivative is an effective hedge, changes in the fair value are initially recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in equity. The ineffective portion of the hedge is recognized immediately in earnings, as are any gains or losses on the derivative that are excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness. We do not apply hedge accounting if it is determined that the hedge was not effective or will no longer be effective, the derivative was sold or exercised, or the hedged item was sold or repaid.

In the periods when the hedged items affect earnings, the associated fair value changes on the hedged derivatives are transferred from equity to the corresponding earnings line item on the settlement of a derivative. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the derivative financial instrument is immediately recognized in earnings. If a cash flow hedge is terminated and the originally hedged item is still considered probable of occurring, the gains and losses initially recognized in equity remain there until the hedged item impacts earnings at which point they are transferred to the corresponding earnings line item (i.e. interest expense). If the hedged items are no longer probable of occurring, amounts recognized in equity are immediately reclassified to earnings.

Cash flows from derivative instruments that are accounted for as cash flow hedges are classified in the same category as the cash flows from the items being hedged. Cash flows from economic hedges are classified in the same category as the items subject to the economic hedging relationship.

Unit-based compensation

In accordance with the guidance on “Share Based Payment”, we are required to expense the fair value of unit options issued to employees over the period the options vest. We amortize unit-based compensation for awards on a straight-line basis over the period during which the employee is required to provide service in exchange for the reward - the requisite service (vesting) period. No compensation cost is recognized for unit options for which employees do not render the requisite service. The fair value of employee unit options is estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

Fair value measurements

We account for fair value measurements in accordance with the accounting standards guidance using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. The guidance provides a single definition of fair value, together with a framework for measuring it, and requires additional disclosure about the use of fair value to measure assets and liabilities.

3. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Accounting pronouncements that have been issued but not adopted

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”) issued accounting standards update (“ASU”) 2014-09 “*Revenue from Contracts With Customers (Topic 606)*” and subsequent amendments. The standard provides a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model and requires an entity to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance is effective on either a full or modified retrospective basis for us on January 1, 2018. There will be no impact on the adoption of this standard on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02 “*Leases (Topic 842)*” and subsequent amendments. The standard requires a lessee to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on its balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months and introduces additional disclosure requirements. Lessors are required to classify leases as sales-type, finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of income recognition and provides guidance for sale and leaseback transactions. Classification for both lessees and lessors will be based on an assessment of whether risks and rewards as well as substantive control have been transferred through a lease contract. The standard will become effective on a modified retrospective basis for us on January 1, 2019. We are evaluating the impact of this standard on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures. Due to the transition provisions for lessors, the most significant impact of the adoption of this standard will be the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities on our balance sheet for those leases where we are a lessee that are currently classified as operating leases.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 “*Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*” which requires recognition and measurement of expected credit losses for financial assets and off balance sheet credit exposures. The guidance is effective on a modified retrospective basis for us on January 1, 2020 with early adoption permitted. We are evaluating the impact of this standard on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15 “*Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments*”, which among other things, provides guidance on two acceptable approaches of classifying distributions received from equity method investees in the statement of cash flows. The guidance is effective on a retrospective basis for us on January 1, 2018 and results in presentational changes to our Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18 “*Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash*”, which requires that restricted cash be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts presented on the statement of cash flows. The guidance is effective on a retrospective basis for us on January 1, 2018 and results in presentational changes to our Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and related disclosures.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01 “*Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business*” which clarifies the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. The guidance is effective on a prospective basis for us on January 1, 2018. As a result, this increases the likelihood that future vessel dropdowns may be considered the acquisition of an asset rather than a business combination. However, this will be dependent upon the facts and circumstances of each prospective transaction. We do not expect material impact on the adoption of this guidance on our Consolidated Financial Statements and disclosures for prospective dropdowns will be significantly reduced.

4. SUBSIDIARIES

The following table lists our significant subsidiaries and their purpose as of December 31, 2017. Unless otherwise indicated, we own 100% of each subsidiary.

Name	Jurisdiction of Incorporation	Purpose
Golar Partners Operating LLC	Marshall Islands	Holding Company
Golar LNG Holding Corporation	Marshall Islands	Holding Company
Golar Maritime (Asia) Inc.	Republic of Liberia	Holding Company
Golar Servicos de Operacao de Embaracoes Limited	Brazil	Management Company
Golar Winter Corporation	Marshall Islands	Owns <i>Golar Winter</i>
Golar Winter UK Ltd	United Kingdom	Operates <i>Golar Winter</i>
Golar Spirit Corporation	Marshall Islands	Owns <i>Golar Spirit</i>
Golar Spirit UK Ltd	United Kingdom	Operates <i>Golar Spirit</i>
Faraway Maritime Shipping Company (60% ownership)	Republic of Liberia	Owns and operates <i>Golar Mazo</i>
Golar LNG 2215 Corporation	Marshall Islands	Leases <i>Methane Princess</i>
Golar 2215 UK Ltd	United Kingdom	Operates <i>Methane Princess</i>
Golar Freeze Holding Corporation	Marshall Islands	Owns <i>Golar Freeze</i>
Golar Freeze UK Ltd	United Kingdom	Operates <i>Golar Freeze</i>
Golar Khannur Corporation	Marshall Islands	Holding Company
Golar LNG (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	Singapore	Holding Company
PT Golar Indonesia*	Indonesia	Owns and operates <i>NR Satu</i>
Golar Grand Corporation	Marshall Islands	Owns and operates <i>Golar Grand</i>
Golar LNG 2234 LLC	Republic of Liberia	Owns and operates <i>Golar Maria</i>
Golar Hull M2031 Corporation	Marshall Islands	Owns and operates <i>Golar Igloo</i>
Golar Eskimo Corporation**	Marshall Islands	Leases and operates <i>Golar Eskimo</i>

* We hold all of the voting stock and control all of the economic interests in PT Golar Indonesia (“PTGI”) pursuant to a Shareholder’s Agreement with the other shareholder of PTGI, PT Pesona Sentra Utama (“PT Pesona”). PT Pesona holds the remaining 51% interest in the issued share capital of PTGI.

** The above table excludes Eskimo SPV, from which we leased one of our vessels, the *Golar Eskimo*, under a sale and leaseback. See note 5.

5. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES (“VIEs”)

Eskimo SPV

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, we leased one vessel from a VIE under a finance lease with a wholly-owned subsidiary, Sea 23 Leasing Co. Limited (“Eskimo SPV”) of China Merchants Bank Leasing (“CMBL”). Eskimo SPV is a special purpose vehicle (SPV).

In November 2015 we sold the *Golar Eskimo* to Eskimo SPV and subsequently leased back the vessel under a bareboat charter for a term of ten years. From the third year anniversary of the commencement of the bareboat charter, we have an annual option to repurchase the vessel at fixed pre-determined amounts, with an obligation to repurchase the vessel at the end of the ten year lease period.

While we do not hold any equity investment in Eskimo SPV, we have determined that we have a variable interest in Eskimo SPV and that Eskimo SPV is a VIE. Based on our evaluation of the bareboat agreement we have concluded that we are the primary beneficiary of Eskimo SPV and, accordingly, have consolidated Eskimo SPV into our financial results. We did not record any gain or loss from the sale of the *Golar Eskimo* to Eskimo SPV, and we continued to report the vessel in our consolidated financial statements at the same carrying value, as if the sale had not occurred.

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The equity attributable to CMBL in Eskimo SPV is included in non-controlling interests in our consolidated results. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the *Golar Eskimo* is reported under “Vessels and equipment, net” in our consolidated balance sheet.

The following table gives a summary of the sale and leaseback arrangement, including repurchase options and obligation as of December 31, 2017 :

Vessel	Effective from	Sales value (in \$ millions)	First repurchase option (in \$ millions)	Month of first repurchase option	Repurchase obligation at end of lease term (in \$ millions)	End of lease term
<i>Golar Eskimo</i>	November 2015	285.0	225.8	November 2018	128.3	November 2025

A summary of our payment obligations under the bareboat charter with Eskimo SPV as of December 31, 2017 is shown below:

(in \$ thousands)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	After 2022
<i>Golar Eskimo</i> *	25,930	25,798	25,026	23,919	22,789	58,826

*The payment obligation table above includes variable rental payments due under the lease based on an assumed LIBOR plus margin but excludes the repurchase obligation at the end of lease term.

The most significant impact of consolidation of Eskimo SPV’s assets and liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet is as follows:

(in \$ thousands)	2017	2016
Liabilities		
Long-term debt (refer to note 20)	212,084	232,931

The most significant impact of consolidation of Eskimo SPV’s operations on our consolidated statement of operations is interest expense of \$8.2 million and \$8.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 , respectively. The most significant impact of consolidation of Eskimo SPV’s cash flows on our consolidated statement of cash flows is net cash of \$20.8 million and \$21.1 million used in financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 , respectively.

Tundra Corp

In May 2016, we acquired from Golar all of the shares of Tundra Corp. (“Tundra Corp”), the disponent owner and operator of the FSRU, the *Golar Tundra* , for a purchase price of \$330.0 million less assumed net lease obligations and net of working capital adjustments (the “Tundra Acquisition”). Concurrent with the closing of the Tundra Acquisition, we entered into the Tundra Letter Agreement pursuant to which Golar agreed to pay us a daily fee plus operating expenses, from the closing date until the date that operations commence under the vessel’s charter with West African Gas Limited (“WAGL”). In return we agreed to pay to Golar any hire or other contract-related payments actually received with respect to the vessel. The Tundra Letter Agreement also provided that in the event the *Golar Tundra* had not commenced service under the charter by May 23, 2017, we had the option (the “Tundra Put Right”) to require Golar to repurchase Tundra Corp at a price equal to the original purchase price (the “Purchase Price”). Accordingly, we determined that (i) Tundra Corp is a VIE and (ii) Golar is and has been the primary beneficiary of Tundra Corp. Thus, Tundra Corp was not consolidated into our financial statements.

The *Golar Tundra* was expected to commence operations in the second quarter of 2016. However, due to delays in the LNG project that the *Golar Tundra* was to serve, this did not occur. On May 30, 2017, we exercised the Tundra Put Right to require Golar to repurchase Tundra Corp at a price equal to the original purchase price in the Tundra Acquisition. The closing of the Tundra Put Right occurred on October 17, 2017.

PTGI

We consolidate PTGI, which owns the *NR Satu* , in our consolidated financial statements effective September 28, 2011. PTGI became a VIE and we became its primary beneficiary upon our agreement to acquire all of Golar’s interests in certain subsidiaries that own and operate the *NR Satu* on July 19, 2012. We consolidate PTGI as we hold all of the voting stock and control all of the economic interests in PTGI.

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The following table summarizes the balance sheets of PTGI as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 :

<i>(in thousands of \$)</i>	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash	16,016	14,124
Restricted cash (see note 16)	10,270	10,361
Vessels and equipment, net*	269,624	290,638
Other assets	4,348	12,121
Total assets	300,258	327,244
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Accrued liabilities	11,675	9,989
Current portion of long-term debt	19,759	13,633
Amounts due to related parties	107,838	135,809
Non-current debt	82,741	102,500
Other liabilities	515	68
Total liabilities	222,528	261,999
Total equity	77,730	65,245
Total liabilities and equity	300,258	327,244

*PTGI recorded the *NR Satu* at the acquisition price when it purchased the vessel from a Golar related party entity. However, as of the date of the acquisition of the subsidiaries which own and operate the *NR Satu* , the acquisition was deemed to be a reorganization of entities under common control, and accordingly, we recorded the *NR Satu* at historical book values.

Trade creditors of PTGI have no recourse to our general credit.

The long-term debt of PTGI is secured against the *NR Satu* and has been guaranteed by us.

PTGI paid dividends to PT Pesona amounting to \$1.2 million , \$6.1 million and \$ nil during the years ended December 31, 2017 , 2016 and 2015 , respectively.

6. SEGMENT INFORMATION

A segment is a distinguishable component of the business that is engaged in business activities from which we earn revenues and incur expenses whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker, and which are subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments. In prior years, we reported that we operated in one reportable segment, "LNG Market"; however, based on our maturity (following expiration of a number of long-term charters) in tandem with management's strategic objectives, and changes in our methods of internal reporting and management structure, management has concluded that we provide two distinct services and operate in the following two reportable segments: LNG carriers and FSRUs.

- LNG carriers are vessels that transport LNG and are compatible with many LNG loading and receiving terminals globally. Four of our vessels are LNG carriers; and
- FSRUs are vessels that are permanently located offshore to regasify LNG. Six of our vessels are FSRUs.

The split of the organization of our business into two reportable segments is based on differences in our current management structure and reporting, economic characteristics, customer base, asset class and contract structure. Segment results are evaluated based on operating income. There are no transactions between reportable segments. The accounting principles for the segments are the same as for our consolidated financial statements.

As a result of the change to two reportable segments, the segment information for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 have been retrospectively restated.

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(in thousands of \$)	2017			2016			2015					
	FSRU	LNG Carrier (1)	Unallocated/ Elimination	FSRU	LNG Carrier (1)	Unallocated/ Elimination	FSRU	LNG Carrier (1)	Unallocated/ Elimination			
			Total			Total			Total			
Statement of operations:												
Operating revenues	316,599	116,503	—	433,102	322,373	119,225	—	441,598	307,344	127,343	—	434,687
Depreciation and amortization	(80,762)	(23,048)	—	(103,810)	(78,025)	(22,443)	—	(100,468)	(77,036)	(22,220)	—	(99,256)
Other operating expenses (2)	(66,364)	(26,818)	—	(93,182)	(54,706)	(19,754)	—	(74,460)	(54,481)	(25,130)	—	(79,611)
Operating income	169,473	66,637	—	236,110	189,642	77,028	—	266,670	175,827	79,993	—	255,820
Other non-operating income	922	—	—	922	1,318	—	—	1,318	—	—	—	—
Balance sheet:												
Total assets (3)	1,149,595	545,225	732,551	2,427,371	1,206,186	557,682	488,840	2,252,708	1,271,650	575,725	384,287	2,231,662
Capital expenditure (4)	11,226	11,215	—	22,441	344	5,026	—	5,370	309,225	2,043	—	311,268

(1) Relates to items not allocated to a segment, but included for reconciliation purposes; and eliminations required for consolidation purposes.

(2) Includes direct general and administrative expenses and indirect general and administrative expenses (allocated to each segment based on the number of vessels).

(3) Total assets by segment refers to our principal asset being that of our vessels.

(4) The capital expenditure for the FSRU segment in the year ended December 31, 2015 includes the fair value of the FSRU, the *Golar Eskimo*, acquired as part of a business combination (see Note 10).

Revenues from external customers

During 2017, our fleet operated under time charters with ten charterers, including, among others, Petrobras, PT Nusantara Regas (“PTNR”), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (“Jordan”), Kuwait National Petroleum Company (“KNPC”) and Dubai Supply Authority (“DUSUP”). Petrobras is a Brazilian energy company. PTNR is a joint venture company of Pertamina and Perusahaan Gas Negara, an Indonesian company engaged in the transport and distribution of natural gas in Indonesia. Pertamina is the state-owned oil and gas company of Indonesia. KNPC is a subsidiary of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, the state-owned oil and gas company of Kuwait. DUSUP is a government entity which is the sole supplier of natural gas to the Emirates.

In the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, revenues from each of the following customers (included in the FSRU segment) accounted for over 10% of our consolidated revenues:

(in thousands of \$)	2017		2016		2015	
Petrobras	94,588	22%	103,368	23%	100,052	23%
PTNR	72,495	17%	67,774	15%	67,325	15%
Jordan	57,144	13%	57,112	13%	37,750	9%
KNPC	47,645	11%	47,654	11%	47,402	11%
DUSUP	44,726	10%	46,465	11%	41,970	10%

Geographical segment data

The following geographical data presents our revenues from customers and fixed assets with respect only to our FSRUs, while operating under long-term charters, at specific locations. LNG carriers operate on a worldwide basis and are not restricted to specific locations. Accordingly, it is not possible to allocate the assets of these operations to specific countries:

Revenues (in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Brazil	94,588	103,368	100,052
Indonesia	72,495	67,774	67,325
Jordan	57,144	57,112	37,750
Kuwait	47,645	47,654	47,402
United Arab Emirates	44,726	46,465	41,970

Fixed assets (in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Brazil	223,900	347,366
Jordan	269,846	278,588
Kuwait	259,310	267,055
Indonesia	177,205	191,139
United Arab Emirates	108,776	122,078

7. OTHER FINANCIAL ITEMS, NET

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Mark-to-market adjustment for interest rate swap derivatives	12,074	9,893	655
Interest expense on un-designated interest rate swaps	(7,554)	(10,824)	(14,385)
Losses on repurchase of 2012 High-Yield Bonds and related cross currency interest rate swap ⁽¹⁾	(6,506)	—	—
Premium paid on repurchase of 2012 High Yield Bond	(2,820)	—	—
Financing arrangement fees and other costs	(1,283)	(1,468)	(1,694)
Foreign exchange (loss)/gain on capital lease obligations and related restricted cash	(659)	945	492
Mark-to-market adjustment on Earn-Out Units ⁽²⁾	(441)	—	—
Foreign exchange loss on operations	(378)	(1,291)	(2,235)
Mark-to-market adjustment for currency swap derivative	—	—	16
Total	(7,567)	(2,745)	(17,151)

⁽¹⁾ This includes foreign exchange loss of \$6.2 million arising from the repurchase of our 2012 High-Yield Bonds and the reclassification of a \$5.0 million loss from the Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss upon cessation of hedge accounting for the related cross currency interest rate swap. This is partially offset by the \$4.7 million mark to market gain on the cross currency interest rate swaps.

⁽²⁾ This relates to the mark-to-market movement on the Earn-Out Units issued in connection with the IDR reset transaction in October 2016 which were recognized as a derivative liability in our consolidated balance sheet. See notes 23 and 27.

8. INCOME TAXES

The components of income tax expense/(credit) are as follows:

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Current tax expense/(credit):			
United Kingdom	469	411	(1,098)
Indonesia	5,584	5,579	3,641
Brazil	1,160	1,350	716
Kuwait	2,144	2,146	2,133
Barbados	468	—	—
Total current tax expense	9,825	9,486	5,392
Deferred tax expense/(income):			
Indonesia	5,086	5,304	(869)
Jordan	2,085	2,068	1,146
Total income tax expense	16,996	16,858	5,669

The income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 differed from the amounts computed by applying the Marshall Islands statutory income tax rate of 0% as follows:

(In thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Effect of change on uncertain tax positions relating to prior year	685	133	(1,894)
Effect of recognition of deferred tax asset	—	—	(4,945)
Effect of taxable income in various countries	16,311	16,725	12,508
Total tax expense	16,996	16,858	5,669

United States

Pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of the United States (the “Code”), U.S. source income from the international operations of vessels is generally exempt from U.S. tax if the company operating the ships meets certain requirements. Among other things, in order to qualify for this exemption, the company operating the ships must be incorporated in a country which grants an equivalent exemption from income taxes to U.S. citizens and U.S. corporations and must either satisfy certain public trading requirements or be more than 50% owned by individuals who are residents, as defined, in such country or another foreign country that grants an equivalent exemption to U.S. citizens and U.S. corporations. Our management believes that we satisfied these requirements and therefore by virtue of the above provisions, we were not subject to tax on its U.S. source income.

United Kingdom

Current taxation charge of \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million and credit of \$1.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, relate to taxation of the operations of our United Kingdom subsidiaries. Taxable revenues in the United Kingdom are generated by our UK subsidiary companies and are comprised of revenues from the operation of certain of our vessels. The statutory rate in the United Kingdom as of December 31, 2017 was 19%.

Brazil

Current taxation charges of \$1.2 million, \$1.4 million and \$0.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, refer to taxation levied on the operations of our Brazilian subsidiary.

Indonesia

Current taxation charges of \$5.6 million, \$5.6 million and \$3.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, refer to taxation levied on the operations of our Indonesian subsidiary. The statutory rate in Indonesia as of December 31, 2017 was 25%.

We record deferred income taxes to reflect the movement in the historical net operating losses. The deferred tax asset relating to these losses has been utilized during 2017, resulting in a closing deferred tax asset balance of \$nil as of December 31, 2017.

Kuwait

Current taxation charges of \$2.1 million, for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, relates to taxation levied on our Marshall Island operating company which is deemed a tax resident in Kuwait in connection with our charter with KNPC. The statutory rate in Kuwait as of December 31, 2017 was 15%.

Jordan

Deferred tax relates to tax consequences of temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their reported amounts. The net deferred tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 is principally related to differences in depreciation and net operating losses. We recorded a deferred tax asset of \$0.2 million in relation to net operating losses and a deferred tax liability of \$5.5 million relating to differences in depreciation resulting in a net deferred tax liability of \$5.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2017.

Barbados

Current tax charge of \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 refer to taxation charges levied on the operations of our Barbados branches.

Other jurisdictions

No tax has been levied on income derived from our subsidiaries registered in the Marshall Islands, Liberia and the British Virgin Islands.

Jurisdictions open to examination

The following table summarizes the earliest tax year that remain subject to examination by the major taxable jurisdictions in which we operate:

Jurisdiction	Earliest
UK	2015
Brazil	2012
Indonesia	2016
Kuwait	2017
Jordan	2015
Barbados	2017

Interest and penalties charged to "Income taxes" in our statement of operations amounted to \$0.6 million, \$1.1 million and \$ nil for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 respectively.

Deferred taxes

Deferred income taxes reflect the impact of temporary differences between the amount of assets and liabilities recognized for financial reporting purposes and such amounts recognized for tax purposes.

Deferred taxes are classified as follows:

Indonesia

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Deferred tax asset	—	5,086

Jordan

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Deferred tax asset	250	534
Deferred tax liability	(5,545)	(3,744)
Net deferred tax liability	(5,295)	(3,210)

As of December 31, 2017, the total deferred tax asset of \$0.2 million related to net operating loss (“NOL”) carryforwards generated from our Jordan operations which amounted to \$5.0 million. These can be used to offset future taxable income which will expire in 2020 if not utilized.

As of December 31, 2017, a deferred tax liability of \$5.5 million was recognized in respect of the tax depreciation in excess of the accounting depreciation for the *Golar Eskimo*. The deferred tax asset on Jordan losses is netted off against the deferred tax liability, to arrive at a net deferred tax liability of \$5.3 million.

A reconciliation of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liability, net, are shown below:

Indonesia

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Balance at January 1	5,086	10,393	9,524
Adjustment in respect of prior year	(836)	—	—
Recognition of deferred tax assets on previously unrecognized losses	—	—	4,945
Utilization of tax losses	(4,250)	(5,307)	(4,076)
Balance at December 31	—	5,086	10,393

Jordan

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Balance at January 1	(3,210)	(1,146)
Adjustment in respect of prior year	—	150
Utilization of tax losses	(284)	(409)
Recognition of deferred liability on fixed asset temporary differences	(1,801)	(1,805)
Balance at December 31	(5,295)	(3,210)

There are no potential deferred tax liabilities arising on undistributed earnings within the Partnership. This is because either: (i) no tax would arise on distribution, or (ii) in the case of PTGI, the Partnership intends to utilize surplus earnings to reduce borrowings or reinvest its earnings, as opposed to making any distribution.

Expiration of net operating losses carried forward relating to the *Golar Eskimo* are as follows:

(in thousands of \$)	Amount	Date of expiration
Net operating losses in 2015 (<i>Golar Eskimo</i>)	4,991	2020

9. OPERATING LEASES

Rental income

The minimum contractual future revenues to be received on time charters as of December 31, 2017, were as follows:

Year ending December 31, (in thousands of \$)	Total
2018	301,555 ⁽¹⁾
2019	225,500
2020	214,441
2021	213,855
2022 and thereafter	268,940
Total	<u>1,224,291</u>

⁽¹⁾On July 12, 2017, we agreed to certain amendments with the charterer of the *Golar Freeze*, DUSUP, to shorten the charter by a year, to end in April 2019 and to remove DUSUP's termination for convenience rights and extension option rights which ran to 2024. We have the right to terminate our obligations under the charter while continuing to receive the capital element of the charter hire until April 2019.

Minimum lease revenues are calculated based on certain assumptions such as those relating to expected off-hire days and, for those days on-hire, estimates of the operating component of the charter rate (where applicable) which includes assumptions as to forecast foreign currency rates, changes in the specified consumer price index, among others.

PTNR has the right to purchase the *NR Satu* at any time after the first anniversary of the commencement date of its charter at a price that must be agreed upon between us and PTNR. We have assumed that this option will not be exercised. Accordingly, the minimum lease revenues set out above include revenues arising within the option period.

The time charter with KNPC for the *Golar Igloo* is for five nine month regasification seasons. Every year KNPC has the option to extend the regasification season. In addition, KNPC has the option to extend the charter by one regasification season. The minimum contractual future revenues above assumes that both these options will not be exercised.

Jordan has the option, for a termination fee, to terminate the charter after the fifth anniversary of the delivery date of the *Golar Eskimo*. The minimum contractual future revenues above assumes that this option will not be exercised.

The cost and accumulated depreciation of vessels leased to charterers at December 31, 2017 and 2016 were \$1,742.2 million and \$2,436.4 million; and \$484.8 million and \$672.5 million, respectively. For arrangements where operating costs are borne by the charterer on a pass through basis, the pass through of operating costs are reflected in both revenue and expenses.

10. BUSINESS COMBINATION

On January 20, 2015, we acquired Golar's 100% interest in the companies that own and operate the FSRU *Golar Eskimo* pursuant to a Purchase, Sale and Contribution Agreement entered into on December 22, 2014. The purchase consideration was \$388.8 million less the assumed bank debt of \$162.8 million. The purchase price of the acquisition has been allocated to the identifiable assets acquired. The allocation of the purchase price to acquired identifiable assets was based on their fair values at the date of acquisition.

Our board of directors (the "Board") and the Conflicts Committee of the Board (the "Conflicts Committee") approved the purchase price for this transaction. The Conflicts Committee retained a financial adviser to assist in the evaluation of this transaction.

Golar Eskimo

The details of the *Golar Eskimo* acquisition are as follows:

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(in thousands of \$)	Golar Eskimo January 20, 2015
Purchase consideration ⁽¹⁾	226,010
Less: Fair value of net assets (liabilities) acquired:	
Vessel and equipment	292,872
Intangible asset	95,520
Cash	298
Other assets and liabilities	150
Long-term debt	(162,830)
Subtotal	(226,010)
Difference between the purchase price and fair value of net assets acquired	—

⁽¹⁾ The purchase consideration comprised the following:

(in thousands of \$)	Golar Eskimo
Loan from Golar	220,000
Cash consideration paid to Golar	7,170
Purchase price adjustments	(1,160)
	226,010

Revenue and profit contributions

In connection with the *Golar Eskimo* acquisition, we entered into an agreement with Golar pursuant to which Golar agreed to pay us an aggregate amount of \$22.0 million starting in January 2015 and ending in June 2015 for the right to use the *Golar Eskimo* during that period. Under the agreement with Golar, the *Golar Eskimo* contributed revenues of \$22.0 million and net income of \$18.6 million to the financial results for the period from January 20, 2015 to December 31, 2015. We in return remitted to Golar \$12.9 million of hire payments actually received with respect to the vessel during this period.

The table below shows our summarized consolidated pro forma annual financial information for the year ended December 31, 2015, giving effect to our acquisition of the *Golar Eskimo* as if it had taken place on January 1, 2015.

(in thousands of \$, except per unit data)	Unaudited 2015
Revenues	435,573
Net income	163,022

11. TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there was no provision for doubtful accounts.

12. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Prepaid expenses	5,137	2,365
Other receivables	2,713	2,457
	7,850	4,822

13. VESSELS AND EQUIPMENT, NET

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Cost	2,259,132	2,267,819
Accumulated depreciation	(670,209)	(615,109)
Net book value	<u>1,588,923</u>	<u>1,652,710</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 , 2016 and 2015 was \$86.0 million , \$82.6 million and \$81.9 million , respectively.

Drydocking costs of \$88.5 million and \$97.7 million are included in the vessel cost for December 31, 2017 and 2016 , respectively. Accumulated amortization of those costs at December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$49.6 million and \$60.3 million , respectively.

Mooring equipment of \$37.8 million is included in the cost for December 31, 2017 and 2016 . Accumulated depreciation of the mooring equipment at December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$20.1 million and \$16.7 million , respectively.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016 , vessels and equipment with a net book value of \$1,449.1 million and \$1,511.2 million , respectively, were pledged as security for certain debt facilities (see note 25).

The following table presents the market values and carrying values of six of our vessels that we have determined have a market value that is less than their carrying value as of December 31, 2017 . While the market values of these vessels are below their carrying values, no vessel impairment has been recognized on any of these vessels as the estimated future undiscounted cash flows relating to such vessels are greater than their carrying values.

Vessel	2017 Market value ⁽¹⁾	2017 Carrying value	Deficit
(in millions of \$)			
<i>Golar Winter</i>	171.3	223.9	(52.6)
<i>NR Satu</i>	143.8	177.2	(33.4)
<i>Methane Princess</i> ⁽²⁾	105.3	105.9	(0.6)
<i>Golar Maria</i>	97.5	187.2	(89.7)
<i>Golar Grand</i>	97.3	112.4	(15.1)
<i>Golar Mazo</i>	83.8	139.7	(55.9)

⁽¹⁾ Market values are determined with reference to average broker values provided by independent brokers. Broker values are considered an estimate of the market value for the purpose of determining whether an impairment trigger exists. Broker values are commonly used and accepted by our lenders in relation to determining compliance with relevant covenants in applicable credit facilities for the purpose of assessing security quality.

Since vessel values can be volatile, our estimates of market value may not be indicative of either the current or future prices we could obtain if we sold any of the vessels. In addition, the determination of estimated market values may involve considerable judgment, given the illiquidity of the second-hand markets for these types of vessels.

⁽²⁾ The *Methane Princess* is under capital lease (see note 14).

14. VESSEL UNDER CAPITAL LEASE, NET

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Cost	168,840	168,577
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(62,895)	(57,391)
Net book value	<u>105,945</u>	<u>111,186</u>

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016 , we operated one vessel, the *Methane Princess* , under a capital lease. The lease is in respect of a refinancing transaction undertaken during 2003, as described in note 21.

Drydocking costs of \$8.3 million and \$8.1 million are included in the cost amounts above as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 . Accumulated amortization of those costs at December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$7.4 million and \$5.8 million , respectively.

Depreciation and amortization expense for vessels under capital leases for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$5.5 million .

15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Cost	114,616	114,616
Accumulated amortization	(41,410)	(28,483)
Net book value	<u>73,206</u>	<u>86,133</u>

The intangible assets pertain to customer related and contract based assets representing primarily the long-term time charter party agreements acquired in connection with the acquisition of the *Golar Igloo* in March 2014 and *Golar Eskimo* in January 2015 (see note 10). The intangible asset acquired in connection with the acquisition of the *Golar Igloo* is amortized over the term of the contract with KNPC of five years, which assumes that the charterer will not renew the contract. The intangible asset acquired in connection with the acquisition of the *Golar Eskimo* is amortized over the term of the contract initially entered into with Jordan of ten years . Both intangible assets have been assigned a zero residual value. As of December 31, 2017 , there was no impairment of intangible assets.

Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2017 , 2016 and 2015 was \$12.9 million , \$13.0 million and \$12.5 million respectively.

The estimated future amortization of intangible assets as of December 31, 2017 is as follows:

Year Ending December 31, (in thousands of \$)	
2018	12,930
2019	9,862
2020	9,135
2021	9,110
2022	9,110
2023 and thereafter	23,059
Total	<u>73,206</u>

16. RESTRICTED CASH AND SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS

Our restricted cash balances are as follows:

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Methane Princess lease security deposits (see note 21)	119,548	111,958
Restricted cash relating to the \$800 million facility (see note 20)	41,656	—
Restricted cash relating to the cross currency interest rate swap (see note 23)	—	32,410
Restricted cash relating to the NR Satu facility (see notes 5 and 20)	10,270	10,361
Restricted cash held by Eskimo SPV (see note 5)	3,764	—
Restricted cash relating to performance guarantees	7,695	7,686
Total restricted cash	<u>182,933</u>	<u>162,415</u>
Less: current portion of restricted cash	(27,306)	(44,927)
Non-current restricted cash	<u>155,627</u>	<u>117,488</u>

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Restricted cash does not include minimum consolidated cash balances of \$30.0 million required to be maintained as part of the financial covenants in some of our loan facilities, as these amounts are included in “Cash and cash equivalents” (see note 20).

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the value of deposits used to obtain letters of credit to secure the obligations for the lease arrangements described in note 21 was \$119.5 million and \$112.0 million, respectively. These security deposits are referred to in these financial statements as restricted cash. The Methane Princess Lease security deposit earns interest based upon Pound Sterling LIBOR.

Restricted cash pursuant to the \$800 million facility provides additional security to the lenders following the early termination of the *Golar Spirit's* charter and amendments to the *Golar Freeze's* existing charter. Under the amendments to the \$800 million facility, the terms allow for a stepped reduction in the value of the security deposit for the *Golar Spirit*. The security deposit may be applied against *Golar Spirit's* proportion of the \$800 million facility quarterly repayment. The security deposit will be reduced to \$30.6 million in 2018, \$23.5 million in 2019 and \$16.5 million in 2020. The security deposit will be fully utilized in 2021 on the final repayment of the \$800 million facility. The security deposit may be released if we are able to enter into a suitable charter (see note 20).

Restricted cash relating to the cross currency interest rate swap was released upon the redemption of our High-Yield Bonds in October 2017 (see note 20).

Restricted cash relating to Eskimo SPV represents amounts held by the VIE which are not available for use by the Partnership. We are required to consolidate Eskimo SPV under US GAAP into our financial statements as a VIE (see note 5).

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the value of collateral deposits required to secure performance guarantees issued to charterers on our behalf by banks was \$7.7 million. These security deposits are also referred to in these financial statements as restricted cash.

17. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Mark-to-market interest rate swaps valuation (see note 23)	11,937	8,194
Deferred tax asset (see note 8)	—	5,086
Other non-current assets	2,990	3,737
	<u>14,927</u>	<u>17,017</u>

Other non-current assets consist of capitalized commission expenses and lease incentives incurred in connection with the *NR Satu* time charter amounting to \$3.0 million and \$ 3.7 million as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These costs are amortized over the term of the *NR Satu* time charter. Amortization expense for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$0.7 million, which are recognized mainly under “Voyage and commission expenses” in the statement of operations.

18. ACCRUED EXPENSES

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Interest expense	16,858	10,074
Current tax payable	7,903	1,461
Vessel operating and drydocking expenses	6,671	5,424
Administrative expenses	808	479
	<u>32,240</u>	<u>17,438</u>

Current tax payable includes provision for interest and penalties of \$0.2 million and \$0.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

19. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Deferred revenue	9,733	13,554
Derivative - earn-out units (see notes 23 and 27)	7,400	15,000
Preferred units dividend payable (see note 27)	2,080	—
Mark-to-market interest rate swaps valuation (see note 23)	1,618	6,143
Other creditors	1,485	260
Deferred credits from capital lease transactions (see note 22)	625	625
Mark-to-market cross currency interest rate swaps valuation (see note 23)	—	81,454
	22,941	117,036

20. DEBT

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Total debt, net of deferred finance charges	1,371,034	1,374,710
Less: Current portion of long-term debt due to third parties, net of deferred finance charges	(118,850)	(78,101)
Long-term debt, net of deferred finance charges	1,252,184	1,296,609

Our outstanding debt as of December 31, 2017 is repayable as follows:

Year Ending December 31, (in thousands of \$)	
2018	122,317
2019	135,183
2020	202,000
2021	716,000
2022 and thereafter	212,084
Total debt	1,387,584
Less: deferred finance charges	(16,550)
Total debt, net deferred finance charges	1,371,034

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016 , the maturity dates for our total debt were as follows:

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	Maturity date
\$800 million credit facility	672,000	740,667	2021
2015 Norwegian Bonds	150,000	150,000	2020
2017 Norwegian Bonds	250,000	—	2021
NR Satu Facility	103,500	117,800	2019
Eskimo SPV Debt	212,084	232,931	2025 *
High-Yield Bonds	—	150,452	2017
Total debt	1,387,584	1,391,850	

* The maturity date of the Eskimo SPV debt is based on management's best estimate and subject to change pending the receipt of the audited financial statements of the VIE. In absence of the audited financial statements of the VIE at year end, we confirmed the maturity date directly with the SPV.

\$800 million credit facility

In April 2016, we entered into an \$800.0 million senior secured credit facility (the “\$800 million credit facility”) with a syndicate of banks to refinance existing financing arrangements secured by seven of our existing vessels. The vessels included in this facility are the *Golar Freeze*, the *Golar Grand*, the *Golar Igloo*, the *Golar Maria*, the *Golar Spirit* and the *Golar Winter* and the *Methane Princess*.

The \$800 million credit facility has a five year term and the initial credit facility consisted of a \$650.0 million term loan facility and a \$150.0 million revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility was reduced by \$25.0 million on September 30, 2017 and will be reduced by a further \$50.0 million by September 30, 2018. As of December 31, 2017, we had fully drawn down on the revolving credit facility of \$125.0 million. The term loan facility is repayable in quarterly installments with a total final balloon payment of \$378.0 million together with any amounts outstanding under the revolving facility, the maximum amount of which in 2021 would be \$75.0 million. The \$800 million credit facility bears interest at a rate of LIBOR plus a margin of 2.5%. As of December 31, 2017, the balance outstanding under the \$800 million credit facility amounted to \$672.0 million.

2015 Norwegian Bonds

In May 2015, we completed the issuance and sale of \$150 million aggregate principal amount of five years non-amortizing bonds in Norway (the “2015 Norwegian Bonds”). The 2015 Norwegian Bonds mature on May 22, 2020 and bear interest at a rate of LIBOR plus 4.4%. In connection with the issuance of the 2015 Norwegian Bonds, we entered into an economic hedge interest rate swap arrangement to reduce the risk associated with fluctuations in interest rates by converting the floating rate of the interest obligation under the 2015 Norwegian Bonds to an all-in fixed rate of 6.275%.

2017 Norwegian Bonds

On February 15, 2017, we completed the issuance and sale of \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of our 2017 Norwegian Bonds which will mature in May 2021 and bear interest at a rate of 3-month LIBOR plus 6.25%. In connection with the issuance of the 2017 Norwegian Bonds, we entered into economic hedge interest rate swaps to reduce the risk associated with fluctuations in interest rates by converting the floating rate of the interest obligation under the 2017 Norwegian Bonds to an all-in interest rate of 8.194%. The 2017 Norwegian Bonds were listed on the Oslo Bors in July 2017.

NR Satu Facility

In December 2012, PTGI, the company that owns and operates the *NR Satu*, entered into a seven year \$175.0 million secured loan facility (or the NR Satu Facility). The NR Satu Facility is split into two tranches, a \$155.0 million term loan facility and a \$20.0 million revolving facility. The facility is with a syndicate of banks and bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3.5%. We drew down \$155 million on the term loan facility in December 2012. The loan is payable on a quarterly basis with a final balloon payment of \$52.5 million payable in November 2019. In 2016, we drew down \$20.0 million under the revolving facility. As of December 31, 2017, we had \$103.5 million of borrowings outstanding under the NR Satu facility. The facility requires certain cash balances to be held on deposit during the period of the loan. These balances are referred to in these consolidated financial statements as restricted cash. As of December 31, 2017, the value of the restricted cash deposit secured against the loan was \$10.3 million.

Eskimo SPV Debt

In November 2015, we entered into a sale and leaseback transaction pursuant to which we sold the *Golar Eskimo* to Eskimo SPV, a subsidiary of CMBL, and leased back the vessel under a bareboat charter for a monthly hire rate.

In November 2015, Eskimo SPV, which is the legal owner of the *Golar Eskimo*, entered into a long-term loan facility (the “Eskimo SPV Debt”). Eskimo SPV was determined to be a VIE of which we are deemed to be the primary beneficiary, and as a result, we are required to consolidate the results of Eskimo SPV. Although consolidated into our results, we have no control over the funding arrangements negotiated by Eskimo SPV, such as interest rates, maturity, and repayment profiles. In consolidating Eskimo SPV, we must make certain assumptions regarding the debt amortization profile and the interest rate to be applied against Eskimo SPV’s debt principal. The Eskimo SPV Debt is non-amortizing, with a final balloon payment of \$212.1 million due in 2025. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus a margin. See note 5.

Repayment of High-Yield Bonds

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We used the proceeds from the issuance of our 2017 Norwegian Bonds to repay our High-Yield Bonds and related swap obligations before and on their maturity in October 2017. The High-Yield Bonds were senior bonds issued in 2012 in an initial amount of NOK 1,300 million (equivalent to approximately \$227 million) with a maturity date in October 2017. The bonds bore interest at three months NIBOR plus a margin of 5.20% payable quarterly. All interest and principal payments on the bonds were swapped into U.S. dollars including fixing interest payments at 6.485%. In connection with the issuance of the High-Yield Bonds, in order to hedge our exposure, we entered into a non-amortizing cross currency interest rate swap agreement. The swap hedged both the full redemption amount of the NOK denominated obligation and the related quarterly interest payments. We designated the swap as a cash flow hedge (see note 23).

Debt and lease restrictions

As of December 31, 2017, we were in compliance with all covenants under our existing debt and lease agreements. The following summarizes the operating and financing restrictions and covenants contained in the agreements governing our debt arrangements.

\$800 million credit facility

The \$800.0 million senior secured credit facility requires us to maintain as of the end of each quarterly period during and as of the end of each fiscal year:

- free liquid assets of at least \$30.0 million until the maturity date;
- a minimum EBITDA to debt service ratio of 1.15:1;
- a maximum net debt to EBITDA ratio of 6.5:1; and
- a consolidated net worth of \$250.0 million.

In addition, the aggregate fair market value of the seven vessels must at all times be at least 110% of the outstanding facility amount.

NR Satu Facility

The NR Satu facility requires us to maintain, as of the end of each quarter, and as of the end of each fiscal year:

- free liquid assets of at least \$30 million;
- a minimum EBITDA to debt service ratio of 1.15:1; and
- a maximum net debt to EBITDA ratio of 6.5:1.

In addition, the NR Satu facility requires PT Golar Indonesia to maintain a minimum debt service coverage ratio of 1.10:1, at any time during the period.

Eskimo SPV Debt

The bareboat charter and the related agreements governing our sale and leaseback of the *Golar Eskimo* require us to maintain:

- free liquid assets of at least \$30 million throughout the charter period;
- a maximum net debt to EBITDA ratio of 6.5:1; and
- a consolidated tangible net worth of \$123.95 million.

In addition, from the third year anniversary of the commencement of the bareboat charter, we have an annual option to repurchase the vessel at fixed pre-determined amounts, with an obligation to repurchase the vessel at the end of the ten year lease period. In addition, the fair market of value the *Golar Eskimo* must at all times be at least 110% of the outstanding capital balance (as reduced from time to time).

2015 Norwegian Bonds and 2017 Norwegian Bonds

The financial covenants under the bond agreements require us to maintain as of the end of each quarterly period during and as of the end of each fiscal year:

- free liquid assets of at least \$30 million;
- a minimum EBITDA to debt service ratio of 1.15:1; and
- a maximum net debt to EBITDA ratio of 6.5:1.

In addition, we are required to provide the documents and information necessary to maintain the listing and quotation of the bonds on the Oslo Bors.

21. CAPITAL LEASE

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Total obligations under capital lease	128,081	117,751
Less: current portion of obligations under capital lease	(1,276)	(787)
Non-current portion of obligations under capital lease	126,805	116,964

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016 , we operated one vessel under a capital lease.

The leasing transaction, which occurred in August 2003, was in relation to the newbuilding, the *Methane Princess* . We novated the *Methane Princess* newbuilding contract prior to completion of construction and leased the vessel from the same financial institution in the United Kingdom (the “Methane Princess Lease”). The lessor of the *Methane Princess* has a second priority security interest in the *Methane Princess* and the *Golar Spirit*. Our obligation to the lessor under the Methane Princess Lease is secured by a letter of credit (“LC”) provided by other banks. Details of the security deposit provided by us to the bank providing the LC are given in note 16.

As of December 31, 2017 , we are committed to make quarterly minimum capital lease payments (including interest), as follows:

Year ending December 31, (in thousands of \$)	Methane Princess Lease
2018	7,893
2019	8,201
2020	8,514
2021	8,846
2022	9,181
2023 and thereafter	167,783
Total minimum lease payments	210,418
Less: Imputed interest	(82,337)
Present value of minimum lease payments	128,081

The interest element of the lease rentals is accrued at a floating rate based upon Pound Sterling LIBOR.

We determined that the entity that owned the *Methane Princess* was a variable interest entity in which we had a variable interest and was the primary beneficiary. Upon the initial transfer of the *Methane Princess* to the financial institution, we measured the subsequently leased vessel at the same amount as if the transfer had not occurred, which was cost less accumulated depreciation at the time of transfer.

22. OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Deferred tax liability (see note 8)	5,295	3,210
Deferred credits from capital lease transactions	15,399	16,024
	20,694	19,234

Deferred credits from capital lease transactions

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Deferred credits from capital lease transactions	24,691	24,691
Less: Accumulated amortization	(8,667)	(8,042)
	<u>16,024</u>	<u>16,649</u>
Current	625	625
Non-current	15,399	16,024
	<u>16,024</u>	<u>16,649</u>

In connection with the Methane Princess Lease (see note 21), we recorded an amount representing the difference between the net cash proceeds received upon sale of the vessel and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The amortization of the deferred credit for the year is offset against depreciation and amortization expense in the statement of operations. The deferred credits represent the upfront benefits derived from undertaking finance in the form of a UK lease. The deferred credits are amortized over the remaining estimated useful economic life of the *Methane Princess* on a straight-line basis.

Amortization for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 was \$0.6 million.

23. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**Interest rate risk management**

In certain situations, we may enter into financial instruments to reduce the risk associated with fluctuations in interest rates. We have entered into swaps that convert floating rate interest obligations to fixed rates, which from an economic perspective hedge the interest rate exposure. Certain interest rate swap agreements qualify and are designated for accounting purposes as cash flow hedges. We do not hold or issue instruments for speculative or trading purposes. The counterparties to such contracts are major banking and financial institutions. Credit risk exists to the extent that the counterparties are unable to perform under the contracts; however, we do not anticipate non-performance by any of our counterparties.

We manage our debt and capital lease portfolio with interest rate swap agreements in U.S. dollars to achieve an overall desired position of fixed and floating interest rates. We hedge account for certain of our interest rate swap arrangements designated as cash flow hedges. Accordingly, the net gains and losses have been reported in a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income to the extent the hedges are effective. The amount recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income will subsequently be reclassified into earnings, within interest expense, in the same period as the hedged items affect earnings.

We have entered into the following interest rate swap transactions involving the payment of fixed rates in exchange for LIBOR:

Instrument (in thousands of \$)	Year Ended	Notional Amount	Maturity Dates	Fixed Interest Rate
Interest rate swaps:				
Receiving floating, pay fixed	December 31, 2017	1,335,307	2018 to 2023	1.07% to 2.44%
Receiving floating, pay fixed	December 31, 2016	1,131,746	2018 to 2023	1.07% to 2.44%

During the year ended December 31, 2017, we entered into new interest rates swaps with a notional value of \$250 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we entered into new interest rate swaps with a notional value of \$400 million, terminated swaps with a notional value of \$100 million and restructured swaps with a notional value of \$200 million.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the notional principal amount of the debt and capital lease obligations outstanding subject to such swap agreements was \$1,335.3 million and \$1,131.7 million, respectively.

The effect of cash flow hedging relationships relating to interest rate swap agreements on the statements of operations is as follows:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments (in thousands of \$)	Location	Effective portion gain/ (loss) reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss			Ineffective Portion		
		2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
Interest rate swaps	Other financial items, net	—	(409)	2,533	(1)	(639)	411

The effect of cash flow hedging relationships relating to interest rate swap agreements excluding the cross currency interest rate swap on the statements of other comprehensive income is as follows:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments (in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Interest rate swaps	94	147	(174)

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, our accumulated other comprehensive income included \$0.1 million of unrealized losses on interest rate swap agreements excluding the cross currency interest rate swap designated as cash flow hedges.

The amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to “Other financial items, net” for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, were \$nil, a \$0.4 million loss and a \$2.5 million gain, respectively.

In February 2018, upon the maturity of the interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge, its accumulated mark-to-market losses of \$0.1 million previously presented under accumulated other comprehensive income were transferred to our statement of operations under Other Financial Items.

Foreign currency risk

For the periods reported, the majority of our vessels’ gross earnings were receivable in U.S. dollars and the majority of our transactions, assets and liabilities were denominated in U.S. dollars, our functional currency. However, we incur expenditures in other currencies. Our capital lease obligation and related restricted cash deposit are denominated in Pound Sterling. There is a risk that currency fluctuations will have a negative effect on the value of our cash flows.

A net foreign exchange loss of \$0.7 million, gains of \$0.9 million and \$0.5 million arose in the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The net foreign exchange loss of \$0.7 million (2016: \$0.9 million gain; 2015: \$0.5 million gain) that arose in the year ended December 31, 2017 was a result of the retranslation of our capital lease obligations and the cash deposits securing those obligations.

As of December 31, 2017, and 2016 we had no foreign currency forward contracts.

Cross currency interest rate swap

As described in note 20, in 2012, we issued NOK denominated senior unsecured bonds (High-Yield Bonds). In order to hedge our exposure, we entered into a non-amortizing cross currency interest rate swap agreement. The swap hedged both the full redemption amount of the NOK obligation and the related quarterly interest payments. We originally designated the cross currency interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge. During the year ended December 31, 2017, we completed the repayment of the High-Yield Bonds and settled the corresponding cross-currency interest rate swap liabilities. We de-designated the cross currency interest rate swap associated with the High-Yield Bonds as a cash flow hedge from January 1, 2017. Accordingly, the amount recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income of \$5.0 million was reclassified to earnings in 2017.

The net gain/(loss) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income is as follows:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments (in thousands of \$)	Amount of gain (loss) recognized in OCI on derivative (effective portion)		
	2017	2016	2015
Cross currency interest rate swap	—	4,116	(4,933)

As of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, our accumulated other comprehensive income included \$ nil, \$5.0 million gain and \$5.0 million of unrealized losses, respectively, on the cross currency interest rate swap designated as a cash flow hedge. There has been no ineffectiveness in any of the years presented.

Fair values

We recognize our fair value estimates using a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy has three levels based on reliability of inputs used to determine fair value as follows:

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.

Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

There have been no transfers between different levels in the fair value hierarchy during the year. We do not have any level 3 financial instruments.

The carrying value and estimated fair value of our financial instruments at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

(in thousands of \$)	Fair Value Hierarchy(1)	2017 Carrying Value	2017 Fair Value	2016 Carrying Value	2016 Fair Value
Non-Derivatives:					
Cash and cash equivalents	Level 1	246,954	246,954	65,710	65,710
Restricted cash and short-term deposits	Level 1	182,933	182,933	162,415	162,415
High-Yield, 2015 and 2017 Norwegian Bonds ⁽¹⁾	Level 1	400,000	392,445	300,452	293,484
Short-term and long-term debt—floating ⁽²⁾	Level 2	987,584	987,584	1,091,398	1,091,398
Obligations under capital leases ⁽²⁾	Level 2	128,081	128,081	117,751	117,751
Derivatives:					
Interest rate swaps asset ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Level 2	11,962	11,962	8,194	8,194
Interest rate swaps liability ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	Level 2	1,618	1,618	6,143	6,143
Cross currency interest rate swap liability ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	Level 2	—	—	81,454	81,454
Earn-out units ⁽⁶⁾	Level 2	7,400	7,400	15,000	15,000

- This pertains to bonds with a combined carrying value of \$400.0 million as of December 31, 2017 (2016 : \$300.5 million) which is included under long-term debt on the balance sheet. The fair value of the bonds as of December 31, 2017 was \$392.4 million (2016 : \$293.5 million), which represents 98.1% (2016 : 97.7%) of their face value. In February 2017, we completed the issuance and sale of \$250 million of the 2017 Norwegian Bonds which will mature in May 2021. During 2017, we repaid our High-Yield Bonds and settled the corresponding cross-currency interest rate swap liabilities.
- Our debt and capital lease obligations are recorded at amortized cost in the consolidated balance sheets. Debt is presented in the above table, gross of deferred financing cost of \$16.6 million as of December 31, 2017 (2016 : \$17.1 million).
- Derivative liabilities are captured within other current liabilities and derivative assets are captured within long-term assets on the balance sheet.
- The fair value/carrying value of interest rate swap agreements (excluding the cross currency interest rate swap described in footnote 5 below) that qualify and are designated as cash flow hedges as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$0.1 million (with a notional amount of \$72.5 million) and \$0.1 million (with a notional amount of \$82.5 million), respectively. The expected maturity of these interest rate agreements is in February 2018.
- We issued NOK denominated senior unsecured bonds. In order to hedge our exposure, we entered into a non-amortizing cross currency interest rate swap agreement. The swap hedges both the full redemption amount of the NOK obligation and the related quarterly interest

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payments. We designated the cross currency interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge. During 2017, we repaid our High-Yield Bonds and settled the corresponding cross-currency interest rate swap liabilities.

6. This relates to the Earn-Out Units issued in connection with the IDR reset transaction in October 2016. See note 27 for further details.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument.

The carrying values of accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and working capital facilities approximate fair values because of the short-term maturity of these instruments.

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, which are highly liquid, is a reasonable estimate of fair value.

The estimated fair value for restricted cash and short-term deposits is considered to be equal to the carrying value since they are placed for periods of less than six months. The estimated fair value for long-term restricted cash is considered to be equal to the carrying value since it bears variable interest rates which are reset on a quarterly basis.

The estimated fair value of our High-Yield Bonds (prior to maturity in 2017), 2015 Norwegian Bonds and 2017 Norwegian Bonds, are based on the quoted market price as of the balance sheet date.

The estimated fair value of our floating long-term debt is considered to be equal to the carrying value since it bears variable interest rates, which are reset on a quarterly basis.

The estimated fair value of long-term obligations under capital lease is considered to be equal to the carrying value since it bears interest at a variable interest rate, which is reset on a quarterly basis.

The fair value of our derivative instruments is the estimated amount that we would receive or pay to terminate the agreements at the reporting date, taking into account current interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and our credit worthiness and of our swap counterparty. The mark-to-market gain or loss on our interest rate and foreign currency swaps that are not designated as hedges for accounting purposes for the period is reported in the statement of operations caption "Other financial items, net" (see note 7).

The fair value of the Earn-Out Units was determined using a Monte-Carlo simulation method. This simulation was performed within the Black Scholes option pricing model then solved via an iterative process by applying the Newton-Raphson method for the fair value of the Earn-Out Units, such that the price of a unit output by the Monte Carlo simulation equaled the price observed in the market. The method took into account the historical volatility, dividend yield as well as the unit price of the common units as of the IDR reset date and at the balance sheet date (see note 27).

The credit exposure of interest rate swap agreements is represented by the fair value of contracts with a positive fair value at the end of each period, reduced by the effects of master netting agreements. It is our policy to enter into master netting agreements with the counterparties to derivative financial instrument contracts, which give us the legal right to discharge all or a portion of amounts owed to that counterparty by offsetting them against amounts that the counterparty owes to us.

We have elected not to offset the fair values of derivative assets and liabilities executed with the same counterparty that are generally subject to enforceable master netting arrangements. However, if we were to offset and record the asset and liability balance of derivatives on a net basis, the amounts presented in our consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 would be adjusted as detailed in the following table:

(in thousands of \$)	December 31, 2017			December 31, 2016		
	Gross amounts presented in the consolidated balance sheet	Gross amounts not offset in the consolidated balance sheet subject to netting agreements	Net amount	Gross amounts presented in the consolidated balance sheet	Gross amounts not offset in the consolidated balance sheet subject to netting agreements	Net amount
Total asset derivatives	11,962	(1,618)	10,344	8,194	(4,194)	4,000
Total liability derivatives	1,618	(1,618)	—	6,143	(4,194)	1,949

The fair value measurement of an asset or a liability must reflect the non-performance of the entity. Therefore, the impact of our credit worthiness has also been factored into the fair value measurement of the derivative instruments in a liability position. Following the de-designation of the cross currency interest rate swap, a credit valuation adjustment of \$0.2 million was debited

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to other financial items, net for the year ended December 31, 2017. The credit valuation adjustment of \$1.1 million was debited to other comprehensive income for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2017, the credit valuation adjustment in accumulated other comprehensive income was \$ nil (2016 : \$0.2 million credit).

The cash flows from economic hedges are classified in the same category as the cash flows from the items subject to the economic hedging relationship.

Concentrations of credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and short-term deposits, trade accounts receivable, other receivables and amounts due from related parties. In respect of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and short-term deposits, credit risk lies with Nordea Bank Finland Plc, Citibank, DNB Bank ASA, Santander UK plc, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Standard Chartered PLC, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ), CMBL. However, we believe this risk is remote, as they are established and reputable establishments with no prior history of default.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, ten customers accounted for all of our revenues. These revenues and associated accounts receivable are mainly derived from time charters with Petrobras, PTNR, Jordan, KNPC and DUSUP. We consider the credit risk of DUSUP, Petrobras, PTNR, KNPC and Jordan to be low.

During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, Petrobras accounted for at least 22% of gross revenue. Details of revenues derived from each major customer for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 are found in note 6.

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with related parties:

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016	2015
Transactions with Golar and affiliates:			
Time charter revenues (a)	17,423	28,368	41,555
Management and administrative services fees (b)	(7,762)	(4,251)	(2,949)
Ship management fees (c)	(5,903)	(6,466)	(7,577)
Expense in connection with the Golar Eskimo Vendor Loan (d)	—	—	(4,217)
Interest income on short-term loans (e)	—	122	203
Share options expense (f)	(228)	(181)	(297)
Income on deposits paid to Golar (g)	4,622	1,967	—
Distributions to Golar (h)	(52,255)	(54,688)	(52,130)
Fees to Helm Energy Advisors Inc. (i)	—	(795)	(2,307)
Transactions with others:			
Dividends to China Petroleum Corporation (j)	(7,000)	(12,360)	(11,400)

Receivables from related parties:

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, balances with related parties consisted of the following:

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Balances due from Golar and its affiliates (e)	4,138	21,908
<i>Methane Princess</i> Lease security deposit movements (k)	3,487	2,006
Deposits paid to Golar (g)	177,247	107,247
	184,872	131,161

(a) *Time charter revenues* - This consists of revenue from the charters of the *Golar Eskimo* and the *Golar Grand*.

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In connection with our acquisition of the *Golar Grand* in November 2012, Golar provided us with an option pursuant to which in the event that the charterer did not renew or extend its charter for the *Golar Grand* beyond February 2015, we could require Golar to charter the vessel through to November 2017 at approximately 75% of the hire rate that would have been payable by the charterer. In February 2015, we exercised this option. In May 2017, *Golar Grand* started its new charter with a major international oil and gas company (the “New Charter”). We sub-chartered back the *Golar Grand* from Golar at the same time charter rate as the New Charter. The daily time charter rate receivable from Golar under the option had reverted back to the original rate following the vessel's drydocking in April 2017 but was reduced by the sub-charter income under the New Charter. Accordingly, we earned \$17.4 million, \$28.4 million and \$28.7 million in relation to this charter in the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 respectively.

In connection with the *Golar Eskimo* acquisition, we entered into an agreement with Golar pursuant to which Golar agreed to pay us an aggregate amount of \$22.0 million starting in January 2015 and ending in June 2015 for the right to use the *Golar Eskimo* during that period. We accounted for \$12.9 million of the \$22.0 million as time charter revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015.

(b) *Management and administrative services fees* - We are party to a management and administrative services agreement with Golar Management, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Golar, pursuant to which Golar Management will provide to us certain management and administrative services. The services provided by Golar Management are charged at cost plus a management fee equal to 5% of Golar Management's costs and expenses incurred in connection with providing these services. We may terminate the agreement by providing 120 days' written notice.

(c) *Ship management fees* - Golar and certain of its subsidiaries charged vessel management fees to us for the provision of technical and commercial management of the vessels. Each of our vessels is subject to management agreements pursuant to which certain commercial and technical management services are provided by certain subsidiaries of Golar, including Golar Management. We may terminate these agreements by providing 30 days' written notice.

(d) *Golar Eskimo Vendor Loan* - A portion of the purchase price for the *Golar Eskimo* acquisition was financed with the proceeds of a \$220.0 million unsecured, non-amortizing loan to us from Golar. This loan, which contained a repayment incentive fee of up to 1.0% of the loan amount and bore interest at a blended rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus a margin of 2.84%, was repaid in full in November 2015. Accordingly, we recognized a repayment incentive fee of \$1.1 million in connection with the repayment.

(e) *Balances due from Golar and its affiliates* - Receivables and payables with Golar and its subsidiaries comprise primarily of unpaid management fees, advisory and administrative services and other related party arrangements including the *Golar Grand* time charter and the Tundra Letter Agreement. In addition, certain receivables and payables arise when we pay an invoice on behalf of a related party and vice versa. Receivables and payables are generally settled quarterly in arrears. Trading balances due to Golar and its subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and intended to be settled in the ordinary course of business. The decrease in the net balance due from Golar as of December 31, 2017 is mainly attributable to charter hire payments from Golar during the year in relation to the *Golar Grand* charter which ended November 2017, discussed in (a) above and the amounts due under the Tundra Letter Agreement. In November 2015, Golar borrowed \$50.0 million from us. The loan was repayable within 28 days following draw down, was unsecured, and bore interest at LIBOR plus 5.0%. The loan was repaid in December 2015.

(f) *Share options expense* - This relates to a recharge from Golar in relation to the award of 29,950 (with an exercise price of \$23.50 at grant date) and 45,000 (with an exercise price of \$56.70 at grant date) share options in Golar LNG granted to certain of our directors and officers. The exercise price is reduced by the value of dividends declared and paid. They have a contractual term of five years and vest evenly over three years.

(g) *Income on deposits paid to Golar/Deposits paid to Golar* - In May 2016, we completed the Tundra Acquisition and paid total cash purchase consideration of \$107.2 million. Pursuant to the Tundra Letter Agreement, of the amount we received under the agreement, we have accounted for \$2.2 million and \$2.0 million as interest income for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. In May 2017, we elected to exercise the Tundra Put Right to require Golar to repurchase Tundra Corp at a price equal to the original purchase price. In connection with the exercise of the Tundra Put Right, we and Golar entered into an agreement pursuant to which we agreed to sell Tundra Corp to Golar on the date of the closing of the Tundra Put Sale (the “Put Sale Closing Date”) on October 17, 2017 in return for Golar's promise to pay an amount equal to \$107.2 million (the “Deferred Purchase Price”) plus an additional amount equal to 5% per annum of the Deferred Purchase Price (the “Additional Amount”). The Deferred Purchase Price and the Additional Amount shall be due and payable by Golar on the earlier of (a) the date of the closing of the Hilli Acquisition (as defined) and (b) April 30, 2018. However, in the event acceptance is delayed beyond April 30, 2018, both parties have agreed to extend the closing date for the Hilli Acquisition to May 31, 2018.

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On August 15, 2017, Golar Partners Operating LLC, our wholly owned subsidiary, entered into a purchase and sale agreement (the “Hilli Purchase Agreement”) for the acquisition (the “Hilli Acquisition”) from Golar and affiliates of Keppel Shipyard Limited (“Keppel”) and Black and Veatch (“B&V”) of 50% of the common units in Hilli LLC, which will, on the closing date of the Hilli Acquisition, indirectly own the *Hilli*. Such common units will represent the equivalent of 50% of the two liquefaction trains, out of a total of four, that will be contracted to Perenco Cameroon (“Perenco”) and Societe Nationale de Hydrocarbures (“SNH”) (together with Perenco and SNH, the “Customer”) under an eight -year liquefaction tolling agreement (the “Liquefaction Tolling Agreement”). The purchase price for the common units of Hilli LLC is \$658 million less net lease obligations under the financing facility for the *Hilli* (the “Hilli Facility”), which are expected to be between \$468 and \$480 million. Concurrently with the execution of the Hilli Purchase Agreement, we paid a \$70 million deposit to Golar, upon which we will receive interest at a rate of 5% per annum. The closing of the Hilli Acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions, which include among other things, the delivery to and acceptance by the customer of the *Hilli*, and the commencement of commercial operations under the Liquefaction Tolling Agreement.

We have accounted for \$2.4 million as interest income for the year ended December 31, 2017 on the Deferred Purchase Price and \$70 million deposit.

(h) *Distributions to Golar* - We have declared and paid quarterly distributions totaling \$52.3 million, \$54.7 million, and \$52.1 million to Golar for each of the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

(i) *Fees to Helm Energy Advisors Inc.* - Through his co-ownership of Helm Energy Advisors Inc. (“Helm”), a company established and domiciled in Canada, Mr. Doug Arnell, who was appointed to our board of directors in February 2015 and resigned in September 2016, acted and advised us on various projects for us and earned approximately \$0.8 million and \$2.3 million from us in fees for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

(j) *Dividends to China Petroleum Corporation* - During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, Faraway Maritime Shipping Co., which is 60% owned by us and 40% owned by China Petroleum Corporation (“CPC”), paid total dividends to CPC of \$7.0 million, \$12.4 million and \$11.4 million, respectively.

(k) *Methane Princess Lease security deposit movements* - This represents net advances to Golar since the IPO, which correspond with the net release of funds from the security deposits held relating to the Methane Princess Lease. This is in connection with the Methane Princess tax lease indemnity provided by Golar under the Omnibus Agreement (see below). Accordingly, these amounts held with Golar will be settled as part of the eventual termination of the Methane Princess Lease.

Other transactions

Agency agreement with PT Pesona Sentra Utama (or PT Pesona) - PT Pesona, an Indonesian company owns 51% of the issued share capital in our subsidiary, PTGI, the owner and operator of *NR Satu*, and provides agency and local representation services for us with respect to *NR Satu*. During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, PT Pesona received an agency fee of \$0.5 million, \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

Acquisitions from Golar

For the three years ended December 31, 2017, we acquired from Golar equity interests in the company that is the disponent owner and operator of the *Golar Tundra* and certain subsidiaries which own and operate the *Golar Eskimo*. We did not consolidate Tundra Corp into our financial results since its acquisition due to the Tundra Put Option. Furthermore, we exercised the put option in May 2017 and the Tundra Put Sale closed in October 2017. The acquisition of the *Golar Eskimo* was accounted for as a business combination (see Note 10).

Omnibus Agreement

In connection with our IPO in April 2011, we entered into an Omnibus Agreement with Golar, Golar GP LLC (our “General Partner”) and others governing, among others:

- To what extent we and Golar may compete with each other;
- Certain rights of first offer on certain FSRUs and LNG carriers operating under charters for five or more years; and
- The provision of certain indemnities to us by Golar.

Indemnifications and guarantees

Tax lease indemnifications

Under the Omnibus Agreement, Golar has agreed to indemnify us in the event of any liabilities in excess of scheduled or final settlement amounts arising from the *Methane Princess* leasing arrangement and the termination thereof.

In addition, Golar has agreed to indemnify us against any liabilities incurred as a consequence of a successful challenge by the UK Revenue Authorities with regard to the initial tax basis of the transactions in respect of the *Methane Princess* and other vessels previously financed by UK tax leases or in relation to the restructuring terminations in 2010.

Acquisitions of Golar Eskimo, Golar Igloo and Golar Maria

Under the Purchase, Sale and Contribution Agreements entered into between Golar and us on December 15, 2014, December 5, 2013 and January 30, 2013 in relation to the *Golar Eskimo*, the *Golar Igloo* and the *Golar Maria*, respectively, Golar has agreed to indemnify us against certain environmental and toxic tort liabilities with respect to the assets that Golar contributed or sold to us to the extent arising prior to the time they were sold and to the extent that we notify Golar within five years of the date of the agreements.

Golar Tundra financing related guarantees

In November 2015, Tundra Corp sold the *Golar Tundra* to a subsidiary of CMBL (“Tundra SPV”) and subsequently leased back the vessel under a bareboat charter (the “Tundra Lease”). In connection with the Tundra Lease, Golar is a party to a guarantee in favor of Tundra SPV, pursuant to which, in the event that Tundra Corp (a subsidiary of Golar) is in default of its obligations under the Tundra Lease, Golar, as the primary guarantor, will settle any liabilities due within five business days. In addition, we are also party to a further guarantee, pursuant to which, in the event Golar is unable to satisfy its obligations as the primary guarantor, Tundra SPV may recover from us, as the deficiency guarantor. Under a separate side agreement, Golar has agreed to indemnify us for any costs incurred in our capacity as the deficiency guarantor.

Conversion of Subordinated units

In June 2016, the subordination period expired and all the subordinated units converted into common units (see note 27).

Exchange of Incentive Distribution Rights

Pursuant to the terms of an Exchange Agreement (the “Exchange Agreement”) by and between the Partnership, Golar and our General Partner, Golar and our General Partner exchanged all of their incentive distribution rights in the Partnership (“Old IDRs”) in October 2016. Under the terms of the Exchange Agreement, the first target distribution was met in November 2017, accordingly, we issued 50% of the Earn-Out Units (374,295 common units and 7,639 general partner units) under the Exchange Agreement (see note 27).

25. OTHER COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Assets pledged

(in thousands of \$)	2017	2016
Carrying value of vessels and equipment secured against long-term loans and capital leases	1,555,092	1,622,416

Other contractual commitments and contingencies

Insurance

We insure the legal liability risks for our shipping activities with Gard and Skuld, which are mutual protection and indemnity associations. As a member of a mutual association, we have inquired to the associations based on our claims record in addition to the claims records of all other members of the association. A contingent liability exists to the extent that the claims records of the members of the association in the aggregate show significant deterioration, which results in additional premium on the members.

Tax lease benefits

As of December 31, 2017, we have one UK tax lease (relating to the *Methane Princess*). A termination of this lease would realize the accrued currency gain or loss recorded against the lease liability, net of the restricted cash. As of December 31, 2017, there was a net accrued gain of approximately \$1.0 million.

Under the terms of the leasing arrangement, the benefits are derived primarily from the tax depreciation assumed to be available to the lessor as a result of their investment in the vessel. As is typical in these leasing arrangements, as the lessee we are obligated to maintain the lessor's after-tax margin. Accordingly, in the event of any adverse tax changes or a successful challenge by the Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (the "HMRC"), the UK tax authorities, with regard to the initial tax basis of the transactions, or in the event of an early termination of the *Methane Princess* lease or in relation to the other vessels previously financed by UK tax leases, we may be required to make additional payments principally to the applicable UK vessel lessor. We would be required to return all, or a portion of, or in certain circumstances significantly more than the upfront cash benefits that Golar received in respect of the applicable lease financing transaction.

HMRC has been challenging the use of similar tax lease structures and has been engaged in litigation of a test case for some years. In August 2015, following an appeal to the Court of Appeal by the HMRC which set aside previous judgments in favor of the tax payer, the First Tier Tribunal (UK court) ruled in favor of HMRC. The judgments of the First Tier Tribunal do not create binding precedent for other UK court decisions and therefore the ruling in favor of HMRC is not binding in the context of our structures. Further, we consider there are differences in the fact pattern and structure between this case and our leasing arrangements and therefore is not necessarily indicative of any outcome should HMRC challenge us, and we believe that our fact pattern is sufficiently different to succeed if we are challenged by HMRC. HMRC have written to our lessor to indicate that they believe the *Methane Princess* lease may be similar to the case noted above. We have reviewed the details of the case and the basis of the judgment with our legal and tax advisers to ascertain what impact, if any, the judgment may have on us and the possible range of exposure has been estimated at approximately \$ nil to \$30.0 million (£ 22.5 million). However, under the indemnity provisions of the Omnibus Agreement, Golar has agreed to indemnify us against any liabilities incurred as a consequence of a successful challenge by the UK Revenue Authorities with regard to the initial tax basis of the *Methane Princess* lease and in relation to other vessels previously financed by UK tax leases. Golar is currently in conversation with HMRC on this matter, presenting the factual background of Golar's position.

Legal proceedings and claims

From time to time we have been, and expect to continue to be, subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of our business, principally personal injury and property casualty claims. These claims, even if lacking merit, could result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources.

In November and December 2015, the Indonesian tax authorities issued letters to PTGI (see note 5) to, among other things, revoke a previously granted VAT importation waiver in the approximate amount of \$24.0 million for the *NR Satu*. In April 2016, PTGI initiated an action in the Indonesian tax court to dispute the waiver cancellation. The final hearing took place in June 2016 and we received the verdict of the Tax Court in November 2017, which rejected PTGI's claim. In February 2018, PTGI filed a Judicial Review with the Supreme Court of Indonesia. In the event that the revocation of the waiver is upheld by the Supreme Court and a liability arises, which we do not believe to be probable, we believe PTGI will be indemnified by PTNR for any VAT liability as well as related interest and penalties under our time charter party agreement entered into with them.

26. UNIT-BASED COMPENSATION

The Golar LNG Partners LP Long Term Incentive Plan (the "GMLP LTIP") was adopted by our board of directors, effective as of May 30, 2016. The maximum aggregate number of common units that may be delivered pursuant to any and all awards under the GMLP LTIP shall not exceed 500,000 common units, subject to adjustment due to recapitalization or reorganization as provided under the GMLP LTIP. The GMLP LTIP allows for grants of (i) unit options, (ii) unit appreciation rights, (iii) restricted unit awards, which may include tandem unit distribution rights, (iv) phantom units, (v) unit awards, (vi) other unit-based awards, (vii) cash awards, (viii) distribution equivalent rights (whether granted alone or in tandem with another award, other than a restricted Unit or Unit award), (ix) substitute awards and (x) performance-based awards. Either authorized unissued shares or treasury shares (if there are any) in the Partnership may be used to satisfy exercised options.

As of December 31, 2017, 99,000 options to purchase common units had been awarded to our directors and management under the GMLP LTIP. The options had an exercise price of \$20.55 per unit, representing the closing price of the common units on

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November 17, 2016, the grant date and a contractual term of five years. The exercise price will be adjusted for each time we pay distributions. One third of the options vested in November 2017, the second third will vest in November 2018 and the final third will vest in November 2019.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the grant date or modification date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the following assumptions as of the grant date:

	2017	2016
Risk free interest rate	1.5%	1.5%
Expected volatility of common units ⁽¹⁾	44.8%	44.8%
Expected dividend yield ⁽²⁾	0.0%	0.0%
Expected life of options (in years)	5.0 years	5.0 years

⁽¹⁾The assumption for expected future volatility is based primarily on an analysis of historical volatility of our common units.

⁽²⁾The dividend yield has been estimated at 0.0% as the exercise price of the options are reduced by the value of distributions, declared and paid on a per unit basis.

A summary of option activity for the year ended December 31, 2017 is presented below:

<i>(in thousands of \$, except per unit data)</i>	Units (in '000s)	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining contractual term (years)
Options outstanding at December 31, 2016	75	\$ 20.55	4.9
Granted during the year	24	20.55	
Options outstanding at December 31, 2017	99	\$ 18.24	3.9

There were 33,000 options exercisable at December 31, 2017 at an exercise price of \$18.24 as adjusted for cash distributions paid on our common units. Such options had a remaining contractual term of 3.9 years (2016: nil).

As at December 31, 2017, the intrinsic value of unit options that were both outstanding and exercisable was \$0.2 million (2016: \$ nil).

The total fair value of unit options which fully vested in the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$0.2 million and \$ nil, respectively.

Compensation cost of \$239,000 and \$23,000 related to the options has been recognized in the consolidated statement of operations for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

As of December 31, 2017, the total unrecognized compensation cost amounting to \$0.4 million relating to unit options outstanding is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years.

27. EQUITY

At December 31, 2017, a total of 69.6% (2016: 67.5%) of the Partnership's common units outstanding were held by the public. The remaining common units were held by Golar and the 2% general partner interest was held by our General Partner. All of the Partnership's outstanding Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units (the "Series A Preferred Units") are held by the public.

Rights and Obligations of Partnership Units

- *Common units* . Common units represent limited partner interests in us. Each outstanding common unit is entitled to one vote on matters subject to a vote of common unitholders. However, if at any time, any person or group owns beneficially more than 4.9% or more of any class of units outstanding, any such units owned by that person or group in excess of 4.9% may not be voted (except for purposes of nominating a person for election to our Board). The voting rights of any such common unitholder in excess of 4.9% will effectively be redistributed pro rata among the other common unitholders holding less than 4.9% of the voting power of such class of units. The General Partner, its affiliates and persons who acquired common units with the prior approval of the Board will not be subject to this 4.9% limit except with respect to voting their common units in the election of the four elected directors.
- *Subordinated units*. Subordinated units represented limited partner interests in us. Subordinated units had limited voting rights and most notably were excluded from voting in the election of the elected directors. During the subordination period, the common units had preferential distribution rights to the subordinated units. The subordination period ended on June 30, 2016, on which date all our subordinated units, which were 100% held by Golar, converted to common units.
- *General partner units*. There is a limitation on the transferability of the general partner interest such that the General Partner may not transfer all or any part of its general partner interest to another person (except to an affiliate of the General Partner or another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of the General Partner with or into another entity or the transfer by the General Partner of all or substantially all of its assets to another entity) prior to March 31, 2021 without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding common units held by the General Partner and its affiliates. The general partner units are not entitled to vote in the election of the four elected directors. However, subject to the rights of the holders of Series A Preferred Units in certain instances, the General Partner in its sole discretion appoints three of the seven members of the Board.
- *IDRs*. The IDRs are non-voting and represent rights to receive an increasing percentage of quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels have been achieved (see note 28). Pursuant to the Partnership Agreement, the IDRs are transferable without unitholder approval.
- *Series A Preferred Units* . The Series A Preferred Units represent perpetual equity interests in us and, unlike our indebtedness, will not give rise to a claim for payment of a principal amount at a particular date. Series A Preferred Units have the voting rights described below under "Series A Preferred Units". The Series A Preferred Units have preferential distribution rights to our common units and rank junior to all of our indebtedness as set forth below.

For additional information regarding the common units, general partner units, IDRs and Series A Preferred Units, please see our Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed on November 13, 2017.

Equity Issuances

The following table shows the movement in the number of preferred units, common units, subordinated units and general partner units during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 :

(in units)	Preferred Units	Common Units	Subordinated Units	GP Units
December 31, 2014	—	45,663,096	15,949,831	1,257,408
December 2015 common unit repurchase program	—	(496,000)	—	—
December 31, 2015	—	45,167,096	15,949,831	1,257,408
January 2016 common unit repurchase program	—	(38,000)	—	—
June 2016 conversion of subordinated units	—	15,949,831	(15,949,831)	—
October 2016 IDR reset	—	2,994,364	—	61,109
December 31, 2016	—	64,073,291	—	1,318,517
February 2017 common unit offering	—	5,175,000	—	94,714
October 2017 preferred units offering	5,520,000	—	—	—
November 2017 earn-out units conversion (1st tranche)	—	374,295	—	7,639
During 2017 common unit continuous offering program	—	145,675	—	2,973
December 31, 2017	5,520,000	69,768,261	—	1,423,843

In December 2015, our Board approved a program to repurchase up to \$25.0 million of our outstanding common units in the open market over a two year period. As of December 31, 2017, we had repurchased a total of 534,000 units under the common unit repurchase program for an aggregate cost of \$6.5 million. In accordance with our provisions of the Partnership Agreement, all common units repurchased are deemed canceled and not outstanding, with immediate effect.

In June 2016, our Board determined that the conditions precedent for the expiration of the subordination period set forth in the definition of “Subordination Period” contained in the Partnership Agreement were satisfied, and on June 30, 2016, all 15,949,831 subordinated units (all of which were held by Golar) were converted into common units on a one -for-one basis.

In September 2017, we entered into an equity distribution agreement with a sales agent pursuant to which we may, from time to time issue common units with an aggregate offering price of up to \$150 million (the “ATM Program”). We sold 145,675 common units in December 2017, at an average gross sales price of \$22.79 per unit, for which we received \$3.3 million. In connection with such sales, our General Partner purchased 2,973 general partner units at an average price of \$22.79 per unit.

The following table summarizes public offerings of our equity during the year ended December 31, 2017 :

Date	Number of Units Issued	Type of units	Offering Price	Net Proceeds (in thousands of \$)	Golar’s Ownership after the Offering ⁽²⁾	Use of Proceeds
February 2017	5,175,000	Common	\$ 22.67	118,774	31.51%	General partnership purposes and a portion of the deposit for the Hilli Acquisition
October 2017	5,520,000	Preferred	\$ 25.00	132,991	31.51%	General partnership purposes
December 2017	145,675	Common ⁽³⁾	\$ 22.79	3,275	31.82%	General partnership purposes

⁽¹⁾Includes General Partner’s 2% proportionate capital contribution.

⁽²⁾Includes Golar’s 2% general partner interest in the Partnership and common unit ownership.

⁽³⁾Refers to issuances under our common unit continuous (“ATM”) offering program.

Exchange of Incentive Distribution Rights

On October 19, 2016 (the “IDR Exchange Closing Date”), pursuant to the terms of an Exchange Agreement (the “Exchange Agreement”), dated as of October 13, 2016, by and between the Partnership, Golar and our General Partner, Golar and our General

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Partner exchanged all of their incentive distribution rights in the Partnership (“Old IDRs”) for (i) the issuance by us on the IDR Exchange Closing Date of a new class of incentive distribution rights in the Partnership (“New IDRs”), (ii) an aggregate of 2,994,364 additional common units and an aggregate of 61,109 additional general partner units and (iii) the issuance in the future of an aggregate of up to 748,592 additional common units and up to 15,278 additional general partner units (collectively, the “Earn-Out Units”) that may be issued subject to certain conditions described below. The new IDRs result in the minimum distribution level increasing from \$0.3850 per common unit to \$0.5775 per common unit. The fair value of the Old IDRs is not materially different to the fair value of all of the newly issued instruments.

On the IDR Exchange Closing Date (i) the Old IDRs were exchanged by Golar and the General Partner and cancelled by us, (ii) 100% of the New IDRs were issued to the General Partner and Golar, (iii) 2,425,435 and 568,929 additional common units were issued to the General Partner and Golar, respectively, and (iv) 61,109 general partner units were issued to the General Partner.

As of November 14, 2017 we had paid a distribution of available cash from operating surplus pursuant to the terms of our Second Amended and Restated Partnership Agreement, on each of the outstanding common units equal to or greater than \$0.5775 per common unit in respect of each of the quarterly periods ended December 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017. Accordingly, we issued 50% of the Earn-Out Units - 374,295 common units and 7,639 general partner units to Golar and the General Partner, respectively.

We will issue the remaining 50% of the Earn-Out Units if we pay a distribution of available cash from operating surplus on each of the outstanding common units equal to or greater than \$0.5775 per common unit in respect of each of the quarterly periods ended December 31, 2017, March 31, 2018, June 30, 2018 and September 30, 2018.

In relation to our IDR reset transaction we accounted for this as a modification of the Old IDRs and determined that the earn-out units met the definition of a derivative. Accordingly, the overall effect of the transaction was (i) reclassification of the initial fair value of the derivative from equity to current liabilities of \$15.0 million ; (ii) reallocation between unitholders within equity due to the recognition of the incremental fair value of the modification and fair values of newly issued instruments and resulting deemed distribution. The fair value of the Earn-Out Units at December 31, 2017 amounted to \$7.4 million . This followed the issuance of the first 50% of the earn-out units which were valued at \$8.0 million and thus transferred to equity in November 2017 (see note 23).

Series A Preferred Units

Our 8.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units are listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “GMLPP”.

On October 31, 2017 we sold in a registered public offering 5,520,000 of our Series A Preferred Units, liquidation preference \$25.00 per unit. We raised proceeds, net of the underwriters discounts and offering fees, of approximately \$133.0 million .

The Series A Preferred Units rank:

- senior to our common units and to each other class or series of limited partner interests or other equity securities established after the original issue date of the Series A Preferred Units that is not expressly made senior to or on parity with the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary (“Junior Securities”);
- pari passu with any class or series of limited partner interests or other equity securities established after the original issue date of the Series A Preferred Units with terms expressly providing that such class or series ranks on a parity with the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary (“Parity Securities”);
- junior to all of our indebtedness and other liabilities with respect to assets available to satisfy claims against us; and
- junior to each other class or series of limited partner interests or other equity securities expressly made senior to the Series A Preferred Units as to the payment of distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary (“Senior Securities”). The Series A Preferred Units have no conversion or exchange rights and are not subject to any preemptive rights.

Distributions on the Series A Preferred Units are payable out of amounts legally available therefor at a rate equal to 8.75% per annum of the stated liquidation preference. Distributions are payable quarterly in arrears on the 15th day of February, May, August

and November of each year, when, as and if declared by our Board. The first distribution on the Series A Preferred Units was paid on February 15, 2018 in an amount equal to \$0.63802 per unit, representing accumulated distributions from October 31, 2017, the original issuance date of the Series A Preferred Units through February 14, 2018.

The Series A Preferred Units generally have no voting rights. However, if and whenever distributions payable on the Series A Preferred Units are in arrears for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, holders of Series A Preferred Units, voting as a class together with the holders of any Parity Securities upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, will have the right to replace one of the members of our Board appointed by our General Partner with a person nominated by such holders (unless the holders of Series A Preferred Units and Parity Securities upon which like voting rights have been conferred voting as a class, have previously elected a member of our Board, and such director continues then to serve on the Board). Distributions payable on the Series A Preferred Units will be considered to be in arrears for any quarterly period for which full cumulative distributions through the most recent distribution payment date have not been paid on all outstanding Series A Preferred Units. The right of such holders of Series A Preferred Units to elect a member of our Board will continue until such time as all accumulated and unpaid distributions on the Series A Preferred Units have been paid in full. In addition, unless we have received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units, voting as a single class, our Board may not adopt any amendment to our partnership agreement that would have a material adverse effect on the existing terms of the Series A Preferred Units. In addition, unless we have received the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series A Preferred Units, voting as a class together with holders of any other Parity Securities upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, we may not (i) issue any Parity Securities if the cumulative distributions on Series A Preferred Units are in arrears or (ii) create or issue any Senior Securities.

In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, holders of Series A Preferred Units will have the right to receive a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon to the date of payment, whether declared or not. These payments will be paid before any payments are paid to our common unitholders.

At any time on or after October 31, 2022, we may redeem, in whole or in part, the Series A Preferred Units at a redemption price of \$25.00 per unit plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid distributions thereon on the date of redemption, whether declared or not. Any such redemption will be effected from funds legally available for such purpose. We must provide not less than 30 days' and not more than 60 days' written notice of any such redemption.

28. EARNINGS PER UNIT AND CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

Earnings per unit have been calculated in accordance with the distribution guidelines set forth in the Partnership Agreement and are determined by adjusting net income for the period by distributions made or to be made in relation to the period irrespective of the declaration and payment dates. The calculations of basic and diluted earnings per common unit are presented below:

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(in thousands of \$ except unit and per unit data)	2017	2016	2015
Common unitholders' interest in net income	124,656	139,948	106,476
Less: distributions paid ⁽¹⁾	(160,069)	(151,694)	(103,241)
(Over) / under distributed earnings	(35,413)	(11,746)	3,235
Basic:			
Weighted average common units outstanding (in thousands)	68,671	53,745	45,654
Diluted:			
Weighted average common units outstanding (in thousands)	68,671	53,745	45,654
Earn-out units	654	189	—
Common unit and common unit equivalents	69,325	53,934	45,654
Earnings per unit - Common unitholders			
:			
Basic	\$ 1.82	\$ 2.44	\$ 2.38
Diluted	1.80	2.43	2.38
Cash distributions declared and paid in the period per common unit ⁽²⁾	2.31	2.31	2.30
Subsequent event: Cash distributions declared and paid per common unit relating to the period ⁽³⁾	0.58	0.58	0.58

⁽¹⁾ This refers to distributions made or to be made to the common unitholders in relation to the period irrespective of the declaration and payment dates and based on the weighted average number of units outstanding in the period.

⁽²⁾ Refers to cash distributions declared and paid during the period.

⁽³⁾ Refers to cash distributions relating to the period, declared and paid subsequent to the period end.

As of December 31, 2017, of our total number of common units outstanding, 69.6% (2016 : 67.5%) were held by the public and the remaining common units were held by Golar.

Earnings per common unit is calculated using the two class method. Basic earnings per common unit is determined by adjusting net income for the period by distributions made or to be made in relation to the period. Any undistributed earnings for the period are allocated to the various unitholders based on the distribution waterfall for cash available for distribution as specified in the Partnership Agreement. Any distributions in excess of earnings are allocated to partnership units based upon the allocation and distribution of amounts from partners' capital accounts. The resulting earnings figure is divided by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common unit reflect the potential dilution that occur if securities or other contracts to issue common units were exercised.

The various partnership interests in net income were calculated as if all net income was distributed according to the terms of the Partnership Agreement, regardless of whether those earnings would or could be distributed. The Partnership Agreement does not provide for the distribution of net income; rather, it provides for the distribution of available cash, which is a contractually defined term that generally means all cash on hand at the end of the quarter after establishment of cash reserves determined by our Board to (i) provide for the proper conduct of our business, among other things, including reserves for maintenance and replacement capital expenditure and anticipated credit needs; (ii) comply with applicable law and our debt and other agreements; (iii) provide funds for payments on the Series A Preferred Units and (iv) provide funds for distributions to unitholders for any one or more of the next four quarters. In addition, the holders of the incentive distribution rights are currently entitled to incentive distributions if the amount we distribute to unitholders with respect to any quarter exceeds specified target levels. Unlike available cash, net income is affected by non-cash items, such as depreciation and amortization, unrealized gains or losses on non-designated derivative instruments and foreign currency translation gains/(losses).

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Under our Partnership Agreement, we make distributions of available cash from operating surplus for any quarter as set forth in the following table. The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of the additional available cash from operating surplus among the common unitholders, our General Partner and the holders of the IDRs up to the various target distribution levels. The amounts set forth under “Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions” are the percentage interests of the common unitholders, our General Partner and the holders of the IDRs in any available cash from operating surplus we distribute up to and including the corresponding amount in the column “Total Quarterly Distribution Target Amount,” until available cash from operating surplus we distribute reaches the next target distribution level, if any. The percentage interests shown for the common unitholders, our General Partner and the holders of the IDRs for the minimum quarterly distribution are also applicable to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the minimum quarterly distribution. The percentage interests shown for our General Partner include its 2.0% general partner interest only and assume that our General Partner has contributed any capital necessary to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest.

	Quarterly Distribution Target Amount (per unit)	Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions		
		Common Unitholders	General Partner	Holders of IDRs
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$ 0.5775	98%	2%	—
First Target Distribution	up to \$0.6641	98%	2%	—
Second Target Distribution	above \$0.6641 up to \$0.7219	85%	2%	13%
Third Target Distribution	above \$0.7219 up to \$0.8663	75%	2%	23%
Thereafter	above \$0.8663	50%	2%	48%

The percentage interests set forth above assume that our General Partner maintains its 2.0% general partner interest and that we do not issue additional classes of equity securities.

The Series A Preferred Units rank senior to our common units as to the payment of distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary. See Note 27.

29. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In January 2018, we entered into a 15 -year time charter with an energy and logistics company (the “New Charter”) in the Atlantic Basin which is expected to commence in the fourth quarter of 2018 .

In January 2018, we sold 617,969 common units under our ATM Program. To maintain its 2% general partner interest, our General Partner purchased 12,548 general partner units. We received proceeds of \$14.4 million net of agent’s fees from the ATM Program in January.

In February 2018 , we paid a cash distribution of \$0.5775 per common unit in respect of the three months ended December 31, 2017 to unitholders of record as of February 7, 2018. We also paid a cash distribution of \$0.63802 per Series A Preferred Unit for the period from October 31, 2017 through February 14, 2018 to our Series A Preferred unitholders of record as of February 8, 2018.

In February 2018, we entered into an interest rate swap with Citibank for a period of 8 years that is effective on March 31, 2018. The swap has a notional value of \$480.0 million , and will exchange the 3-month USD LIBOR rate for a blended fixed rate of 2.86% .

In March 2018, our Board approved a common unit repurchase program of up to \$25.0 million of the outstanding common units of the Partnership in the open market over a two year period. As of April 6, 2018 , we had repurchased a total of 439,672 common units for an aggregate cost of \$8.0 million .

In March 2018, we made a repayment of \$75.0 million of the revolving credit facility under our \$800 million credit facility.

In March 2018, Brian Tienzo replaced Graham Robjohns as our Principal Executive Officer. Mr. Robjohns will serve as the Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Golar, having served as our Principal Executive Officer since July 2011.

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In addition to serving as our Principal Executive Officer, Mr. Tienzo will continue to serve as our Principal Financial and Accounting Officer.

In March 2018, we entered into an agreement extending the maturity of the NR Satu Facility to the earlier of (i) November 30, 2022; (ii) the expiration date of the *NR Satu* Charter; or (iii) when all the amounts outstanding under the NR Satu Facility have been repaid.

CORPORATE SERVICES AGREEMENT

This corporate services agreement (the "**Agreement**") is entered into on this 26th day of June 2017 between:

- (1) **Golar LNG Partners LP** of S.E. Pearman Building, 2nd Floor, 9 Par-La-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda ("**GOLAR LP**") ; and
- (2) **Golar Management (Bermuda) Limited** of S.E. Pearman Building, 2nd Floor, 9 Par-La-Ville Road, Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda ("**GOLAR BERMUDA**").

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Parties**" and, individually, as a "**Party**").

WHEREAS:-

- (A) GOLAR LP is a limited partnership with Permit to carry on business as defined in the Permit and whose shares are listed on NASDAQ.
- (B) GOLAR BERMUDA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Golar LNG Limited and has agreed to provide corporate secretarial and other administrative services to GOLAR LP, an affiliate company.
- (C) GOLAR LP has requested that GOLAR BERMUDA provides it with various administrative services.
- (D) GOLAR BERMUDA has, on the terms set out herein, accepted such request.

NOW THEREOFRE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows :

1. Services

1.1 With effect from 1 January 2017, GOLAR BERMUDA hereby agrees to provide the following services (the "**Services**") to GOLAR LP:

- (a) acting as GOLAR LP's registered office in Bermuda;
 - (b) providing the services of one of its employees as GOLAR LP's company secretary; and
 - (c) providing secretarial services in addition to the above which shall include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) such corporate secretarial, registrar and administration services as, from time to time, shall be required by GOLAR LP;
 - (ii) providing necessary staff and facilities for GOLAR LP, including the provision of the facilities required for its registered office;
 - (iii) keeping the register of shareholders, issuing share certificates where required, effecting share transfers, filing any applicable corporate returns and filings in Bermuda, obtaining consents of directors and making all filings required by Bermuda law for GOLAR LP;
 - (iv) convening shareholders' and directors' meetings for GOLAR LP as and when required, providing facilities for holding such meetings and preparing and keeping minutes of such meetings;
 - (v) preparing and forwarding to the shareholders of GOLAR LP all statements and notices which the Board of Directors of GOLAR LP is required to issue, send or serve in accordance with its bye-laws and applicable Bermuda law;
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- (vi) accepting service of process and any other documents or notices to be served on behalf of GOLAR LP;
- (vii) effecting payment of local invoices and fees on behalf of GOLAR LP as and when required;
- (viii) delivering to GOLAR LP's CEO such corporate information on GOLAR LP as may be in the possession of GOLAR BERMUDA or as may be reasonably obtainable by it;
- (ix) delivering to any person entitled to it under the terms of any agreements to which GOLAR LP is party, such information or documents which is (a) provided for under such agreements, and (b) in the possession of GOLAR BERMUDA or is reasonably obtainable by it; and
- (x) give, at the request of the Board of Directors of GOLAR LP, any directions and information to any providers of services (such as auditors, accountants, financial or management advisers or counsel, as applicable) or other agents appointed by the Board of Directors or the CEO of GOLAR LNG, as the case may be.

2. Obligations

- 2.1 All acts that GOLAR LP requires to be carried out by GOLAR BERMUDA or any individual or company designated by GOLAR BERMUDA as director, officer, signatory, representative and/or resident representative (the "**Designees**") to perform the Services will comply with all applicable laws.
- 2.2 All statements and documents that GOLAR BERMUDA or the Designees may require GOLAR LNG to sign will, to the best of GOLAR BERMUDA's knowledge and belief, be true and accurate.
- 2.3 GOLAR BERMUDA and the Designees may, at any time, do or refrain from doing any act if they shall, in their absolute discretion, consider it proper to do so in accordance with their duties, or if they consider it proper to do so in order to put themselves and/or GOLAR LNG in compliance with any relevant laws, guidelines, regulations, orders, decrees or similar requirements.
- 2.4 GOLAR LNG will keep or cause to be kept proper financial records in accordance with the requirements of the law and all government fees required to be paid will be duly paid on or before their due date and all such information as is required to enable GOLAR BERMUDA to fulfil its obligations will be made available to GOLAR BERMUDA by GOLAR LP.

3. Authority

- 3.1 GOLAR BERMUDA and the Designees are expressly authorised to act on instructions or advice from GOLAR LP or any person they believe to be duly authorised to give instructions or advice on behalf of GOLAR BERMUDA, in all matters. Such instructions or advice may be communicated orally or in writing and with or without authentication.

4. Fees

- 4.1 In consideration of GOLAR BERMUDA'S agreement to provide the Services, and in consideration of the acceptance by the Designees of such designations as have been made hereunder, GOLAR LP agree to pay to GOLAR BERMUDA an annual fee of USD80,000, payable semi-annually in arrears at the receipt of an invoice.

5. Termination

Each of the Parties may, upon the expiry of thirty days' written notice, terminate this agreement.

6. Miscellaneous

- 6.1 The provisions herein shall inure for the benefit of GOLAR BERMUDA and each of the Designees and his or her successors and assigns, as if they were parties hereto and such rights and benefits are held by GOLAR BERMUDA in trust for the Designees.
- 6.2 This Agreement may consist of several documents in like form each executed by one or more signatory, which documents shall together constitute one and the same agreement.

For, and on behalf of
Golar LNG Partners LP

For, and on behalf of

Golar Management (Bermuda) Limited

/s/ Andrew Whalley

/s/ Michael Ashford

Signature

Signature

Signature

Dated 19 November 2015

(1) Golar LNG Partners LP
and
(2) Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited

GUARANTEE
relating to a memorandum of agreement and
a bareboat charter for a floating storage and regasification unit vessel named m.v. "Golar
Tundra"

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THIS DEED OF GUARANTEE (the "**Guarantee**") is dated 19 November 2015 and made between:

- (1) **Golar LNG Partners LP** whose registered office is at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island, Majuro, the Marshall Islands, MH96960 in its capacity as "**Guarantor**"; and
- (2) **Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited** whose registered office is at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH96960 in its capacity as "**Owner**" and "**Buyer**".

WHEREAS :

- (A) Golar LNG NB13 Corporation in each of its separate capacities as Seller and Bareboat Charterer, Golar LNG Partners LP in its capacity as Guarantor and (2) Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited in each of its separate capacities as Buyer and Owner have entered into a Common Terms Agreement dated 19 November 2015 setting out certain defined terms in respect of the Project.
- (B) Golar LNG NB13 Corporation as Seller and as buyer have entered into the MOA for the purchase and sale of the Vessel.
- (C) Golar LNG NB13 Corporation as Bareboat Charterer and Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited as Owner have entered into the Bareboat Charter in respect of the Vessel.
- (D) Golar LNG Partners LP is the ultimate holding company of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation.
- (E) The Guarantor has agreed to guarantee to the Owner the due and proper performance by Golar LNG NB13 Corporation of its duties and obligations arising under or in connection with the MOA as Seller, and the Bareboat Charter as Bareboat Charterer upon the terms of this Guarantee.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1 Interpretation

- 1.1 Terms and conditions defined in the Common Terms Agreement (including definitions defined therein by reference to another document) shall have the same meaning when used in this Guarantee, the MOA and the Bareboat Charter including the Recitals hereto unless otherwise defined herein.
- 1.2 In this Guarantee:

" **Guaranteed Amount** " means all such monies (including, without limitation, principal, interest and expenses) as are now or may hereafter become due, payable and owing or incurred by Golar LNG NB13 Corporation to the Owner under or pursuant to the MOA and the Bareboat Charter whether such monies have become due or payable or owing or have been incurred by acceleration or otherwise, or are present, future or contingent, joint or several, incurred as principal or surety, denominated in any currency or incurred on any banking account or in any manner whatsoever.

2 Guarantee

- 2.1 In consideration of the Owner agreeing to purchase the Vessel pursuant to the MOA and to charter the Vessel pursuant to the Bareboat Charter, the Guarantor hereby guarantees to the Owner the due and proper performance by Golar LNG NB13 Corporation of all of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation's duties and obligations arising under or in connection with the MOA and the Bareboat Charter, and the Guarantor hereby absolutely, irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes as primary obligor and not as mere surety to pay to the Owner, within five (5) Business Days of the

Owner's demand at any time and from time to time, the Guaranteed Amount PROVIDED THAT the Owner will not make a demand under this Guarantee unless it has first made a demand under the Bareboat Charter Guarantee provided by GLNG and GLNG has failed to satisfy such a demand within the stipulated period.

- 2.2 As a separate and independent stipulation, the Guarantor agrees that if any purported obligation or liability of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation which would have been the subject of this Guarantee had it been valid and enforceable is not or ceases to be valid or enforceable against Golar LNG NB13 Corporation on any ground whatsoever (including, without limitation, any irregular exercise or absence of any corporate power or lack of authority of, or breach of duty by, any person purporting to act on behalf of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation or any legal or other limitation, whether under the Limitation Act 1980 (United Kingdom) or otherwise or Incapacity or any change in the constitution of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation) the Guarantor shall nevertheless be liable to the Owner in respect of that purported obligation or liability as if the same were fully valid and enforceable and the Guarantor was the principal debtor in respect thereof.
- 2.3 The Guarantor shall be liable for and shall within five (5) Business Days of the Owner's demand indemnify and save harmless the Owner from and against any and all losses, damages, expenses, liabilities, claims, costs or proceedings which the Owner suffers or incurs by reason of any failure of the Guarantor to comply with Clause 2.1 or 2.2, including costs, losses and/or legal and other expenses which are imposed on or incurred by the Owner in seeking to enforce and enforcing this Guarantee and in seeking to enforce and enforcing any judgment or order obtained in respect of this Guarantee.
- 2.4 Subject to the provisions of clauses 3, 8 and 9 the liability of the Guarantor under this Guarantee in respect of each obligation or liability shall be limited to the extent that Golar LNG NB13 Corporation would have been liable under or in connection with the MOA or, as the case may be the Bareboat Charter for such obligation or liability.
- 2.5 The Guarantor waives any right it may have of first requiring Golar LNG NB13 Corporation (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) to proceed against or enforce any other rights or security or claim payment from any person prior to a claim against the Guarantor under this clause 2. This waiver applies irrespective of any law or provision of the Finance Documents to the contrary.

3 Indemnity

The Guarantor agrees to indemnify the Owner, within five (5) Business Days of the Owner making a demand to Golar LNG NB13 Corporation or the Guarantor, against any loss or liability suffered or incurred by the Owner if any of the duties or obligations of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation under or pursuant to the MOA or the Bareboat Charter is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal for any reason whatsoever as if the Guarantor were primarily liable under the MOA or the Bareboat Charter as the case may be and as if such duties and/or obligations were not unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

4 Liability Unconditional

- 4.1 The Guarantor acknowledges and agrees that the liability of the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall not be impaired, reduced, discharged or otherwise affected by reason of any of the following:
 - (a) any variation, amendment, alteration or supplement to the Bareboat Charter or to the extent, nature or method of performance of the duties and/or obligations referred to in the MOA or the Bareboat Charter, in each case, however fundamental such variation, amendment, alteration and/or supplement is and/or any novation of the MOA or the Bareboat Charter;

- (b) any allowance of time, waiver, forbearance, delay, forgiveness, indulgence, compromise, delay by or on the part of the Owner in asserting any of its rights against Golar LNG NB13 Corporation or other dealing under or in connection with the MOA or the Bareboat Charter or in respect of any right or remedy arising under the MOA or the Bareboat Charter;
- (c) any settlement or arrangement made between the Owner and Golar LNG NB13 Corporation in relation to the MOA or Bareboat Charter;
- (d) any composition, discharge, release, concession, waiver or other variation of liability entered into with, or granted to, Golar LNG NB13 Corporation;
- (e) the Bareboat Charter or any provision thereof being or becoming illegal, invalid, void, voidable or unenforceable;
- (f) termination of the Bareboat Charter or Golar LNG NB13 Corporation's employment under the Bareboat Charter;
- (g) any disability, Incapacity, lack of power, authority or legal personality of, dissolution or change in the members of, status of, legal limitation, change in ownership or change in status of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation;
- (h) an Insolvency Event;
- (i) a change in the constitution of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation;
- (j) the Owner taking, holding, varying, realising or not enforcing any other security for the liabilities of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation under the MOA or the Bareboat Charter or any document or security;
- (k) any funder exercising any rights it may have to assume any rights and/or obligations of the Owner under the MOA or Bareboat Charter pursuant to any collateral warranty or any third party rights vested in it pursuant to the terms of the MOA or the Bareboat Charter or any document or security;
- (l) an amalgamation, merger or consolidation of the Guarantor or Golar LNG NB13 Corporation; or
- (m) any other act, omission or default which in the absence of this provision would or might have operated to discharge, reduce, exonerate or otherwise affect the liability of the Guarantor under the terms of this Guarantee,

in each case whether such matters are done or omitted to be done with or without notice to, or the consent of, the Guarantor and the Guarantor hereby waives any requirement for notice of, or consent to, any such matters.

5 Continuity and Discharge of the Guarantee

5.1 The Guarantor agrees that this Guarantee:

- (a) shall not be revocable by the Guarantor;

- (b) shall be a continuing guarantee and accordingly shall apply in relation to all of the duties, obligations, provisions, warranties or indemnities of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation under and arising out of the MOA or the Bareboat Charter and remain in full force and effect until all the said duties, obligations, provisions, warranties or indemnities shall have been irrevocably and unconditionally carried out, completed and discharged in accordance with the MOA or the Bareboat Charter;
 - (c) shall be additional to and not in substitution for any rights or remedies that the Owner may have against Golar LNG NB13 Corporation under the Bareboat Charter or at law;
 - (d) shall be additional to and shall not be in any way prejudiced by any other guarantee or security from time to time held by the Owner; and
 - (e) shall remain in full force and effect as long as Golar LNG NB13 Corporation remains under any actual or contingent liability under or in connection with the terms of the MOA or the Bareboat Charter.
- 5.2 The Guarantor agrees that, notwithstanding clause 2.1, the Owner shall not be obliged, before enforcing any of its rights or remedies under this Guarantee, to commence proceedings or take any other action against or in respect of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation or any other person or enforce any other guarantee or security from time to time held by the Owner in respect of the duties and/or obligations of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation under or in connection with the MOA or the Bareboat Charter.
- 5.3 The Guarantor agrees that, as long as this Guarantee remains in force and effect and until all obligations of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation and the Guarantor respectively under or in connection with the MOA or the Bareboat Charter and this Guarantee have been irrevocably and unconditionally discharged in full, it shall not:
- (a) take any security from Golar LNG NB13 Corporation in connection with this Guarantee (and, if taken, any such security shall be held by the Guarantor as security for its liability to the Owner under this Guarantee);
 - (b) take any step to enforce any right or claim against Golar LNG NB13 Corporation in respect of any payment made under or liability arising from or in connection with this Guarantee or claim or prove in competition with the Owner against Golar LNG NB13 Corporation or demand or accept repayment of any monies from Golar LNG NB13 Corporation or claim any right of contribution, set-off or indemnity against Golar LNG NB13 Corporation;
 - (c) take the benefit (in whole or in part and whether by way of subrogation or otherwise) of any rights of the Owner under the Finance Documents or of any other guarantee or security taken pursuant to, or in connection with the Finance Documents by the Owner; or
 - (d) be subrogated to any right or security of the Owner,
 - (e) and any sums received by the Guarantor or the amount of any set-off exercised by the Guarantor in breach of this clause 5.3 shall be held by the Guarantor in trust for and shall be promptly paid to the Owner.

6 Representations and Warranties

- 6.1 The Guarantor hereby warrants, represents and undertakes to the Owner that:

- (a) it is duly incorporated under the laws of the country of its incorporation, possesses the capacity to sue and be sued in its own name and has the power to carry on its business and to own its property and other assets;
- (b) it has the power to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Guarantee and all necessary corporate, shareholder and other action and consents have been taken or, as the case may be, received to authorise the execution, delivery and performance of this Guarantee;
- (c) its obligations under this Guarantee constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations and are in full force and effect and rank at least *pari passu* with all other of its present and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness (with the exception of any obligations which are mandatorily preferred by law and not by contract);
- (d) no authorisations, approvals or Consents of any governmental or regulatory authority or agency or any other person and no filings or registrations with any governmental authority or agency are necessary for the execution, delivery or performance by the Guarantor of this Guarantee for its enforceability of validity (or alternatively, in relation to filings and registrations, an undertaking to effect any registrations, filings in relation to this Guarantee as soon as reasonably practicable and do all such things as the Owner may reasonably require in order to facilitate the enforcement of the Guarantee or exercise any of the rights held by the Owner under this Guarantee);
- (e) the creation of this Guarantee does not contravene the constitutional documents of the Guarantor;
- (f) there is no pending action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity by or before a court or arbitral tribunal, or to the best of its knowledge, threatened against it which would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Guarantor's liability to perform its obligations under this Guarantee; and
- (g) the creation of this Guarantee and the performance and observance of the obligations hereunder does not:
 - (i) contravene any existing applicable law, statute, rule, regulation or any judgment to which the Guarantor is subject;
 - (ii) conflict with or result in any breach of the terms or constitute a default under any agreement or other instrument to which the Guarantor is a party or subject; and/or
 - (iii) result in the creation of or imposition of or oblige the Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries to create any charge or other encumbrance or any of its subsidiaries, assets, rights or revenues.

7 Undertakings and Covenants

7.1 Undertakings

The Guarantor covenants and undertakes that, from the date of this Guarantee and throughout the term of the Bareboat Charter, it will perform and observe, insofar as applicable, in relation to itself, the Vessel and its business, the undertakings contained in Clauses 48.5 and 48.6 of the Bareboat Charter, in each case as if such undertakings were set out in full, *mutatis mutandis*, in this Guarantee.

7.2 Financial Covenants

The Guarantor hereby covenants and undertakes that:-

- (a) **Free Liquid Assets**
The aggregate value of the Free Liquid Assets of the Golar MLP Group shall at all times be not less than US\$30,000,000.
- (b) **Net Debt to EBITDA**
On any financial quarter end date, the ratio of Net Debt to EBITDA of the Golar MLP Group for the previous 12 months, on a trailing four quarter basis, shall be no greater than 6.5:1.
- (c) **Consolidated Tangible Net Worth**
At all times the Consolidated Tangible Net Worth of the Golar MLP Group shall be equal to or greater than US\$123,950,000 (or equivalent in any other currency, as calculated at the end of the relevant financial quarter).

8 Payment under the Guarantee

8.1 Gross up of payments

The Guarantor agrees that all sums payable by the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be paid to the Owner in full without set-off or counterclaim and free of any present or future taxes, levies, duties, charges, fees, withholdings or deductions (together referred to as Deductions) which would not have been imposed if such payments had been made by Golar LNG NB13 Corporation, and, if the Guarantor is compelled by law to make any Deductions, the Guarantor will within three (3) Business Days of the Owner's demand, gross up the payment so that the net sum received by the Owner is equal to the full amount which the Owner would have received had no such Deductions been made.

8.2 Currency of payments

- (a) Subject to clause 8.3 below, all payments for any sums payable by the Guarantor under this Guarantee shall be paid in Dollars.
- (b) Each payment in respect of costs, expenses or Taxes shall be made in the currency in which the cost, expenses or Taxes are incurred.
- (c) Any amount expressed to be payable in a currency other than Dollars shall be paid in that other currency.

8.3 Currency indemnity

If any sum due from the Guarantor under this Guarantee or any order or judgment given or made in relation hereto has to be converted from the currency (the first currency) in which the same is payable under this Guarantee or under such order or judgment into another currency (the second currency) for the purpose of:

- (a) making or filing a claim or proof against the Guarantor;
- (b) obtaining an order or judgment in any court or other tribunal; or
- (c) enforcing any order or judgment given or made in relation to this Guarantee,

the Guarantor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner from and against any loss suffered as a result of any difference between (i) the rate of exchange used for such purpose to convert the sum in question from the first currency into the second currency and (ii) the rate or rates of exchange at which the Owner may in the ordinary course of business purchase the first currency with the second currency upon receipt of a sum paid to it in satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any such order, judgment, claim or proof. Any amount due from the Guarantor under this clause 8.3 shall be due as a separate debt and shall not be affected by judgment being obtained for any other sums due under or in respect of this Guarantee and the term "rate of exchange" includes any premium and costs of exchange payable in connection with the purchase of the first currency with the second currency.

9 Interest

The Guarantor shall pay to the Owner on demand interest on any amount due under this Guarantee from the date of demand until the date of actual payment at the Default Rate. Any interest payable under this Guarantee shall accrue from day to day and shall be calculated on the actual number of days and shall be compounded at such intervals as the Owner shall determine and shall be payable on demand.

10 Assignment

- 10.1 The Guarantor may not assign or transfer all or part of its rights or obligations under this Guarantee (" **Transfer** "), unless the following conditions are met:
- (a) the Transfer is to Golar MLP or a wholly owned subsidiary of Golar MLP which is guaranteed by Golar MLP on terms acceptable to the Owner;
 - (b) the Transfer will not adversely affect the Owner's rights and interest under the MOA or the Bareboat Charter and will be on terms acceptable to the Owner (acting reasonably);
 - (c) the Owner has been given prior written notice of and to of such Transfer;
 - (d) Golar MLP or such wholly owned subsidiary which is guaranteed by Golar MLP on terms acceptable to the Owner executes a guarantee and indemnity in favour of the Owner on terms and conditions acceptable to the Owner acting reasonably in respect of the Transfer representing 100% of its equity interest in Golar LNG NB13 Corporation as is being transferred from the Guarantor to Golar MLP or such wholly owned subsidiary;
 - (e) the Owner is satisfied (acting reasonably) that the Golar Tundra Time Charter Documents remain valid and enforceable; and
 - (f) no further change to the ownership of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation is or will be permitted during the remaining Charter Period (except as permitted by the terms of the Finance Documents) without the prior written consent of the Owner.
- 10.2 the Owner may assign or transfer, with the Guarantor's prior consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), any of its rights or obligations under this Guarantee to the Mortgagee or any person to whom the Owner assigns its rights under the Bareboat Charter by giving the Guarantor not less than 7 days advance notice.

11 Notices

The provisions of clause 2 (*Notices*) of the Common Terms Agreement shall apply to notices, requests, demands or other communications as if fully set out in this Guarantee *mutatis mutandis* .

12 No Waiver and Provisions Severable

- 12.1 No failure or delay by the Owner in exercising any right or remedy shall operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise or waiver of any right or remedy preclude its further exercise or the exercise of any other right or remedy.
- 12.2 Each of the provisions of this Guarantee is severable and distinct from the others, and if for any reason any such provision or part of a provision is or becomes ineffective, inoperable, invalid or unenforceable it shall be severed and deemed to be deleted from this Guarantee, and in such event the remaining provisions of this Guarantee shall continue to have full force and effect.

13 Rights of Third Parties

Nothing in this Guarantee confers or purports to confer on any third party any benefit or any right to enforce any term of this Guarantee pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

14 Counterparts

This Guarantee may be entered into in the form of two counterparts, each executed by one of the parties, and, provided that both the parties shall so enter into this Guarantee, each of the executed counterparts shall be deemed to be an original but, taken together, they shall constitute one instrument.

15 Governing Law and enforcement

- 15.1 This Guarantee and any non-contractual obligations connected with it are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.
- 15.2 The courts of Hong Kong have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Deed (including a dispute regarding the existence, validity or termination of this Guarantee) (a Dispute).
- 15.3 The parties agree that the courts of Hong Kong are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle Disputes and, accordingly, that they shall not argue to the contrary.
- 15.4 Clauses 15.2 and 15.3 are for the benefit of the Owner only. As a result, the Owner shall not be prevented from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Owner may take concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

THIS GUARANTEE has been executed as a deed, and it has been delivered on the date stated at the beginning of this Guarantee.

Execution Page

Guarantor

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED as a **DEED** for and on behalf of **GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP**

by /s/ Pernille Noraas

(Attorney-in-fact)

in the presence of:

...../s/ Elizabeth Lord.....

Name of witness: Elizabeth Lord

Address of witness:Golar Management Ltd

One America Square

17 Crosswall

London

EC3N 2LB

Owner

Signed by)

SEA 24 LEASING CO. LIMITED)

/s/ Zhou Ling

Golar LNG Partners LP
Trust Company Complex
Ajeltake Road
Ajeltake Island
Majuro
the Marshall Islands
MH96960

Your ref: Tundra
Our ref: Tundra
Date: 17 October 2017
Strictly private and confidential
17 October 2017

Dear Sirs

Guarantee and indemnity dated 19 November 2015 ("the "Guarantee") provided by yourselves in favour of Sea 24 Leasing Co. Limited (the "Owner") in respect of the obligations of Golar LNG NB13 Corporation (the Bareboat Charterer") in connection with the financing of mv "Tundra"

We refer to the Guarantee. Pursuant to the Guarantee, you have guaranteed the obligations of the Bareboat Charterer to the Owner under the Bareboat Charter dated 19 November 2015 (as amended). Words and expressions defined in the Guarantee shall have the same meaning when referred to in this letter of indemnity.

Further, we refer to the intended sale of all of the shares in the Bareboat Charterer (the " **Share Sale** ") by OpCo and GLNG, which will result in the Bareboat Charterer being wholly owned by GLNG.

It will be a condition of the Owner consenting to the Share Sale that, inter alia, for the remainder of the Charter Period you continue to guarantee the obligations of the Bareboat Charterer pursuant to the terms of the Guarantee even after the Share Sale has taken place.

GLNG hereby irrevocably agrees to indemnify Golar MLP immediately upon CMBL making a demand on you under the Guarantee against any loss or liability suffered or incurred by you in connection with such demand under the Guarantee (the " **Indemnity** ").

This Indemnity and any non-contractual obligations connected with it are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law. The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Indemnity or any non-contractual obligations connected with it.

Yours faithfully

/s/ Michael Ashford

Golar LNG Limited

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To: Golar Partners Operating LLC
c/o 13th Floor
One America Square
17 Crosswall
London EC3N 2LB

16 January 2018

Dear Sirs,

Fourth Supplemental Letter re: \$800,000,000 senior secured amortising term loan and revolving credit facility

1. We refer to an agreement dated 27 April 2016, as supplemented and amended by a supplemental letter dated 21 July 2016, a second supplemental letter dated 22 May 2017 and a third supplemental letter dated 29 June 2017 (the **Third Supplemental Letter**) (the **Facilities Agreement**) made between (1) Golar Partners Operating LLC as Borrower (the **Borrower**), (2) Golar LNG Partners L.P. as Parent (the **Parent**), (3) the entities listed in Schedule 1 thereto as Guarantors, (4) Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Danske Bank A/S and Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Norge as Mandated Lead Arrangers, (5) the financial institutions listed in Schedule 1 thereto as Lenders (the **Lenders**), (6) the financial institutions listed in Schedule 1 thereto as Hedging Providers, (7) Citigroup Global Markets Limited as Global Co-ordinator, (8) Citigroup Global Markets Limited, DNB (UK) Limited, Danske Bank A/S and Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Norge as Bookrunners, (9) Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Norge as Agent (the **Agent**), (10) Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Norge as Security Agent and (11) Citigroup Global Markets Limited as Hedging Co-ordinator, pursuant to which the Lenders agreed to make available to the Borrower a senior secured amortising term loan and revolving credit facility of up to \$800,000,000.
2. We refer also to the consent request letter dated 30 October 2017 (the **Consent Request Letter**) requesting, inter alia, the approval of the Agent (a) on behalf of the Lenders in accordance with clause 22.7 of the Facilities Agreement to enter into a time charter in respect of Ship A (being m.v. "Golar Freeze") (the **NFE Time Charter**) with NFE Transport Partners LLC (**NFE**) in the form previously provided to the Lenders, (b) to suspend the requirements set out in clause 3 of the Third Supplemental Letter with effect from the date the Agent is satisfied that the conditions set out in clause 4 have been satisfied and (c) to release the Cash Collateral (as defined in the Third Supplemental Letter) on or about such date.
3. In order to incentivise the Lenders to provide the consents requested in the Consent Request Letter and in paragraph 2 of this Letter, you have advised that you are willing to undertake to put in place the following arrangements with respect to the provision of additional security:
 - (a) the Borrower shall procure that by no later than 31 October 2018 the Charterer Parent Company Guarantee and the Charterer Supplemental Parent Company Guarantee (each as described in clause 1.1 of the NFE Charter) are issued (the **NFE Guarantees**) and either (i) the NFE Time Charter shall have been novated by the Borrower in favour of the Owner or the Bareboat Charterer in respect of Ship A which shall have issued notices of assignment relative to the NFE Time Charter and the NFE Guarantees pursuant to the Assignment Deed in respect of Ship A dated 23 May 2016, which notices of assignment shall have been duly acknowledged by NFE and the Charterer's Guarantor and the Charterer's Supplemental Guarantor (each as described in clause 1.1 of the NFE Charter) substantially in the form required by such Assignment Deed or (ii) if the NFE Charter has not been so novated, the Borrower shall have executed in favour of the Security Agent a deed of assignment in substantially the same form as the Assignment Deed in respect of Ship A dated 23 May 2016 and notices of assignment relative to the NFE Time Charter and the NFE Guarantees which notices shall have been duly acknowledged by NFE and the Charterer's Guarantor and the Charterer's Supplemental Guarantor substantially in the form required by such deed of assignment;

- (b) the Borrower shall procure that if delivery and acceptance of Ship A under the NFE Time Charter 31 March 2019 and receipt of the first payment of charterhire thereunder has not taken place within 35 days of 31 March 2019, the provisions of paragraph 3(a) of the Third Supplemental Letter shall immediately be reinstated and the Borrower shall on 31 March 2019 or May 5 2019 deposit in the Blocked Account (as defined in the Third Supplemental Letter) such amounts as would have been required to be paid to the Blocked Account by such date in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of the Third Supplemental Letter taking into account any releases from the Blocked Account which would have been permitted by such date (such net amounts deposited in the Blocked Account shall then be deemed to be "Cash Collateral" for the purposes of the Third Supplemental Letter), which Cash Collateral may thereafter only be released in the amounts and on the Repayment Dates specified in clause 3 of the Third Supplemental Letter or as provided for under paragraph 3(c) of the Third Supplemental Letter unless all of the Lenders agree otherwise or until Ship A has been accepted under the NFE Time Charter and the first payment has been received which must be by no later than 30 October 2019;
 - (c) the Borrower shall procure that if at any time prior to the Repayment Date falling in February 2020 the NFE Time Charter is cancelled or rescinded or (except as a result of it being a Total Loss) frustrated or Ship A is withdrawn from service under the NFE Time Charter before the time the NFE Time Charter was scheduled to expire and is not returned to service within 30 days, the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Third Supplemental Letter shall immediately be reinstated and the Borrower shall, within ten days of the date upon which the Borrower became aware of the cancellation or rescission or frustration (as applicable) of the NFE Time Charter or that Ship A has been withdrawn from service under the NFE Time Charter and has not been returned to service within 30 days (the Termination Date), deposit in the Blocked Account (as defined in the Third Supplemental Letter) such amounts as would have been required to be paid to the Blocked Account by the Termination Date in accordance with paragraph 3(a) of the Third Supplemental Letter taking into account any releases from the Blocked Account which would have been permitted by the Termination Date (such net amounts deposited in the Blocked Account shall then be deemed to be "Cash Collateral" for the purposes of the Third Supplemental Letter), which Cash Collateral may thereafter only be released in the amounts and on the Repayment Dates specified in clause 3 of the Third Supplemental Letter or as provided for under paragraph 3(c) of the Third Supplemental Letter unless all of the Lenders and the Borrower agree otherwise;
 - (d) the Borrower shall procure that any letter of credit or performance guarantee issued in accordance with clauses 38.4 and 39.3 of the NFE Time Charter shall be capable of being assigned in favour of the Security Agent and shall otherwise be in a form acceptable to the Majority Lenders (such acceptance not to be unreasonably withheld);
 - (e) the Borrower shall not agree with NFE a relocation of Ship A pursuant to clause 9 of the NFE Time Charter without the approval of the Majority Lenders (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld); and
 - (f) the Borrower shall, and will procure that whichever of the Owner and the Bareboat Charterer of Ship A receives a novation of the NFE Time Charter shall, comply in all respects with clauses 26.1 and 26.2 of the Facilities Agreement mutatis mutandis as if such provisions were written in full herein on the basis that the NFE Time Charter and the NFE Guarantees are each deemed to be Charter Documents in respect of Ship A.
4. In consideration of the payment of US\$10 by the Borrower to the Agent and other such consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby confirm, we Nordea Bank AB (publ), filial i Norge, in our capacity as Agent, hereby confirm that, subject to:
- (a) your countersignature of this letter by duly authorised signatories; and
 - (a) delivery of such evidence of corporate authority of the Borrower as the Agent may reasonably require,

we agree to the requests made in the Consent Request Letter and in paragraph 2 of this Letter and further that, subject to receipt by us of a copy, certified as true and complete copy by an approved person, of the NFE Time Charter duly executed by the Borrower and NFE, we agree to the requests made in paragraphs 2(b) and (c) of this Letter.

5. This letter shall be deemed to be a Finance Document.
6. Words and expressions defined in the Facilities Agreement shall, unless the context otherwise requires or unless defined herein have the same meanings when used in this letter.
7. This letter and any non-contractual obligations connected with it are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England.
8. The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with this letter or any non-contractual obligations connected with it (including a dispute regarding the existence, validity or termination of this letter) (a **Dispute**). The parties agree that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle Disputes and, accordingly, that they shall not argue to the contrary. This paragraph 8 is for the benefit of the Finance Parties only. As a result, no Finance Party shall be prevented from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Finance Parties may take concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ Vivian J. Børseth

/s/Tove L. Ringvold

(Director)

(Executive Director)

For and on behalf of
NORDEA BANK AB (PUBL), FILIAL I NORGE
(as Lender, Arranger, Agent and Security Agent for and on behalf of the Finance Parties)

/s/ Jonathan Beasley

For and on behalf of
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS LIMITED
(as Arranger, Bookrunner, Global Co-ordinator, Hedging Co-ordinator and Hedging Provider)

/s/ Kay Newman

/s/ Candice Ryan

Authorised Signatory

Authorised Signatory

For and on behalf of
DNB (UK) LIMITED
(as Lender, Arranger and Bookrunner)

/s/ Torstein S. Kvamme

/s/ Erlend Angelfoss

Director

For and on behalf of
DANSKE BANK A/S
(as Arranger, Bookrunner and Hedging Provider)

/s/ Jonathan Beasley

For and on behalf of

CITIBANK N.A., LONDON BRANCH
(as Lender)

/s/ Torstein S. Kvamme

/s/ Erlend Angelfoss

Director

For and on behalf of
DANSKE BANK, NORWEGIAN BRANCH
(as Lender)

/s/ John Römer

/s/ Dirk Martijnse

Title: Proxy Holder A

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For and on behalf of

DVB BANK AMERICA N.V.
(as Lender and Hedging Provider)

/s/ William Barrand

For and on behalf of
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
(as Lender and Hedging Provider)

/s/ Peder Garmefelt

/s/ Malcolm Stonehouse

Head of Shipping Finance, London

Client executive

For and on behalf of
SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN AB (publ)
(as Lender and Hedging Provider)

/s/ Sandrine Bergeroo-Campagne

/s/ Vincent Pascal

(Co-Head of BNPP Shipping & Offshore EMEA) Managing Director

For and on behalf of
BNP PARIBAS
(as Lender and Hedging Provider)

/s/ Kay Newman

/s/ Candice Ryan

Authorised Signatory

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For and on behalf of
DNB BANK ASA
(as Hedging Provider)

/s/ Vivian J. Børseth

(Director)

/s/Tove L. Ringvold

(Executive Director)

For and on behalf of
NORDEA BANK AB (PUBL)
(as Hedging Provider)

The Borrower

We hereby confirm our agreement to the foregoing and, in particular, the undertakings contained in paragraph 3 above and further confirm that, notwithstanding the agreements contained in this letter, the provisions of the Facilities Agreement and the other Finance Documents continue in full force and effect and our respective obligations and the respective obligations of the Parent and each other Obligor under the Facilities Agreement and each of the other Finance Documents are and shall remain in full force and effect.

/s/ Pernille Noraas

Authorised Signatory
For and on behalf of
GOLAR PARTNERS OPERATING LLC
(as Borrower)

16 January 2018

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 1 (this “Amendment”) to the Management and Administrative Services Agreement, effective as of April 1, 2016 (the “MSA”), is made and entered into effective as of March 19, 2018 (the “Effective Date”), by and between GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP, a limited partnership duly organized and existing under the laws of the Marshall Islands with its registered office at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Island, Ajeltake Road, Majuro, Marshall Islands MH96960 (“GLP”), and GOLAR MANAGEMENT LTD, a company duly organized and existing under the laws of the United Kingdom with its registered office at 13th Floor, One America Square, 17 Crosswall, London EC3N 2LB, United Kingdom (“GML” and, together with GLP, the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, GLP and GML entered into the MSA in order to allow GML to provide management and support services to GLP;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3(a) of the MSA, GML caused certain of its officers and directors set forth on Schedule B thereto to perform management services for GLP;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Third Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of GLP, dated October 31, 2017, GLP’s Board of Directors appointed Brian Tienzo as the principal executive officer of GLP (the “Appointment”); and

WHEREAS, GLP and GML desire to amend the MSA to reflect the Appointment.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants, conditions, and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Schedule B. Schedule B of the MSA shall be deleted in its entirety and shall be replaced with the schedule attached hereto as Schedule B.

SECTION 2. Governing Law. This Amendment shall be governed by the laws of the United Kingdom.

SECTION 3. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in one or more signed counterparts, facsimile or otherwise, which shall together form one instrument.

[*Signature page follows*]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment by their duly authorized signatories with effect on the Effective Date.

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

By: /s/ Michael Ashford
Name: Michael Ashford
Title: Director

GOLAR MANAGEMENT LTD

By: /s/ Graham Robjohns
Name: Graham Robjohns
Title: Director

[Signature Page to Amendment No. 1 to Management and Administrative Services Agreement]

SCHEDULE B

MANAGERS PROVIDING MANAGEMENT SERVICES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position with GML</u>	<u>Services to be provided to GLP</u>
Brian Tienzo	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Executive & Chief Financial Officer for Golar LNG Partners• Senior Advisor – Group Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Executive Officer• Chief Financial Officer
Oistein Dahl	Chief Operating Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Operating Officer

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT**

This **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT** (this “**Amendment**”) is made as of March 23, 2018, by and among Golar LNG Limited, a Bermuda exempted company (“**Golar**”), KS Investments Pte. Ltd., a Singapore registered company (“**Keppel**”), and Black & Veatch International Company, a Missouri corporation (“**B&V**” and, together with Golar and Keppel, the “**Sellers**”), and Golar Partners Operating LLC, a Marshall Islands limited liability company (“**Buyer**”), each a “**Party**” and collectively, the “**Parties**.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties are parties to that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of August 15, 2017 (the “**Purchase Agreement**”), pursuant to which Buyer agreed to purchase from the Sellers, and the Sellers agreed to sell to Buyer, an aggregate of 1,230 common units representing limited liability company interests (the “**Units**”) in Golar Hilli LLC, a Marshall Islands limited liability company;

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Amendment to amend and restate the first sentence of Section 2.01 of the Purchase Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.02 of the Purchase Agreement provides that the Purchase Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each Party; *provided, however*, that any amendment of the Purchase Agreement must be approved by the conflicts committee of the board of directors of Golar Partners (the “**Conflicts Committee**”); and

WHEREAS, the Conflicts Committee has approved, on behalf of Buyer, (i) the terms of this Amendment and (ii) the entry by the Buyer into this Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, by execution of this Amendment, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Definitions**. Unless otherwise indicated herein, words and terms that are defined in the Purchase Agreement shall have the same meaning where used in this Amendment.

2. **Amendment of Purchase Agreement**. The first sentence of Section 2.01 of the Purchase Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety and shall read as follows:

The Sellers agree to sell and transfer to Buyer, and Buyer agrees to purchase from the Sellers, for an aggregate amount equal to \$658 million less 50% of the net lease obligations under the Hilli Facility as of the Closing Date (the “**Purchase Price**”) and in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Units set forth in Schedule A.

3. **Continuing Force and Effect**. Except as specifically amended herein, the Purchase Agreement shall continue in full force and effect as originally constituted and is ratified and affirmed by the Parties.

4. **Successors and Assigns**. The terms and conditions of this Amendment shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and assigns of the parties.

5. **Governing Law**. This Amendment shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, United States of America, applicable to contracts made and to be performed wholly within such jurisdiction, except to the extent that it is mandatory that the law of some other jurisdiction, wherein the Units are located, shall apply.

6. **Counterparts**. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement binding on the Parties hereto.

[Signature page to follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment No. 1 to the Purchase and Sale Agreement as of the date first written above.

GOLAR LNG LIMITED

By: /s/ Brian Tienzo
Name: Brian Tienzo

Title: Attorney-In-Fact

KS INVESTMENTS PTE. LTD.

By: /s/ Chor How Jat

Name: Chor How Jat

Title: Director

BLACK & VEATCH INTERNATIONAL COMPANY

By: /s/ Jeff Stamm

Name: Jeff Stamm

Title: Vice President

GOLAR PARTNERS OPERATING LLC

By: /s/ Graham Robjohns

Name: Graham Robjohns

Title: Attorney-In-Fact

Dated 29 March 2018

PT GOLAR INDONESIA

with

**PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA
as Mandated Lead Arranger, Lender and Hedging Bank**

**SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH
as Facility Agent, Security Agent and Account Bank**

**sponsored by
GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP
and
PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA**

**guaranteed by
GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**relating to a
Term Loan and Revolving Loan Facility of up to \$175,000,000
in respect of the FSRU “NUSANTARA REGAS SATU”**

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THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT is dated 29 March 2018 and made **BETWEEN** :

- 1 PT GOLAR INDONESIA (the Borrower);**
- 2 GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP and PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA (as Sponsors);**
- 3 GOLAR LNG (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD and PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA (as Shareholders);**
- 4 GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP (as Final Repayment Guarantor);**
- 5 GOLAR LNG LIMITED;**

- 6 **GOLAR MANAGEMENT LIMITED** ;
- 7 **GOLAR MANAGEMENT NORWAY AS (formerly known as Golar Wilhelmsen Management AS)** ;
- 8 **GOLAR LNG ENERGY LIMITED** ;
- (companies 1 to 8 above collectively, the **Golar Parties**)
- 9 **PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA (as Mandated Lead Arranger, Lender and Hedging Bank)** ; and
- 10 **SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH (as Facility Agent , Security Agent and Account Bank)** .

WHEREAS :

- (A) This Supplemental Agreement is supplemental to an agreement (**Principal Agreement**) dated 14 December 2012 and made between (1) the Borrower, (2) PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia, The Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., Standard Chartered Bank and Oversea Chinese Banking Corporation Limited as 'Mandated Lead Arrangers', 'Original Lenders' and 'Original Hedging Banks', (3) Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation as Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, (4) the Facility Agent, Security Agent and Account Bank, (5) the Sponsors and (6) Golar LNG Limited and the Final Repayment Guarantor as 'Guarantors', whereby the Original Lenders (as defined in the Principal Agreement) agreed to make available to the Borrower a facility of up to US\$175,000,000 (consisting of a \$155,00,000 term loan facility and a \$20,000,000 revolving loan facility) upon the terms and subject to the conditions therein contained.
- (B) By a final repayment guarantee dated 14 December 2012, the Final Repayment Guarantor guaranteed payment of the Balloon payable by the Borrower under the Principal Agreement.
- (C) Each of The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., Standard Chartered Bank and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited have transferred their Commitments, together with all of their other rights and obligations, under the Principal Agreement to PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia (as remaining Lender) by way of transfer certificates dated 29 March 2018 (the **Transfer Certificates**).
- (D) As at the date of this Supplemental Agreement, the outstanding Loans of the Lender (as amortised over time under the Principal Agreement) are as set out in Schedule 1 (*Outstanding Loans*) to this Supplemental Agreement.

NOW IT IS AGREED as follows:

1 Interpretation

1.1 Definitions in Principal Agreement

Unless the context otherwise requires and save as mentioned below, words and expressions defined in the Principal Agreement shall have the same meanings when used in this Supplemental Agreement. In addition, in the Principal Agreement and in this Supplemental Agreement, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

Effective Date shall have the meaning given to it in clause 6.1.

ISDA Amendment Agreement shall mean the ISDA Amendment Agreement to be entered into on or about the date of this Supplemental Agreement.

Supplemental Agreement shall mean this Supplemental Agreement.

Supplemental Documents shall mean the Supplemental Agreement, the Supplemental Fee Letter, the ISDA Amendment Agreement and the Supplemental Hedging Transaction.

Supplemental Fee Letter shall mean the Fee Letter described in clause 12.4(b) (*Upfront fees*) of the amended and restated Facility Agreement set out in Schedule 2 (*Amended and Restated Facility Agreement*) to this Supplemental Agreement.

Supplemental Hedging Transaction shall mean the Hedging Transaction described in clause 30.1 (*Hedging*) of the amended and restated Facility Agreement set out in Schedule 2 (*Amended and Restated Facility Agreement*) to this Supplemental Agreement.

1.2 Interpretation

(a) References in the Principal Agreement to "**this Agreement**" shall, with effect from the Effective Date and unless the context otherwise requires, be references to the Principal Agreement as amended by this Supplemental Agreement and words such as "**herein**", "**hereof**", "**hereunder**", "**hereafter**", "**hereby**" and "**hereto**", where they appear in the Principal Agreement, shall be construed accordingly.

(b) This Supplemental Agreement is a Finance Document.

1.3 Incorporation of certain references

Clauses 1.3 and 1.4 of the Principal Agreement shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Supplemental Agreement in full, *mutatis mutandis* .

1.4 Third party rights

No term of this Supplemental Agreement is enforceable under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by a person who is not a party to this Supplemental Agreement.

2 Amendments to the Principal Agreement

From the Effective Date, the Principal Agreement will be amended and restated as set out in Schedule 2 (*Amended and Restated Facility Agreement*) to this Supplemental Agreement.

3 Representations and warranties

3.1 Each of the Golar Parties, where applicable, represents and warrants to each of the Lender, Hedging Bank, Account Bank, Facility Agent and the Security Agent that:

(a) Representations and warranties in Principal Agreement

the representations and warranties set out in clause 18 (*Representations*) of the Principal Agreement are true and correct in respect of each of the Golar Parties as applicable, as if made at the date of this Supplemental Agreement with reference to the facts and circumstances existing at such date and as if references therein to "Transaction Documents" included reference to the Supplemental Documents (and so that the representation and warranty set out in clause 18.8 (*Original Financial Statements*) of the Principal Agreement shall refer to the audited financial statements of the Borrower and the audited financial statements of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group respectively in respect of the financial year ended 2017 as delivered to the Facility Agent under clause 19.1 (*Financial statements*) of the Principal Agreement);

(b) Corporate power

each of the Golar Parties has power to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party; all necessary corporate, shareholder and other action has been taken to authorise the execution, delivery and performance of the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party and, subject to any applicable Legal Reservation, each of the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party constitutes valid and legally binding obligations of the Golar Parties enforceable in accordance with its terms;

(c) No conflict with other obligations

the execution and delivery of, the performance of its obligations under, and compliance with the provisions of, the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party by each of the Golar Parties will not (i) subject to any applicable Legal Reservation, contravene any existing applicable law, statute, rule or regulation or any judgment, decree or permit to which the Golar Parties are subject, (ii) conflict with, or result in any breach of any of the terms of, or constitute a default under, any agreement or other instrument to which the Golar Parties are party or are subject or by which it or any of its property is bound, (iii) contravene or conflict with any provision of any Golar Party's Constitutional Documents or (iv) result in the creation or imposition of or oblige the Golar Parties to create any Encumbrance on any of the undertakings, assets, rights or revenues the Golar Parties or any of their respective Subsidiaries;

(d) Consents obtained

every consent, authorisation, licence or approval of, or registration with or declaration to, governmental or public bodies or authorities or courts required by the Golar Parties to authorise, or required by the Golar Parties in connection with, the execution, delivery, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party or the performance by the Golar Parties of their respective obligations under the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party has been obtained or made and is in full force and effect and there has been no default in the observance of the conditions or restrictions (if any) imposed in, or in connection with, any of the same;

(e) No filings required

it is not necessary to ensure the legality, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party that it or any other instrument be notarised, filed, recorded, registered or enrolled in any court, public office or elsewhere in any Relevant Jurisdiction or that any stamp, registration or similar tax or charge be paid in any Relevant Jurisdiction on or in relation to the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party, except any filing, recording, registration or enrolling or any tax payable in relation to any Supplemental Document which is referred to in any legal opinion delivered to the Facility Agent under clause 6.1(b) (*Conditions precedent documentation*) and which will be made or paid promptly after the date of the relevant Supplemental Document, and the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party are in proper form for its enforcement in an arbitration in accordance with clause 49 (*Enforcement*) of the Principal Agreement.

4 Fees and Expenses

4.1 Expenses

The Borrower shall pay to the Facility Agent on demand all expenses (including legal fees) reasonably incurred by the Facility Agent and the Mandated Lead Arranger in connection with the negotiation, preparation and execution of the Supplemental Documents.

4.2 Stamp and other duties

The Borrower shall pay all stamp duty, documentary, registration and other similar Taxes (including any such duties or Taxes payable by, or assessed on, the Lender, the Facility Agent or the Mandated Lead Arranger) payable in respect of the Supplemental Documents and shall,

within four (4) Business Days of demand, indemnify the Facility Agent, the Mandated Lead Arranger and the Lender against any liability arising by reason of any delay or omission by the Borrower to pay such duties or Taxes.

5 Confirmations

5.1 Golar Parties' Confirmations

Each of the Golar Parties acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) notwithstanding the amendments made to the Principal Agreement by this Supplemental Agreement;
 - (i) each of the Security Documents to which it is a party, and its obligations thereunder remain in full force and effect and continue to secure the Secured Obligations in favour of the Finance Parties;
 - (ii) it shall procure that each of the Security Documents to which any Obligor (other than the Golar Parties) is a party and their respective obligations thereunder remain in full force and effect and continue to secure the Secured Obligations in favour of the Finance Parties; and
- (b) with effect from the Effective Date, references to "the Agreement" or the "Facility Agreement" in any of the Security Documents to which it is a party shall henceforth be a reference to the Principal Agreement as amended by this Supplemental Agreement and as from time to time hereafter amended.

5.2 Final Repayment Guarantor Confirmation

The Final Repayment Guarantor confirms that its obligations under the Final Repayment Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect in respect of the Borrower's obligations under the Principal Agreement (as amended by this Supplemental Agreement) and that the Borrower's obligations under this Supplemental Agreement constitute obligations included within the Final Repayment Guarantee.

6 Effective Date

6.1 Conditions precedent documentation

The amendments to be made to the Principal Agreement by this Supplemental Agreement shall take effect on and from the date (**Effective Date**) on which the Facility Agent notifies the Borrower that the Facility Agent has received the following documents in form and substance satisfactory to it (together with, in the case of any document not in the English language, a certified English translation thereof):

- (a) in respect of each of the Golar Parties:
 - (i) a copy, certified as a true copy by a director or the secretary of such company, of resolutions of the board of directors, board of commissioners or governors (or of a committee of the board of directors or governors) evidencing approval of the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party and authorising its appropriate officers to execute and deliver the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party and to give all notices and take all other action required under the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party;
 - (ii) specimen signatures of the persons authorised in the resolutions of the board of directors referred to in paragraph (a)(i) if different from those delivered in relation to the Principal Agreement;
 - (iii) a copy, certified as a true copy, and as being in full force and effect and not revoked or withdrawn, by a director or the secretary of such company, of any power of attorney issued by that company pursuant to the said resolutions;
 - (iv) a certificate signed by a director or the secretary of such company, confirming that all Consents required to authorise, or required by such company in connection with the execution, delivery, validity, enforceability and admissibility in evidence of the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party and the performance by such company of its respective obligations under the Supplemental Documents to which it is a party have been obtained and are in full force and effect;
- (b) opinions from (i) Norton Rose Fulbright (Asia) LLP, special legal advisers to the Lenders in England, (ii) TNB & Partners in association with Norton Rose Fulbright Australia, special legal advisers to the Lenders in Indonesia, and (iii) Norton Rose Fulbright (Asia) LLP, special legal advisers to the Lenders in the Marshall Islands, each in a form approved by the Facility Agent;
- (c) the duly executed and dated Transfer Certificates;
- (d) the duly executed Supplemental Fee Letter, together with evidence acceptable to the Facility Agent that all fees and expenses due to the Finance Parties (including the fees of the Facility Agent's legal counsel) have been or will, on the Effective Date, be paid in full;
- (e) the duly executed ISDA Amendment Agreement; and
- (f) such documentation and information as any Finance Party may reasonably request through the Agent to satisfy and "know your customer" or similar identification procedures under all laws and regulations applicable to that Finance Party.

6.2 Further Conditions Precedent

The Facility Agent shall not give notice of the occurrence of the Effective Date under clause 6.1 if, on the date on which it would otherwise

have done so, the Facility Agent has received actual knowledge that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or that any of the representations and warranties in clause 3.1 are untrue or incorrect as at such date as if made on such date with respect to the facts and circumstances existing at such date.

6.3 Conditions Subsequent

The Borrower shall provide to the Facility Agent or its duly authorised representative the following documents and evidence in form and substance satisfactory to it within the applicable period specified below:

- (a) within 90 days from the date of this Supplemental Agreement, an original of the ISDA Amendment Agreement and the Supplemental Hedging Transaction executed in Bahasa;
- (b) within 30 days from the date of this Supplemental Agreement, evidence of the entry into the Supplemental Hedging Transaction by the Borrower in accordance with clause 30.1(a) (*Hedging*) of the Facility Agreement (as amended by this Supplemental Agreement); and
- (c) within 5 Business Days from the date of this Supplemental Agreement, opinions from (i) Norton Rose Fulbright (Asia) LLP, special legal advisers to the Lenders in Singapore, (ii) Appleby Global, special legal advisers to the Lenders in Bermuda, and (iii) Advokatfirmaet Wiersholm AS, special legal advisers to the Lenders in Norway, each in a form approved by the Facility Agent.

7 Miscellaneous

7.1 Further assurance

- (a) The Borrower shall take all such action as may be necessary for the purpose of the:
 - (i) to the extent applicable, the reporting of the execution and the filing of this Supplemental Agreement with the Bank of Indonesia the Ministry of Finance and the Team for the Co-ordination of the Management of Offshore Commercial Loans; and
 - (ii) the payment of nominal stamp tax in the amount of Rp6,000 on the Supplemental Documents to which the Borrower or PSU is a party.
- (b) The Supplemental Documents are executed in the English language. The parties hereto confirm that they fully understand and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Documents notwithstanding that the Supplemental Documents are prepared and executed in English.

In compliance with Law No. 24 of 2009 regarding National Flag, Language, Emblem and Anthem, the Borrower agrees, at its own cost, to translate and to ensure that the relevant Golar Parties execute a Bahasa Indonesia version of this Supplemental Agreement and the Supplemental Hedging Transaction in the agreed form within 90 days after the date of this Supplemental Agreement or any other date as agreed between the Borrower and the Facility Agent.

- (c) Each of the Golar Parties further agrees that: (i) the Bahasa Indonesia version of the Supplemental Documents, if executed, will be deemed to be effective from the date the English language version was executed; and (ii) in the event of inconsistency between the Bahasa Indonesia version and the English version, the English version shall prevail and the relevant Bahasa Indonesia text will be deemed to be amended to conform with and to make the relevant Indonesian text consistent with the relevant English text.
- (d) Each of the Golar Parties further agrees and undertakes not to (or allow or assist any other party to), in any manner or forum, challenge the validity of, or raise or file any objection to, any Supplemental Document or the transactions contemplated by any Supplemental Document on the basis of any failure to comply with Law 24 or its implementing regulations or other similar laws and regulations applicable in Indonesia.

7.2 Continuation of Principal Agreement

Save as amended by this Supplemental Agreement, the provisions of the Principal Agreement shall continue in full force and effect and the Principal Agreement and this Supplemental Agreement shall be read and construed as one instrument.

7.3 Counterparts

This Supplemental Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the different parties on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original but all counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

7.4 Partial invalidity

If, at any time, any provision of this Supplemental Agreement is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect under any law of any jurisdiction, neither the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions nor the legality, validity or enforceability of such provision in any other respect or under the law of any other jurisdiction will be affected or impaired in any way.

7.5 Notices

The provisions of clause 42 (*Notices*) of the Principal Agreement shall extend and apply to the giving or making of notices or demands hereunder as if the same were expressly stated herein.

8 Governing Law and Enforcement

8.1 Governing law

This Supplemental Agreement and any non-contractual obligations connected with it shall be governed by English law.

8.2 Enforcement

Clause 49.1 (*Arbitration*) of the Principal Agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to this Supplemental Agreement

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Agreement to be duly executed the day and year first above written.

Schedule 1

Outstanding Loans

As at the date of this Supplemental Agreement:

Facility A – US\$79,925,000

Facility B – US\$20,000,000

Schedule 2

Amended and Restated Facility Agreement
Dated 14 December 2012

(as amended and restated on 29 March 2018 pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement dated 29 March 2018)

PT GOLAR INDONESIA
with

PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA
as Mandated Lead Arranger

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH
as Co-ordination and Structuring Bank

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH
as Facility Agent and Security Agent

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THIS AGREEMENT is dated **14 December 2012** (as amended and restated on 29 March 2018 pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement dated 29 March 2018) and made between:

- (1) **PT GOLAR INDONESIA** (the **Borrower**);
- (2) **GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP** and **PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA** (as **Sponsors**);
- (3) **GOLAR LNG LIMITED** and **GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP** (as **Guarantors**);
- (4) **PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA** as mandated lead arranger (the **Mandated Lead Arranger**);
- (5) **SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH** as co-ordination and structuring bank (the **Co-ordination and Structuring Bank**);
- (6) **THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** listed in Schedule 1 as lenders (the **Original Lenders**);
- (7) **THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS** listed in Schedule 1 as hedging banks (the **Original Hedging Banks**);
- (8) **SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH** as facility agent for the other Finance Parties (the **Facility Agent**);
- (9) **SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH** as security agent for the Finance Parties (the **Security Agent**); and
- (10) **SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH** as account bank (the **Account Bank**).

IT IS AGREED as follows:

SECTION 1 - INTERPRETATION

1 Definitions and interpretation

1.1 Definitions

In this Agreement and (unless otherwise defined in the relevant Finance Document) the other Finance Documents:

Account means any bank account, deposit or certificate of deposit opened, made or established in accordance with clause 28 (*Project Accounts, Receivables and Insurance Proceeds*).

Account Bank means the Account Bank referred to in (10) above and includes any person who may be appointed by the Facility Agent (on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) as 'Account Bank' in substitution for the Account Bank as at the date of this Agreement.

Account Security means, in relation to a Project Account, a deed or other instrument executed by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent in an agreed form conferring a Security Interest over that Project Account.

Accounting Reference Date means 31 December or such other date(s) as may be approved by the Lenders.

Additional Cost Rate has the meaning given to it in Schedule 5 (*Mandatory Cost Formulae*).

Affiliate means, in relation to any person, a Subsidiary of that person or a Holding Company of that person or any other Subsidiary of that Holding Company.

Agreed Scope of Work means the Technical Advisor's scope of work as agreed between the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) and the Borrower prior to the date of this Agreement.

Approved Credit Rating means in respect of any relevant person, a credit rating for the long term indebtedness of that person of not less than A- with Standard & Poor's Rating Agency and/or Fitch Rating Agency and/or A.M. Best Agency and/or A3 with Moody's Rating Agency unless otherwise agreed by the Facility Agent.

Approved Operator means together the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway or another appropriately qualified and experienced company or group of companies within the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group as may be notified to the Facility Agent or another appropriately qualified and experienced company or group of companies approved by the Charterer and the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) and, in each case, whose terms of appointment shall be approved by the Charterer on similar terms to the operating and maintenance provisions in the Charter (or, as the case may be, the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement) or other terms reasonably acceptable to the Lenders and the Charterer.

Approved Shareholder means PSU or another company or group of companies approved by the Lenders (acting reasonably).

Auditors means one of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, KPMG or Deloitte & Touche or another approved reputable international firm of accountants.

Authority means any national, supranational, regional or local government or governmental, administrative, fiscal, judicial, or government-owned body, department, commission, authority, tribunal, agency or entity, or central bank (or any person, whether or not government-owned and howsoever constituted or called, that exercises the functions of a central bank) in a Relevant Jurisdiction or England and Wales.

Available Cash Flow means, in respect of any period and without double counting:

- (a) the aggregate of:
 - (i) all amounts received by the Borrower under the Charter and any other Project Agreement (including the Total Charter Rate) during each period and which have not been taken into account in a previous calculation of Available Cash Flow;
 - (ii) all interest and other income (including Insurance Proceeds) received by the Borrower during such period in respect of the Project Accounts; and
 - (iii) refunds, credits, rebates or similar accounts of Tax actually received during such period.
- (b) less the sum of:
 - (i) the O&M Hire and the Borrower Expenses payable during such period; and
 - (ii) the total amount of Tax actually paid in that period.

Available Commitment means, in relation to a Facility, at any time a Lender's Commitment under that Facility minus:

- (a) the aggregate amount of its participations in any outstanding Loans under that Facility; and
- (b) in relation to any proposed Utilisation, the aggregate amount of its participations in any Loans that are due to be made under that Facility on or before the proposed Utilisation Date,

other than, in relation to any proposed Utilisation under Facility B only, that Lender's participation in any Facility B Loans that are due to be repaid or prepaid on or before the proposed Utilisation Date.

Available Facility means, in relation to a Facility, at any relevant time the aggregate of each Lender's Available Commitments in respect of that Facility.

Balloon means an amount equivalent to that part of the Loans which is payable on the Final Maturity Date (not including the Repayment Instalment payment due on such date), as may be reduced from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and which shall not exceed at any time twenty nine million, nine hundred and twenty five thousand dollars (US\$29,925,000).

Basel 2 Accord means the 'International Convergence of Capital Measurement and Capital Standards, a Revised Framework' published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in June 2004 as updated prior to and in the form existing on the date of this Agreement

excluding any amendment thereto arising out of the Basel 3 Accord.

Basel 2 Approach means, in relation to any Finance Party, either the Standardised Approach or the relevant Internal Ratings Based Approach (each as defined in the Basel 2 Accord) adopted by that Finance Party (or any of its Affiliates) for the purposes of implementing or complying with the Basel 2 Accord.

Basel 2 Regulation means any law or regulation implementing the Basel 2 Accord or any Basel 2 Approach adopted by any Finance Party or any of its Affiliates.

Basel 3 Accord means, together:

- (a) the agreements on capital requirements, a leverage ratio and liquidity standards contained in, “Basel III: A global regulatory framework for more resilient banks and banking systems”, “Basel III: International framework for liquidity risk measurement, standards and monitoring” and “Guidance for national authorities operating the countercyclical capital buffer” published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision on 16 December 2010, each as amended, supplemented or restated:
- (b) the rules for global systemically important banks contained in “Global systemically important banks: assessment methodology and the additional loss absorbency requirement - Rules text” published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in November 2011, as amended, supplemented or restated; and
- (c) any further guidance or standards published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision relating to “Basel III” other than, in each such case, the agreements, rules, guidance and standards set out in “Basel III: Finalising the post-crisis reforms” published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in December 2017, as amended, supplemented or restated .

Basel 3 Increased Costs means an Increased Cost which is attributable to the implementation or application of or compliance with any Basel 3 Regulation (whether such implementation, application or compliance is by a government, regulators, Finance Party or any of its Affiliates).

Basel 3 Regulation means any law or regulation implementing the Basel 3 Accord (including the relevant provisions of CRD IV and CRR) save and to the extent that it re-enacts a Basel 2 Regulation.

Borrower Assigned Property means all the right, title, interest and benefit of the Borrower in and to:

- (a) the Vessel Rights;
- (b) the Guarantee Rights;
- (c) the Charter Documents (other than the Charter LOU POAs);
- (d) the O&M Contract;
- (e) the Earnings;
- (f) the Insurances;
- (g) any Requisition Compensation; and
- (h) each Hedging Contract.

Borrower Expenses means the administrative expenses of the Borrower (namely its office rental, utilities, administrative costs, MII insurance premium and vessel agency) in an amount per annum not exceeding the amount agreed between the Borrower and the Facility Agent as shown in the Project Budget Statement for the relevant year or such other higher amount as may be approved by the Facility Agent.

Borrowed Money means indebtedness incurred in respect of:

- (a) money borrowed or raised and debit balances at banks;
- (b) any bond, note, loan stock, debenture or similar debt instrument;
- (c) acceptance or documentary credit facilities;
- (d) receivables sold or discounted (otherwise than on a non-recourse basis);
- (e) deferred payments for assets or services acquired (other than assets or services acquired on normal commercial terms in the ordinary course of business where payment is deferred by no more than one hundred and eighty (180) days);
- (f) Capitalised Lease Obligations;
- (g) any other transaction (including without limitation forward sale or purchase agreements) having the commercial effect of a borrowing or raising of money;
- (h) guarantees in respect of indebtedness of any person falling within any of (a) to (g) above; and

- (i) preference share capital in any member of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group or the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (as applicable) which is or may be redeemable prior to the Final Maturity Date and/or the full and final discharge of all indebtedness and liabilities of the Borrower under this Agreement.

Borrower's Security means together:

- (a) the Borrower Assigned Property;
- (b) all of the Borrower's right, title, interest and benefit in and to the Vessel and its Mooring;
- (c) the Project Accounts; and
- (d) all proceeds of realisation or enforcement of any Security Interest in or over any of the foregoing or the exercise of all and any rights, powers and remedies in relation to any Security Interest over the foregoing.

Break Costs means the amount (if any) by which:

- (a) the interest (excluding the Margin) which a Lender should have received for the period from the date of receipt of all or any part of its participation in a Loan or Unpaid Sum to the last day of the current Interest Period in respect of that Loan or Unpaid Sum) had the principal amount or Unpaid Sum received been paid on the last day of that Interest Period;

exceeds:

- (b) the amount which that Lender would be able to obtain by placing an amount equal to the principal amount or Unpaid Sum received by it on deposit with a leading bank in the Interbank Market for a period starting on the Business Day following receipt or recovery and ending on the last day of the current Interest Period.

Builder means Jurong Shipyard Pte. Ltd. a company incorporated in Singapore with its registered office at 29 Tanjong Kling Road, Singapore 628054.

Business Day means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in London, Singapore and Jakarta (and, if a payment in dollars is to be made or would, but for the operation of clause 40.7, fall to be made by any person on that day, New York).

Capital Element means the hire payable by the Charterer to the Borrower in relation to the Vessel and the Mooring pursuant to clause 13.1 of the Charter, calculated in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule VI to the Charter.

Capitalised Lease Obligation of any person means the obligation to pay rent or other payment amounts under a lease of (or other Borrowed Money arrangements conveying the right to use) real or personal property which is required to be classified and accounted for as a capitalised lease or a liability on the face of a balance sheet of such person in accordance with the applicable GAAP (in the case of any lease agreements net of an amount equal to the aggregate of any applicable security amounts provided in relation to such leases pursuant to the terms thereof).

Cash Equivalents means:

- (a) deposits with first class international banks the maturity of which does not exceed 12 months;
- (b) bonds, certificates of deposit and other money market instruments or securities issued or guaranteed by the Government of Norway or the United States of America; and
- (c) any other instrument approved by the Security Agent, with the authorisation of the Majority Lenders.

Cash Sweep Mechanism means the application of amounts standing to the credit of the Earnings Account pursuant to and in accordance with clause 28.5(a)(vi) of this Agreement.

Cash Sweep Repayments means, at any time, the forecasted repayments pursuant to the Cash Sweep Mechanism as determined by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) in accordance with the Financial Model.

Change in Location means a change in location of the Vessel and its Mooring from the Permitted Location.

Charged Property means all of the assets of the Obligors which from time to time are, or are expressed or intended to be, the subject of the Security Documents.

Charter means the contract dated 20 April 2011 (as further described in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*)) in respect of the supply, delivery, charter and operation of the Vessel and its Mooring (the **Original Charter**) made between (1) the Charterer and (2) Golar Energy, as novated to the Borrower pursuant to the Charter Novation Agreement dated 12 April 2012 and as further amended or supplemented from time to time.

Charter Documents means the Charter, the Charter Novation Agreement, each Charter Letter of Credit, each Charter Undertaking, the Pertamina LOU Transfer Agreement, the PGN LOU Transfer Agreement and each Charter LOU POA, any documents supplementing any of them and any guarantee or security given by any person for the Charterer's obligations under the Charter.

Charter Letters of Credit means the "Walkaway LoC and, if issued, the "Liability Amount LoC" as defined in the Charter.

Charter Liabilities means any and all obligations of the Borrower (whether present or future, actual or contingent) under or pursuant to the terms of the Charter.

Charter LOU POAs means each of the "Pertamina LOU POA" and the "PGN LOU POA" as defined in the Charter.

Charter Novation Agreement means the novation agreement dated 12 April 2012 (as further described in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*)) made between the Borrower, Golar Energy and the Charterer, pursuant to which the rights and obligations of Golar Energy under the Original Charter were novated in favour of the Borrower.

Charter Period means the "Charter Period" as defined in the Charter and further described in clause 4 of the Charter which, for the avoidance of doubt, means a primary period from the Hire Commencement Time (as defined in the Charter) and ending on 31 December 2022.

Charter Rate means the charter hire payable by the Charterer to the Borrower pursuant to the Charter in relation to the Vessel and its Mooring and payable pursuant to clause 13.1 of the Charter but shall not include the Operating Cost Element or the Tax Element.

Charter Undertakings means each of the Pertamina Letter of Undertaking, the PGN Letter of Undertaking, the Pertamina Notice and Acknowledgement and the PGN Notice and Acknowledgement.

Charterer means PT Nusantara Regas, as further described in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*).

Charterer Shareholders means (a) PT Pertamina (Persero) (**Pertamina**) and (b) PT Perusahaan Gas Negara (Persero) Tbk (**PGN**), each a company established and existing under the laws of Indonesia.

Charterer's Purchase Option means the purchase option in respect of the Vessel granted to the Charterer and exercisable in accordance with and subject to clause 43 of the Charter.

CISADA means the United States Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010.

Classification means the classification specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*) with the Classification Society or another classification approved by the Lenders as the Vessel's classification, at the request of the Borrower or the Charterer, or as permitted under the Charter and as approved by the Lenders.

Classification Society means the classification society specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*) or another classification society requested by the Borrower or the Charterer, or as permitted under the Charter and in each case approved by the Lenders.

Code means the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Collateral means any and all assets over or in respect of which any Security Interest is created in favour of the Finance Parties or any of them pursuant to any Finance Document.

Commitment means a Facility A Commitment or a Facility B Commitment.

Compliance Certificate means a certificate substantially in the form set out in Schedule 7 (*Form of Compliance Certificate*) or otherwise approved.

Compulsory Acquisition means requisition for title or other compulsory acquisition, nationalisation, requisition, appropriation, expropriation, deprivation, forfeiture or confiscation for any reason of the Vessel and/or its Mooring by any government entity or other competent authority, whether de jure or de facto, but shall exclude requisition for use or hire not involving requisition for title.

Confirmation shall have, in relation to any Hedging Transaction, the meaning given to it in the relevant Hedging Master Agreement.

Consents means and includes consents, authorisations (including any Project Authorisations), licences, approvals, registrations with, declarations to or filings with, or waivers or exemptions from governmental or public bodies or Regulatory Authority or other authorities or courts.

Constitutional Documents means, in respect of an Obligor, such Obligor's memorandum and articles of association, bye-laws or other constitutional documents including as referred to in any certificate relating to an Obligor delivered pursuant to Schedule 3 (*Conditions precedent*).

Conversion Contract means the contract specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*) and made between the Builder and Golar Energy relating to, inter alia, the conversion of the Vessel.

Conversion Contract Documents means the Conversion Contract and any guarantee or security given to Golar Energy for the Builder's obligations under the Conversion Contract.

CRD IV means the directive 2013/36/EU of the European Union on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms.

CRR means the regulation 575/2013 of the European Union on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms.

Current Assets means, as at any date of determination, all of the short term assets of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group or the Final Repayment Guarantor Group (as the case may be) determined in accordance with applicable GAAP on a consolidated basis as shown in the

balance sheet for the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group or the Final Repayment Guarantor Group (as the case may be) set out in the Latest Accounts of that Group.

Current Liabilities means, as at any date of determination, all of the short term liabilities of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group or the Final Repayment Guarantor Group (as the case may be) (less the current portion of long-term debt, the current portion of long-term capital lease obligations and mark to market swap valuations) determined in accordance with applicable GAAP on a consolidated basis as shown in the balance sheet for the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group or the Final Repayment Guarantor Group (as the case may be) set out in the Latest Accounts of that Group.

Deal Site means “Debt domain”.

Debt Service for any period means, the aggregate of (i) the amount of interest on the Loan which is payable under clause 8 (*Interest*), (ii) each principal amount which is scheduled to be repaid under clause 6 (*Repayment*), (iii) all fees and expenses which are payable under clauses 12 (*Fees*) and 17 (*Costs and expenses*), (iv) the Net Hedging Expenses (together with any other amounts due and payable to the Hedging Banks under each Hedging Contract other than the cost of entry into, and termination payments under, the Hedging Contracts) and (v) the amount of any interest and principal of any Permitted Financial Indebtedness to be repaid, in each case during that period.

Debt Service Coverage Ratio means for any date of testing under clause 20 (*Financial covenants*) the ratio of (a) Available Cash Flow to (b) Debt Service for the Relevant Period ending on that date.

Debt Service Reserve means at any time:

- (a) during the period from the earlier of (a) the Utilisation Date of the Final Advance and (b) the Guarantee Release Date to the date falling nine (9) months after the date of this Agreement (**Relevant Date**) a sum equal to or greater than three (3) months’ Debt Service obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement at such time; and
- (b) following the Relevant Date, a sum equal to six (6) months’ Debt Service obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement at such time.

Debt Service Reserve Account means the interest bearing dollar account of the Borrower opened or, as the context may require, to be opened by the Borrower with the Account Bank, designated by the Account Bank to be the “PT Golar Indonesia - Debt Service Reserve Account” and includes any redesignation and each sub-account thereof.

Default means an Event of Default or any event or circumstance which with giving of notice or lapse of time or the satisfaction of any other condition (or any combination thereof) would constitute an Event of Default.

Defaulting Lender means any Lender:

- (a) which has failed to make its participation in a Loan available or has notified the Facility Agent that it will not make its participation in a Loan available by the Utilisation Date of that Loan in accordance with Clause 5.4 (*Lenders’ participation*); or
- (b) which has otherwise rescinded or repudiated a Finance Document;

unless, in the case of paragraph (a) above:

- (i) its failure to pay is caused by:
 - (A) administrative or technical error; or
 - (B) a Disruption Event; andpayment is made within 5 Business Days of its due date; or
- (ii) the Lender is disputing in good faith whether it is contractually obliged to make the payment in question.

Disruption Event means either or both of:

- (a) a material disruption to those payment or communications systems or to those financial markets which are, in each case, required to operate in order for payments to be made in connection with the Facilities (or otherwise in order for the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents to be carried out) which disruption is not caused by, and is beyond the control of, any of the Parties; or
- (b) the occurrence of any other event which results in a disruption (of a technical or systems-related nature) to the treasury or payments operations of a Party preventing that, or any other Party:
 - (i) from performing its payment obligations under the Finance Documents; or
 - (ii) from communicating with other Parties in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents,

and which (in either such case) is not caused by, and is beyond the control of, the Party whose operations are disrupted.

Dividend Restriction Event means any event or circumstance as follows:

- (a) the occurrence of a Default or an Event of Default which is continuing ;

- (b) in relation to the application of proceeds on the First Repayment Date only, there is in the reasonable opinion of the Facility Agent a material reduction in the Total Charter Rate in the 90 day period immediately prior to such date;
- (c) Final Acceptance having not occurred;
- (d) the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the previous twelve (12) months (or, if the period is less than twelve (12) months from Final Acceptance, for that shorter period) being less than 1.15:1;
- (e) the Borrower not being in compliance with clause 28.7 (*Debt Service Reserve Account*) at such time;
- (f) the first Repayment Instalment not being paid in accordance with this Agreement; and
- (g) there being insufficient funds in the Operating Account to meet the withdrawals requested by the Borrower to meet the Operating Expenses made in accordance with clause 28.6(a) (*Operating Account*).

Due Diligence Report means a report from the Technical Advisor prepared in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work.

Earnings means all money at any time payable to that person for or in relation to the use or operation of the Vessel and the Mooring including the Total Charter Rate, the Purchase Option Price, freight, hire and passage moneys, money payable to that person for the provision of services by or from the Vessel and/or the Mooring or under any charter commitment, requisition for hire compensation, remuneration for salvage and towage services, demurrage and detention moneys and damages for breach and payments for termination or variation of any charter commitment.

Earnings Account means the interest bearing dollar account of the Borrower opened or, as the context may require, to be opened by the Borrower with the Account Bank, designated by the Account Bank to be the "PT Golar Indonesia - Earnings Account" and includes any redesignation and each sub-account thereof.

EBITDA means, for any Relevant Period, the earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation and amortisation (calculated as income from operations plus any depreciation and amortisation, net financial expenses relating to L/C Deposit Moneys, and taxes on overall net income deducted in calculating income from operations in respect of such period) of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group determined in accordance with the applicable GAAP on a consolidated basis.

Enforcement Action means any action whatsoever to:

- (a) prematurely terminate or close out any Hedging Transaction (other than as provided by clause 32.4) (*Close out of Hedging Contracts*);
- (b) recover all or any part of any Hedging Debt including by set-off (whether by operation of law or otherwise) or combination of accounts;
- (c) exercise or enforce any rights under any guarantee, indemnity or other assurance in relation to (or given in support of) all or any part of any Hedging Debt (including under any Security Document);
- (d) exercise or enforce any rights under any Security Interest whatsoever (including, without limitation, the crystallisation (automatic or otherwise) of a floating charge) which secures or purports to secure any Hedging Debt (including under any Security Document);
- (e) apply, petition or vote for (or take any other steps which may lead to) any event described in clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) or clause 31.8 (*Insolvency Proceedings*) in relation to any Obligor; or
- (f) designate an Early Termination Date (as defined in any Hedging Master Agreement) or terminate and/or close out any transaction under any Hedging Contract prior to its stated maturity or demand payment of any amount which would become payable on or following an Early Termination Date or any such termination and/or close out, in each case other than in accordance with clause 32.4 (*Close out of Hedging Contracts*).

Environment means all or any of the following media: air (including air within buildings or other structures and whether below or above ground); land (including buildings and any other structures or erections in, on or under it and any soil and anything below the surface of the land); land covered with water; and water (including sea, ground and surface water and any living organism supported by such media).

Environmental Claim means any claim, notice, prosecution, demand, action, official warning, abatement or other order (conditional or otherwise) relating to Environmental Matters or in response to a Spill or any notification or order requiring compliance with the terms of any Environmental Licence or Environmental Law and Environmental Standards.

Environmental Incident means any Spill from any vessel in circumstances where:

- (a) the Vessel, the Mooring, the Borrower or the O&M Contractor or any other Approved Operator or any other manager may be liable for Environmental Claims arising from the Spill (other than Environmental Claims arising and fully satisfied before the date of this Agreement); and/or
- (b) the Vessel and/or the Mooring may be arrested or attached in connection with any such Environmental Claim.

Environmental Law includes all or any law, statute, rule, regulation, treaty, by-law, code of practice, order, notice, demand, decision of the courts or of any governmental authority or agency or any other regulatory or other body in any jurisdiction relating to Environmental Matters.

Environmental Licence includes any permit, licence, authorisation, consent or other approval required at any time by any Environmental Law

and Environmental Standards for the operation of any Obligor's business or in order for each Obligor to comply with its respective obligations under the Transaction Documents.

Environmental Management Plan means the ship oil pollution emergency plan (SOPEP) in relation to the Vessel and its Mooring prepared in accordance with MARPOL 73/78.

Environmental Matters includes (a) the generation, deposit, disposal, keeping, treatment, transportation, transmission, handling, importation, exportation, processing, collection, sorting, presence or manufacture of any Pollutant; (b) nuisance, noise, defective premises, health and safety at work or elsewhere; and (c) the pollution, conservation or protection of the Environment (both natural and built) or of man or any living organisms supported by the Environment or any other matter whatsoever affecting the Environment or any part of it.

Environmental Standards means those principles set out in a paper entitled "A financial industry benchmark for determining, assessing and managing social & environmental risk in project financing" dated July 2006 and developed and adopted by the International Finance Corporation and various other financial institutions, as applicable at the date of this Agreement.

Event of Default means any event or circumstance specified as such in clause 31 (*Events of Default*).

Facility means Facility A or Facility B.

Facility A means the term loan facility made available under this Agreement as described in clause 2 (*The Facilities*).

Facility A Commitment means:

- (a) in relation to an Original Lender, the amount set out opposite its name under the heading 'Facility A Commitment' in Schedule 1 (*The original parties*) and the amount of any other Facility A Commitment transferred to it under this Agreement; and
- (b) in relation to any other Lender, the amount of any Commitment transferred to it under this Agreement,

to the extent not cancelled, reduced or transferred by it under this Agreement.

Facility A Loan means a loan made or to be made under Facility A whether as the First Advance or the Final Advance or (as the context may require) the principal amount outstanding for the time being of that loan.

Facility Agent includes any person who may be appointed as facility agent under this Agreement.

Facility B means the revolving loan facility made available under this Agreement as described in clause 2 (*The Facilities*).

Facility B Commitment means:

- (a) in relation to an Original Lender, the amount set opposite its name under the heading "Facility B Commitment" in Schedule 1 (*The Original Lenders*) and the amount of any other Facility B Commitment transferred to it under this Agreement; and
- (b) in relation to any other Lender, the amount of any Facility B Commitment transferred to it under this Agreement,

to the extent not cancelled, reduced or transferred by it under this Agreement.

Facility B Loan means a loan made or to be made under Facility B or (as the context may require) the principal amount outstanding for the time being of that loan.

Facility Limit means an amount equal to the lower of:

- (a) one hundred and seventy five million dollars (\$175,000,000); and
- (b) such amount as the Facility Agent shall determine in accordance with clauses 2.3 (*Adjustment for breach of Debt Service Coverage Ratio*),

in each case as reduced pursuant to any applicable term of this Agreement.

Facility Office means the office or offices notified by a Lender to the Facility Agent in writing on or before the date it becomes a Lender (or, following that date, by not less than five (5) Business Days' written notice) as the office through which it will perform its obligations under this Agreement.

Facility Period means the period from and including the date of this Agreement to and including the date on which the Total Commitments have reduced to zero and all indebtedness of the Obligors under the Finance Documents has been fully paid and discharged.

FATCA means:

- (a) sections 1471 to 1474 of the Code or any associated regulations or other official guidance;
- (b) any treaty, law, regulation or other official guidance enacted in any other jurisdiction, or relating to an intergovernmental agreement between the US and any other jurisdiction, which (in either case) facilitates the implementation of paragraph (a) above; or

- (c) any agreement pursuant to the implementation of paragraphs (a) or (b) above with the US Internal Revenue Service, the US government or any governmental or taxation authority in any other jurisdiction.

FATCA Application Date means:

- (a) in relation to a "withholdable payment" described in section 1473(1)(A)(i) of the Code (which relates to payments of interest and certain other payments from sources within the US), 1 July 2014;
- (b) in relation to a "withholdable payment" described in section 1473(1)(A)(ii) of the Code (which relates to "gross proceeds" from the disposition of property of a type that can produce interest from sources within the US), 1 January 2019; or
- (c) in relation to a "passthru payment" described in section 1471(d)(7) of the Code not falling within paragraphs (a) or (b) above, 1 January 2019,

or, in each case, such other date from which such payment may become subject to a deduction or withholding required by FATCA as a result of any change in FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

FATCA Deduction means a deduction or withholding from a payment under a Finance Document required by FATCA.

FATCA Exempt Party means a Party that is entitled to receive payments free from any FATCA Deduction.

Fee Letters means the letters between (a) the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank and the Borrower, (b) the Facility Agent, the Mandated Lead Arranger and the Borrower and (c) the Facility Agent, the Security Agent and the Borrower, each in the agreed form setting out any of the fees referred to in clause 12 (*Fees*) and **Fee Letter** means any of them.

Fiduciary Assignments means the Time Charter Fiduciary Assignment, the Mooring Security and the Insurance Fiduciary Assignments and **Fiduciary Assignment** means any of them.

Final Acceptance means the completion of the "Acceptance Conditions" (as defined clause 7.4 in the Charter) being the date (after the completion of the Final Acceptance Tests to the satisfaction of the Charterer) on which the Charterer accepts the Vessel and the Mooring (as evidenced by the issuing of the Final Acceptance Certificate by the Charterer in accordance with the terms of the Charter).

Final Acceptance Certificate means the "Certificate of Acceptance" (as referred to in the definition of "Acceptance" in the Charter) issued or to be issued by the Charterer upon successful completion of the Final Acceptance Tests in accordance with clause 7.9 of the Charter.

Final Acceptance Tests means the "Acceptance Tests" and "Delivery Tests" as defined in the Charter.

Final Advance means a Facility A Loan which shall not exceed the Facility A Total Commitments LESS:

- (a) an amount equal to the First Advance made prior to the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance; and
- (b) the amount of any commitment fee due but unpaid as at the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance.

Final Advance Report means a report from the Technical Advisor prepared in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work and confirming, inter alia, that it is satisfied that the Vessel and the Mooring are meeting their requirements under the Charter including, but not limited to, the Vessel Performance Obligations and the Mooring Terms (as each defined in the Charter) and that the Final Acceptance Certificate has been issued in accordance with the requirements under the Charter.

Final Maturity Date means the earlier of (a) 30 November 2022, (b) the date falling at the end of the primary period of the Charter Period and (c) the date when all amounts outstanding under the Facility and the Hedging Contracts are reduced to zero, or such later date as the Facility Agent may agree (on the instructions of the Lenders, in their absolute discretion).

Final Repayment Guarantee means the unconditional and irrevocable financial guarantee and indemnity to be issued by the Final Repayment Guarantor in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Final Repayment Guarantor means Golar LNG Partners LP, a limited partnership with its registered office at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island, Majuro, Marshall Islands, MH 96960 or, as the case may be, the Pre-Completion Guarantor.

Final Repayment Guarantor Group means the Final Repayment Guarantor and its Subsidiaries and, for the purposes of the definitions of "Annual Financial Statements" and "Semi-Annual Financial Statements" (and the expression " Final Repayment Guarantor Group" where used in such definitions), any company or entity whose accounts are to be consolidated with those of the Final Repayment Guarantor in accordance with applicable GAAP shall be treated as a Subsidiary of the Final Repayment Guarantor.

Finance Documents means this Agreement, the Supplemental Agreement, the Hedging Contracts, any Fee Letter, the Security Documents, any Transfer Certificate and any other document designated as such by the Facility Agent and the Borrower, as such documents may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

Finance Party means the Facility Agent, the Security Agent, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Account Bank, a Mandated Lead Arranger, a Hedging Bank or a Lender.

Financial Indebtedness means any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (a) monies borrowed (including any overdraft facility);

- (b) debit balances at banks or other financial institutions;
- (c) any amount raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility or equivalent;
- (d) any amount raised pursuant to any note purchase facility or the issue of bonds, notes, debentures, loan stock or any similar instrument;
- (e) the amount of any liability in respect of any lease or hire purchase contract which would, in accordance with applicable GAAP, be treated as a finance or capital lease;
- (f) unsubordinated redeemable preference shares (howsoever described);
- (g) receivables sold or discounted (other than any receivables to the extent they are sold on a non-recourse basis);
- (h) any Treasury Transaction (and, when calculating the value of that Treasury Transaction, the marked to market value shall be taken into account);
- (i) any counter-indemnity obligation in respect of a guarantee, bond, standby or documentary letter of credit or any other instrument issued by a bank or financial institution in respect of any underlying liability;
- (j) any amount of any liability under an advance or deferred purchase agreement if (a) one of the primary reasons behind entering into the agreement is to raise finance or (b) the agreement is in respect of the supply of assets or services and payment is due more than 180 days after the date of supply;
- (k) any amount raised under any other transaction (including any forward sale or purchase, sale and sale-back or sale and leaseback agreement) under which interest charges are customarily paid or having the commercial effect of a borrowing or otherwise classified as borrowings under applicable GAAP; and
- (l) any guarantee for any of the items referred to in paragraphs (a) to (k) above.

Financial Model means the base case financial projections and ratios related to the Project prepared by the Sponsors and approved by the Lenders prior to the date of this Agreement (as updated from time to time).

First Advance means a Facility A Loan of up to \$124,000,000.

First Advance Report means a report from the Technical Advisor prepared in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work.

First Repayment Date means, subject to clause 40.7 (*Business Days*), the earlier of:

- (a) 28 February 2013; and
- (b) the date falling 3 months after the Utilisation Date of the Final Advance.

Flag State means the country specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*), or such other state or territory as may be approved by the Lenders, at the request of the Borrower, as being the **Flag State** for the purposes of the Finance Documents.

Force Majeure Event means an event beyond the control of the Borrower and/or the Charterer as defined and described in clause 28 of the Charter.

Free Cash Account means each of the three (3) accounts of the Borrower opened or as the context may require, to be opened by the Borrower with the Account Bank and/or PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia and includes any re-designation and each sub-account thereof and **Free Cash Accounts** means all of them.

Free Liquid Assets means, at any relevant time, such part of the Liquid Assets of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group or the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (as applicable) as is, at such time, (i) freely available for use by it and may, notwithstanding right of set-off or agreement with any other party, be withdrawn and/or encashed and used by it for any lawful purpose without restriction and (ii) free of any Security Interest.

FSRU means a floating storage and regasification unit.

GAAP means:

- (a) in relation to the Borrower, generally accepted accounting principles in Indonesia or the United States of America (as the case may be) in effect from time to time, consistently applied;
- (b) in relation to each Guarantor, the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group, generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, in effect from time to time, consistently applied; and

in each case, International Financial Reporting Standards and related interpretations as amended, supplemented, issued or adopted from time to time by the International Accounting Standards Board, to the extent applicable to the relevant financial statements.

Golar Energy means Golar LNG Energy Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with its registered office at 2nd floor, S.E. Pearman

Building, 9 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda.

Golar Energy Assignment means a first assignment of Golar Energy's rights and interests in and to the Hamworthy Contract (including without limitation Guarantee Rights and Vessel Rights) by Golar Energy in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Golar Khannur means Golar Khannur Corporation, a company incorporation in the Marshall Islands with its registered office at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island, Majuro, Marshall Islands, MH 96960.

Golar Management Norway means Golar Management Norway AS (formerly Golar Wilhelmsen Management AS), a company incorporated in Norway with its registered office at Fridtjof Nansens Plass 4, 0160 Oslo, Norway.

Golar Management Norway Acknowledgement means the agreement comprising (A) a notice of assignment issued, or as the context may require, to be issued by the O&M Contractor to Golar Management Norway pursuant to which, inter alia, the O&M Contractor gives notice to Golar Management Norway of the assignment of its rights in the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement contained in the O&M Contractor Assignment and (B) an acknowledgement of the notice of assignment from Golar Management Norway pursuant to which, inter alia, Golar Management Norway acknowledges and consents to the assignment on the part of the O&M Contractor pursuant to the O&M Contractor Assignment, each in the agreed form.

Golar Management Norway Management Agreement means the management agreement in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring dated 21 June 2010 as amended by an addendum dated 11 June 2012, each made between the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway and in form and substance acceptable to the Charterer.

Golar Singapore means Golar LNG (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., a company incorporated in Singapore with its registered office at 629 Aljunied Road, #06-11, Cititech Industrial Building, Singapore 389838.

Golar Singapore Loan Agreement means the loan facility agreement dated 13 December 2011 made between the Borrower and Golar Singapore (and which is subordinated to the Loans by way of a Subordination Deed).

Grosse Akte Pendaftaran Kapal means the authenticated copy of the Vessel's registration deed.

Group means the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group or, as the case may be, the Final Repayment Guarantor Group.

GSC means Gas Solutions Corporation a company incorporated in the Marshall Islands with its registered office at Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island, Majuro, Marshall Islands, MH 96960.

GSC Loan means the US\$5,610,000 loan facility made available by GSC to PSU pursuant to the GSC Loan Agreement (and which is subordinated to the Loans pursuant to a Subordination Deed).

GSC Loan Agreement means the loan agreement dated 13 December 2011 made between PSU and GSC relating to the subordinated GSC Loan.

Guarantee means the Pre-Completion Guarantee and/or the Final Repayment Guarantee.

Guarantee Release Date means the date falling six (6) months after Final Acceptance provided that the Facility Agent has received of all of the documents and evidence listed in Schedule 10 (*Conditions Precedent to Guarantee Release Date*) in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent.

Guarantee Rights means the rights of the Borrower, Golar Energy and/or the Sponsors (or any of them) under any guarantees or warranties issued by the Builder, any manufacturer, supplier or repairer in respect of the manufacture, design, conversion, construction, supply, installation, operation and maintenance of the Vessel and/or the Mooring or any equipment of the Vessel and/or the Mooring or part thereof (including, without limitation, under or pursuant to the Hamworthy Contract).

Guarantor Net Debt means, on a consolidated basis, an amount equal to the aggregate of all Borrowed Money of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group minus Free Liquid Assets, L/C Deposit Moneys, the credit balance of the Debt Service Reserve Account and any restricted cash, as evidenced by the consolidated Final Repayment Guarantor Group balance sheet from time to time.

Guarantors means together the Pre-Completion Guarantor and the Final Repayment Guarantor and **Guarantor** means either of them.

Hamworthy Contract means the purchase order relating to the regasification module dated 8 November 2010 made between Golar Energy and Hamworthy Gas Systems AS.

Hedging Bank means:

- (a) any Original Hedging Bank;
- (b) any bank, financial institution, any trust, fund or other entity which has become a Party in accordance with clause 30.7 (*Assignment of Hedging Contracts by Hedging Banks*),

which in each case has not ceased to be a Party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Hedging Contract means a Hedging Transaction together with the relevant Hedging Master Agreement and **Hedging Contracts** means all of them;

Hedging Debt means all present and future moneys, debts and liabilities due, owing and/or incurred by any Obligor to any Hedging Bank in connection with any Hedging Contract (in each case, whether alone or jointly, or jointly and severally, with any other person, whether actually or contingently, and whether as principal, surety or otherwise) determined pursuant to the respective Hedging Contract.

Hedging Exposure means, as at any relevant date, the aggregate of the amount certified by each of the Hedging Banks to the Security Agent to be the net amount in dollars (a) in relation to all Hedging Contracts that have been closed out on or prior to the relevant date, that is due and owing by the Borrower to the Hedging Banks (or, to the extent that such amount is due and owing by the Hedging Banks to the Borrower, which amount shall be expressed as a negative amount) in respect of such Hedging Contracts on the relevant date and (b) in relation to all Hedging Contracts that are continuing on the relevant date, that would be payable by the Borrower to the Hedging Banks (or, to the extent that such amount would be payable by the Hedging Banks to the Borrower, which amount shall be expressed as a negative amount) under (and calculated in accordance with) the early termination provisions of the Hedging Contracts as if an Early Termination Date (as defined in the Hedging Master Agreements) had occurred on the relevant date in relation to all such continuing Hedging Contracts.

Hedging Master Agreement means a 2002 form of ISDA Master Agreement and the Schedule thereto (as amended from time to time) between the Borrower and a Permitted Hedging Bank, such Permitted Hedging Bank and the Borrower and **Hedging Master Agreements** means all of them.

Hedging Security means a first assignment of the Borrower's rights and interests in and to the Hedging Contracts in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Hedging Transaction means an interest rate swap transaction as evidenced by a Confirmation (as defined in the relevant Hedging Master Agreement) between the Borrower and a Permitted Hedging Bank under a Hedging Master Agreement and subject to the terms of this Agreement.

Historic Facility A Commitments means the historic Facility A Commitments of the Lender, being one hundred and fifty five million dollars (\$155,000,000), comprising its initial commitment and the commitments transferred to it pursuant to the Transfer Certificates dated 29 March 2018 .

Holding Company means, in relation to a company or corporation, any other company or corporation in respect of which it is a Subsidiary.

Increased Costs shall have the meaning given to it in clause 14.1(b) (*Increased Costs*).

Indemnified Person means:

- (a) each Finance Party and each Receiver and any attorney, agent or other person appointed by them under the Finance Documents;
- (b) each Affiliate of those persons; and
- (c) any officers, employees or agents of any of the above persons.

Indirect Tax means any goods and services tax, consumption tax, value added tax or any tax

of a similar nature.

Insurance Advisor means Bankserve Insurance Services Ltd of One America Square, London EC3N 2LS or any other reputable insurance consultant familiar with the market with experience of assets of the same type as the Vessel, appointed by the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank and/or the Facility Agent on behalf of the Lenders, with the approval of the Borrower (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed and, to the extent that the Borrower has not responded to the Facility Agent within 5 Business Days of its request, such approval shall be deemed to have been given) to review the Insurances, the Finance Documents and, if necessary, the Reinsurances and to report to the Finance Parties whether such Insurances and Reinsurances are in full force and effect and in accordance with the requirements under the Project Agreements and in line with industry and Lenders' expectations for a project of this nature.

Insurance Assignment means a first assignment of the Pre-Completion Guarantor's, each Shareholder's, the O&M Contractor's and Golar Management Norway's rights and interests in and to the Insurances in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Insurance Fiduciary Assignments means each fiduciary assignment of insurances executed by the Borrower and PSU in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Insurance Notice means, in relation to the Insurances of the Mooring and the Vessel, a notice of assignment of such Insurances in the form scheduled to the Security Assignment, the Insurance Assignment, any Reinsurance Security or an Insurance Fiduciary Assignment or in another approved form.

Insurance Proceeds means all proceeds of the Insurances and/or Reinsurances (or any part thereof) from time to time received by any Obligor, the Charterer or any Finance Party (other than Total Loss Proceeds or Liability Insurance Proceeds).

Insurances means:

- (a) all policies and contracts of insurance (which expression includes, without limitation, any confiscation, expropriation, nationalisation and deprivation insurance, together with any kidnap and ransom insurance); and
- (b) all entries in a protection and indemnity or war risks or other mutual insurance association,

in the name of its owner or the joint names of its owner and any other person (or in the name of any of the Finance Parties) in respect of or in

connection with the Vessel and/or the Mooring and/or the Earnings and/or the Project generally and includes all benefits thereof (including the right to receive claims and to return of premiums).

Insurer means any insurer which has an Approved Credit Rating or, as the case may be, any insurer which enters into any Reinsurance Security in favour of the Security Agent.

Interbank Market means the London interbank market.

Interest Payment Date shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in clause 8.2 (*Payment of interest*).

Interest Period means, in relation to a Loan, each period determined in accordance with clause 9 (*Interest Periods*) and, in relation to an Unpaid Sum, each period determined in accordance with clause 8.3 (*Default interest*).

Interpolated Screen Rate means, in relation to LIBOR for an Interest Period with respect to the Loan or any part of it or any Unpaid Sum, the rate (rounded to the same number of decimal places as the two relevant Screen Rates) which results from interpolating on a linear basis between:

- (a) the applicable Screen Rate for the longest period (for which that Screen Rate is available) which is less than the relevant Interest Period of that Loan; and
- (b) the applicable Screen Rate for the shortest period (for which that Screen Rate is available) which exceeds the relevant Interest Period of that Loan,

each as of 11:00 a. m. on the relevant Quotation Day.

Last Availability Date means:

- (a) in relation to Facility A, the earliest to occur of:
 - (i) 27 February 2013;
 - (ii) the Termination Date; and
 - (iii) the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance; and
- (b) in relation to Facility B, the earliest to occur of:
 - (i) the date falling 3 months prior to the Final Maturity Date; and
 - (ii) the Termination Date,

or in each case such later date as may be approved by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders).

Latest Accounts means, as the case may be, the income statements and balance sheet for the Borrower and/or the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group on a consolidated basis and/or the Final Repayment Guarantor Group on a consolidated basis set out in the latest financial statements of the Borrower and/or the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and/or the Final Repayment Guarantor Group required to be delivered to the Facility Agent pursuant to clause 19.1 (*Financial statements*).

L/C Deposit Moneys means each cash deposit placed by any member of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group or the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (as applicable) in a deposit account as security for obligations secured pursuant to any letters of credit or equivalent instruments as reflect in the balance sheet of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group or the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (as applicable) and any moneys accruing to such account.

Legal Reservations means:

- (a) the principle that equitable remedies may be granted or refused at the discretion of a court and the limitation of enforcement by laws relating to insolvency, reorganisation and other laws generally affecting the rights of creditors;
- (b) the time barring of claims under the Limitation Acts, the possibility that an undertaking to assume liability for, or indemnify a person against, non-payment of UK stamp duty may be void and defences of set-off or counterclaim;
- (c) similar principles, rights and defences under the laws of any Relevant Jurisdiction; and
- (d) in relation to any representations made at the times specified in clause 18.42(a), any other matters which are set out as qualifications or reservations as to matters of law of general application in the Legal Opinions.

Lender means:

- (a) any Original Lender; and

- (b) any bank, financial institution, or any trust, fund or other entity which has become a Party in accordance with clause 33 (*Changes to the Lenders*),

which in each case has not ceased to be a Party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Letter of Quiet Enjoyment means the letter of quiet enjoyment entered into or to be entered into between the Charterer, the Borrower and the Security Agent in form and substance acceptable to the Lenders.

Liability Insurance Proceeds means the proceeds of the Insurances received in respect of protection and indemnity risks and/or any third party liability placements.

LIBOR means, in relation to the Loan or any part of it or any Unpaid Sum:

- (a) the applicable Screen Rate as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the Quotation Day for a period equal in length to the Interest Period for the Loan or relevant part of it or Unpaid Sum; or
- (b) as otherwise determined pursuant to clause pursuant to clause 10.1 (*Absence of quotations*),

and if, in either case, that rate is less than zero, LIBOR shall be deemed to be zero.

Liquid Assets means:

- (a) any dollar or euro time deposit, overnight deposit, certificate of deposit or bankers' acceptance, issued by, or time deposit of, any of the Lenders or any other commercial banking institution which has a credit rating of at least AA from Standard & Pools;
- (b) undrawn amounts available for borrowing under this Agreement;
- (c) short-term commercial paper issued by any of the Lenders or any other person, having ratings of at least AA from Standard & Pools; and
- (d) cash balances and deposits (both current and fixed) with banks and other financial institutions available for withdrawal and cheque receivables discounted by a margin of five per cent (5%), provided that Liquid Assets expressed or denominated in a currency other than dollars shall be converted into dollars by reference to the rate of exchange used for conversion of such currency in the consolidation of the relevant consolidated balance sheet of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group or the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (as applicable) for the financial year or half year as at which the amount of such Liquid Assets falls to be determined for the purposes of this Agreement and the definition of "Free Liquid Assets" or, if the relevant currency was not thereby involved, by reference to the rate of exchange or approximate rate of exchange ruling on such date and determined on such basis as the Auditors may determine or approve.

LNG means liquefied natural gas.

Loan means a Facility A Loan or a Facility B Loan.

London Business Day means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are open for business in London.

Loss of Hire Insurance Proceeds means the proceeds of the Insurances received in respect of loss of hire (if such Insurances are entered into in respect of the Vessel).

Loss Payable Clauses means, in relation to the Insurances of the Vessel and the Mooring, the provisions concerning payment of claims under such Insurances or, as the case may be, Reinsurances in the form scheduled to the Security Assignment, the Insurance Assignment, any Reinsurance Security or any Insurance Fiduciary Assignment.

Losses means any losses, liabilities, costs, charges, demands, payments, expenses, claims, expenses, damages, fees, outgoings, penalties, fines or other sanctions of whatsoever nature (including without limitation, Taxes).

Major Casualty means any casualty to the Vessel and/or the Mooring for which the total insurance claim, inclusive of any deductible, exceeds or may exceed the Major Casualty Amount.

Major Casualty Amount means (a) in respect of the Vessel, \$7,000,000 (or the equivalent in any other currency) or (b) in respect of the Mooring, \$1,000,000 (or the equivalent in any other currency).

Majority Lenders means at any time:

- (a) if there is any Loan then outstanding, a Lender or Lenders whose participations in the Loan(s) then outstanding aggregate more than $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of all such Loan(s); or
- (b) if there is no Loan then outstanding and the Available Facilities are then greater than zero, a Lender or Lenders whose Available Commitments aggregate more than $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of the Available Facilities; or
- (c) if there is no Loan then outstanding and the Available Facilities are then zero:
- (i) if the Available Facilities became zero after a Loan ceased to be outstanding, a Lender or Lenders whose Available Commitments aggregated more than $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of the Available Facilities immediately before the Available Facilities became zero;

or

- (ii) if a Loan ceased to be outstanding after the Available Facilities became zero, a Lender or Lenders whose participations in the Loan(s) outstanding immediately before any Loan ceased to be outstanding aggregated more than $66 \frac{2}{3} \%$ of all such Loan(s).

Manager's Undertaking means an undertaking by Golar Management Norway to the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Mandatory Cost means the percentage rate per annum calculated by the Facility Agent in accordance with Schedule 5 (*Mandatory Cost formulae*).

Manuals and Technical Records means, in relation to the Vessel and the Mooring, all such books, records, logs, manuals, handbooks, technical data, plans, drawings and other materials and documents (whether or not kept or required to be kept in compliance with any applicable laws or the requirements of the Classification Society) relating to the Vessel and the Mooring.

Margin means two point three five per cent (2.35%) per annum.

Material Adverse Effect means, in the opinion of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders), a material adverse effect on:

- (a) the business, operations, property, condition (financial or otherwise) of any of the Obligors; or
- (b) the ability of an Obligor or the Charterer to perform its obligations under the Finance Documents or any of the Project Agreements; or
- (c) the validity or enforceability of, or the effectiveness or ranking of any Security Interest granted or purporting to be granted pursuant to, any of the Finance Documents or the rights or remedies of any Finance Party under any of the Finance Documents.

Minimum Credit Rating means an equivalent or higher credit rating of the relevant Charterer Shareholder at any time.

Monthly Dates means, subject to clause 40.7(a) (*Business Days*), the date falling on the last Business Day of each Month and each of the dates falling at monthly intervals after such date and prior to the final Repayment Date.

Mooring means the mooring system of the Vessel, as defined in the Charter.

Mooring Contract shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in the Charter.

Mooring Documents means the Mooring Contract and any guarantee or security given to Golar Energy and/or the Borrower (or any other person) for the supplier's obligations under the Mooring Contract and all as-built drawings, technical specifications, in connection with the Project and the Mooring but does not include any drawings of the Downstream Pipeline (as defined in the Charter).

Mooring Security means the fiduciary transfer of the mooring constituting a first Security Interest by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form in respect of the Mooring.

Mooring Specifications means the specifications of the Mooring, as defined in the Charter.

Mortgage means a first ranking Indonesian hypothec over the Vessel in the agreed form executed by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent.

Mortgage Period means the period from the date the Mortgage over the Vessel is executed and registered until the earlier of the date on which the Mortgage is released and discharged and the Total Loss Date in respect of the Vessel.

Net Hedging Expenses for any period means the amounts payable (or, in respect of a future period, projected to be payable) during that period pursuant to any Hedging Contract by the Borrower less the amounts payable (or, in respect of a future period, projected to be payable) during that period pursuant to any Hedging Contract to the Borrower in each case excluding any payment in respect of costs of entering into or terminating a Hedging Contract (and, for the avoidance of doubt, any Net Hedging Expenses may be a negative amount as well as a positive amount).

Non Lender Hedging Bank means any bank or financial institution which has a credit rating in respect of its unsecured long term debt of at least A with Standard & Poor's rating agency and whose rights against the Borrower and the other Obligors are fully subordinated to the rights of the Finance Parties pursuant to inter-creditor arrangements to be agreed with the Finance Parties on terms satisfactory to the Security Agent (acting on the instructions of all the Lenders).

Notice of Assignment means each notice of assignment issued, or as the context may require, to be issued pursuant to and in accordance with an Original Security Document.

Notice of Readiness means the date notice of readiness is issued in accordance with clause 7.3 of the Charter upon successful completion of the NoR Conditions (as defined in the Charter) in accordance with the terms of the Charter.

O&M Contract means the operation and maintenance agreement in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring dated 11 May 2012 as amended by a side letter dated 11 May 2012 (**Remuneration Side Letter**) each made between the Borrower and the O&M Contractor.

O&M Contractor means Golar Management Limited, a company established and existing under the laws of England and Wales and having its registered office at 13th Floor, One America Square, 17 Crosswall, London EC3N 2LB.

O&M Contractor Assignment means a first assignment of the O&M Contractor's rights and interest in and to the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement by the O&M Contractor in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

O&M Contractor Acknowledgement means the agreement comprising (A) a notice of assignment issued, or as the context may require, to be issued by the Borrower to the O&M Contractor pursuant to which, inter alia, the Borrower gives notice to the O&M Contractor of the assignment of its rights in the O&M Contract contained in the Project Agreements Assignment and (B) an acknowledgement of the notice of assignment from the O&M Contractor pursuant to which, inter alia, the O&M Contractor acknowledges and consents to the assignment on the part of the Borrower pursuant to the Project Agreements Assignment, each in the agreed form.

O&M Hire means the fee payable by the Borrower to the O&M Contractor pursuant to the Remuneration Side Letter which shall include all amounts payable to Golar Management Norway pursuant to the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement.

Obligors means the Borrower, the Shareholders, the Sponsors, the Guarantors, Golar Energy, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway and the parties to the Finance Documents (other than the Finance Parties, any Insurer(s) (or other insurers or reinsurers of the Vessel and/or the Mooring that may become party to a Finance Document), the Charterer, the Charterer Shareholders, GSC and Golar Khannur) and **Obligor** means any one of them.

Operating Account means the interest bearing dollar account of the Borrower opened or as the context may require, to be opened by the Borrower with the Account Bank, designated by the Account Bank to be the "PT Golar Indonesia - Operating Account" and includes any re-designation and each sub-account thereof.

Operating Expenses means, together, the O&M Hire, the Borrower's Expenses and all actual costs incurred with respect to the ownership, management, operation and maintenance of the Vessel and/or the Mooring which shall be reimbursed to the Borrower as Operating Cost Element in accordance with the Charter, such expenses to be itemised and submitted by the Borrower to the Facility Agent in each Project Budget Statement.

Operating Cost Element means the fee payable by the Charterer to the Borrower pursuant to clause 13.1 of the Charter, calculated in accordance with paragraph 4 of Schedule VI to the Charter.

Original Financial Statements means:

- (a) the audited consolidated financial statements of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group for its financial year ended 2011;
- (b) the audited consolidated financial statements of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group for its financial year ended 2011; and
- (c) the audited financial statements of the Borrower for its financial year ended 2011.

Original Hedging Banks means any or all (as the case may be) of the banks and financial institutions listed in Schedule 1 (*The original parties*) as original hedging banks which have not transferred all their rights and obligations under this Agreement to a Transferee.

Original Lenders means the banks and financial institutions listed in Schedule 1 (*The original parties*) as lenders.

Original Security Documents means:

- (a) the Mortgage;
- (b) the Security Assignment;
- (c) the Project Agreements Assignment;
- (d) the Insurance Assignment;
- (e) the Shareholders' Security;
- (f) the Mooring Security;
- (g) the Account Security;
- (h) any Reinsurance Security;
- (i) the Manager's Undertaking;
- (j) the Letter of Quiet Enjoyment;
- (k) the O&M Contractor Acknowledgement;
- (l) the Golar Management Norway Acknowledgement;
- (m) the O&M Contractor Assignment;
- (n) the Golar Energy Assignment;

- (o) each Notice of Assignment;
- (p) any Subordination Deed to be entered into on or around the date of this Agreement;
- (q) the Pre-Completion Guarantee;
- (r) the Fiduciary Assignments;
- (s) the Final Repayment Guarantee;
- (t) the Hedging Security; and
- (u) the Powers of Attorney.

Participating Member State means any member state of the European Community that adopts or has adopted the euro as its lawful currency in accordance with legislation of the European Community relating to Economic and Monetary Union.

Party means a party to this Agreement.

Performance Period means the period from Final Acceptance until the later of:

- (a) the date falling twelve (12) calendar months after Final Acceptance; and
- (b) if the matters set out in clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*) of this Agreement are not fully satisfied on the date specified in paragraph (a) above, such later date on which the Facility Agent (acting on the instruction of the Lenders) is satisfied (acting reasonably) that each of the matters set out in clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*) of this Agreement remain fully satisfied.

Permitted Amendment means:

- (a) any amendment to the Project Agreements by way of a change order or written amendment which relates to matters of a purely technical and/or operational nature and which would not, or would not (in the sole opinion of the Facility Agent (in consultation with the Technical Adviser)) be expected to:
 - (i) require the Borrower to effect or otherwise result in a material structural alteration to the Vessel or the Mooring or affect the safety or structural integrity thereof; or
 - (ii) result in any change in the amount (by way of reduction), calculation, method or timing of payment of the Total Charter Rate or the offhire provisions under the Charter; or
 - (iii) result in any change to the Charter Period or the termination provisions of the Charter; or
 - (iv) result in any change to the termination and/or force majeure provisions (if applicable) of a Project Agreement; or
 - (v) result in any change to any counterparty to a Project Agreement; or
 - (vi) in relation to the Shareholders' Agreement, any amendment which would result in a variation to the provisions therein which relate to the management control of the Borrower or the distribution of dividends;
- (b) any amendment permitted under clause 24.1(d) (*Project Agreements*); and
- (c) any extension of the term of the Charter or the O&M Contract.

Permitted Financial Indebtedness means any:

- (a) Financial Indebtedness incurred under, or as expressly permitted by, the Finance Documents; and
- (b) Financial Indebtedness in the form of Subordinated Loans.

Permitted Hedging Bank means a Hedging Bank or a Non Lender Hedging Bank.

Permitted Investments means:

- (a) any certificate of deposit, time deposit or overnight bank deposit made in dollars (on the basis that no foreign exchange risk is incurred) and for a period not to exceed one (1) month with a Lender or any other financial institution acceptable to the Facility Agent and having a credit rating for the long term indebtedness of not less than A- with Standard & Poor's Rating Agency (or the equivalent rating with another internationally recognised credit rating agency); or
- (b) such other securities (including, without limitation, money market instruments) as may be approved by the Lenders.

Permitted Location means the Site or any other location permitted under the Charter Documents as the Lenders may approve in accordance with clause 24.19(a) (*Negative covenants*).

Permitted Maritime Liens means:

- (a) unless a Default is continuing, any ship repairer's or outfitter's possessory lien in respect of the Vessel for an amount not exceeding the Major Casualty Amount;
- (b) any lien on the Vessel for master's, officer's or crew's wages outstanding in the ordinary course of its trading which are not overdue;
- (c) any lien on the Vessel for salvage; and
- (d) any lien arising in the ordinary course of business or operation of the Vessel created by statute or by operation of law in Indonesia (and constituting a bona fide, non-discriminatory measure of general application) after the date of this Agreement and in respect of obligations which are not more than 30 days overdue or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings (and for the payment of which adequate reserves have been provided) so long as any such proceedings or the continued existence of such lien do not, in the reasonable opinion of the Facility Agent, involve any likelihood of the sale, forfeiture or loss or, or of any interest in, or loss of use (for a period of seven (7) days or more) of, the Vessel.

Permitted Security Interests means, in relation to the Vessel, any Security Interest over it which is:

- (a) granted by the Finance Documents; or
- (b) a Permitted Maritime Lien; or
- (c) approved by the Lenders.

Pertamina Notice and Acknowledgement means the notice dated 31 October 2012 by the Charterer to Pertamina and the acknowledgement by Pertamina on the same date in the form set out in Schedule 2 to the Pertamina LOU Transfer Agreement or such other agreed form.

Pertamina Letter of Undertaking means the letter of undertaking dated 20 April 2011 executed by Pertamina in favour of Golar Energy, as amended by a further letter dated 21 April 2011 (the **Original Pertamina Letter of Undertaking**) and as transferred to the Borrower pursuant to the Pertamina LOU Transfer Agreement, such transfer being agreed and acknowledged by Pertamina pursuant to the Pertamina Notice and Acknowledgement.

Pertamina LOU Transfer Agreement means the transfer agreement dated as of 24 October 2012 made between Golar Energy and the Borrower, pursuant to which the rights and obligations of Golar Energy under the Original Pertamina Letter of Undertaking were transferred in favour of the Borrower and the notice of assignment issued by Golar Energy and the Borrower to the Charterer in the form set out in Schedule 1 to the Pertamina LOU Transfer Agreement.

PGN Notice and Acknowledgement means the notice dated 31 October 2012 by the Charterer to PGN and the acknowledgement by PGN on the same date in the form set out in Schedule 2 to the PGN LOU Transfer Agreement or such other agreed form.

PGN Letter of Undertaking means the letter of undertaking dated 20 April 2011 executed by PGN in favour of Golar Energy (the **Original PGN Letter of Undertaking**) and as transferred to the Borrower pursuant to the PGN LOU Transfer Agreement, such transfer being agreed and acknowledged by PGN pursuant to the PGN Notice and Acknowledgement.

PGN LOU Transfer Agreement means the transfer agreement dated as of 24 October 2012 made between Golar Energy and the Borrower, pursuant to which the rights and obligations of Golar Energy under the Original PGN Letter of Undertaking were transferred in favour of the Borrower and the notice of assignment issued by Golar Energy and the Borrower to the Charterer in the form set out in Schedule 1 to the PGN LOU Transfer Agreement.

Pollutant means and includes LNG, crude oil and its products, any other polluting, toxic or hazardous substance and any other substance whose release into the environment is regulated or penalised by Environmental Laws.

Powers of Attorney means the security powers of attorney in the agreed form granted or, as the context may require, to be granted by the Borrower to the Security Agent on behalf of the Finance Parties, pursuant to which the Borrower appoints or, as the context may require, will appoint the Security Agent as its attorney for the purposes of, inter alia, effecting the termination of the Charter, the repossession of the Vessel and the Mooring, the decommissioning of the Vessel and the Mooring, sale of the Vessel and the Mooring, the towage of the Vessel and the Mooring to a location outside the Permitted Location, the deregistration of the Vessel and/or creating second and subsequent hypothec over the Vessel.

Pre-Completion Guarantee Release Report means a report from the Technical Advisor confirming, inter alia, that it is satisfied that the Vessel and the Mooring has performed satisfactorily in accordance with the Charter during the six (6) month period following Final Acceptance and otherwise prepared in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work.

Pre-Completion Guarantee means the unconditional and irrevocable financial guarantee and indemnity to be issued by the Pre-Completion Guarantor in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Pre-Completion Guarantor means Golar LNG Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with its registered office at 2nd floor, S.E. Pearman Building, 9 Par-la-Ville Road, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda.

Pre-Completion Guarantor Group means the Pre-Completion Guarantor and its Subsidiaries for the time being and, for the purposes of clause 19.1 (*Financial statements*) and clause 20 (*Financial covenants*), any other entity required to be treated as a subsidiary in its consolidated accounts in accordance with applicable GAAP and/or any applicable law.

Proceeds Application Event means the Borrower becoming obliged to prepay the Loan (or any part thereof) pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement (other than in accordance with clauses 7.1 (*Illegality*), 7.2 (*Voluntary Prepayment of Facility A Loans*), 7.3 (*Voluntary prepayment of Facility B Loans*) or 7.4 (*Right of cancellation and prepayment in relation to a single Lender*) or the Cash Sweep Mechanism).

Prohibited Payment means:

- (a) any offer, gift, payment, promise to pay, commission, fee, loan or other consideration which would constitute bribery or an improper gift or payment under, or a breach of, any law of any Relevant Jurisdiction or England and Wales; or
- (b) any offer, gift, payment, promise to pay, commission, fee, loan or other consideration which would or might constitute bribery within the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions of 17 December 1997.

Project means the conversion, installation, commissioning, operation and chartering to the Charterer of the Vessel and the Mooring at the Permitted Location as more particularly described in the Charter and the O&M Contract.

Project Accounts means, together, the following:

- (a) the Earnings Account;
- (b) the Operating Account; and
- (c) the Debt Service Reserve Account.

Project Agreements means the Charter, each other Charter Document, the O&M Contract, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement, the Conversion Contract Documents, the Mooring Documents, the Shareholder Agreement, any Sponsor Loan Agreement, the Seller's Credit, the Hamworthy Contract and each other document the Facility Agent and the Borrower designate as a Project Agreement and any change orders or other deed, document, agreement or instrument amending, varying, supplementing, ratifying, confirming, extending or renewing any of the foregoing documents or any of the terms and conditions thereof or consenting to the amendment or variation of the terms and conditions thereof.

Project Agreements Assignment means a first assignment of the Borrower's rights and interest in and to the Charter Documents (other than the Charter LOU POAs) and the O&M Contract, by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Project Authorisations means all licences, permits, wayleaves, approvals, filings, registrations, exemptions, authorisations and consents (other than Environmental Licences) necessary in connection with the Transaction Documents, the Project and all activities related to the Project.

Project Budget Statement means each statement to be prepared and submitted by the Borrower to the Facility Agent on the first Utilisation Date and annually thereafter throughout the Facility Period, substantially in the form attached as Schedule 9 (*Form of Project Budget Statements*) and containing the information referred to therein (including, without limitation, the Project Cost and Projected Operating Expenses and the latest cashflow and tax projections (including cash balances and other liquid assets) for the Charter Period, including a breakdown of each item, as at the date of such statement).

Project Cost means an amount representing the actual costs incurred and costs to complete the Project as confirmed by the Technical Adviser, including, without limitation, the conversion, towing and installation, direct internal costs, overhead and management costs and fees payable to the Finance Parties in accordance with clause 12 (*Fees*).

Projected Operating Expenses means the anticipated Operating Expenses of the Borrower for the applicable year, such costs to be reviewed and agreed annually between the Borrower and the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) in accordance with clause 24.5(a) (*Agreement of Projected Operating Expenses and Delivery of Project Budget Statement*).

PSU means PT Pesona Sentra Utama, a company incorporated in Indonesia with its registered office at Globe Building, 6th Floor, Jalan Buncit Raya Kav. 31-33 Jakarta 12740, Indonesia.

Purchase Option Price means the amount in respect of the purchase price of the Vessel and/or the Mooring calculated in accordance with the Charter and payable by the Charterer upon the exercise of the Charterer's Purchase Option.

Quotation Day means, in relation to any period for which an interest rate is to be determined, two (2) London Business Days before the first day of that period unless market practice differs in the Interbank Market for a currency, in which case the Quotation Day for that currency shall be determined by the Facility Agent in accordance with market practice in the Interbank Market (and if quotations would normally be given by leading banks in the Interbank Market on more than one day, the Quotation Day will be the last of those days).

Receivables means:

- (a) all Sales Proceeds in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring;
- (b) proceeds in respect of any disposal of part of the Vessel and/or the Mooring;
- (c) Total Loss Proceeds in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring;
- (d) any Termination Fee;

- (e) the Purchase Option Price;
- (f) Tax refunds and other taxes applicable to the Project;
- (g) all Insurance Proceeds in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring in an amount greater than the applicable Major Casualty Amount;
- (h) the proceeds of any confiscation and expropriation insurances in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring;
- (i) the proceeds of any sale of the shares in respect of the Borrower pursuant to the Shareholders' Security;
- (j) all amounts which are, at any time following an Event of Default, received or receivable from the Guarantors (or either of them) pursuant to clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*) and/or clause 23.6 (*Shortfall Undertaking*); and
- (k) all other amounts which are from time to time required, pursuant to the terms of the Finance Documents, to be deposited in the Earnings Account.

Receiver means a receiver or a receiver and manager or an administrative receiver appointed in relation to the whole or any part of any Charged Property under any relevant Security Document.

Reference Bank Rate means the arithmetic mean of the rates (rounded upwards to four decimal places) as supplied to the Facility Agent at its request by the Reference Bank as either:

- (a) if:
 - (i) the Reference Bank is a contributor to the Screen Rate; and
 - (ii) it consists of a single figure;the rate (applied to the relevant Reference Bank and the relevant currency and period) which contributors to the Screen Rate are asked to submit to the relevant administrator; or
- (b) in any other case, the rate at which the relevant Reference Bank could fund itself in the relevant currency for the relevant period with reference to the unsecured wholesale funding market.

Reference Banks means the principal office in London of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and/or such other banks as may be appointed by the Facility Agent in consultation with the Borrower.

Registry means such registrar, commissioner or representative of the Flag State who is duly authorised and empowered to register the Vessel, the Borrower's title to the Vessel and the Mortgage under the laws of its Flag State.

Regulatory Authority means the Classification Society, the Registry, and each other applicable regulatory authority in Indonesia or elsewhere or, as the case may be, such other body carrying out the functions which are carried out by the Classification Society or the Registry or such other body in Indonesia or in any other location in which the Vessel is, or is proposed to be operated.

Reinsurance Security means either a first priority assignment or other first priority Security Interest in respect of the Reinsurances acceptable to the Lenders granted or to be granted in the agreed form by the Insurer(s) in favour of the Security Agent.

Reinsurances means any and all policies and contracts of reinsurance which are from time to time in place or taken out or entered into by or / for the benefit of the insurers in relation to any of the Insurances or any renewals or substitutions therefore and all benefits thereof including claims of whatsoever nature and return of premiums.

Relevant Jurisdiction means, in relation to an Obligor:

- (a) its jurisdiction of incorporation;
- (b) any jurisdiction where any Charged Property owned by it is situated; and
- (c) any jurisdiction whose laws govern the perfection of any of the Security Documents entered into by it.

Relevant Period means in the case of the first Relevant Period, a period of six (6) months ending on the first date of testing under clause 20 (*Financial covenants*) and in the case of each subsequent Relevant Period, each period twelve (12) months ending on any date of testing under clause 20 (*Financial covenants*).

Repayment Date means:

- (a) the First Repayment Date;
- (b) each of the dates falling at three (3) monthly intervals thereafter up to but not including the Final Maturity Date; and
- (c) the Final Maturity Date.

Repayment Instalment means each scheduled repayment instalment payable on each Repayment Date in accordance with clause 6.2(a).

Repayment Schedule means the schedule set out in Schedule 11.

Repeating Representations means each of the representations and warranties set out in clauses 18.1 (*Status*) to 18.10 (*Ranking and effectiveness of security*).

Replacement Shareholder means any person or corporate entity appointed to replace PSU as a shareholder in the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*).

Requisition Compensation means, in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring, any compensation paid or payable by a government entity for the requisition for title, confiscation or compulsory acquisition of the Vessel and/or the Mooring.

Restricted Party means a person that is:

- (a) listed on, or owned or controlled by a person listed on, or acting on behalf of (other than in an agency role) a person listed on, any Sanctions List;
- (b) located in, incorporated under the laws of, or owned or (directly or indirectly) controlled by, or acting on behalf of (other than in an agency role), a person located in or organized under the laws of a country or territory that is the target of country-wide or territory-wide Sanctions (to the extent that the relevant Sanctions Authority attaches legal effect to being located in and/or being incorporated under the laws of such country); or
- (c) otherwise a target of Sanctions.

Sales Proceeds means, in respect of the Vessel or, as the case may be, the Mooring, the total proceeds of any sale of the Vessel or, as the case may be, the Mooring by the Borrower after the date hereof including the Purchase Option Price received by the Borrower (or the Security Agent or Account Bank) on its behalf and, if the Vessel or, as the case may be, the Mooring is sold in a currency other than dollars, the Sales Proceeds shall be the amount of dollars which the Borrower is able to purchase with the other currency by reference to the spot rate of exchange quoted by the Account Bank at 11.00 am (London time) for purchasing dollars with such other currency which it receives for sale on the day of receipt of such other currency.

Sanctions means the economic sanctions laws, regulations, embargoes or restrictive measures administered, enacted and enforced by any Sanctions Authority.

Sanctions Authority means any of:

- (a) the United States government (including, without limitation, CISADA);
- (a) the United Nations Security Council;
- (b) the United Kingdom;
- (c) the European Union (including the council of the European Union or the government of any of its member states),
- (d) Japan;
- (e) Singapore; and
- (f) in relation to (a) to (f) above, any government institution, entity or agency of any of the above acting on behalf of them in connection with Sanctions Laws, including, without limitation, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the US Department of Treasury (OFAC), the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Commerce, any other agency of the United States of America and Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT) of the United Kingdom, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Finance and Customs and Tariff Bureau of the Ministry of Finance and any other agency of the government of Japan and the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Sanctions List means the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by OFAC, the Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets and the Investment Ban List maintained by Her Majesty's Treasury, or any similar list maintained by, or public announcement of Sanctions designation made by, any of the Sanctions Authorities.

Screen Rate means, in relation to an amount denominated in dollars, the London interbank offered rate administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited (or any other person which takes over the administration of that rate) for the relevant period displayed on pages LIBOR01 or LIBOR02 of the Reuters screen (or any replacement Reuters page which displays that rate) . If the agreed page is replaced or service ceases to be available, the Facility Agent may specify another page or service displaying the appropriate rate after consultation with the Borrower and the Lenders.

Secured Obligations means the obligations of the Borrower and each other Obligor to the Finance Parties or any of them under the Finance Documents and includes such obligations in respect of all sums of money (including, without limitation, the aggregate of the Loans and interest accrued and accruing thereon) and the Hedging Exposure from time to time owing to the Finance Parties or any of them, whether actually or contingently and whether or not due and payable, under the Finance Documents or any of them.

Security Agent includes any person as may be appointed security agent under this Agreement.

Security Assignment means a first assignment of the Insurances, Earnings and Requisition Compensation by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form.

Security Documents means:

- (a) the Original Security Documents;
- (b) any Subordination Deed executed after the date of this Agreement;
- (c) any other document as may after the date of this Agreement be executed to guarantee and/or secure any amounts owing to the Finance Parties under this Agreement or any other Security Document.

Security Interest means a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien, assignment, trust, hypothecation or other security interest of any kind securing any obligation of any person or any other agreement or arrangement having a similar effect.

Seller's Credit means the seller's credit agreement dated 10 February 2012 made between the Borrower and Golar Khannur (and which is subordinated to the Loans by way of a Subordination Deed).

Shareholder Agreement means the joint venture agreement dated 28 September 2011 made between the Shareholders in relation to the establishment and operation of the Borrower.

Shareholders means PSU and Golar Singapore and **Shareholder** means either of them.

Shareholders' Security means the document constituting a first Security Interest by each Shareholder in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form in respect of all of the shares in the Borrower.

Site means the mooring site located approximately 15km offshore Muara Karang, Jakarta Bay, where the Vessel and the Mooring is stationed at the time of Final Acceptance.

Specifications means the Vessel Specifications or the Mooring Specifications, as the case may be.

Spill means any actual spill, release or discharge of a Pollutant into the Environment.

Sponsor Funding means a minimum of thirty per cent (30%) of the Project Cost, together with any amount in excess of the Project Cost and shall consist of:

- (a) direct or indirect equity subscriptions by the Shareholders; and/or
- (b) any Subordinated Loan provided by the Sponsors, the Shareholders and/or Golar Khannur under a Sponsor Loan Agreement which is or will be subordinated in all respects to all amounts owing to the Finance Parties under the Finance Documents by a Subordination Deed.

Sponsor Loan Agreement means the Seller's Credit, the Golar Singapore Loan Agreement and any other loan agreement made or to be made between the Sponsors or either of them or any other member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group approved by the Facility Agent and the Borrower in relation to the provision of a Subordinated Loan to the Borrower.

Sponsors means the Final Repayment Guarantor and PSU and **Sponsor** means either of them.

Subordination Deed means any deed of subordination in the agreed form executed or, as the context may require, to be executed by Golar Khannur, Golar Singapore and GSC and each other party, providing a Subordinated Loan to the Borrower and/or PSU in favour of the Security Agent on behalf of the Finance Parties together with (if relevant) all deeds of accession entered into or to be entered into pursuant thereto.

Subordinated Loan means any loan or loan stock made or, as the context may require, to be made available by the Sponsors, Golar Khannur, the Shareholders or any other member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group approved by the Facility Agent to the Borrower pursuant to a Sponsor Loan Agreement and/or to PSU pursuant to the GSC Loan Agreement (and which is subordinated to the Loans by way of a Subordination Deed).

Subsidiary of a person means any other person:

- (a) directly or indirectly controlled by such person; or
- (b) of whose dividends or distributions on ordinary voting share capital such person is entitled to receive more than 50 per cent (50%).

Supplemental Agreement means the supplemental agreement to this Agreement dated 2018 made between, inter alios, each of the Parties to this Agreement (other than the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank).

Tangible Net Worth means, as at any date of determination, the value of total stockholders' equity employed of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (or, as the case may be, the Final Repayment Guarantor Group) determined in accordance with applicable GAAP on a consolidated basis as shown in the balance sheet for the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group set out in the Latest Accounts for that Group.

Tax means any tax, levy, impost, duty or other charge or withholding of a similar nature (including any penalty or interest payable in connection with any failure to pay or any delay in paying any of the same) however so arising, including in Indonesia whether or not in connection with the Borrower and **Taxation** shall be construed accordingly.

Tax Element means the fee payable by the Charterer to the Borrower pursuant to clause 13.1 of the Charter, calculated in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule VI to the Charter.

Technical Adviser means Poten & Partners (UK) Ltd. of Viewpoint, 20 Balderton Street, London W1K 6TL or any other technical consultant with experience of assets of the same type as the Vessel and the Mooring appointed by the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank and/or the Facility Agent on behalf of the Lenders, with the approval of the Borrower (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed and, to the extent that the Borrower has not responded to the Facility Agent within 5 Business Days of its request, such approval shall be deemed to have been given) to review and report on the Project, to assess the Vessel's and the Mooring's ability to perform in accordance with the Charter, to verify whether Final Acceptance has been achieved satisfactorily and to report to the Lenders in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work (as the same may be amended from time to time by the Facility Agent, with the consent of the Technical Adviser and the Lenders and following consultation with the Sponsors).

Termination Date means the earliest to occur of:

- (a) the Total Loss Date;
- (b) the date stipulated by the Facility Agent in any notice issued pursuant to and in accordance with clause 31.33 (*Acceleration*) or, where such notice declares the Loan to be repayable on demand, the date of that notice;
- (c) the date on which the Total Commitments are reduced to zero pursuant to clause 7.4 (*Right of cancellation and prepayment in relation to a single Lender*) and for the purpose of collecting the commitment fee in clause 12 (*Fees*), the date on which the Total Commitments are reduced to zero;
- (d) the date on which the Borrower is required to make prepayment of the Loans pursuant to clause 7 (*Illegality, prepayment and cancellation*).

Termination Fee means any amount payable to the Borrower by the Charterer under the Charter upon termination of the Charter including the Vessel FM Termination Amount, the Non-Vessel FM Termination Amount, the Owner Breach Termination Amount and the Charterer Breach Termination Amount as each such term is defined in Schedule XV of the Charter.

Time Charter Fiduciary Assignment means a fiduciary assignment of receivables under the Charter executed by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent in the agreed form;

Total Charter Rate means the aggregate of the Capital Element, the Operating Cost Element and Tax Element.

Total Commitments means at any time the aggregate of the Total Facility A Commitments and the Total Facility B Commitments, being up to one hundred and seventy five million dollars (\$175,000,000) at the date of this Agreement.

Total Facility A Commitments means at any time the aggregate of the Facility A Commitments, being one hundred and fifty five million dollars (\$155,000,000) at the date of this Agreement.

Total Facility B Commitments means at any time the aggregate of the Facility B Commitments, being twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) at the date of this Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement.

Total Loss means, in relation to the Vessel and/or the Mooring, its:

- (a) actual, constructive, compromised or arranged total loss; or
- (b) requisition for title, confiscation, expropriation, nationalisation, seizure or other compulsory acquisition by a government entity; or
- (c) hijacking, theft, condemnation, capture, seizure, arrest or detention for more than 30 days.

Total Loss Date means:

- (a) in the case of an actual total loss, the date it happened or, if such date is not known, the date on which the Vessel or, as the case may be, the Mooring, was last reported;
- (b) in the case of a constructive, compromised, agreed or arranged total loss, the earliest of:
 - (i) the date notice of abandonment of the Vessel or, as the case may be, the Mooring, is given to its insurers; or
 - (ii) if the insurers do not admit such a claim, the date later determined by a competent court of law to have been the date on which the total loss happened; or
 - (iii) the date upon which a binding agreement as to such compromised or arranged total loss has been entered into by the relevant insurers;
- (c) in the case of a requisition for title, confiscation or compulsory acquisition, the date it happened; and
- (d) in the case of hijacking, theft, condemnation, capture, seizure, arrest or detention, the date 30 days after the date upon which it happened.

Total Loss Proceeds means the proceeds of any policy or contract of insurance or reinsurance arising in respect of any Total Loss or any

Requisition Compensation received in respect of a Compulsory Acquisition.

Total Loss Repayment Date means where the Vessel or, as the case may be, the Mooring has become a Total Loss the earlier of:

- (a) the date 180 days after its Total Loss Date; and
- (b) the date upon which insurance proceeds or Requisition Compensation for such Total Loss are paid by insurers or the relevant government entity.

Transaction means any transaction entered into pursuant to the Hedging Contracts.

Transaction Documents means and includes the Finance Documents and the Project Agreements and shall include any other deed, document, agreement or instrument executed under, pursuant to or in connection with any of the foregoing documents, including any deed, document, agreement or instrument amending, varying, confirming, extending or renewing any of the proposing documents or any terms and conditions thereof or consenting to the amendment or variation of the terms and conditions thereof.

Transfer Certificate means a certificate substantially in the form set out in Schedule 6 (*Form of Transfer Certificate*) or any other form agreed between the Facility Agent and the Borrower.

Transfer Date means, in relation to a transfer, the later of:

- (a) the proposed Transfer Date specified in the Transfer Certificate; and
- (b) the date on which the Facility Agent executes the Transfer Certificate.

Treasury Transaction means any derivative or hedging transaction entered into in connection with protection against or benefit from fluctuation in any rate or price (including, without limitation, any Transaction).

Trust Property means, collectively:

- (a) all moneys duly received by the Security Agent under or in respect of the Finance Documents;
- (b) any portion of the balance on any Project Account held by or charged to the Security Agent at any time;
- (c) the Security Interests, guarantees, security, powers and rights given to the Security Agent under and pursuant to the Finance Documents including, without limitation, the covenants given to the Security Agent in respect of all obligations of any Obligor;
- (d) all assets paid or transferred to or vested in the Security Agent or its agent or received or recovered by the Security Agent or its agent in connection with any of the Finance Documents whether from any Obligor or any other person; and
- (e) all or any part of any rights, benefits, interests and other assets at any time representing or deriving from any of the above, including all income and other sums at any time received or receivable by the Security Agent or its agent in respect of the same (or any part thereof).

Unpaid Sum means any sum due and payable but unpaid by an Obligor under the Finance Documents.

Utilisation means the making of a Loan.

Utilisation Date means the date of a Utilisation, being a Business Day falling not later than the applicable Last Availability Date, on which the relevant Loan is to be made.

Utilisation Request means a notice substantially in the form set out in Schedule 4 (*Utilisation Request*).

Vessel means the FSRU referred to as the "FSRU" in the Charter, as further described in Schedule 2 (*Vessel information*), named "Nusantara Regas Satu" and registered with the Flag State in the name of the Borrower and includes any share or interest in it and its engines, machinery, boats, tackle, outfit, equipment, derricks, tools, cranes, rigging, pumps and pumping equipment, tubing, casing, spare gear, fuel, consumable or other stores, belongings, appurtenances and all fittings and equipment relating to the Vessel whether on board or ashore and whether now owned or later acquired by the Borrower (including, without limitation, all radio equipment and also any and all additions, improvements and replacements made in or to such vessel or any part of it or in or to its equipment and appurtenances but excluding, the Mooring and where applicable, all LNG stored in the Vessel, rented equipment and any other equipment installed on or used on the Vessel which is owned by the Charterer) which are or become the property of the Borrower pursuant to the Charter or any other Project Agreement or become installed on the Vessel thereafter or which, having been removed therefrom, remain the property of the Borrower, together with any and all replacements and renewals thereof and substitutions therefor from time to time made in accordance with the Project Agreements and, where the context permits, and **Vessel** shall include the Manuals and Technical Records in respect of the Vessel.

Vessel FM Termination Amount means the fee payable by the Charterer to the Borrower pursuant to clause 29.7(a)(i) of the Charter, calculated in accordance with paragraph 2 of Schedule XV to the Charter.

Vessel Performance Obligations means the obligations of the Borrower under and pursuant to Part D of Schedule II to the Charter.

Vessel Representations means each of the representations and warranties set out in clauses 18.27 (*Vessel status*), 18.28 (*Vessel's employment*), 18.31 (*Earnings*), 18.32 (*Environmental matters*) and 18.33 (*No Pollutants*).

Vessel Rights means all rights, including without prejudice to the foregoing, the benefit of all warranties and indemnities to which the Borrower, Golar Energy and/or the Sponsors (or any of them) may from time to time be entitled from any builder (including the Builder), manufacturer, sub-contractor, supplier or repairer in respect of the manufacture, supply, condition, design, conversion, construction, installation or operation of the Vessel and/or the Mooring or any part thereof and any liquidated damages payable to the Borrower from time to time under any of the Conversion Contract Documents and/or the Mooring Documents.

Vessel Specifications means the specifications of the Vessel, as defined in the Charter.

Works means the design, development and construction of the Project and any other works contemplated by the Conversion Contract Documents and/or the Mooring Documents and/or the Charter Documents.

1.2 Construction

(a) Unless a contrary indication appears, any reference in any of the Finance Documents to:

- (i) Sections, clauses and Schedules are to be construed as references to the Sections and clauses of, and the Schedules to, the relevant Finance Document and references to a Finance Document include its Schedules;
- (ii) a **Finance Document** or any other agreement or instrument is a reference to that Finance Document or other agreement or instrument as it may from time to time be amended, restated, novated or replaced, however fundamentally;
- (iii) words importing the plural shall include the singular and vice versa;
- (iv) a time of day are to Singapore time unless otherwise specified;
- (v) any person includes its successors in title, permitted assignees or transferees;
- (vi) the knowledge, awareness and/or beliefs (and similar expressions) of any Obligor shall be construed so as to mean the knowledge, awareness and beliefs of the director and officers of such Obligor, having made due and careful enquiry;
- (vii) **agreed form** means:
 - (A) where a Finance Document has already been executed by the Facility Agent or the Security Agent, such Finance Document in its executed form;
 - (B) prior to the execution of a Finance Document, the form of such Finance Document separately agreed in writing between the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) and the Borrower as the form in which that Finance Document is to be executed or another form approved at the request of the Borrower;
- (viii) **approved by the Majority Lenders** or **approved by the Lenders** means approved in writing by the Facility Agent acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders or, as the case may be, all of the Lenders (on such conditions as they may respectively impose) and otherwise **approved** means approved in writing by the Facility Agent (on such conditions as the Facility Agent may impose) and **approval** and **approve** shall be construed accordingly;
- (ix) **assets** includes present and future properties, revenues and rights of every description;
- (x) an **authorisation** means any authorisation, consent, concession, approval, resolution, licence, exemption, filing, notarisation or registration;
- (xi) **charter commitment** means, in relation to a vessel, any charter or contract for the use, employment or operation of that vessel or the carriage of people and/or cargo or the provision of services by or from it and includes any agreement for pooling or sharing income derived from any such charter or contract;
- (xii) **control** of an entity means:
 - (A) the power (whether by way of ownership of shares, proxy, contract, agency or otherwise) to:
 - (1) cast, or control the casting of, more than 50% of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting of that entity; or
 - (2) appoint or remove all, or the majority, of the directors or other equivalent officers of that entity; or
 - (3) give directions with respect to the operating and financial policies of that entity with which the directors or other equivalent officers of that entity are obliged to comply; and/or
 - (B) the holding beneficially of more than 50% of the issued share capital of that entity (excluding any part of that issued share capital that carries no right to participate beyond a specified amount in a distribution of either profits or capital);

and **controlled** shall be construed accordingly;

- (xiii) the term **disposal** or **dispose** means a sale, transfer or other disposal (including by way of lease or loan but not including by way of loan of money) by a person of all or part of its assets, whether by one transaction or a series of transactions and whether at the same time or over a period of time, but not the creation of a Security Interest;

- (xiv) **dollar / \$** means the lawful currency of the United States of America;
- (xv) the **equivalent** of an amount specified in a particular currency (the **specified currency amount**) shall be construed as a reference to the amount of the other relevant currency which can be purchased with the specified currency amount in the London foreign exchange market at or about 11 a.m. on the date the calculation falls to be made for spot delivery, as conclusively determined by the Facility Agent (with the relevant exchange rate of any such purchase being the Facility Agent's spot rate of exchange);
- (xvi) a **government entity** means any government, state or agency of a state;
- (xvii) a **guarantee** means any guarantee, letter of credit, bond, indemnity or similar assurance against loss, or any obligation, direct or indirect, actual or contingent, to purchase or assume any indebtedness of any person or to make an investment in or loan to any person or to purchase assets of any person where, in each case, such obligation is assumed in order to maintain or assist the ability of such person to meet its indebtedness;
- (xviii) **indebtedness** includes any obligation (whether incurred as principal or as surety) for the payment or repayment of money, whether present or future, actual or contingent;
- (xix) **month** means a period starting on one day in a calendar month and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the next calendar month or the calendar month in which it is to end, except that:
 - (A) if the numerically corresponding day is not a Business Day, that period shall end on the next Business Day in that month (if there is one) or on the immediately preceding Business Day (if there is not); and
 - (B) if there is no numerically corresponding day in that month, that period shall end on the last Business Day in that month

and the above rules in paragraphs (i) to (ii) will only apply to the last month of any period;

- (xx) an **obligation** means any duty, obligation or liability of any kind;
 - (xxi) something being in the **ordinary course of business** of a person means something that is in the ordinary course of that person's current day-to-day operational business (and not merely anything which that person is entitled to do under its Constitutional Documents);
 - (xxii) pay, prepay or repay in clause 29 (*Business restrictions*) includes by way of set-off, combination of accounts or otherwise;
 - (xxiii) a **person** includes any individual, firm, company, corporation, government entity or any association, trust, joint venture, consortium or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);
 - (xxiv) a **regulation** includes any regulation, rule, official directive, request or guideline (whether or not having the force of law, but if not having the force of law, which is generally complied with in the ordinary course of business of the party concerned or by those to which it is addressed) of any governmental, intergovernmental or supranational body, agency, department or regulatory, self-regulatory or other authority or organisation and, in relation to any Lender, includes (without limitation) any Basel 2 Regulation or Basel 3 Regulation applicable to that Lender;
 - (xxv) **right** means any right, privilege, power or remedy, any proprietary interest in any asset and any other interest or remedy of any kind, whether actual or contingent, present or future, arising under contract or law, or in equity;
 - (xxvi) **agent, trustee, fiduciary and fiduciary duty** has in each case the meaning given to such term under applicable law;
 - (xxvii) (i) the **winding up, dissolution, or administration** of person or (ii) a **receiver or administrative receiver or administrator** in the context of insolvency proceedings or security enforcement actions in respect of a person shall be construed so as to include any equivalent or analogous proceedings or any equivalent and analogous person or appointee (respectively) under the law of the jurisdiction in which such person is established or incorporated or any jurisdiction in which such person carries on business including (in respect of proceedings) the seeking or occurrences of liquidation, winding-up, reorganisation, dissolution, administration, arrangement, adjustment, protection or relief of debtors;
 - (xxviii) **wholly-owned subsidiary** has the meaning given to that term in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (xxix) a provision of law is a reference to that provision as amended or re-enacted.
- (b) Where in this Agreement a provision includes a monetary reference level in one currency, unless a contrary indication appears, such reference level is intended to apply equally to its equivalent in other currencies as of the relevant time for the purposes of applying such reference level to any other currencies.
 - (c) Section, clause and Schedule headings are for ease of reference only.
 - (d) Unless a contrary indication appears, a term used in any other Finance Document or in any notice given under or in connection with any Finance Document has the same meaning in that Finance Document or notice as in this Agreement.
 - (e) A Default (other than an Event of Default) is **continuing** if it has not been remedied or waived and an Event of Default is **continuing** if it has not been remedied prior to the making of a declaration by the Facility Agent under clause 31.33 (*Acceleration*) or waived.

1.3 Third party rights

- (a) Unless expressly provided to the contrary in a Finance Document for the benefit of a Finance Party or another Indemnified Person, a person who is not a party to a Finance Document has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (the **Third Parties Act**) to enforce or to enjoy the benefit of any term of the relevant Finance Document.
- (b) Any Finance Document may be rescinded or varied by the parties to it without the consent of any person who is not a party to it (unless otherwise provided by this Agreement).
- (c) An Indemnified Person who is not a party to a Finance Document may only enforce its rights under that Finance Document through a Finance Party and if and to the extent and in such manner as the Finance Party may determine.

1.4 Finance Documents

Where any other Finance Document provides that this clause 1.4 shall apply to that Finance Document, any other provision of this Agreement which, by its terms, purports to apply to all or any of the Finance Documents and/or any Obligor shall apply to that Finance Document as if set out in it but with all necessary changes.

1.5 Conflict of documents

The terms of the Finance Documents (other than as relates to the creation and/or perfection of security) are subject to the terms of this Agreement and, in the event of any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any provision of any Finance Document (other than in relation to the creation and/or perfection of security) the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

SECTION 2 - THE FACILITY

2 The Facilities

2.1 The Facilities

- (a) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Lenders make available to the Borrower:
 - (i) a dollar term loan facility in two (2) Loans (being comprised of the First Advance, and the Final Advance) and in an aggregate amount of up to the Total Facility A Commitments (as adjusted pursuant to clause 2.3 below or otherwise in accordance with the terms of this Agreement); and
 - (ii) a dollar revolving loan facility in an aggregate amount equal to the Total Facility B Commitments (as adjusted in accordance with the terms of this Agreement).
- (b) The obligation of each Lender under this Agreement shall be to contribute that proportion of each Loan which, as at the Utilisation Date for each Loan, its Commitment bears to the Total Commitments.

2.2 Finance Parties' rights and obligations

- (a) The obligations of each Finance Party under the Finance Documents are several. Failure by a Finance Party to perform its obligations under the Finance Documents does not affect the obligations of any other Party under the Finance Documents. No Finance Party is responsible for the obligations of any other Finance Party under the Finance Documents.
- (b) The rights of each Finance Party under or in connection with the Finance Documents are separate and independent rights and any debt arising under the Finance Documents to a Finance Party from an Obligor shall be a separate and independent debt.
- (c) A Finance Party may, except as otherwise stated in the Finance Documents (including clauses 37.25 (*All enforcement action through the Security Agent*)) and 38.2 (*Finance Parties acting together*), separately enforce its rights under the Finance Documents.

2.3 Adjustment for breach of Debt Service Coverage Ratio

In the event that at any time up to the Utilisation Date of the Final Advance, the forecasted average Debt Service Coverage Ratio for (a) the period from the date of this Agreement and ending on the 22nd Repayment Date (as calculated by reference to the Financial Model) is less than 1.5:1 and (b) for each Relevant Period thereafter is less than 1.40:1 (assuming the full amount of Facility B has been drawn down (and is not repaid) on or before the Last Availability Date relating to such Facility), the Total Facility A Commitments and the Facility Limit shall be immediately reduced by an amount equal to the shortfall (as determined by the Facility Agent, acting on the instructions of the Lenders, and notified to the Borrower).

3 Purpose

3.1 Purpose

The Borrower shall apply all amounts borrowed under the Facilities in accordance with this clause 3.

3.2 Use

- (a) Subject to clause 3.2(b), the Loans shall be made available to the Borrower solely for the purposes of:
- (i) refinancing part of the Project Cost incurred; and/or
 - (ii) refinancing part of the Sponsors' equity contribution; and/or
 - (iii) repayment of any Subordinated Loans extended by Golar Singapore or Golar Khannur to the Borrower; and/or
 - (iv) providing the Borrower with working capital for the Project,
- up to the Facility Limit.
- (b) The Final Advance shall be made available to the Borrower for the purpose of funding the applicable Debt Service Reserve required to be maintained in accordance with clause 28.7 (*Debt Service Reserve Account*).
- (c) In particular, the proceeds of the Loans shall not be used in breach of Sanctions.

3.3 Monitoring

No Finance Party is bound to monitor or verify the application of any amount borrowed pursuant to this Agreement.

4 Conditions of Utilisation

4.1 Initial conditions precedent

The Borrower may not deliver a Utilisation Request unless the Facility Agent, or its duly authorised representative, has received all of the documents and other evidence listed in Part 1 of Schedule 3 (*Initial conditions precedent*) in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders).

4.2 Conditions precedent to Utilisation of the First Advance and/or Facility B

The First Advance and/or Facility B shall only become available for borrowing under this Agreement if the Facility Agent, or its duly authorised representative, has received all of the documents and evidence listed in Part 2 of Schedule 3 (*Conditions precedent to Utilisation of the First Advance*) in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) not less than three (3) Business Days prior to the relevant Utilisation Date.

4.3 Conditions precedent to Utilisation of the Final Advance

The Final Advance shall only become available for borrowing under this Agreement if the Facility Agent, or its duly authorised representative, has received all of the documents and evidence listed in Part 3 of Schedule 3 (*Conditions precedent to Utilisation of Final Advance*) in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) not less than three (3) Business Days prior to the Utilisation Date of the Final Advance.

In the event that the Final Advance is not drawn down by the Borrower for any reason, the Borrower shall deliver to the Facility Agent or its duly authorised representative, all the documents and evidence referred to in this clause 4.3, in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent not later than Final Acceptance.

4.4 Conditions subsequent

The Borrower shall provide to the Facility Agent or its duly authorised representative the documents and evidence listed in Part 4 of Schedule 3 (*Conditions subsequent*) in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) prior to the applicable date specified that Schedule.

4.5 Notice to Lenders

The Facility Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders promptly upon receiving and being satisfied with all of the documents and evidence delivered to it under this clause 4.

4.6 Further conditions precedent

The Lenders will only be obliged to comply with clause 5.4 (*Lenders' participation*) if on the date of a Utilisation Request and on the proposed Utilisation Date:

- (a) no Default is continuing or would result from the proposed Utilisation;
- (b) the Repeating Representations and, in relation to the first Utilisation, all of the other representations set out in clause 18 (*Representations*), are true; and
- (c) in relation to the Utilisation for the Final Advance, the Vessel Representations are true.

4.7 Waiver of conditions precedent

The conditions in this clause 4 are inserted solely for the benefit of the Finance Parties and may be waived on their behalf in whole or in part and with or without conditions by the Facility Agent acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders.

4.8 Maximum number of Loans

The Borrower may not deliver a Utilisation Request if as a result of the proposed Utilisation:

- (a) 3 or more Facility A Loans would be outstanding; or
- (b) 5 or more Facility B Loans would be outstanding.

SECTION 3 - UTILISATION

5 Utilisation

5.1 Delivery of a Utilisation Request

The Borrower may utilise a Facility by delivery to the Facility Agent of a duly completed Utilisation Request not later than 11:00 a.m. three (3) Business Days before the proposed Utilisation Date for each Loan or such shorter period as the Facility Agent (in consultation with the Lenders) may agree.

5.2 Completion of a Utilisation Request

- (a) Each Utilisation Request is irrevocable and will not be regarded as having been duly completed unless:
 - (i) it identifies the Facility to be utilised;
 - (ii) the proposed Utilisation Date is a Business Day falling not later than the Last Availability Date applicable to that Facility;
 - (iii) in relation to Facility B, the proposed Utilisation Date falls on the Utilisation Date for either the First Advance or the Final Advance or a Repayment Date or an Interest Payment Date;
 - (iv) the currency and amount of the Utilisation comply with clauses 5.3 (*Currency*) and 5.5 (*Loan*);
 - (v) the proposed first Interest Period complies with clause 9 (*Interest Periods*); and
 - (vi) it identifies (i) the purpose for the Utilisation and that purpose complies with clause 3 (*Purpose*) and (ii) the account into which the Utilisation is to be paid.
- (b) Only one (1) Loan may be requested in each Utilisation Request.

5.3 Currency

The currency specified in a Utilisation Request must be in dollars.

5.4 Lenders' participation

- (a) If the conditions set out in this Agreement have been met, each Lender shall make its participation in each Loan available by the Utilisation Date through its Facility Office.
- (b) The amount of each Lender's participation in a Loan will be equal to the proportion borne by its Commitment to the Total Commitments immediately prior to making the Loan.
- (c) The Facility Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the amount of the Loan and the amount of its participation in the Loan.
- (d) The Facility Agent shall pay all amounts received by it in respect of each Loan (and its own participation in it, if any) to the Borrower or for its account in accordance with the instructions contained in the Utilisation Request.

5.5 Loans

- (a) In relation to the First Advance, the amount of the Loan specified in the applicable Utilisation Request for such Loan shall not exceed eighty per cent (80%) of the Total Commitments.
- (b) In relation to the Final Advance, the amount of the Loan specified in the applicable Utilisation Request for such Loan, when aggregated with the amount of the First Advance, shall not exceed the Total Facility A Commitments.
- (c) In relation to any Facility B Loan, the amount of the proposed Loan must be an amount which is not more than \$20,000,000 (or, if less, the applicable Available Facility) and which is a minimum of \$5,000,000 or, if less, the applicable Available Facility.

SECTION 4 - REPAYMENT, PREPAYMENT AND CANCELLATION

6 Repayment

6.1 Repayment

The Borrower shall on each Repayment Date repay such part of the Loans as is required to be repaid by clause 6.2 (*Scheduled repayment of Facilities*).

6.2 Scheduled repayment of Facilities

- (a) To the extent not previously reduced, the Facility A Loans shall be repaid by instalments on each Repayment Date by the amounts specified in the Repayment Schedule (as revised by clause 6.3).
- (b) The Borrower shall repay each Facility B Loan on the last day of its Interest Period.
- (c) Without prejudice to the Borrower's obligation under paragraph (b) above, if one or more Facility B Loans are to be made available to the Borrower (i) on the same day that a maturing Facility B Loan is due to be repaid by the Borrower and (ii) in whole or in part for the purpose of refinancing the maturing Facility B Loan; and the proportion borne by each Lender's participation in the maturing Facility B Loan to the amount of that maturing Facility B Loan immediately before the new Facility B Loan(s) is made is the same as the proportion borne by that Lender's participation in the new Facility B Loan(s) to the aggregate amount of those new Facility B Loan(s), the aggregate amount of the new Facility B Loan(s) shall, unless the Borrower notifies the Facility Agent to the contrary in the relevant Utilisation Request, be treated as if applied in or towards repayment of the maturing Facility B Loan so that:
 - (i) if the amount of the maturing Facility B Loan exceeds the aggregate amount of the new Facility B Loan(s):
 - (A) the Borrower will only be required to make a payment under clause 40.1 (*Payments to the Facility Agent*) in an amount equal to that excess; and
 - (B) each Lender's participation in the new Facility B Loan(s) shall be treated as having been made available and applied by the Borrower in or towards repayment of that Lender's participation in the maturing Facility B Loan and that Lender will not be required to make a payment under clause 40.1 (*Payments to the Facility Agent*) in respect of its participation in the new Facility B Loan(s); and
 - (ii) if the amount of the maturing Facility B Loan is equal to or less than the aggregate amount of the new Facility B Loan(s):
 - (A) the Borrower will not be required to make a payment under clause 40.1 (*Payments to the Facility Agent*); and
 - (B) each Lender will be required to make a payment under clause 40.1 (*Payments to the Facility Agent*) in respect of its participation in the new Facility B Loan(s) only to the extent that its participation in the new Facility B Loan(s) exceeds that Lender's participation in the maturing Facility B Loan and the remainder of that Lender's participation in the new Facility B Loan(s) shall be treated as having been made available and applied by the Borrower in or towards repayment of that Lender's participation in the maturing Facility B Loan.
- (d) On the Final Maturity Date (without prejudice to any other provision of this Agreement), the Loans shall be repaid in full.

6.3 Adjustment of scheduled repayments

If:

- (a) the Total Commitments have been partially reduced under this Agreement; and/or
- (b) the full amount of either Facility has not been drawn down on or before the Last Availability Date applicable to such Facility; and/or
- (c) any part of a Facility A Loan is prepaid (other than under clause 6.2 (*Scheduled repayment of Facilities*)) before any Repayment Date; and/or
- (d) any part of a Facility B Loan is prepaid,

the Repayment Instalments and the Balloon may be recalculated by the Facility Agent in accordance with the Financial Model (in accordance with paragraph 8 (*Financial Model and debt sizing*) of Part 2 of Schedule 3 (*Conditions Precedent to Utilisation of the First Advance*)) and the Repayment Instalments and the Balloon (as reduced by any earlier operation of this clause 6.3) shall be reduced in inverse order of maturity and pro rata against each Facility. As soon as practicable after effecting any such recalculation, the Facility Agent shall provide the Borrower with a revised schedule of Repayment Instalments and such revised schedule shall, with effect from the date on which such revised schedule is produced (and signed by the Facility Agent and dated), be substituted for the existing schedule set out in Schedule 11 (*Repayment Schedule*).

7 Illegality, prepayment and cancellation

7.1 Illegality

If:

(a) it becomes unlawful at any time in any applicable jurisdiction for a Lender, or it becomes unlawful as a result of any Sanctions for any Lender, to perform any of its obligations as contemplated by this Agreement or to fund or maintain its participation in any Loan or part thereof; or

(b) any Obligor becomes a Restricted Party,

then:

(i) the affected Lender shall promptly notify the Facility Agent upon becoming aware of that event; and

(ii) that Lender shall be given the opportunity (at its option) to transfer its rights and obligations to an Affiliate or a New Lender (as defined in clause 33 (*Changes to the Lenders*) pursuant to and in accordance with clause 33 (*Changes to the Lenders*)). If that Lender has not been able to effectively transfer its rights and obligations in such manner, then:

(A) upon the Facility Agent acting on the instruction of the affected Lender notifying the Borrower, the Commitment of that Lender will be immediately cancelled; and

(B) the Borrower shall repay that Lender's participation in the Loans on the last day of the Interest Period for each Loan occurring after the Facility Agent has notified the Borrower or, if earlier, the date specified by the Lender in the notice delivered to the Facility Agent (being no earlier than the last day of any applicable grace period permitted by law).

7.2 Voluntary prepayment of Facility A Loans

The Borrower may, if it gives the Facility Agent not less than seven (7) Business Days' (or such shorter period as the Majority Lenders may agree) prior written notice, prepay the whole or any part of any Facility A Loan (but if in part, being an amount that reduces the amount of the Facility A Loan by a minimum amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) and a multiple of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)), on the last day of an Interest Period for that Loan in respect of the amount to be prepaid.

7.3 Voluntary prepayment of Facility B Loans

The Borrower may, if it gives the Facility Agent not less than seven (7) Business Days' (or such shorter period as the Majority Lenders may agree) prior written notice, prepay the whole or any part of a Facility B Loan (but if in part, being an amount that reduces the amount of the Facility B Loan by a minimum amount of \$1,000,000) and a multiple of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)), on the last day of an Interest Period for that Loan in respect of the amount to be prepaid.

7.4 Right of cancellation and prepayment in relation to a single Lender

(a) If:

(i) any sum payable to any Lender by an Obligor is required to be increased under clause 13.2 (*Tax gross-up*); or

(ii) any Lender claims indemnification from the Borrower under clause 13.3 (*Tax indemnity*) or clause 14.1 (*Increased Costs*),

the Borrower may, whilst (in the case of (i) and (ii) above) the circumstance giving rise to the requirement or indemnification continues, give the Facility Agent notice of cancellation of the Commitment of that Lender and its intention to procure the repayment of that Lender's participation in the Loans.

(b) On receipt of a notice referred to in clause (a) above, the Commitment of that Lender shall immediately be reduced to zero.

(c) On the last day of each Interest Period which ends after the Borrower has given notice under clause (a) above (or, if earlier, the date specified by the Borrower in that notice), the Borrower shall repay that Lender's participation in the relevant Loan.

7.5 Right of cancellation in relation to a Defaulting Lender

(a) If any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, the Borrower may, at any time whilst the Lender continues to be a Defaulting Lender, give the Facility Agent fifteen (15) Business Days' notice of cancellation of each Available Commitment of that Lender.

(b) On the notice referred to in clause 7.5(a) above becoming effective, each Available Commitment of the Defaulting Lender shall immediately be reduced to zero.

(c) The Facility Agent shall as soon as practicable after receipt of a notice referred to in clause 7.5(a) above, notify all the Lenders.

7.6 Total Loss

On the Total Loss Repayment Date in relation to the Vessel or the Mooring:

(a) the Total Commitments will be reduced to zero; and

(b) the Borrower shall prepay the Loans and the Hedging Debt (in accordance with the terms of the Hedging Contracts) in full.

7.7 Mandatory cancellation and prepayment

If:

- (a) the Charterer is at any time no longer directly owned in accordance with its shareholdings existing as at the date of this Agreement (being sixty per cent. (60%) of the issued share capital of the Charterer for Pertamina and forty per cent. (40%) of the issued share capital of the Charterer for PGN) unless the relevant Charterer Shareholder(s) has been replaced with a replacement shareholder(s) who has an acceptable Minimum Credit Rating and replacement security to the relevant Charter Undertakings has been provided by such replacement shareholder(s) in form and substance satisfactory to the Lenders; or
- (b) a Charter Letter of Credit or either Charterer Undertaking ceases to be legally valid, binding and enforceable against the relevant letter of credit issuer or Charterer Shareholder unless such Charter Letter of Credit or Charterer Undertaking is replaced with equivalent support or security on terms satisfactory to the Lenders within thirty (30) days of such Charter Letter of Credit or Charterer Undertaking ceasing to be legally valid, binding and enforceable,

then the Facility Agent may, and shall if so directed by the Majority Lenders, by notice to the Borrower with effect from the date falling ten (10) Business Days after the giving of such notice (or such later date as may be approved in advance by the Majority Lenders) cancel the Total Commitments. The Borrower shall on the date such cancellation takes effect prepay the Loans in full, whereupon the Total Commitments shall be reduced to zero, and pay the Hedging Debt in full in accordance with the terms of the Hedging Contracts.

7.8 Sale of Vessel / Mooring System

- (a) If at any time the Vessel and/or the Mooring System is sold by or on behalf of the Borrower (which shall include a sale to the Charterer in accordance with clause 43 of the Charter following the exercise by the Charterer of the Charterer's Purchase Option at a price that is sufficient to repay the Secured Obligations), the Borrower shall forthwith upon the date on which any Sales Proceeds are received by it (or by the Security Agent on its behalf) prepay the Loans in full, whereupon the Total Commitments shall be reduced to zero, and pay the Hedging Debt in full in accordance with the terms of the Hedging Contracts.
- (b) If the Sales Proceeds received are sufficient to pay, repay, satisfy and discharge the Secured Obligations in full, the Facility Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable pay any Sales Proceeds remaining after such payment, repayment, satisfaction and discharge to the Borrower or to its order.

7.9 Charter

If:

- (a) the Charter is for any reason (other than by default of the Borrower or through expiry by lapse of time or fulfilment of all obligations thereunder) and by any method cancelled, terminated, repudiated or rescinded and/or declared cancelled, terminated, repudiated or rescinded; or
- (b) the Charter ceases to be in full force and effect or is alleged by a party to it to be ineffective for any reason (other than through expiry by lapse of time or fulfilment of all obligations thereunder); or
- (c) a payment of the Termination Fee is made or payable in accordance with the Charter other than as a result of the occurrence described in clause 31.24 (*Charter termination and breach*); or
- (d) a Force Majeure Event occurs in accordance with clause 28.2(b) of the Charter and the Charterer has ceased to make payment of the Total Charter Rate in full (unless an Obligor pays to the Facility Agent any such Total Charter Rate which would remedy the shortfall within 10 Business Days of demand by the Facility Agent but provided further that no Default is continuing) and the Charter has not been terminated,

the Total Commitments shall be reduced to zero and the Borrower shall prepay the Loans in full no later than 5 Business Days following (i) such termination, repudiation rescission, cancellation of the Charter takes effect, (ii) cessation of the Charter, (iii) payment of the Termination Fee or (iv) non-payment of the Total Charter Rate in accordance with paragraph (d) and pay the Hedging Debt in full in accordance with the terms of the Hedging Contracts.

7.10 Major Casualty proceeds

If, at any time, either:

- (a) the Vessel and/or the Mooring suffers damage or is involved in an incident which, in the opinion of the Technical Advisor is likely to result in the Vessel and/or the Mooring subsequently being determined to be a Total Loss and Insurance Proceeds in an amount equal to or greater than the Major Casualty Amount are received by the Borrower or any other Obligor in respect of such incident; or
- (b) Insurance Proceeds in an amount equal to or exceeding the Major Casualty Amount are received in the circumstances contemplated by clause 28.8(a)(iii) (*Insurance Proceeds*),

the Total Commitments shall be reduced to zero and such proceeds shall be paid immediately to the Facility Agent to prepay the Loans in full in accordance with clause 28.5(b) together with the Hedging Debt (in accordance with the Hedging Contracts).

For the avoidance of doubt, all other Insurance proceeds shall be payable in accordance with clauses 27.21 (*Application of Recoveries*) and 28.8 (*Insurance Proceeds*) and clauses 2.6 and 2.7 of the Security Assignment.

7.11 Unlawfulness and/or invalidity

If at any time:

- (a) it is or becomes unlawful for an Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder to perform any of their obligations under the Transaction Documents or any Security Interest created or expressed to be created or evidenced by the Security Documents ceases to be effective (other than by reason of the default of the relevant Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder);
- (b) any obligation or obligations of any Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder under any Transaction Documents are not or cease to be legal, valid, binding or enforceable (other than by reason of the default of the relevant Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder) and the cessation individually or cumulating materially and adversely affects the interests of the Finance Parties under the Finance Documents; or
- (c) any Finance Document or any Security Interest created expressed to be created or evidenced by the Security Documents ceases to be in full force and effect or is alleged by a party to it (other than a Finance Party) to be ineffective for any reason (other than by reason of the default of the relevant Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder),

the Total Commitments shall be reduced to zero and the Borrower shall immediately prepay the Loans in full.

7.12 Automatic cancellation

Any part of the Total Commitments of a Facility which has not become available by the Last Availability Date applicable to such Facility shall be automatically cancelled at 17:00 (Singapore time) on such Last Availability Date.

7.13 Restrictions

- (a) Any notice of cancellation or prepayment given by any Party under this clause 7 shall be irrevocable and, unless a contrary indication appears in this Agreement, shall specify the date or dates upon which the relevant cancellation or prepayment is to be made and the amount of that cancellation or prepayment.
- (b) Any prepayment under this Agreement shall be made together with accrued interest on the amount prepaid and, if prepayment is made otherwise than on an Interest Payment Date, subject to any Break Costs (and any swap break costs in relation to the Loan (or any part thereof) which are payable in accordance with the terms of the Hedging Contracts), without premium or penalty.
- (c) The Borrower may not reborrow any part of the Facility A which is prepaid.
- (d) Unless a contrary indication appears in this Agreement, any part of Facility B which is repaid or prepaid may be reborrowed up to the Last Availability Date in respect of Facility B and otherwise in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- (e) The Borrower shall not repay or prepay all or any part of the Loans or reduce all or any part of the Commitments except at the times and in the manner expressly provided for in this Agreement.
- (f) No amount of the Total Commitments reduced under this Agreement may be subsequently reinstated.
- (g) If the Facility Agent receives a notice under this clause 7 it shall promptly forward a copy of that notice to either the Borrower or the affected Lender, as appropriate.
- (h) If the Total Commitments are partially reduced under this Agreement (other than under clause 7.1 (*Illegality*) and clause 7.4 (*Right of cancellation and prepayment in relation to a single Lender*)), the Commitments of the Lenders shall be reduced rateably.
- (i) Subject to paragraph (j) below, any prepayment under this Agreement (other than under clause 7.1 (*Illegality*) and clause 7.4 (*Right of cancellation and prepayment in relation to a single Lender*)) shall be applied (i) in reducing each outstanding instalment (including the Balloon) in inverse order of maturity and pro rata against each Facility and (ii) pro rata among the Lenders in proportion to their participation in the relevant Loan(s).
- (j) Any prepayment under clause 7.2 (*Voluntary prepayment of Facility A Loans*) or 7.3 (*Voluntary prepayment of Facility B Loans*) shall be applied (i) in reducing each outstanding instalment (including the Balloon) of the relevant Loan in inverse order of maturity and (ii) pro rata among the Lenders in proportion to their participation in the relevant Loan(s).
- (k) Any prepayment under this Agreement shall be made together with payment to the Permitted Hedging Banks (pro rata) of any amount falling due to the Permitted Hedging Banks under the Hedging Contracts as a result of the termination or close out of the Hedging Contracts or any Hedging Transactions under them in accordance with 30.6 (*Unwinding of Hedging Contracts*) in relation to that prepayment.

SECTION 5 - COSTS OF UTILISATION

8 Interest

8.1 Calculation of interest

The rate of interest on each Loan, for each Interest Period is the percentage rate per annum which is the aggregate of the applicable:

- (a) Margin;
- (b) LIBOR; and
- (c) Mandatory Cost, if any.

8.2 Payment of interest

The Borrower shall pay accrued interest on that Loan on the last day of each Interest Period relating to such Loan (an **Interest Payment Date**) and, if the relevant Interest Period is longer than three (3) months, on the dates falling at three monthly intervals after the first day of the relevant Interest Period.

8.3 Default interest

- (a) If an Obligor fails to pay any amount payable by it under a Finance Document on its due date, interest shall accrue on the Unpaid Sum from the due date up to the date of actual payment (both before and after judgment) at a rate which, subject to clause (b) below, is two per cent (2%) higher than the rate which would have been payable if the Unpaid Sum had, during the period of non-payment, constituted a Loan for successive Interest Periods, each of a duration selected by the Facility Agent (acting reasonably). Any interest accruing in accordance with this clause 8.3 shall be immediately payable by the Obligor on demand by the Facility Agent.
- (b) If any Unpaid Sum consists of all or part of a Loan which became due on a day which was not the last day of an Interest Period relating to that Loan or the relevant part of it:
 - (i) the first Interest Period for that Unpaid Sum shall have a duration equal to the unexpired portion of the current Interest Period relating to that Loan; and
 - (ii) the rate of interest applying to the overdue amount during that first Interest Period shall be two per cent (2%) higher than the rate which would have applied if the Unpaid Sum had not become due.
- (c) Default interest (if unpaid) arising on an Unpaid Sum will be compounded with the Unpaid Sum at the end of each Interest Period applicable to that Unpaid Sum but will remain immediately due and payable.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, this clause 8.3 does not apply to any amount payable under a Hedging Contract in respect of any continuing Transaction as to which section 2(e) (*Default Interest; Other Amounts*) of the ISDA Master Agreement of that Hedging Contract shall apply.

8.4 Notification of rates of interest

The Facility Agent shall promptly notify the Lenders and the Borrower of the determination of a rate of interest under this Agreement.

9 Interest Periods

9.1 Selection of Interest Periods

- (a) Each Interest Period will, subject to clauses 9.1(d), 9.1(e), 9.1(f), 9.1(g) and 9.2, be 3 months.
- (b) No Interest Period shall extend beyond the Final Maturity Date.
- (c) The initial Interest Period in respect of the First Advance shall commence on the Utilisation Date for that Loan.
- (d) The initial Interest Period in respect of the Final Advance shall commence on the Utilisation Date for that Loan and shall end on the next following Interest Payment Date in respect of the First Advance which falls in a succeeding calendar month and on the last day of the first Interest Period for the Final Advance, the Facility A Loans shall be consolidated and shall thereafter constitute the Facility A Loan.
- (e) The initial Interest Period in respect of the first Facility B Loan advanced to the Borrower under this Agreement shall commence on the Utilisation Date for that Loan. The initial Interest Period in respect of each subsequent Facility B Loan shall commence on the Utilisation Date for that Loan and shall end on the next following Interest Payment Date in respect of the then current Interest Period for the Facility B Loans and on the last day of the first Interest Period for such Facility B Loan, all outstanding Facility B Loans shall be consolidated and shall thereafter constitute the Facility B Loan.
- (f) The Interest Period in respect of any Loan which would otherwise end on a date falling after the First Repayment Date shall end on the First Repayment Date (or, to the extent that such date falls in the same calendar month, on the next following Repayment Date which falls in a succeeding calendar month).
- (g) If an Interest Period for any Loan would overrun any later Repayment Date, such Loan shall be divided into parts corresponding to the amounts by which the Facilities are scheduled to be reduced under clause 6.2 (*Scheduled repayment of Facilities*) on each of the Repayment Dates falling during such Interest Period (each of which shall have a separate Interest Period ending on the relevant Repayment Date) and to the balance of the Loans (which shall have the Interest Period selected by the Borrower).

9.2 Non-Business Days

If an Interest Period would otherwise end on a day which is not a Business Day, that Interest Period will instead end on the next Business Day

in that calendar month (if there is one) or the preceding Business Day (if there is not).

10 Changes to the calculation of interest

10.1 Absence of quotations

- (a) *Interpolated Screen Rate*: If no Screen Rate is available for LIBOR for an Interest Period, LIBOR shall be the Interpolated Screen Rate for a period equal in length to that Interest Period.
- (b) *Reference Bank Rate* : If no Screen Rate is available for LIBOR for:
 - (i) dollars; or
 - (ii) the relevant Interest Period and it is not possible to calculate the Interpolated Screen Rate,

LIBOR shall be the Reference Bank Rate as of noon on the relevant Quotation Day and for a period equal in length to the relevant Interest Period.

- (c) Subject to clause 11.1 (*Market disruption*), if LIBOR is to be determined by reference to the Reference Banks but a Reference Bank does not supply a quotation by 11:00 a.m. on the Quotation Day, the applicable LIBOR shall be determined on the basis of the quotations of the remaining Reference Banks.

11 Market Disruption

11.1 Market disruption

- (a) If a Market Disruption Event occurs in relation to a Loan prior to the commencement of any Interest Period, then the rate of interest on each Lender's share in that Loan for the Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which is the sum of:
 - (i) the Margin; and
 - (ii) the rate notified to the Facility Agent by that Lender (in a Market Disruption Notification, at the time set out in clause (b)(ii)) to be that which expresses as a percentage rate per annum the cost to that Lender of funding its participation in that Loan from whatever source it may reasonably select; and
 - (iii) the Mandatory Cost, if any, applicable to that Lender's participation in that Loan.
- (b) In this Agreement:

Market Disruption Event means that:

- (i) at or about noon on the Quotation Day for the relevant Interest Period the Screen Rate is not available and none of the Reference Banks supplies a rate to the Facility Agent to determine LIBOR for the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) before 17:00 (Singapore time) one Business Day after the Quotation Day for the relevant Interest Period, the Facility Agent receives notifications from any Lender or Lenders (the **Affected Lenders**) (whose participations in a Loan are equal to or exceed 35% of that Loan) (pursuant to a Market Disruption Notification) that the cost to it of obtaining matching deposits in the Interbank Market would be in excess of LIBOR or that it cannot obtain sufficient funds in the Interbank market to fund its participation in the Loan (and that the Facility Agent shall inform the other Lenders in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Market Disruption Notification as set out in Schedule 8 (*Form of Market Disruption Notification*)).

Market Disruption Notification means a notification from a Lender substantially in the form set out in Schedule 8 (*Form of Market Disruption Notification*) or otherwise approved.

11.2 Alternative basis of interest or funding

- (a) If a Market Disruption Event occurs and the Facility Agent or the Borrower so requires, the Facility Agent and the Borrower shall enter into negotiations (for a period of not more than thirty (30) days (in the case of Interest Periods of three (3) months' or more duration) or, in the case of Interest Periods of less than three (3) months' duration, a period ending not less than seven (7) days prior to the end of the current Interest Period, with a view to agreeing a substitute basis for determining the rate of interest for the relevant Affected Lenders.
- (b) Any alternative basis agreed pursuant to (a) above shall, with the prior consent of the Affected Lenders and the Borrower, be binding on all Parties.
- (c) Following the end of the period referred to in clause (a) (in the event that no substitute basis is agreed at the end of such period) or, if the Facility Agent and the Borrower do not require any such negotiations as to a substitute basis to be entered into, then following receipt of the notices from the Lenders pursuant to clause 11.1 in respect of any Interest Period, the Facility Agent shall notify the Borrower of the total additional costs of the Affected Lenders for such Interest Period and the Borrower shall pay such additional costs on the last day of the such Interest Period in addition to the accrued interest on the Loan. The Facility Agent shall not be obliged to disclose to the Borrower or the Lenders (and neither the Borrower nor the Lenders shall be entitled to request from the Facility Agent)

details of each Lender's individual funding costs.

- (d) The Facility Agent's notice under clause (c) shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding on all Parties.

11.3 Notice of prepayment

If the Borrower does not agree with the alternative basis set by the Facility Agent under clause 11.2 (*Alternative basis of interest or funding*), the Borrower may give the Facility Agent not less than fifteen (15) Business Days' notice of its intention to prepay the Affected Lender's participation in the Loans and the provisions of clause 11.5 (*Break Costs*) shall apply.

11.4 Prepayment; termination of Commitments

A notice issued by the Borrower in accordance with clause 11.3 (*Notice of prepayment*) shall be irrevocable. The Facility Agent shall promptly notify the Affected Lender following receipt of the Borrower's notice of intended prepayment; and;

- (a) on the date on which the Facility Agent provides such notice, the Total Commitments or (as the case may be) the relevant participation in the Loans of the Affected Lender, shall be cancelled; and
- (b) on the prepayment date specified in the notice of prepayment served in accordance with clause 11.3 (*Notice of prepayment*), the Borrower shall prepay (without premium or penalty) the Affected Lender's participation in the Loans, together with accrued interest thereon at the applicable rate plus the Margin and Mandatory cost, if any.

11.5 Break Costs

- (a) The Borrower shall, within four (4) Business Days of demand by a Finance Party, pay to that Finance Party its Break Costs attributable to all or any part of a Loan or Unpaid Sum being paid by the Borrower on a day other than the last day of an Interest Period for that Loan or Unpaid Sum or relevant part of it.
- (b) Each Lender shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after a demand by the Facility Agent, provide to the Facility Agent a certificate confirming the amount of its Break Costs for any Interest Period in which they accrue.

12 Fees

12.1 Commitment commission

- (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Facility Agent (for the account of each Lender) a fee in dollars computed at the rate of one point four per cent (1.4%) per annum calculated daily on the Available Facility of each Facility calculated from the date of this Agreement (the **Start Date**) to the date of payment of the accrued commitment commission pursuant to clause (b) below.
- (b) The Borrower shall pay the accrued commitment commission on the last day of the period of three months commencing on the Start Date, on the last day of each successive period of three months, on the Last Availability Date of each Facility and, if a Lender's Commitment is cancelled in full, on the cancelled amount of the relevant Lender's Commitment at the time the cancellation is effective.

12.2 Agency fee

The Borrower shall pay to the Facility Agent and Security Agent (each for its own account), whether or not any part of a Loan is ever drawn down, an agency fee in the amount and at the times agreed in a Fee Letter.

12.3 Structuring and Documentation fee

The Borrower shall pay to the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank (for its own account), whether or not any part of the Loan is ever drawn down, a structuring and documentation fee in the amount and at the times agreed in a Fee Letter.

12.4 Upfront fees

The Borrower shall:

- (a) within thirty (30) days of the date of this Agreement, or on the date of the First Advance (whichever is earlier) pay to the Facility Agent (for the account of each Mandated Lead Arranger (and to be distributed between the Mandated Lead Arrangers pro rata)), whether or not any part of the Loan is ever drawn down, an upfront fee in the amount agreed in a Fee Letter; and
- (b) on or before the Effective Date (as such term is defined in the Supplemental Agreement), pay to the Facility Agent (for the account of the Mandated Lead Arranger) an upfront fee in the amount agreed in a Fee Letter.

SECTION 6 - ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS

13 Tax gross-up and indemnities

13.1 Definitions

- (a) In this Agreement:

Protected Party means a Finance Party or, in relation to clause 15.4 (*Indemnity concerning security*) and clause 15.7 (*Continuation of indemnities*) insofar as it relates to interest on any amount demanded by that Indemnified Person under clause 15, any Indemnified Person which is or will be subject to any liability, or required to make any payment, for or on account of Tax in relation to a sum received or receivable (or any sum deemed for the purposes of Tax to be received or receivable) under a Finance Document.

Tax Credit means a credit against, relief or remission for, or repayment of any Tax.

Tax Deduction means a deduction or withholding for or on account of Tax from a payment under a Finance Document, other than a FATCA Deduction.

Tax Payment means either the increase in a payment made by an Obligor to a Finance Party under clause 13.2 (*Tax gross-up*) or a payment under clause 13.3 (*Tax indemnity*).

- (b) Unless a contrary indication appears, in this clause 13 a reference to “determines” or determined means a determination made in the absolute discretion of the person making the determination.

13.2 Tax gross-up

- (a) Each Obligor shall make all payments to be made by it under any Finance Document without any Tax Deduction, unless a Tax Deduction is required by law.
- (b) The Borrower shall, promptly upon becoming aware that an Obligor must make a Tax Deduction (or that there is any change in the rate or the basis of a Tax Deduction), notify the Facility Agent accordingly. Similarly, a Lender shall notify the Facility Agent on becoming so aware in respect of a payment payable to that Lender. If the Facility Agent receives such notification from a Lender it shall notify the Borrower and that Obligor.
- (c) If a Tax Deduction is required by law to be made by an Obligor, the amount of the payment due from that Obligor under the relevant Finance Document shall be increased to an amount which (after making any Tax Deduction) leaves an amount equal to the payment which would have been due if no Tax Deduction had been required to be made.
- (d) If an Obligor is required to make a Tax Deduction, that Obligor shall make that Tax Deduction and, subject to the proviso in clause 33.2(a) (*Conditions of assignment or transfer*), any payment required in connection with that Tax Deduction within the time allowed and in the minimum amount required by law.
- (e) Within thirty (30) days of making either a Tax Deduction or any payment required in connection with that Tax Deduction, the Obligor making that Tax Deduction shall deliver to the Facility Agent for the Finance Party entitled to the payment evidence reasonably satisfactory to that Finance Party that the Tax Deduction has been made or (as applicable) any appropriate payment paid to the relevant taxing authority.

13.3 Tax indemnity

- (a) The Borrower shall (within four (4) Business Days of demand by the Facility Agent) pay to a Protected Party an amount equal to the loss, liability or cost which that Protected Party determines will be or has been (directly or indirectly) suffered for or on account of Tax by that Protected Party in respect of a Finance Document.
- (b) Clause (a) above shall not apply:
- (i) with respect to any Tax assessed on a Finance Party:
- (A) under the law of the jurisdiction in which that Finance Party is incorporated or, if different, the jurisdiction (or jurisdictions) in which that Finance Party is treated as resident for tax purposes; or
- (B) under the law of the jurisdiction in which that Finance Party's Facility Office is located in respect of amounts received or receivable in that jurisdiction,
- if that Tax is imposed on or calculated by reference to the net income received or receivable (but not any sum deemed to be received or receivable) by that Finance Party; or
- (ii) to the extent a loss, liability or cost is compensated for by an increased payment under clause 13.2 (*Tax gross-up*).
- (c) A Protected Party making, or intending to make a claim under clause (a) above shall promptly notify the Facility Agent of the event which will give, or has given, rise to the claim, following which the Facility Agent shall notify the Borrower.
- (d) A Protected Party shall, on receiving a payment from an Obligor under this clause 13.3, notify the Facility Agent.

13.4 Indemnities on after Tax basis

- (a) if and to the extent that any sum payable to any Protected Party by the Borrower under any Finance Document by way of indemnity or reimbursement proves to be insufficient, by reason of any Tax suffered thereon, for that Protected Party to discharge the corresponding liability to a third party, or to reimburse that Protected Party for the cost incurred by it in discharging the corresponding liability to a third party, the Borrower shall pay that Protected Party such additional sum as (after taking into account any Tax suffered by that Protected

Party on such additional sum) shall be required to make up the relevant deficit.

- (b) if and to the extent that any sum (the **Indemnity Sum**) constituting (directly or indirectly) an indemnity to any Protected Party but paid by the Borrower to any person other than that Protected Party, shall be treated as taxable in the hands of the Protected Party, the Borrower shall pay to that Protected Party such sum (the **Compensating Sum**) as (after taking into account any Tax suffered by that Protected Party on the compensating sum) shall reimburse that Protected Party for any Tax suffered by it in respect of the indemnity sum.
- (c) For the purposes of this clause 13.4 a sum shall be deemed to be taxable in the hands of a Protected Party if it falls to be taken into account in computing the profits or gains of that Protected Party for the purposes of Tax and, if so, that Protected Party shall be deemed to have suffered Tax on the relevant sum at the rate of Tax applicable to that Protected Party's profits or gains for the period in which the payment of the relevant sum falls to be taken into account for the purposes of such Tax.
- (d) This clause shall not apply to the extent any loss, liability or cost results from a FATCA Deduction required to be made by a Party.

13.5 Tax credit

If an Obligor makes a Tax Payment and the relevant Finance Party determines that:

- (a) a Tax Credit is attributable to that Tax Payment; and
- (b) that a Finance Party has obtained, utilised and retained that Tax Credit,

the relevant Finance Party shall pay an amount to the relevant Obligor which that Finance Party determines will leave it (after that payment) in the same after-Tax position as it would have been in had the Tax Payment not been required to be made by the Obligor.

13.6 Stamp taxes

The Borrower shall pay and, within four (4) Business Days of demand, indemnify each Finance Party against any cost, loss or liability that Finance Party incurs in relation to all stamp duty, registration and other similar Taxes payable in respect of any Finance Document.

13.7 Indirect Tax

- (a) All consideration expressed to be payable under a Finance Document by any Party to a Finance Party shall be deemed to be exclusive of any Indirect Tax. If any Indirect Tax is chargeable on any supply made by any Finance Party to any Party in connection with a Finance Document, that Party shall pay to the Finance Party (in addition to and at the same time as paying the consideration) an amount equal to the amount of the Indirect Tax.
- (b) Where a Finance Document requires any Party to reimburse a Finance Party for any costs or expenses, that Party shall also at the same time pay and indemnify the Finance Party against all Indirect Tax incurred by that Finance Party in respect of the costs or expenses to the extent that the Finance Party reasonably determines that it is not entitled to credit or repayment in respect of the Indirect Tax.
- (c) A Finance Party making, or intending to make a claim under this clause 13.7 shall provide the Facility Agent with reasonable evidence of the Indirect Tax referred to in this clause 13.7 (if available), following which the Facility Agent shall pass on such evidence to the Borrower.

13.8 Conflict with Hedging Contracts

In respect of any of the indemnities entered into in favour of the Hedging Banks in this clause 13 (and in clauses 14 (*Increased Costs*) and 15 (*Other indemnities*)), and in respect of the mitigation obligations of the Hedging Banks set out in clause 16, to the extent of any inconsistency between such provisions and the equivalent indemnity and mitigation provisions set out in the Hedging Contracts, the provisions of the Hedging Contracts shall prevail.

13.9 FATCA Deduction

- (a) Each Obligor may make any FATCA Deduction it is required to make by FATCA, and any payment required in connection with that FATCA Deduction, and no Obligor shall be required to increase any payment in respect of which it makes such a FATCA Deduction or otherwise compensate the recipient of the payment for that FATCA Deduction.
- (b) Each Obligor shall promptly, upon becoming aware that it must make a FATCA Deduction (or that there is any change in the rate or the basis of such FATCA Deduction), notify the Party to whom it is making the payment and, in addition, shall also notify the Borrower and the Agent and the Agent shall notify the other Finance Parties.

13.10 FATCA Information

- (a) Subject to paragraph (c) below, each Party shall, within ten (10) Business Days of a reasonable request by another Party:
 - (i) confirm to that other Party whether it is:
 - (A) a FATCA Exempt Party; or
 - (B) not a FATCA Exempt Party;

- (ii) supply to that other Party such forms, documentation and other information relating to its status under FATCA as that other Party reasonably requests for the purposes of that other Party's compliance with FATCA;
 - (iii) supply to that other Party such forms, documentation and other information relating to its status as that other Party reasonably requests for the purposes of that other Party's compliance with any other law, regulation, or exchange of information regime.
- (b) If a Party confirms to another Party pursuant to paragraph (a) above that it is a FATCA Exempt Party and it subsequently becomes aware that it is not or has ceased to be a FATCA Exempt Party, that Party shall notify that other Party reasonably promptly.
- (c) Paragraph (a) above shall not oblige any Finance Party to do anything, and paragraphs (a)(ii) and (iii) above shall not oblige any other Party to do anything, which would or might in its reasonable opinion constitute a breach of:
- (i) any law or regulation or listing requirement;
 - (ii) any fiduciary duty; or
 - (iii) any duty of confidentiality.
- (d) If a Party fails to confirm whether or not it is a FATCA Exempt Party or to supply forms, documentation or other information requested in accordance with paragraph (a) above, then such Party shall be treated for the purposes of the Finance Documents (and payments under them) as if it is not a FATCA Exempt Party until such time as the Party in question provides the requested confirmation, forms, documentation or other information.

14 Increased Costs

14.1 Increased Costs

- (a) Subject to clause 14.3 (*Exceptions*), the Borrower shall, within four (4) Business Days of a demand by the Facility Agent, pay for the account of a Finance Party the amount of any Increased Costs incurred by that Finance Party or any of its Affiliates which:
- (i) arises as a result of (i) the introduction of or any change in (or in the interpretation, administration or application of) any law or regulation or (ii) compliance with any law or regulation in either case made after the date of this Agreement; and/or
 - (ii) is a Basel 3 Increased Cost (to the extent the same could not be reasonably determined on or before the date of this Agreement).

The terms **law** and **regulation** in this clause (a) shall include, without limitation, any law or regulation concerning capital adequacy, prudential limits, liquidity, reserve assets or Tax.

- (b) In this Agreement **Increased Costs** means:
- (i) a reduction in the rate of return from the Facility or on a Finance Party's (or its Affiliate's) overall capital;
 - (ii) an additional or increased cost;
 - (iii) a reduction of any amount due and payable under any Finance Document; or
 - (iv) without limitation, any costs incurred as a result of any reduction in the rate of return on capital required as a result of more capital being required to be allocated by a Finance Party,

which is incurred or suffered by a Finance Party or any of its Affiliates to the extent that it is attributable to that Finance Party having entered into its Commitment or funding or performing its obligations under any Finance Document.

14.2 Increased Cost claims

- (a) A Finance Party intending to make a claim pursuant to clause 14.1 (*Increased Costs*) shall notify the Facility Agent of the event giving rise to the claim, following which the Facility Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower.
- (b) Each Finance Party shall, promptly after a demand by the Facility Agent provide a certificate setting forth the basis of the computation of the amount of its Increased Costs (but not including any matters which such Finance Party or its holding company regards as confidential to the Facility Agent).

14.3 Exceptions

- (a) Clause 14.1 (*Increased Costs*) does not apply to the extent any Increased Cost is:
- (i) attributable to a Tax Deduction required by law to be made by an Obligor;
 - (ii) compensated for by clause 13.3 (*Tax indemnity*) (or would have been compensated for under clause 13.3 (*Tax indemnity*) but was not so compensated solely because any of the exclusions in clause 13.3(b) applied);

- (iii) attributable to the wilful breach or gross negligence by the relevant Finance Party or its Affiliates of any law or regulation;
 - (iv) compensated for by the payment of the Mandatory Cost;
 - (v) attributable to a change in the rate of tax on the overall net income of any Finance Party (or parent company of it);
 - (vi) attributable to the implementation or application of or compliance with any Basel 2 Regulation published as at the date falling six (6) months prior to the date of this Agreement; or
 - (vii) attributable to a FATCA Deduction required to be made by a Party.
- (b) In this clause 14.3, a reference to a **Tax Deduction** has the same meaning given to the term in clause 13.1 (*Definitions*).

15 Other indemnities

15.1 Currency indemnity

- (a) If any sum due from an Obligor under the Finance Documents (a **Sum**), or any order, judgment or award given or made in relation to a Sum, has to be converted from the currency (the **First Currency**) in which that Sum is payable into another currency (the **Second Currency**) for the purpose of:
- (i) making or filing a claim or proof against that Obligor; and/or
 - (ii) obtaining or enforcing an order, judgment or award in relation to any litigation or arbitration proceedings,
- that Obligor shall, as an independent obligation, within four (4) Business Days of demand by a Finance Party, indemnify each Finance Party to whom that Sum is due against any Losses arising out of or as a result of the conversion including any discrepancy between (i) the rate of exchange used to convert that Sum from the First Currency into the Second Currency and (ii) the rate or rates of exchange available to that person at the time of its receipt of that Sum.
- (b) Each Obligor waives any right it may have in any jurisdiction to pay any amount under the Finance Documents in a currency or currency unit other than that in which it is expressed to be payable.

15.2 Other indemnities

The Borrower shall (or shall procure that another Obligor will), within four (4) Business Days of demand by a Finance Party, indemnify each Finance Party against all Losses incurred by that Finance Party as a result of:

- (a) the occurrence of any Event of Default;
- (b) a failure by an Obligor to pay any amount due under a Finance Document on its due date, including without limitation, all Losses arising as a result of clause 39 (*Sharing among the Finance Parties*);
- (c) funding, or making arrangements to fund, its participation in a Loan requested by the Borrower in a Utilisation Request but not made by reason of the operation of any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement (other than by reason of default or negligence by that Finance Party alone);
- (d) a Loan (or part of a Loan) not being prepaid in accordance with a notice of prepayment given by the Borrower;
- (e) any information provided by the Borrower under or pursuant to this Agreement and/or any Finance Document being misleading or deceptive; or
- (f) any enquiry, investigation, subpoena or similar order or litigation with respect of any Obligor.

15.3 Indemnity to the Facility Agent and the Security Agent

The Borrower shall promptly indemnify the Facility Agent and the Security Agent against all Losses incurred by the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent (each acting reasonably) as a result of:

- (a) investigating any event which it reasonably believes is a Default;
- (b) acting or relying on any notice, request or instruction which it reasonably believes to be genuine, correct and appropriately authorised; or
- (c) any action or omission taken by the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent or any of their representatives, agents or contractors in connection with any powers conferred by any Security Document to remedy any breach of any Obligor's obligations under the Finance Documents.

15.4 Indemnity concerning security

- (a) The Borrower shall (or shall procure that another Obligor will) promptly indemnify each Indemnified Person against all Losses incurred by it in connection with:

- (i) the taking, holding, protection or enforcement of the Security Documents;
 - (ii) the exercise or purported exercise of any of the rights, powers, discretions and remedies vested in the Security Agent and each Receiver by the Finance Documents or by law unless and to the extent that it was caused by its gross negligence or wilful misconduct;
 - (iii) any action or omission taken or committed by the Facility Agent under or in connection with any Finance Document, or any insurance policy, unless directly caused by its gross negligence or wilful misconduct;
 - (iv) any claim (whether relating to the environment or otherwise) made or asserted against the Indemnified Person which would not have arisen but for the execution or enforcement of one or more Finance Documents; or
 - (v) any breach by any Obligor of the Finance Documents.
- (b) The Security Agent may, in priority to any payment to the other Finance Parties, indemnify itself out of the Trust Property in respect of, and pay and retain, all sums necessary to give effect to the indemnity in this clause 15.4 and shall have a lien on the Security Documents and the proceeds of the enforcement of those Security Documents for all monies payable to it.

15.5 General operating indemnity

- (a) The Borrower hereby agrees at all times to pay promptly or, as the case may be, indemnify each Indemnified Person against all Losses incurred by it:
- (i) arising directly or indirectly out of or in any way connected with the purchase, refurbishment, conversion, manufacture, construction, installation, transportation, ownership, possession, performance, management, sale, import to or export from any jurisdiction, control, use or operation, registration, navigation, certification, classification, management, manning, provisioning, the provision of bunkers and lubricating oils, testing, design, condition, acceptance, chartering, sub-leasing, insurance, maintenance, repair, service, modification, refurbishment, dry-docking, survey, overhaul, replacement, removal, repossession, return, redelivery, sale or disposal of the Vessel (or any part thereof) or the Mooring (or any part thereof), whether or not such Losses may be attributable to any defect in the Vessel (or any part thereof) or the Mooring (or any part thereof) or to the design, construction or use thereof or from any maintenance, service, repair, overhaul, inspection or to any other reason whatsoever (whether similar to any of the foregoing or not), and regardless of when the same shall arise (whether prior to, during or after termination of this Agreement) and whether or not the Vessel or the Mooring (or any part thereof) is in the possession or control of the Borrower, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway or the Charterer or any other person;
 - (ii) as a consequence of any claim that any design, article or material in the Vessel (or any part thereof) or the Mooring (or any part thereof) or any part thereof or relating thereto or the operation or use thereof constitutes an infringement of patent, copyright, design or other proprietary right;
 - (iii) in preventing or attempting to prevent the arrest, confiscation, seizure, taking in execution, requisition, impounding, forfeiture or detention of the Vessel (or any part thereof) or the Mooring (or any part thereof) or in securing or attempting to secure the release of the Vessel (or any part thereof) or the Mooring (or any part thereof);
 - (iv) as a consequence (direct or indirect) of the breach by any person (other than the Indemnified Persons) of any of their respective obligations under this Agreement or any of the Finance Documents or of any of the warranties and representations on the part of any person (other than the Indemnified Persons) made in this Agreement or in any of the Finance Documents being untrue or inaccurate in any respect whatsoever when made.
- (b) The Borrower hereby agrees at all times to pay promptly or, as the case may be, indemnify each Indemnified Person against any costs and expenses incurred by the Indemnified Persons in connection with the sale of the Vessel (or any part thereof) and/or the Mooring (or any part thereof) (including, without limitation, broker's commissions, redelivery costs (if any), marketing expenses, legal costs, storage, insurance, registration fees and any other expenses of the Indemnified Persons incurred pending the sale or disposal of the Vessel (or any part thereof) and/or the Mooring (or any part thereof) or otherwise in connection with the sale or disposal of the Vessel (or any part thereof) and/or the Mooring (or any part thereof)).
- (c) The indemnities contained in this clause 15.5 (*General operating indemnity*) shall not extend to any claim or liability of a Finance Party to the extent that such claim or liability:
- (i) arises as a direct consequence of the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of that Finance Party;
 - (ii) is caused by any failure on the part of that Finance Party to comply with any of its express obligations under any of the Finance Documents to which that Finance Party is a party (but excluding any such breach or failure that arises as a result of the failure of a party to such Finance Document (other than that Finance Party) duly and punctually to perform its obligations);
 - (iii) represents any loss of future income or profits (other than to the extent the same comprises, consists or is derived from interest or the margin thereon or any Increased Costs);
 - (iv) in respect of which that Finance Party is expressly and specifically indemnified and has received and is entitled to retain such indemnity under any other provision of the Finance Documents.

15.6 Environmental indemnity

Without prejudice to the provisions of clause 15.5, the Borrower shall indemnify the Indemnified Persons and each of them on demand and

hold the Indemnified Persons and each of them harmless from and against all costs, expenses, payments, charges, Losses, demands, liabilities, actions, proceedings (whether civil or criminal), penalties, fines, damages, judgments, orders, sanctions or other outgoings of whatever nature which may be suffered, incurred or paid by, or made or asserted against the Indemnified Persons or any of them at any time, whether before or after the repayment in full of principal and interest under this Agreement, relating to, or arising directly or indirectly in any manner or for any cause or reason whatsoever out of an Environmental Claim in respect of any Obligor or the Vessel or the Mooring made or asserted against the Indemnified Persons or any of them if such Environmental Claim would not have been, or been capable of being, made or asserted against the Indemnified Persons if they had not entered into this Agreement or any of the Finance Documents and/or exercised any of their rights, powers and discretions thereby conferred and/or performed any of their obligations thereunder and/or been involved in any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Finance Documents.

15.7 Continuation of indemnities

The indemnities of the Borrower in favour of the Indemnified Persons contained in this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding any breach by any Finance Party or the Borrower of the terms of this Agreement, the repayment or prepayment of a Loan, the cancellation of the Total Commitments or the repudiation by the Facility Agent or the Borrower of this Agreement.

15.8 Third Parties Act

Each Indemnified Person may rely on the terms of clause 15.4 (*Indemnity concerning security*) and clause 13 (*Tax gross-up and indemnities*) and 15.9 (*Interest*) insofar as it relates to interest on any amount demanded by that Indemnified Person under clause 15.4 (*Indemnity concerning security*), subject to clause 1.3 (*Third party rights*) and the provisions of the Third Parties Act.

15.9 Interest

Moneys becoming due by the Borrower to any Indemnified Person under the indemnities contained in this clause 15 or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be paid on demand made by such Indemnified Person and shall be paid together with interest on the sum demanded from the date of demand therefore to the date of reimbursement by the Borrower to such Indemnified Person (both before and after judgment) at the rate referred to in clause 8.3 (*Default interest*).

15.10 Exclusion of liability

No Indemnified Person will be in any way liable or responsible to any Obligor (whether as mortgagee in possession or otherwise) who is a Party or is a party to a Finance Document to which this clause applies for any loss or liability arising from any act, default, omission or misconduct of that Indemnified Person, except to the extent caused by its own gross negligence or wilful misconduct. Any Indemnified Person may rely on this clause 15.10 subject to clause 1.3 (*Third party rights*) and the provisions of the Third Parties Act.

15.11 Fax and email indemnity

The Borrower shall indemnify each Finance Party against all Losses together with any Indirect Tax thereon which any of the Finance Parties may sustain or incur as a consequence of any fax or email communication purporting to originate from the Borrower to the Facility Agent or the Security Agent being made or delivered fraudulently or without proper authorisation (unless such Losses are the direct result of the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the relevant Finance Party or the Facility Agent or the Security Agent).

15.12 Survival

The provisions of this clause 15 shall survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

16 Mitigation by the Lenders

16.1 Mitigation

- (a) Each Finance Party shall, in consultation with the Borrower, take all reasonable steps to mitigate any circumstances which arise and which would result in any amount becoming payable under or pursuant to, or cancelled pursuant to, any of clause 7.1 (*Illegality*), clause 13 (*Tax gross-up and indemnities*) or clause 14 (*Increased Costs*) or paragraph 3 of Schedule 5 (*Mandatory Cost formulae*) including (but not limited to) transferring its rights and obligations under the Finance Documents to another Affiliate or Facility Office.
- (b) Clause (a) does not in any way limit the obligations of any Obligor under the Finance Documents.

16.2 Limitation of liability

- (a) The Borrower shall indemnify each Finance Party for all costs and expenses incurred by that Finance Party as a result of steps taken by it under clause 16.1 (*Mitigation*) which are notified to the Borrower.
- (b) No Finance Party is obliged to take any steps under clause 16.1 (*Mitigation*) if, in the opinion of that Finance Party (acting reasonably), to do so might be prejudicial to it.

17 Costs and expenses

17.1 Transaction expenses

- (a) The Borrower shall promptly within five (5) Business Days of demand pay the Facility Agent, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank and the Security Agent the amount of all costs and expenses (including fees, costs and expenses of legal advisers and insurance,

technical and other consultants and advisers) reasonably incurred by any of them (and by any Receiver) in connection with the negotiation, preparation, printing, execution, syndication, registration and perfection and any release, discharge or reassignment of:

- (i) this Agreement and any other documents referred to in this Agreement and the Original Security Documents;
 - (ii) any other Finance Documents executed or proposed to be executed after the date of this Agreement; and/or
 - (iii) any Security Interest expressed or intended to be granted by a Finance Document.
- (b) The Facility Agent shall be entitled to withhold from the amount of a Loan made available to the Borrower an amount representing the costs and expenses referred to in clause (a) (to the extent that such costs and expenses have been notified to the Facility Agent and the Borrower (and the Borrower has agreed the amount of such costs and expenses (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) prior to the date of the Loan).

17.2 Amendment costs

If an Obligor requests an amendment, waiver or consent, the Borrower shall, within four (4) Business Days of demand by the Facility Agent, reimburse the Facility Agent for the amount of all costs and expenses (including fees, costs and expenses of legal advisers and insurance and other consultants and advisers) reasonably incurred by the Facility Agent and the Security Agent (and by any Receiver) in responding to, evaluating, negotiating or complying with that request or requirement.

17.3 Enforcement, preservation and other costs

The Borrower shall on demand by a Finance Party, pay to each Finance Party the amount of all costs and expenses (including fees, costs and expenses of legal advisers and insurance and other consultants and advisers) incurred by that Finance Party in connection with the enforcement of, or the preservation of any rights under, any Finance Document and any proceedings initiated by or against any Indemnified Person and as a consequence of holding the Charged Property or enforcing those rights.

SECTION 7 - REPRESENTATIONS, UNDERTAKINGS AND EVENTS OF DEFAULT

18 Representations

The Borrower makes and repeats the representations and warranties set out in this clause 18 to each Finance Party at the times specified in clause 18.42 (*Times when representations are made*).

Each of the Sponsors (each for themselves only and not in respect of any other Obligor) makes and repeats the representations and warranties set out in this clause 18 to each Finance Party at the times specified in clause 18.42 (*Times when representations are made*).

Each of the Pre-Completion Guarantor (up to the later of (a) the Guarantee Release Date and (b) the final date of the Performance Period) and the Final Repayment Guarantor (each for themselves only and not in respect of any other Obligor) makes and repeats the representations and warranties set out in this clause 18 to each Finance Party at the times specified in clause 18.42 (*Times when representations are made*).

18.1 Status

- (a) Each Obligor is duly incorporated and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation as a limited liability company or corporation and has no centre of main interests, permanent establishment outside the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated.
- (b) Each Obligor has power and authority to carry on its business as it is now being conducted and to own its property and other assets.

18.2 Binding obligations

Subject to any applicable Legal Reservation, the obligations expressed to be assumed by each Obligor in each Transaction Document to which it is, or is to be, a party are or, when entered into by it, will be legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligations and each Security Document to which an Obligor is, or will be, a party, creates or will create the Security Interests which that Security Document purports to create and those Security Interests are or will be valid and effective.

18.3 Power and authority

- (a) Each Obligor has power to enter into, perform and deliver and comply with its obligations under, and has taken all necessary action to authorise its entry into, each Transaction Document and the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents to which it is or will be a party.
- (b) No limitation on any Obligor's powers to borrow, create security or give guarantees will be exceeded as a result of any transaction under, or the entry into of, any Transaction Document to which such Obligor is, or is to be, a party.

18.4 Non-conflict

The entry into and performance by each Obligor of, and the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents and the granting of the Security Interests purported to be created by the Security Documents do not and will not conflict with:

- (a) subject to any applicable Legal Reservation, any law or regulation applicable to any Obligor;

- (b) the constitutional documents of any Obligor; or
- (c) any agreement or other instrument binding upon the Borrower or its assets or constitute a default or termination event (however described) under any such agreement or instrument;
- (d) any agreement or other instrument binding upon any Obligor (other than the Borrower) or its assets or constitute a default or termination event (however described) under any such agreement or instrument which would have a Material Adverse Effect, or result in the creation of any Security Interest (save for a Permitted Maritime Lien or under a Security Document) on any of its assets, rights or revenues.

18.5 Validity and admissibility in evidence

- (a) All Consents required or desirable (in connection with the Project and/or the Vessel and/or the Mooring or otherwise):
 - (i) to enable each Obligor lawfully to enter into, exercise its rights and comply with its obligations under each Transaction Document to which it is a party;
 - (ii) to make each Transaction Document to which it is a party admissible in evidence in its Relevant Jurisdiction; and
 - (iii) to ensure that each of the Security Interests created under the Security Documents has the priority and ranking contemplated by them,have been obtained or effected and are in full force and effect except any authorisation or filing referred to in clause 18.12 (*No filing, stamp taxes or announcements*), which authorisation or filing will be promptly obtained or effected within any applicable period.
- (b) All Consents necessary for the conduct of the business, trade and ordinary activities of each Obligor have been obtained or effected and are in full force and effect.

18.6 Governing law and enforcement

- (a) Subject to any applicable Legal Reservation, the choice of English law or any other applicable law as the governing law of any Transaction Document will be recognised and enforced in each Obligor's Relevant Jurisdiction.
- (b) Subject to any applicable Legal Reservation, any judgment obtained in England in relation to an Obligor will be recognised and enforced in the relevant Obligor's Relevant Jurisdictions.

18.7 Information

- (a) Any Information is true and accurate in all material respects at the time it was given or made.
- (b) At the time the Information is given, there are no facts or circumstances or any other information which could make the Information incomplete, untrue, inaccurate or misleading in any material respect.
- (c) At the time the Information is given, the Information does not omit anything which could make the Information incomplete, untrue, inaccurate or misleading in any material respect.
- (d) All opinions, projections, forecasts, estimates or expressions of intention contained in the Information and the assumptions on which they are based have been arrived at after due and careful enquiry and consideration and were believed to be reasonable by the person who provided that Information as at the date it was given or made.
- (e) For the purposes of this clause 18.7, **Information** means: any information provided by any Obligor to any of the Finance Parties in connection with the Transaction Documents or the transactions referred to in them, excluding any Information concerning any third party (which is not a member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group) which was received and provided by the Borrower in good faith and to the best of its knowledge and belief.

18.8 Original Financial Statements

- (a) The Original Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with applicable GAAP consistently applied.
- (b) The audited Original Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower and the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and Final Repayment Guarantor Group (consolidated in the case of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and Final Repayment Guarantor Group) during the relevant financial year.
- (c) There has been no material adverse change in the assets, business or financial condition of the Borrower (or the assets, business or consolidated financial condition of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and Final Repayment Guarantor Group) since the date of the Original Financial Statements.

18.9 Pari passu ranking

Each Obligor's payment obligations under the Finance Documents rank at least pari passu with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated payment obligations, except for obligations mandatorily preferred by law applying to companies generally.

18.10 Ranking and effectiveness of security

Subject to any applicable Legal Reservation and any filing, registration or notice requirements which is referred to in any legal opinion delivered to the Facility Agent under clause 4.1 (*Initial conditions precedent*), the security created by the Security Documents has (or will have when the Security Documents have been executed) the priority which it is expressed to have in the Security Documents, the Charged Property is not subject to any Security Interest other than Permitted Security Interests and such security will constitute perfected security on the assets described in the Security Documents.

18.11 No insolvency

No corporate action, legal proceeding or other procedure or step described in clause 31.8 (*Insolvency proceedings*) or creditors' process described in clause 31.9 (*Creditors' process*) has been taken or, to the knowledge of any Obligor, threatened in relation to any Obligor and none of the circumstances described in clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) applies to any Obligor and/or either of the Sponsors or any Transaction Document to which it is, or is to be, party.

18.12 No filing, stamp taxes or announcements

Under the laws of each Obligor's Relevant Jurisdictions it is not necessary that any Transaction Document to which it is, or is to be, party be filed, recorded or enrolled with any court or other authority in that jurisdiction or that any stamp, registration, notarial or similar Taxes or fees be paid on or in relation to any such Transaction Document or the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents except any filing, recording or enrolling or any tax or fee payable in relation to any Transaction Document which is referred to in any legal opinion delivered to the Facility Agent under clause 4.1 (*Initial conditions precedent*) and which will be made or paid promptly after the date of the relevant Transaction Document.

18.13 Deduction of Tax

No Obligor is required to make any deduction for or on account of Tax from any payment it may make under any Finance Document and the Charterer is not required to make any such deduction from any payment it may make under the Charter.

18.14 No Default

- (a) No Default is continuing or is reasonably likely to result from the making of any Utilisation or the entry into, the performance of, or any transaction contemplated by, any Transaction Document.
- (b) No other event or circumstance is outstanding which constitutes (or, with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination of any of the foregoing, would constitute) a default or termination event (however described) under any other agreement or instrument which is binding on the Borrower or to which the Borrower's assets are subject.
- (c) No other event or circumstance is outstanding which constitutes (or, with the expiry of a grace period, the giving of notice, the making of any determination or any combination of any of the foregoing, would constitute) a default or termination event (however described) under any other agreement or instrument which is binding on any Obligor (other than the Borrower) or to which any Obligor's (other than the Borrower) assets are subject which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

18.15 No proceedings pending or threatened

No material litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings or investigations of, or before, any court, arbitral body or agency have (to the best of any Obligor's knowledge and belief) been started or threatened against any Obligor which, if adversely determined, would be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

18.16 No breach of laws

- (a) No Obligor has breached any law or regulation which would have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) No labour dispute is current or, to the best of any Obligor's knowledge and belief, threatened against any Obligor which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

18.17 Compliance with Consents

Every Consent (including without limitation all Environmental Licences) which is, at the relevant time required in connection with the conduct of its business and the ownership, operation, use, exploitation or occupation of its respective property and assets, the Project and/or the Vessel and/or the Mooring, has been obtained and is in full force and effect and there has been no default in the observance of the conditions and restrictions (if any) imposed in, or in connection with, any of the same which could result in the revocation, suspension, variation, withdrawal or non-renewal of the same and, to the knowledge of the officers of the Borrower and, in the case of the O&M Contractor, each Guarantor, no circumstances have arisen whereby any remedial action is reasonably likely to be required to be taken by, or at the expense of, the Borrower or the O&M Contractor under or pursuant to any law or regulation (including without limitation Environmental Law and Environmental Standards) applicable to the business, property or assets of the Borrower and/or the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway.

18.18 Taxation

- (a) No Obligor is materially overdue in the filing of any Tax returns or overdue in the payment of any amount in respect of Tax due and payable by it unless, in respect of the Sponsors and only to the extent that:

- (i) such payment is being contested in good faith;
 - (ii) adequate reserves are being maintained for those Taxes and the costs required to contest them have been disclosed in its latest Financial Statements delivered to the Facility Agent under clause 19.1 (*Financial statements*);
 - (iii) such payment can be lawfully withheld; and
 - (iv) failure to pay those Taxes does not have and is not reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) No claims or investigations are being, or is reasonably likely to be, made or conducted against any Obligor with respect to Taxes such that a liability of, or claim against, any Obligor is reasonably likely to arise for an amount for which adequate reserves have not been provided in the Original Financial Statements and which would have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) Each Obligor is resident for Tax purposes only in the jurisdiction of its incorporation.

18.19 Security and Financial Indebtedness

- (a) No Security Interest exists over all or any of the present or future assets of any Obligor in breach of this Agreement.
- (b) The Borrower does not have any Financial Indebtedness outstanding in breach of this Agreement.

18.20 Legal and beneficial ownership

Each Obligor is the sole legal and beneficial owner of the respective assets over which it purports to grant a Security Interest under the Security Documents.

18.21 Shares

- (a) The shares of the Borrower are fully paid and not subject to any Security Interest (other than pursuant to the Security Documents), any option to purchase or similar rights. The Constitutional Documents of the Borrower do not and could not restrict or inhibit any transfer of those shares on creation or enforcement of the Security Documents. There are no agreements in force which provide for the issue or allotment of, or grant any person the right to call for the issue or allotment of, any share or loan capital of the Borrower (including any option or right of pre-emption or conversion).
- (b) The Sponsors and/or the Pre-Completion Guarantor directly or indirectly, legally and beneficially, own (and will, throughout the Facility Period, continue to directly or indirectly, legally and beneficially, own) one hundred per cent. (100%) of the shares in the Borrower and, throughout the Facility Period, the Sponsors and/or the Pre-Completion Guarantor will maintain the Borrower as a special purpose company for the purposes of the Project.
- (c) PSU directly legally and beneficially owns 51% of the shares in the Borrower and the Final Repayment Guarantor indirectly legally and beneficially owns 49% of the shares in the Borrower (and each of PSU and the Final Repayment Guarantor will, throughout the Facility Period, continue to directly legally and beneficially own the shares in the Borrower and the Final Repayment Guarantor will retain management control over the Borrower throughout the Facility Period).
- (d) The Pre-Completion Guarantor will retain management control over the Final Repayment Guarantor throughout the Facility Period.

18.22 Accounting Reference Date

The accounting reference date of each Obligor is the relevant Accounting Reference Date.

18.23 Copies of documents

The copies of the Project Agreements and the Constitutional Documents of the Obligors delivered to the Facility Agent under clause 4 (*Conditions of Utilisation*) will be true, complete and accurate copies of such documents and include all amendments and supplements to them as at the time of such delivery and no other agreements or arrangements exist between any of the parties to any Project Agreement which would materially affect the transactions or arrangements contemplated by any Project Agreement or modify or release the obligations of any party under that Project Agreement.

18.24 No breach of any Project Agreement

No Obligor nor (so far as the Obligors are aware) any other person (including, but not limited to, the Charterer) is in material breach of any Project Agreement to which it is a party nor has anything occurred which entitles or may entitle any party to any Project Agreement to rescind or terminate it or decline to perform their obligations under it.

18.25 Conversion Contract Documents and Mooring Documents

The Builder and any Mooring supplier has been fully paid the total price payable under the Conversion Contract Documents and/or the Mooring Documents and neither has outstanding claims against any Obligor and/or the Vessel or the Mooring in respect of the Conversion Contract Documents and/or the Mooring in respect of the Mooring Documents.

18.26 No immunity

No Obligor or any of its assets is immune to any legal action or proceeding.

18.27 Vessel status

The Vessel is registered in the name of the Borrower through the Registry as a ship (or other applicable category of vessel or installation) under the laws and flag of the Flag State.

18.28 Vessel's employment

The Vessel shall on Final Acceptance:

- (a) have been delivered, and accepted for service, under the Charter;
- (b) be free of any other charter commitment which, if entered into after that date, would require approval under the Finance Documents;
- (c) be operationally seaworthy and in every way fit for service for the purposes of the Charter;
- (d) be classed with the relevant Classification free of all overdue conditions and recommendations of the relevant Classification Society which have not expired; and
- (e) be insured in the manner required by the Finance Documents.

18.29 Mooring

The Mooring shall on Final Acceptance:

- (a) have been delivered, and accepted for service, under the Charter and the Mooring Terms (as defined in the Charter);
- (b) be free of any other charter commitment which, if entered into after that date, would require approval under the Finance Documents;
- (c) be in every way fit for service for the purposes of the Charter; and
- (d) be insured in the manner required by the Finance Documents.

18.30 Address commission

There are no rebates, commissions or other payments in connection with the Project Agreements.

18.31 Earnings

There is no agreement or arrangement whereby the Earnings may be shared with any other person (other than in respect of the Operating Cost Element, which may be shared with and/or paid to the O&M Contractor).

18.32 Environmental matters

- (a) Each Obligor and the Vessel and the Mooring are in compliance with all relevant Environmental Laws and Environmental Standards applicable to the Vessel, the Mooring and the Project (and no Environmental Law or any of the Environmental Standards applicable to the Vessel and/or the Mooring and/or any Obligor has been breached).
- (b) All consents, licences and approvals required under such Environmental Laws and Environmental Standards have been obtained and are currently in force.
- (c) No Environmental Claim has been made or threatened or is pending against the Vessel, the Mooring or any of the Obligors in relation to the Vessel, the Mooring or the Project and the Borrower has no reason to believe that any Obligor has or is likely to have any liability in relation to Environmental Claims in relation to the Vessel, the Mooring or the Project.

18.33 No Pollutants

No Pollutant has at any time been (a) deposited or disposed of in the Environment by the Borrower or, to the best of the Borrower's knowledge and belief, the Charterer or Golar Management Norway or the O&M Contractor or by or from the Vessel or the Mooring or otherwise in connection with the Project or (b) kept, treated, imported, exported, processed, manufactured, used, collected, sorted or produced in the Environment by any Obligor or the Charterer or by or from the Vessel or the Mooring or otherwise in connection with the Project and no Pollutant is present in the Environment, in each case in circumstances which are likely to result in an Environmental Claim against any Obligor or the Vessel or the Mooring.

18.34 Details of environmental audits

Full details have been given to the Facility Agent of any third party inspections, investigations, studies (including internal studies in relation to specific environmental risks), audits, tests, reviews or other analyses of which the Borrower is aware and to which the Borrower has access in relation to environmental matters relating to the Borrower, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway and/or the Vessel and/or the Mooring and of all Consents required by the Borrower, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway and/or the Vessel and/or the Mooring as at the relevant time of which the Borrower is aware and details of which have been provided by the Charterer, the Borrower, the O&M

Contractor or Golar Management Norway or otherwise for the purposes of the Charter, the O&M Contract, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and/or the Project.

18.35 No obligations or assets

The Borrower has not undertaken, incurred or assumed any obligation or liability whatsoever which is outstanding including, without limitation, any obligation or liability for Financial Indebtedness which is still continuing other than:

- (a) liabilities to Golar Singapore and Golar Khannur in respect of any Sponsor Loan Agreement which liabilities are or will be (as the case may be) regulated by a Subordination Deed;
- (b) Charter Liabilities and liabilities under the other Transaction Documents;
- (c) liabilities in respect of corporate filings, returns, accounting and Taxes due in the ordinary course of its business;
- (d) liabilities pursuant to the terms of the Hedging Contracts; and
- (e) liabilities arising under any law or regulation in a Relevant Jurisdiction,

and it does not own, and is not beneficially entitled to, any assets, rights or revenues except for (i) its rights, obligations and liabilities under and pursuant to this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is party, (ii) the Vessel, (iii) the Mooring and (iv) the Borrower Assigned Property.

18.36 Other business

The Borrower is not currently involved in any business whatsoever, other than as contemplated by the Transaction Documents and has not undertaken any other business which is still continuing.

18.37 Subsidiaries and minority interest

The Borrower has no Subsidiaries and holds no share or stock in any corporate entity of any kind or in any partnership.

18.38 No Prohibited Payments

To the best of its knowledge, no Prohibited Payment has been made or provided, directly or indirectly, by (or on behalf of) it, any of its Affiliates, its officers, directors or any other person acting on its behalf to, or for the benefit of, any Authority (or any official, officer, director, agent or key employee of, or other person with management responsibilities in, any Authority) in connection with any Finance Document.

18.39 No funds of illicit origin

None of the sources of funds to be used by it in connection with any Finance Document or its business are of illicit origin.

18.40 Sanctions

- (a) No Loan will be used by any Obligor or any member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group:
 - (i) directly, to finance equipment or sectors under embargo decisions of the United Nations or the World Bank; or
 - (ii) in breach of any Sanctions.
- (b) Neither the Borrower nor the Sponsors (or either of them) nor the Guarantors (or either of them) is a Restricted Party or has received notice of or is aware of, having undertaken all reasonable enquiries, any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation against it with respect to Sanctions by any Sanctions Authority.

18.41 No adverse consequences

- (a) It is not necessary under the laws of the Relevant Jurisdictions of any Obligor:
 - (i) in order to enable any Finance Party to enforce its rights under any Finance Document; or
 - (ii) by reason of the execution of any Finance Document or the performance by any Obligor of its obligations under any Finance Document,

that any Finance Party should be licensed, qualified or otherwise entitled to carry on business in any of such Relevant Jurisdictions.

18.42 Times when representations are made

- (a) All of the representations and warranties set out in this clause 18 (other than Vessel Representations and clause 18.40 (*Sanctions*)) are deemed to be repeated on the dates of:
 - (i) this Agreement;

- (ii) the first Utilisation Request; and
- (iii) the first Utilisation.
- (b) The Repeating Representations are deemed to be repeated on the dates of each subsequent Utilisation Request and on the first day of each Interest Period.
- (c) The Vessel Representations are deemed to be made and repeated on the first day of the Mortgage Period and on Final Acceptance.
- (d) Each representation or warranty deemed to be made after the date of this Agreement shall be deemed to be made by reference to the facts and circumstances then existing at the date the representation or warranty is deemed to be made.

19 Information undertakings

The undertakings in this clause 19 remain in force during the Facility Period provided that on the later of (a) the Guarantee Release Date and (b) the final date of the Performance Period the obligations of the Pre-Completion Guarantor under this clause 19 shall cease.

In this clause 19:

Annual Financial Statement means the financial statements for a financial year of the Borrower and the consolidated accounts of each of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group delivered pursuant to clause 19.1(a) and, if provided, the Charterer pursuant to clause 19.1(b).

Semi-annual Financial Statement means the financial statements for a financial half year of the Borrower and the consolidated financial statements for a financial half year of each of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group delivered pursuant to clause 19.1(c).

19.1 Financial statements

- (a) The Borrower shall supply to the Facility Agent as soon as the same become available, but in any event within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the end of each of its financial years:
 - (i) the audited consolidated financial statements of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group for that financial year; and
 - (ii) the audited financial statements of the Borrower for that financial year.
- (b) The Borrower shall use its reasonable endeavours to supply to the Facility Agent as soon as the same become available the audited financial statements (consolidated if appropriate) of the Charterer for that financial year together with any information concerning the Charterer which the Lenders may reasonably require.
- (c) The Borrower shall supply to the Facility Agent as soon as the same become available, but in any event within ninety (90) days after the end of each financial half year of each of its financial years the unaudited financial statements of the Borrower and the unaudited consolidated financial statements of each of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group for that financial half year.

19.2 Provision and contents of Compliance Certificate

- (a) The Borrower shall supply a Compliance Certificate to the Facility Agent with each set of the Borrower's Semi-Annual Financial Statements and each set of the Borrower's Annual Financial Statements.
- (b) Each Guarantor shall supply to the Facility Agent:
 - (i) together with each set of that Guarantor's Semi-Annual Financial Statements, a Compliance Certificate (each a "**Semi-Annual Compliance Certificate**"); and
 - (ii) together with each set of that Guarantor's Annual Financial Statements, either:
 - (A) a revised Compliance Certificate, if there are material differences between such Annual Financial Statements and the most recent Semi-Annual Financial Statements of such Guarantor which would result in a change to the confirmations relating to the financial covenants in clause 20 (*Financial covenants*) made by such Guarantor in its most recent Semi-Annual Compliance Certificate; or
 - (B) a written confirmation that there are no material differences between such Annual Financial Statements and the most recent Semi-Annual Financial Statements of such Guarantor which would result in a change to the confirmations relating to the financial covenants in clause 20 (*Financial covenants*) made by such Guarantor in its most recent Semi-Annual Compliance Certificate.
- (c) Each Compliance Certificate shall, amongst other things, set out (in reasonable detail) computations as to compliance with clause 20 (*Financial covenants*).
- (d) Each Compliance Certificate shall be signed by the finance director or chief financial officer of the relevant Obligor or, in his absence,

by two (2) directors of the relevant Obligor.

19.3 Requirements as to financial statements

- (a) The Borrower shall procure that each set of Annual Financial Statements and Semi-annual Financial Statements includes a profit and loss account, a balance sheet and a cashflow statement and that, in addition:
 - (i) each set of Annual Financial Statements shall be audited by the Auditors; and
 - (ii) each set of Semi-annual Financial Statements includes an income statement and a cashflow forecast in respect of the Borrower and the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group relating to the six (6) month period commencing at the end of the relevant financial half year.
- (b) Each set of financial statements delivered pursuant to clause 19.1 (*Financial statements*) (other than 19.1(b)) shall:
 - (i) be prepared in accordance with applicable GAAP;
 - (ii) give a true and fair view of (in the case of Annual Financial Statements for any financial year), or fairly represent (in other cases), the financial condition and operations of the Borrower, the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group (as the case may be) as at the date as at which those financial statements were drawn up;
 - (iii) in the case of Annual Financial Statements, not be the subject of any qualification in the Auditors' opinion;
 - (iv) in the case of Annual Financial Statements (and the Semi-annual Financial Statements of the Borrower, the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group), be in English.
- (c) The Borrower shall procure that each set of financial statements delivered pursuant to clauses 19.1(a) and 19.1(c) shall be prepared using applicable GAAP, accounting practices and financial reference periods consistent with those applied in the preparation of the Original Financial Statements, unless, in relation to any set of financial statements, the Borrower notifies the Facility Agent that there has been a change in applicable GAAP or the accounting practices. In such event, the Facility Agent may request the Borrower to provide clarifications or deliver to the Facility Agent sufficient information to enable the Facility Agent to determine whether clause 20 (*Financial covenants*) has been complied with.
- (d) Any reference in this Agreement to any financial statements shall be construed as a reference to those financial statements as adjusted to reflect the basis upon which the Original Financial Statements were prepared.

19.4 Year-end

The Borrower shall procure that each financial year-end of each Obligor falls on the relevant Accounting Reference Date.

19.5 Information: miscellaneous

The Borrower shall supply to the Facility Agent:

- (a) at the same time as they are dispatched:
 - (i) copies of all documents dispatched by either of the Guarantors to its shareholders generally (or any class of them) (in relation to extraordinary matters (unless details of such matters have been published on either Guarantors' respective websites));
 - (ii) copies of all documents dispatched by either of the Guarantors or any Obligor to its creditors generally (or any class of them);
- (b) promptly upon becoming aware of them, (i) the details of any litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings which are current, threatened or pending against any Obligor, and which, if adversely determined, would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) any other claim, action, suit, proceedings or investigation against any of the Borrower, the Sponsors or the Guarantors with respect to Sanctions;
- (c) promptly, such information as the Facility Agent may reasonably require about the Charged Property and compliance of the Obligors with the terms of any Security Documents;
- (d) promptly, if any Obligor becomes a Restricted Party;
- (e) promptly, on request by the Facility Agent, any available drafts of the Annual Financial Statements and/or the Semi-annual Financial Statements (and if no draft is at that time available the Borrower shall not be obliged to supply the same unless and until a draft is available);
- (f) promptly on request, such further information regarding the financial condition, assets and operations of any Obligor as any Finance Party, through the Facility Agent, may reasonably request, except to the extent that disclosure of such information would breach any law, regulation or stock exchange requirement or listing rule;
- (g) together with each set of Semi-annual Financial Statements required to be provided by the Borrower pursuant to clause 19.1(c), semi-annual operating reports detailing operating uptime and down time for scheduled and unscheduled maintenance of the Vessel during that period; and

- (h) promptly following any changes to the authorised signatories of the Borrower in relation to any of the Project Accounts and/or a Utilisation Request, notice of such changes in the form of a certificate signed by a director or company secretary of the Borrower together with specimen signatures of any new signatory.

19.6 Change in law

The Borrower shall, promptly upon becoming aware of the same, advise the Facility Agent upon any change in law or regulation which is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

19.7 Sufficient copies

The Borrower shall supply sufficient copies of each document to be supplied under the Finance Documents to the Facility Agent to distribute to each of the Lenders, and a document in electronic format shall be sufficient to satisfy this requirement provided that a single certified hard copy is provided to the Facility Agent if the relevant document is required to be provided in certified form.

19.8 “Know your customer” checks

- (a) Each Obligor shall promptly upon request by the Facility Agent or any Lender supply, or procure the supply of, such documentation and other evidence as is reasonably requested by the Facility Agent (for itself or on behalf of any Lender, including any prospective new Lender) in order for the Facility Agent, Lender or prospective new Lender to satisfy any “know your customer” or other similar checks under all applicable laws and regulations pursuant to the transactions contemplated in the Finance Documents.
- (b) Each Finance Party shall promptly upon the request of the Facility Agent or the Security Agent supply, or procure the supply of, such documentation and other evidence as is reasonably requested by the Facility Agent or the Security Agent (for itself) in order for it to carry out and be satisfied with the results of all necessary “know your customer” or other similar checks under all applicable laws and regulations pursuant to the transactions contemplated in the Finance Documents.

19.9 Notification of defaults

- (a) Each Guarantor shall promptly inform the Facility Agent or procure that the Borrower informs the Security Agent of:
 - (i) any material occurrence of which it becomes aware which might reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
 - (ii) any Default under this Agreement and any other default under the other Transaction Documents of which it becomes aware and will from time to time, if so requested by the Security Agent, confirm to the Security Agent in writing that, save as otherwise stated in such confirmation, no Default has occurred and is continuing.
- (b) The Borrower shall notify the Facility Agent of (a) any Default and/or (b) any material breach of the Charter and/or the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement by the Borrower, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway or the Charterer (and the steps, if any, being taken to remedy such Default or such breach) promptly upon any Obligor becoming aware that a notification has already been provided by another Obligor).

19.10 Original Charter

In the event that the Charter Period expiry date has not been extended from 31 December 2022 by any of the three (3) consecutive one-year extensions permitted pursuant to the Charter, by the date falling nine (9) months prior to the Final Maturity Date, the Borrower shall provide the Facility Agent with:

- (a) written monthly updates on the progress of the negotiations of such extension with the Charterer; and
- (b) monthly business strategy updates on potential chartering options being considered by the Borrower with other potential charterers in the event that negotiations of such extension with the Charterer are unsuccessful.

20 Financial covenants

The undertakings in this clause 20 remain in force during the Facility Period.

20.1 Borrower

The Borrower shall ensure that, at any time during the Facility Period, the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for any Relevant Period is not less than 1.10:1.

20.2 Pre-Completion Guarantor

The Pre-Completion Guarantor shall ensure that, at any time during the relevant financial testing period specified in clause 20.4 (*Financial testing*) below:

Free Liquid Assets

- (a) the aggregate value of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group’s Free Liquid Assets is not less than \$25,000,000; and

Working Capital

- (b) the ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (on a consolidated basis) shall be not less than

1:1; and

Net Worth

- (c) the Tangible Net Worth of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group shall be not less than \$250,000,000.

20.3 Final Repayment Guarantor

The Final Repayment Guarantor shall ensure that, at any time during the Facility Period:

Free Liquid Assets

- (a) the aggregate value of the Final Repayment Guarantor Group's Free Liquid Assets is not less than \$30,000,000; and

Guarantor Net Debt

- (b) the Guarantor Net Debt for any Relevant Period shall be less than 6.5 times the Final Repayment Guarantor Group's EBITDA.

Net Worth

- (c) the Tangible Net Worth of the Final Repayment Guarantor shall be not less than \$124,000,000.

20.4 Financial testing

The financial covenants set out in this clause 20 shall be calculated in accordance with applicable GAAP and tested by reference to (i) each of the Semi-Annual Financial Statements and (ii) subject to clause 19.2(a) each of the Annual Financial Statements and each Compliance Certificate delivered pursuant to clause 19.2 (*Provision and contents of Compliance Certificate*), in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement provided that the financial covenants in respect of the Pre-Completion Guarantor as set out clause 20.2 (*Pre-Completion Guarantor*) shall be tested up to the later of (a) the Guarantee Release Date and (b) the final date of the Performance Period.

21 General undertakings

The Borrower undertakes that this clause 21 will be complied with throughout the Facility Period.

Each of the Sponsors and the Guarantors further undertakes to comply with clauses 21.2 (*Authorisations*), 21.3 (*Pari passu*), 21.4 (*Compliance with laws*), 21.8 (*Further assurance*) and 21.10 (*Negative pledge in respect of Charged Property*) throughout the Facility Period provided that on the later of (a) the Guarantee Release Date and (b) the final date of the Performance Period the obligations of the Pre-Completion Guarantor under this clause 21 shall cease.

21.1 Use of proceeds

- (a) The proceeds of Utilisations will be used exclusively for the purposes specified in clause 3 (*Purpose*).
- (b) The Borrower shall not directly or indirectly (by authorising or procuring any person acting on its behalf to do so) use or permit to be used all or any part of the proceeds of the Facilities or lend, contribute or otherwise make available all or any part of the proceeds of the Facilities:
- (i) to any person, company or entity with the knowledge that such actions would be for the purpose or would have the effect, of financing the activities or business of any Restricted Party;
 - (ii) in any other manner that would reasonably be expected to result in the Borrower or any Lender being in breach of any Sanctions (if and to the extent applicable to any of them) or becoming a Restricted Party.
- (c) The Borrower will not use the proceeds of the Facility for any purpose which would breach the UK Bribery Act 2010, the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or other similar legislation in other jurisdictions, in each case as applicable to it.

21.2 Authorisations

Each Obligor will promptly:

- (a) obtain, comply with and do all that is necessary to maintain in full force and effect; and
- (b) supply certified copies to the Facility Agent of any Consent required under any law or regulation of a Relevant Jurisdiction to:
- (i) enable it to perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents;
 - (ii) ensure the legality, validity, enforceability or admissibility in evidence of any Transaction Document; and
 - (iii) carry on its business where failure to do so would have a Material Adverse Effect.

21.3 Pari passu

Each Obligor shall ensure that its payment obligations under this Agreement shall at all times rank at least pari passu with all its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness with the exception of any obligations which are mandatorily preferred by law and not by contract.

21.4 Compliance with laws

- (a) The Borrower, the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway will comply in all respects with all laws and regulations (including Environmental Laws and Environmental Standards) to which it may be subject.
- (b) The Borrower shall ensure that it is not designated as a Restricted Party.
- (c) The Borrower shall, and shall ensure that each of the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, conduct its businesses in compliance with the UK Bribery Act 2010 (to the extent that it is subject thereto) and any other anti-corruption law to which it is subject, if failure so to comply will or is reasonably likely to materially and adversely impair its ability to perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents.

21.5 Taxation

- (a) The Borrower shall pay and discharge all Tax imposed upon it or its assets within such time period as may be allowed by law without incurring penalties unless and only to the extent that:
 - (i) such payment is being contested in good faith;
 - (ii) adequate reserves are being maintained for those Tax and the costs required to contest them which have been disclosed in its latest financial statements delivered to the Facility Agent under clause 19.1 (*Financial statements*); and
 - (iii) such payment can be lawfully withheld.
- (b) The Borrower shall maintain its residence for Tax purposes in the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated and ensure that it is not resident for Tax purposes in any other jurisdiction.
- (c) The Borrower shall, promptly upon becoming aware of the same, notify the Facility Agent of the imposition or the proposed levy of any Tax (by withholding or otherwise) on any payment to be made by the Borrower or any other Obligor under this Agreement or any other Finance Document.

21.6 Change of business

No change will be made to the general nature of the business of the Obligors from that carried on at the date of this Agreement.

21.7 Merger

Except as approved by the Lenders, the Borrower will not enter into any amalgamation, demerger, merger, consolidation or corporate reconstruction.

21.8 Further assurance

- (a) Each Obligor shall promptly do all such acts or execute all such documents (including assignments, transfers, mortgages, charges, notices and instructions) as the Facility Agent may reasonably specify (and in such form as the Facility Agent may reasonably require in favour of the Security Agent or its nominee(s)):
 - (i) to perfect the Security Interests created or intended to be created by that Obligor under or evidenced by the Security Documents (which may include the execution of a mortgage, fiduciary, pledge, charge, assignment or other security over all or any of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Security Documents) or for the exercise of any rights, powers and remedies of the Security Agent or the Finance Parties provided by or pursuant to the Finance Documents or by law;
 - (ii) to confer on the Security Agent or on the Finance Parties Security Interests over any Charged Property of that Obligor located in any jurisdiction equivalent or similar to the Security Interest intended to be conferred by or pursuant to the Security Documents; and/or
 - (iii) after an Event of Default that is continuing, to facilitate the realisation of the assets which are, or are intended to be, the subject of the Security Documents.
- (b) Each Obligor shall take all such action as is available to it (including making all filings and registrations) as may be necessary for the purpose of the creation, perfection, protection or maintenance of any Security Interest conferred or intended to be conferred on the Security Agent or the Finance Parties by or pursuant to the Finance Documents including but not limited to:
 - (i) the registration of the Fiduciary Assignments with the Fiduciary Registration Registry (as evidenced by the issuance of fiduciary certificate) and shareholder register of the Borrower as relevant;
 - (ii) the registration of the Mortgage with the relevant vessel mortgage Registration Office as evidenced by issuance of mortgage vessel certificate;
 - (iii) to the extent applicable, the reporting of the execution and the filing of this Agreement with the Bank of Indonesia the Ministry of Finance and the Team for the Co-ordination of the Management of Offshore Commercial Loans;
 - (iv) the notices and acknowledgment required under the Fiduciary Assignments have been sent to and obtained from relevant counterparties; and

- (v) the payment of nominal stamp tax in the amount of Rp6,000 on the Finance Documents to which the Borrower or PSU is a party.
- (c) The Finance Documents are executed in the English language. The Parties confirm that they fully understand and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Finance Documents notwithstanding that the Finance Documents are prepared and executed in English.
- (d) In compliance with Law No. 24 of 2009 regarding National Flag, Language, Emblem and Anthem, the Borrower agrees, at its own cost, to translate and to ensure that the relevant Obligor executes:
 - (i) a Bahasa Indonesia version of the Transaction Documents listed in Part A of Schedule 12 (*List of Translated Documents*) to this Agreement (to which an Indonesian entity is a party) in the agreed form within 180 days after the date of the respective Transaction Documents or any other date as agreed between the Borrower and the Facility Agent; and
 - (ii) a Bahasa Indonesia version of the Transaction Documents listed in Part B of Schedule 12 (*List of Translated Documents*) to this Agreement (to which an Indonesian entity is a party) in the agreed form as a conditions precedent to Utilisation of the First Advance.
- (e) Subject to paragraph (d) above, the Borrower undertakes, at its own cost, to translate and arrange for the relevant Obligor to execute each Transaction Document to which an Indonesian entity is a party in Bahasa Indonesia in the agreed form if and as may be required by the implementation of regulation of Law No. 24, dated 9 July 2009, regarding Flag, Language, National Emblem, and National Anthem (when issued) for such Transaction Document to be valid, legal and binding within the period of 180 days from the date of implementation of such implementing regulation or such other period as required by such implementing regulations (as the case maybe), whichever is the earlier provided that this undertaking shall not apply to Transaction Documents that have been terminated, cancelled or which the Security Agent and the Borrower agree to be no longer relevant to the Project or the financing provided under this Agreement.
- (f) Each of the Borrower, the Sponsors and the Guarantors further agree that: (i) the Bahasa Indonesia version of the Transaction Documents, if executed, will be deemed to be effective from the date the English language version was executed; and (ii) in the event of inconsistency between the Bahasa Indonesia version and the English version, the English version shall prevail and the relevant Bahasa Indonesia text will be deemed to be amended to conform with and to make the relevant Indonesian text consistent with the relevant English text.
- (g) Each of the Borrower, the Sponsors and the Guarantors further agree and undertake that not to (or allow or assist any other party to), in any manner or forum, challenge the validity of, or raise or file any objection to, this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the transactions contemplated by any Transaction Document on the basis of any failure to comply with Law 24 or its implementing regulations or other similar laws and regulations applicable in Indonesia.

21.9 No prejudicial action

The Borrower further undertakes that, throughout the Facility Period, it shall not do anything and shall not take any action against any person (including, without limitation, any insolvency official or similar officer of, or any creditor of, the Borrower or any other person claiming through, under or in place of the Borrower) which has or is reasonably likely to have the effect of prejudicing any Security Interest created by any Security Document in favour of any Finance Party.

21.10 Negative pledge in respect of Charged Property

Except for Permitted Security Interests, no Obligor will grant or allow to exist any Security Interest over any Charged Property.

21.11 Environmental matters

- (a) The Borrower will notify the Facility Agent as soon as reasonably practicable of:
 - (i) any Spill relating to the Project;
 - (ii) any Environmental Claim being made against any Obligor (or any of their respective officers) in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring and/or the Project or against the Vessel and of any Environmental Incident which may give rise to such a claim and will keep the Facility Agent regularly and promptly informed in reasonable detail of the nature of, and response to, any such Environmental Incident and the defence to any such claim; and
 - (iii) the storage, treatment, importation, exportation, transportation, processing, manufacture, usage, collection, sorting or production of any Pollutant which is carried out in circumstances which are likely to result in an Environmental Claim against any Obligor or otherwise in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring and/or the Project.
- (b) Environmental Laws and Environmental Standards (and any consents, licences or approvals obtained under them) applicable to the Vessel and the Mooring will be complied with at all times and will not be breached in any way.
- (c) The Borrower will duly and punctually perform, comply with and observe each of its obligations under the Environmental Management Plan, and shall, subject to receiving consent from the Charterer if applicable, provide the Facility Agent with all environmental monitoring reports prepared pursuant to the Environmental Management Plan on a semi-annual basis.

21.12 Environmental audits

The Borrower will provide to the Facility Agent full details of any material inspections, investigations, studies, audits, tests, reviews or other analyses received by it or, if the Borrower is aware of the same (having made all reasonable enquiries), the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway or the Charterer in relation to Environmental Matters relating to the Borrower, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway, the Charterer and/or the Vessel and/or the Mooring and all Environmental Licences.

21.13 Action of Borrower

At any time after the occurrence of a Default which is continuing or after the whole principal amount of the Loans (or any part thereof) has become due and payable pursuant to any provision of this Agreement, the Borrower shall take such action, make such requests or demands and give such notices and certificates (including, without limitation, any lawful demand for payment under any of the Transaction Documents) as the Facility Agent or the Security Agent may reasonably request and shall not, without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent, take any steps to enforce or exercise, and shall take such reasonable steps as the Facility Agent or the Security Agent may direct to enforce or exercise, any rights, remedies, powers and privileges under the Charter or in respect of the Vessel or the Mooring or any of the Borrower's Security.

21.14 Subordinated Loan

- (a) The Borrower shall ensure (and procure) that any rights which a Sponsor or a Shareholder (or any other member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group) has or may have against the Borrower in respect of any Subordinated Loan (or any other inter-company loan made available to the Borrower) shall be fully subject and subordinate to the rights of the Finance Parties under any of the Finance Documents.
- (b) The Borrower agrees that following the occurrence of a Dividend Restriction Event, the Borrower shall not repay and shall procure that no Sponsor or Shareholder shall demand or accept repayment of any such loans in each case without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent acting on the instructions of the Lenders.
- (c) No Sponsors or Shareholder shall take any steps against the Borrower to recover any moneys outstanding in respect of any Subordinated Loan (or any other inter-company loan made available to the Borrower).
- (d) The Borrower agrees that the provisions of this clause 21.14 shall extend to any inter-company loans made available by any Subsidiary of a Sponsor to the Borrower and the Borrower shall procure compliance by any such Subsidiary with the provisions of this clause as if reference to the relevant Sponsor was a reference to that Subsidiary.

22 Sponsor Undertakings

Each Sponsor undertakes that this clause 22 will be complied with throughout the Facility Period.

22.1 Shares in the Borrower

- (a) Each of the Sponsors covenants and undertakes that:
 - (i) the Sponsors will, together, or, as the case may be, the Pre-Completion Guarantor will, directly or indirectly, legally and beneficially, own one hundred per cent. (100%) of the shares in the Borrower unless a Replacement Shareholder which is an Approved Shareholder is appointed to replace PSU pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*);
 - (ii) the Final Repayment Guarantor will retain management control over the Borrower throughout the Facility Period; and
 - (iii) they will not change or permit any change in the shareholding of the Borrower from that specified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above other than:
 - (A) in respect of the shares owned by Golar Singapore, to any wholly owned Subsidiary of the Final Repayment Guarantor (provided that such Subsidiary has entered into an accession deed (or such other documentation as may be required) whereby such Subsidiary assumes all of Golar Singapore's obligations under the Finance Documents and such other amendments are made to the Finance Documents and the other Transaction Documents so as to ensure that such Subsidiary assumes all of Golar Singapore's obligations under such documents (to the satisfaction of the Lenders, acting reasonably); or
 - (B) in respect of the shares owned by PSU, to a Replacement Shareholder which is an Approved Shareholder and is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*).
 - (C) with the prior written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders).
- (b) The Sponsors each covenant and undertake to maintain the Borrower as a special purpose company for the purposes of the Project.

22.2 Operation of the Vessel and the Mooring

- (a) Each of the Sponsors shall exercise their voting powers in the Borrower (both as shareholder of the Borrower and, through its representation on the board of directors of the Borrower, as a director of the Borrower) so as to ensure that:
 - (i) (subject to paragraph (b) below) the Borrower remains responsible for all technical and operational management of the Vessel and the Mooring in accordance with the Charter (unless the consent of the Facility Agent has been obtained in accordance with clause 24.4(b) (*Operation and Maintenance*)); and

- (ii) the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway remain the operators of the Vessel and the Mooring in accordance with the O&M Contract, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and the Charter (unless the consent of the Facility Agent has been obtained in accordance with clause 24.4(b) (*Operation and Maintenance*) or a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*).
- (b) Subject to clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*), the Sponsors shall ensure that the Vessel and the Mooring is at all times operated and maintained by the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway in accordance with the Charter and in accordance with good industry practice associated with the operation and maintenance of vessels similar to the Vessel or, as the case may be, of equipment similar to the Mooring, in type and function.
- (c) Each of the Sponsors undertakes to use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Borrower directly or indirectly meets all of its obligations (including, but not limited to, any payment obligations) under any Charter Document, the O&M Contract and the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement.

22.3 Transaction Documents

Each of the Sponsors covenants and undertakes to comply with the terms and conditions of all Transaction Documents to which it is or is to be a party.

22.4 Compliance with Laws

- (a) Each of the Sponsors will comply in all respects with all laws and regulations (including Environmental Laws and Environmental Standards) which may be material to the due performance by it of its obligations in respect of the Project (to the extent that any failure to comply with such obligation would have a Material Adverse Effect) and under the Transaction Documents to which it is a party.
- (b) Each of the Sponsors shall ensure that it is not designated as a Restricted Party.
- (c) Each of the Sponsors shall conduct its businesses in compliance with the UK Bribery Act 2010 (to the extent it is subject thereto) and any other anti-corruption law to which it is subject, if failure so to comply will or is reasonably likely to materially and adversely impair its ability to perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents.

22.5 Information Undertaking

Each Sponsor shall supply to the Facility Agent, promptly upon becoming aware of them, the details of any litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings which are current, threatened or pending against themselves and/or the Borrower, and which, if adversely determined, might reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

23 Guarantor Undertakings

Each Guarantor undertakes that this clause 23 will be complied with throughout the Facility Period.

23.1 Shares in the Borrower

- (a) Each Guarantor covenants and undertakes that:
 - (i) the Sponsors will together, or, as the case may be, the Pre-Completion Guarantor will, directly or indirectly, legally and beneficially, own one hundred per cent. (100%) of the shares in the Borrower unless a Replacement Shareholder which is an Approved Shareholder is appointed to replace PSU pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*);
 - (ii) PSU will directly, legally and beneficially, own not less than fifty-one per cent (51%) of the shares in the Borrower unless a Replacement Shareholder which is an Approved Shareholder is appointed to replace PSU pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*);
 - (iii) subject to clause 22.1(a)(iii)(A), Golar Singapore will directly, legally and beneficially, own not less than forty-nine per cent (49%) of the shares in the Borrower;
 - (iv) the Final Repayment Guarantor will retain management control over the Borrower throughout the Facility Period;
 - (v) subject to clause 22.1(a)(iii) it will not change or permit any change in the shareholding of the Borrower from that specified in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) unless a Replacement Shareholder which is an Approved Shareholder is appointed to replace PSU pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*); and
 - (vi) the Pre-Completion Guarantor will retain management control over the Final Repayment Guarantor throughout the Facility Period.
- (b) Each Guarantor covenants and undertakes to maintain the Borrower as a special purpose company for the purposes of the Project.

23.2 Operation of the Vessel and the Mooring

- (a) Each Guarantor shall ensure that:
- (i) the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway (or another Approved Operator, if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*)) remain the operators of the Vessel and the Mooring in accordance with the O&M Contract and the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and remain responsible for all technical and operational management of the Vessel and the Mooring in accordance with the O&M Agreement, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and the Charter (unless the consent of the Facility Agent has been obtained in accordance with clause 24.4(b) (*Operation and Maintenance*));
 - (ii) that the Vessel and the Mooring is at all times operated and maintained by the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway (or another Approved Operator, if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*)) in accordance with the Charter, the O&M Contract and the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and in accordance with good industry practice associated with the operation and maintenance of vessels similar to the Vessel or, as the case may be, of equipment similar to the Mooring, in type and function (unless the consent of the Facility Agent has been obtained in accordance with clause 24.4(b) (*Operation and Maintenance*)); and
 - (iii) the Borrower maintains all licenses necessary for ownership and operation of the Vessel and the Mooring in Indonesia.

23.3 Transaction Documents

Each Guarantor covenants and undertakes to comply with the terms and conditions of all Finance Documents to which it is or is to be a party.

23.4 Compliance with Laws

- (a) Each Guarantor will comply in all respects with all laws and regulations (including Environmental Laws) which may be material to the due performance by it of its obligations in respect of the Project and under the Transaction Documents to which it is a party (in each case to the extent that any failure to comply with such obligation would have a Material Adverse Effect).
- (b) Each Guarantor shall ensure that it is not designated as a Restricted Party.
- (c) Each Guarantor shall conduct its businesses in compliance with the UK Bribery Act 2010 (to the extent it is subject thereto) and any other anti-corruption law to which it is subject, if failure so to comply will or is reasonably likely to materially and adversely impair its ability to perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents.

23.5 Performance Undertaking

- (a) In consideration of the Lenders and the Hedging Banks making or continuing loans or advances to, or otherwise giving credit or granting banking and interest hedging facilities to, the Borrower pursuant to the Finance Documents, each Guarantor, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally, covenants and undertakes that it will procure (a) Final Acceptance in accordance with the terms of the Charter and (b) from the date of Final Acceptance and up to and including the date falling twelve (12) months thereafter (or such later date on which the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) is satisfied (acting reasonably) that each of the matters set out in this clause 23.5 remain fully satisfied), the performance of the Vessel and the Mooring in accordance with the terms of the Charter and, in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, each Guarantor shall (jointly and severally), subject to clause 23.9 (*Release*), ensure that the Vessel and the Mooring is capable of performing in accordance with its Specifications and shall meet the technical, operational and performance requirements of the Charter, such that:
 - (i) there is no material reduction in the daily Total Charter Rate; and
 - (ii) the Borrower is not in material breach of its obligations under the Charter which would be reasonably likely to result in an actual or potential termination of the Charter; and
 - (iii) the Charterer shall not terminate (nor is entitled to terminate) the Charter (or the chartering of the Vessel and the Mooring thereunder),in each case by reason of the non-performance of the Vessel and/or the Mooring.
- (b) To the extent that any defects adversely affecting the Vessel's and/or the Mooring's performance in accordance with the requirements of the Charter are discovered in the Vessel and/or the Mooring during the period from Final Acceptance up to (and including) the date falling (12) months thereafter (or such later date on which the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) is satisfied (acting reasonably) that each of the matters set out in this clause 23.5 remain fully satisfied), each Guarantor shall (jointly and severally), subject to clause 23.9 (*Release*), ensure that such defects are rectified so that the terms of this clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*) are fully complied with.

23.6 Shortfall Undertaking

- (a) In consideration of the Lenders and the Hedging Banks making or continuing loans or advances to, or otherwise giving credit or granting banking and interest hedging facilities to, the Borrower pursuant to the Finance Documents, each Guarantor, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to the Security Agent (as trustee for the Finance Parties) and the other Finance Parties that if at any time either (a) the Vessel FM Termination Fee received by the Borrower is insufficient to discharge all of the Borrower's obligations under the Finance Documents or (b) the Borrower is unable for any reason to pay the Charterer any liquidated damages payable in accordance with the Charter, it shall promptly on demand pay that amount (or the shortfall in that amount) as if it was the principal obligor.

- (b) Such liabilities shall, without limitation, include interest at the rate specified in clause 8.3 (*Default Interest*) (as well after as before judgment) from (and including) the date on which the relevant payment obligations specified in clause 23.6(a) become due and payable up to (but excluding) the date of actual payment of the relevant amount by the Guarantors, together with all legal and other costs, charges and expenses on a full and unqualified indemnity basis which may be incurred by the Finance Parties or any of them in relation to any such obligations.
- (c) Each Guarantor agrees, on a joint and several basis, that if any purported payment obligation of the Borrower which would have been the subject of this clause 23.6 had it been valid and enforceable is not or ceases to be valid or enforceable against the Borrower on any ground whatsoever whether or not known to the Borrower, the Security Agent or any Finance Party (including, without limitation, any irregular exercise or absence of any corporate power or lack of authority of, or breach of duty by, any person purporting to act on behalf of the Borrower or any legal or other limitation, whether under the Limitation Acts or otherwise or any disability or Incapacity or any change in the constitution of the Borrower) the Guarantors shall nevertheless be liable to the Security Agent and each of the other Finance Parties in respect of that purported payment obligation as set out under (a) above only, as if the same were fully valid and enforceable and the Guarantor and the Final Repayment Guarantor were the principal debtors in respect thereof. Each Guarantor hereby agrees, on a joint and several basis to keep the Security Agent and each of the other Finance Parties indemnified on demand and on a full indemnity basis for and against all costs, Losses and liabilities arising from any failure of the Borrower to perform or discharge any such purported payment obligation as set out under (a) above only.

23.7 Enforcement

Each Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally covenants and undertakes following an Event of Default which is continuing to use all reasonable endeavours to find an alternative buyer or deployment for the Vessel on terms acceptable to the Lenders in the event that the Charterer does not elect to purchase the Vessel at a price acceptable to the Lenders.

23.8 Golar Energy

Each Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally covenants and undertakes to:

- (a) remedy any Insolvency Event (as defined in the Charter) in respect of Golar Energy within the grace period specified in clause 29.1(a) of the Charter; and
- (b) provide adequate replacement security for the Indonesian Owner Guarantee (as defined in the Charter) if the Indonesian Owner Guarantee becomes unenforceable within the grace period specified in clause 29.1(b) of the Charter.

23.9 Release

- (a) On the Guarantee Release Date, the obligations of the Pre-Completion Guarantor under this clause 23 (other than clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*), clause 23.6 (*Shortfall Undertaking*), clause 23.7 (*Enforcement*), clause 23.8 (*Golar Energy*)) and clause 23.1(a)(vi) shall cease, but without prejudice to any accrued and undischarged obligations of the Pre-Completion Guarantor under this Agreement.
- (b) On the final date of the Performance Period, the obligations of the Guarantors under clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*) shall cease, but without prejudice to any accrued and undischarged obligations of the Guarantors under clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*) (or otherwise under this Agreement).

23.10 Continuing Undertaking

The undertaking in clause 23.6 (*Shortfall Undertaking*) is a continuing undertaking and will extend to the ultimate balance of sums payable by the Borrower under this Agreement, regardless of any intermediate payment or discharge in whole or in part.

23.11 Reinstatement

If any payment by the Borrower or any discharge given by the Security Agent (as trustee for the Finance Parties) or a Finance Party (whether in respect of the obligations of the Borrower or any security for those obligations or otherwise) is avoided or reduced as a result of insolvency or any similar event:

- (a) the liability of the Guarantors under clause 23.6 (*Shortfall Undertaking*) shall continue as if the payment, discharge, avoidance or reduction had not occurred; and
- (b) the Security Agent (as trustee for the Finance Parties) shall be entitled to recover the value or amount of that security or payment from the Guarantors (or either of them), as if the payment, discharge, avoidance or reduction had not occurred.

23.12 Waiver of defences

The obligations of the Guarantors under this clause 23 will not be affected by an act, omission, matter or thing (whether or not known to it or any Finance Party) which, but for this clause, would reduce, release or prejudice any of its obligations under this clause 23 including (without limitation):

- (a) any time, waiver or consent granted to, or composition with, any Obligor or other person;
- (b) the release of any other Obligor or any other person under the terms of any composition or arrangement with any creditor of any other Obligor;

- (c) the taking, variation, compromise, exchange, renewal or release of, or refusal or neglect to perfect, take up or enforce, any rights against, or security over assets of, any Obligor or other person or any non-presentation or non-observance of any formality or other requirement in respect of any instrument or any failure to realise the full value of any Security Interest;
- (d) any incapacity or lack of power, authority or legal personality of or dissolution or change in the members or status of an Obligor or any other person;
- (e) any amendment, novation, supplement, extension, restatement (however fundamental and whether or not more onerous) or replacement of any Finance Document or any other document or Security Interest;
- (f) any unenforceability, illegality or invalidity of any obligation of any person under any Finance Document or any other document or security; or
- (g) any insolvency or similar proceedings.

23.13 Immediate recourse

Each Guarantor waives any right it may have of first requiring any Finance Party (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) to proceed against or enforce any other rights or security or claim payment from any person before claiming from the Guarantors (or either of them) under this clause 23. This waiver applies irrespective of any law or any provision of a Finance Document to the contrary.

23.14 Appropriations

Until all amounts which may be or become payable by the Obligors under or in connection with the Finance Documents have been irrevocably paid in full, each Finance Party (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) may:

- (a) refrain from applying or enforcing any other moneys, security or rights held or received by that Finance Party (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) in respect of those amounts, or apply and enforce the same in such manner and order as it sees fit (whether against those amounts or otherwise) and the Guarantors shall not be entitled to the benefit of the same; and
- (b) hold in an interest-bearing suspense account any moneys received from either of the Guarantors or on account of their liability under this clause 23.

23.15 Deferral of rights

Until all amounts which may be or become payable by the Obligors under or in connection with the Finance Documents have been irrevocably paid in full and unless the Facility Agent otherwise directs, neither of the Guarantors will exercise any rights which it may have by reason of performance by it of its obligations under the Finance Documents:

- (a) to be indemnified by another Obligor;
- (b) to claim any contribution from any other guarantor of any Obligor's obligations under the Finance Documents; and/or
- (c) to take the benefit (in whole or in part and whether by way of subrogation or otherwise) of any rights of the Finance Parties under the Finance Documents or of any other guarantee or security taken pursuant to, or in connection with, the Finance Documents by any Finance Party.

If either Guarantor receives any benefit, payment or distribution in relation to such rights it will promptly pay an equal amount to the Facility Agent for application in accordance with clause 40 (*Payment mechanics*). This only applies until all amounts which may be or become payable by the Obligors under or in connection with the Finance Documents have been irrevocably paid in full.

23.16 Additional security

This undertaking is in addition to and is not in any way prejudiced by any guarantee or security now or subsequently held by any Finance Party.

23.17 Information undertaking

Each Guarantor shall supply to the Facility Agent, promptly upon becoming aware of them (having made all due enquiry), the details of any litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings which are current, threatened or pending against any Obligor or the Charterer, and which, if adversely determined, might reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

23.18 Joint and several liability

- (a) Each Guarantor's obligations under clause 23.5 (*Performance Undertaking*) and clause 23.6 (*Shortfall Undertaking*) are joint and several. Each Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally, jointly and severally with the other Guarantor:
 - (i) acknowledges and agrees that, up to (and including) throughout the Facility Period, it is a principal and original debtor in respect of all amounts due from the Guarantors under or in connection with such clauses; and
 - (ii) agrees with each Finance Party immediately on demand to indemnify each Finance Party against any cost, loss or liability suffered by that Finance Party if any obligation of another Guarantor under those clauses (or either of them) is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal for any reason. The amount of the cost, loss or liability shall be equal to the amount which that

Finance Party would otherwise have been entitled to recover.

For the avoidance of doubt, any notice and/or demand to be served on the Guarantors in respect of any obligations for which they are jointly and severally liable under the Finance Documents shall be addressed to, and served on, both Guarantors together, notwithstanding their joint & several liability. Any such notice/demand not so addressed shall be deemed invalid and ineffective.

24 Project undertakings

The Borrower undertakes that this clause 24 will be complied with throughout the Facility Period.

24.1 Project Agreements

- (a) The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, duly and punctually perform, comply with and observe each of its respective obligations under each Project Agreement to which it is party and use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that each other party to them performs their obligations under the Project Agreements.
- (b) The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, maintain and enforce its respective rights under the Project Agreements and ensure that each other party maintains and enforces its material rights under the Project Agreement to which they are a party.
- (c) If the Borrower and/or the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway has the right to terminate a Project Agreement, the Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, (a) not exercise that right without the written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) and (b) exercise that right if so directed by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders).
- (d) The Borrower shall not (and shall procure that no other Obligor shall), without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders), permit or agree or consent to:
 - (i) any withdrawal of the Vessel from service under the Charter or the O&M Contract or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement or any similar action;
 - (ii) save for Permitted Amendments, any amendment, variation or waiver to, or of any terms of, or any release of any party under, any of the Charter Documents or any other Project Agreement (including the Vessel Specifications and the Mooring Specifications) or any other agreement relating to the Project;
 - (iii) save for Permitted Amendments, any variation or series of variations to the Works or any changes to the design or construction of the Project which (either alone or together with all other variations and changes) would or is reasonably likely to materially alter the nature of the Project, the manner in which it operates or the risk profile of the Project;
 - (iv) suspend or reject all or any part of the Works;
 - (v) the determination, rescission, suspension, waiver, repudiation, revocation, annulment or cancellation of the whole of, or any material provision of, a Project Agreement, an Environmental Licence, a Project Authorisation or any other agreement relating to the Project;
 - (vi) except as expressly required under the Finance Documents, the assignment or transfer of a Project Agreement, Environmental Licence or Project Authorisation;
 - (vii) any other party to a Project Agreement assigning or transferring that party's rights or obligations under that Project Agreement; or
 - (viii) the termination of a Project Agreement (unless directed to do so in accordance with clause (c) above).
- (e) The Borrower shall ensure that throughout the Facility Period:
 - (i) the obligations of the O&M Contractor under the O&M Contract and Golar Management Norway under the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement shall be in all material respects the same as the Borrower's operation and maintenance obligations pursuant to the Charter or the Borrower will otherwise procure that such obligations are met;
 - (ii) the Operating Expenses payable for any period under the O&M Contract and the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement shall not exceed the corresponding Operating Cost Element payable under the Charter for the same period; and
 - (iii) the O&M Contract and the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement contains the agreement of each of the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway that it consents to the payment of the O&M Hire in the manner set out in 24.4(b).

24.2 Project Authorisations

The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, obtain, and maintain in full force and effect, each Project Authorisation necessary or desirable:

- (a) to enable it to lawfully enter into, exercise its rights and comply with its respective obligations under the Transaction Documents to which it is a party; and

- (b) to carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Agreements,
- (c) and shall at all times comply with the requirements such Project Authorisations.

24.3 Environmental Matters

- (a) The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, ensure that it has each Environmental Licence necessary to carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Agreements and that it maintains, and complies with the terms of, such Environmental Licences.
- (b) The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, comply with, and carry out the Project in accordance with, all applicable Environmental Laws, the Environmental Standards and the Environmental Management Plan.
- (c) The Borrower shall provide full details to the Facility Agent and the Technical Adviser of all environmental tests and studies carried out in relation to the Project and the Site.
- (d) The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall, take all action necessary to prevent the Vessel and/or the Mooring from disposing of any Pollutant at the Site.

24.4 Operation and Maintenance

- (a) The Borrower shall, and shall ensure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway (or another Approved Operator, if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*)) shall, ensure that throughout the Facility Period the Project is at all times operated and maintained in accordance with the Project Agreements and appropriate industry standards.
- (b) The Borrower shall further ensure that throughout the Facility Period:
 - (i) subject to paragraph (c) below, the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway will be contracted to carry out all technical and operational management of the Vessel and the Mooring in accordance with the O&M Contract and the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and will not otherwise sub-contract, assign or delegate any of its operation and maintenance obligations under the Charter to any other party (other than an Approved Operator) without the written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders);
 - (ii) the O&M Hire payable for any given period under the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement shall not exceed the corresponding Projected Operating Expenses set out in the latest Project Budget Statement for the same period.
- (c) The Borrower further undertakes that there shall be no change in the operator of the Vessel and/or the Mooring (from the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway) without the consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) unless:
 - (i) the O&M Contractor is designated as a Restricted Party and the Lenders have requested that it is replaced as operator;
 - (ii) the O&M Contractor is in breach of its obligations under the O&M Contract and the Sponsors wish to replace it as operator of the Vessel and/or the Mooring;
 - (iii) Golar Management Norway is in breach of its obligations under the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and the Sponsors wish to replace it as operator of the Vessel and/or the Mooring;
 - (iv) the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway becomes a Restricted Party and the Facility Agent requests that it is replaced as operator of the Vessel and/or the Mooring;
 - (v) the Charterer has approved, in accordance with the terms of the Charter or, following an Event of Default, the Letter of Quiet Enjoyment, the appointment of a replacement operator (the **Replacement Operator**) to carry out the operation and maintenance services under the Charter or the O&M Contract or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement (as the case may be);
 - (vi) the Replacement Operator is an Approved Operator;
 - (vii) the replacement contract (the **Replacement Contract**) to be entered into between the Replacement Operator and the Borrower is on similar terms to the O&M Contract or, as the case may be, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement or other terms acceptable to the Lenders and the Charterer;
 - (viii) the Lenders can satisfy their Know Your Customer (“KYC”) requirements in respect of the Replacement Operator;
 - (ix) the Replacement Operator has entered into an accession deed (or such other documentation as may be required) whereby the Replacement Operator assumes all the O&M Contractor’s and (if applicable) Golar Management Norway’s obligations under the Finance Documents and such other amendments are made to the Finance Documents and the other Transaction Documents so as to ensure that the Replacement Operator assumes all the O&M Contractor’s and (if applicable) Golar Management Norway’s obligations under such documents (to the satisfaction of the Lenders, acting reasonably); and
 - (x) the Facility Agent has obtained satisfactory legal opinions in respect of the Replacement Operator’s entry into the Replacement

Contract and the other documents referred to in paragraph (ix) above.

24.5 Agreement of Projected Operating Expenses and Delivery of Project Budget Statement

- (a) The Borrower and the Charterer shall agree the Projected Operating Expenses for each year of operation annually during the last calendar quarter of each year for the purpose of the Project Budget Statement and such Projected Operating Expenses shall be notified by the Borrower to the Facility Agent.
- (b) The Borrower shall deliver to the Facility Agent, for distribution to the Lenders, Project Budget Statements in respect of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent, on each Utilisation Date and then on each Accounting Reference Date (of the Borrower) annually thereafter throughout the Facility Period.
- (c) In the event that the Project Budget Statements cannot be agreed between the Borrower and the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) thirty (30) days prior to the date such agreement is required, the Facility Agent shall be entitled to instruct the Technical Advisor to determine the relevant Project Budget Statement and the Technical Advisor's determination shall be binding on the parties.

24.6 Information concerning the Project

The Borrower shall furnish the Facility Agent promptly with:

- (a) information relating to (i) any material amendments to or proposed amendments to the Vessel Specifications and/or the Mooring Specifications and (ii) details of any material changes to the design, construction or operation of the Vessel and/or the Mooring prior to carrying out or agreeing such changes;
- (b) (i) details of any fines levied and charges made by the Charterer pursuant to the Charter (including the amount of each such fine and the basis on which the fine was levied) and (ii) details of any other Total Charter Rate reduction event incurred which results in a reduction in Total Charter Rate and (iii) details of any period of off hire incurred which results in a suspension of the obligation to pay any Total Charter Rate or the amount by which the anticipated Total Charter Rate for that period has been reduced, which information shall be provided as soon as practicable;
- (c) any material information in relation to any claim (including any Environmental Claim) or material dispute arising under or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Agreements;
- (d) notice of any party having begun any arbitration proceedings under any Project Agreement, together with the identity of the arbitrators, the conclusion of the arbitration and the terms of any arbitration award;
- (e) information in relation to any proposed suspension of the Vessel or any proposed dry docking of the Vessel including the proposed date of any such suspension or dry docking and the period for which it is expected that the Vessel will be suspended or in dry dock;
- (f) details of any proposed or actual Permitted Amendments;
- (g) copies of any material notices received by or on behalf of the Borrower or issued by or on behalf of the Borrower under any of the Project Agreements;
- (h) such information concerning the Project or any Project Agreements that deviates from the requirements stipulated in the Charter and/or the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and which might reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and any remedial action proposed by the Borrower to eliminate or reduce the extent of any such deviation;
- (i) all operating and maintenance receipts, budgets and cash flow projections agreed by the Borrower in accordance with the Charter and/or the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement;
- (j) such other information relating to the Charterer, the Borrower, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway the Sponsor Funding, the Permitted Financial Indebtedness and the Project (or otherwise) as may be reasonably requested by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of any Lender) or which is otherwise material in the context of the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents and the Project Agreements; and
- (k) a copy of any notice of default received or sent under any of the Project Agreements (within four (4) Business Days after receipt).

24.7 Information in relation to the Charterer

The Borrower shall:

- (a) use its best efforts to provide any information in respect of the Charterer as the Lenders may reasonably require; and
- (b) shall notify Lenders immediately upon becoming aware of any proposed disposal of shares in the Charterer by either Charterer Shareholder.

24.8 Provision of further information

The Borrower shall provide the Facility Agent with such financial and other information concerning the Borrower and the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway and their respective affairs and each of the Sponsors and the Guarantors including, without limitation, information about the performance of the Charter and/or the O&M Contract and/ or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement

as the Facility Agent or any Lender (acting through the Facility Agent) may from time to time reasonably require to the extent that (i) the same is available to the Borrower or any other Obligor using all reasonable efforts to obtain such information and (ii) the provision of such information will not breach any applicable stock exchange rules.

24.9 Invoices

The Borrower shall ensure that all invoices and billing documents for the account of the Charterer are submitted promptly each month in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

24.10 Enforcement of rights

The Borrower shall take all reasonable steps to enforce its rights under the Charter, the O&M Contract and the other Project Agreements which may reasonably be expected to be taken by a prudent FSRU owner or (following the occurrence of a Default which is continuing) which may be required by the Facility Agent.

24.11 Communications under the Charter and the O&M Contract and the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement

The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor shall, advise the Facility Agent promptly upon receipt by the Borrower or the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway of a termination notice or any other communication given under the Charter and/or the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement which may have a material impact upon the operation of the Vessel and/or the Mooring under the Charter and/or the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement, and as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event within one (1) Business Day), provide the Facility Agent with a copy of any such notice or communication.

24.12 Meetings under the Charter

The Borrower shall notify the Facility Agent of any meetings convened pursuant to the terms of the Charter or any other meeting convened between the parties to the Charter related to product storage or regasification which might be reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect and immediately notify the Facility Agent of what transpired at each such meeting (including copying to the Facility Agent (for distribution to the Lenders) all minutes produced).

24.13 Tests

The Borrower shall:

- (a) give the Facility Agent and the Technical Adviser reasonable notice of all completion and acceptance tests to be carried out in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring (if it so requires);
- (b) permit representatives of the Facility Agent (if it so requires) and the Technical Adviser to attend while tests are carried out and inspect the results of the tests (if so required) in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work or tests carried out in relation to any breach or potential breach of any of the Project Agreements; and
- (c) use all reasonable endeavours to obtain all necessary permits from the Charterer to enable the Technical Adviser to attend all tests in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work and/or following any breach or potential breach of any of the Project Agreements.

24.14 Access

The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway shall, ensure that representatives of the Finance Parties and the Technical Adviser are:

- (a) entitled to inspect and take copies of the Borrower's and the O&M Contractor's and Golar Management Norway's records (including all drawings and specifications) in relation to the Vessel, the Mooring and the Project on reasonable prior notice to the Borrower or, as the case may be, the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway; and
- (b) granted access to any meetings between the Charterer (or the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway) and the Borrower in relation to any breach of any of the Project Agreements.

24.15 Technical Adviser

- (a) The Borrower shall, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall:
 - (i) provide all necessary co-operation, access and assistance or, as the case may be, procure that the same is provided to enable the Technical Adviser to complete its scope of work and produce the reports in accordance with the Agreed Scope of Work; and
 - (ii) following the occurrence of a Default and on request by the Facility Agent, prepare any report or investigate any concerns of the Facility Agent in each case in respect of such matters as the Facility Agent shall reasonably advise.
- (b) The Borrower shall promptly address each material concern referred to in any of the reports specified in the Agreed Scope of Work, at the request of the Facility Agent.

24.16 Advisers

The Borrower shall co-operate with, and shall ensure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway and each other party to the

Project Agreements co-operates with, the Technical Adviser and the Insurance Advisor.

24.17 Notice of assignment

On or before the first Utilisation Date, the Borrower shall give (or procure that the relevant Obligor gives) notice of assignment in accordance with the terms of the Insurance Assignment, the Project Agreement Assignment, the Security Assignment, the Golar Energy Assignment and the O&M Contractor Assignment and shall ensure that the Facility Agent receives a copy of that notice acknowledged by each addressee in the form specified in such Security Document on or before (i) the first Utilisation Date (in the case of any member of the Pre-completion Guarantor Group) and (ii) the Guarantee Release Date (in the case of any other party).

24.18 Payment of Charter Earnings

All Earnings which the Borrower is entitled to receive under the Charter Documents shall be paid in the manner required by the Finance Documents.

24.19 Negative covenants

Each of the Borrower and the Sponsors further covenants and undertakes that, throughout the Facility Period, it shall not, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall not, without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders):

- (a) agree to any Change in Location (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), other than within the Site for the normal operational duties or in case of emergencies or where required for the safety of the Vessel and/or its crew and personnel; or
- (b) abandon the Vessel, the Mooring, the Vessel's equipment or the Project;

24.20 Charterer's obligations

The Borrower shall use its best efforts to ensure that:

- (a) subject to the Letter of Quiet Enjoyment, the Charterer shall allow the Security Agent to enforce the rights of the Borrower under the Charter as assignee of those rights under the Charter Assignment; and
- (b) except with approval of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders), the Charterer shall not assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under the Charter.

24.21 Currency and location of Charter payments

The Borrower covenants and undertakes that it will use its best efforts to procure that the Charter will specify that all payments are to be made in dollars under the Charter to the Borrower, and the Sponsors covenant and undertake on a several basis to make up any currency differential that may result from payments being made in any other currency.

25 Dealings with the Vessel / Mooring

The Borrower undertakes that this clause 25 will be complied with throughout the Mortgage Period.

25.1 Vessel's name and registration

- (a) The Vessel's name shall only be changed after prior notice to the Facility Agent and the Borrower shall promptly take all necessary steps to update all applicable insurance, class and registration documents with such change of name.
- (b) The Vessel shall remain permanently registered with the relevant Registry under the laws of the Flag State. Except with approval, the Vessel shall not be registered under any other flag or at any other port or fly any other flag (other than that of the Flag State). If that registration is for a limited period, it shall be renewed at least 45 days before the date it is due to expire and the Facility Agent shall be notified of that renewal at least 30 days before that date.
- (c) Nothing will be done and no action will be omitted if that might result in such registration being forfeited or imperilled or the Vessel being required to be registered under the laws of another state of registry.

25.2 Sale or other disposal of the Vessel / Mooring

Except:

- (a) with approval of the Lenders; or
- (b) for any sale that complies with clause 7.8 (*Sale of the Vessel / Mooring System*) and where the Secured Obligations have been prepaid in full,

the Borrower will not sell, or agree to, transfer, abandon or otherwise dispose of the Vessel or the Mooring or any share or interest in it or agree to do so.

25.3 Manager

A manager of the Vessel and/or the Mooring (other than the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway) shall not be appointed unless that manager and the terms of its appointment are approved by the Facility Agent.

25.4 Copy of Mortgage on board

A properly certified copy of the Mortgage shall be kept on board the Vessel with its papers and shown to anyone having business with the Vessel which might create or imply any commitment or Security Interest over or in respect of the Vessel (other than a lien for crew's wages and salvage) and to any representative of the Facility Agent or the Security Agent.

25.5 Notice of Mortgages

A framed printed notice of the Vessel's Mortgage shall be prominently displayed in the navigation room and in the Master's cabin of the Vessel. The notice must be in plain type and read as follows:

"NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

This Vessel is subject to a first mortgage in favour of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation of 3 Temasek Avenue, #06-01 Centennial Tower, Singapore 039190. Under the said mortgage and related documents, neither the Owner nor any charterer nor the Master of this Vessel has any right, power or authority to create, incur or permit to be imposed upon this Vessel any commitments or encumbrances whatsoever other than for crew's wages and salvage".

No-one will have any right, power or authority to create, incur or permit to be imposed upon the Vessel any lien whatsoever other than for crew's wages and salvage.

25.6 Conveyance on default

Where the Vessel and/or the Mooring is (or is to be) sold in exercise of any power conferred by the Security Documents, the Borrower shall, upon the Facility Agent's request, immediately execute such form of transfer of title to the Vessel and/or the Mooring as the Facility Agent may require.

25.7 Chartering

Except with approval, the Borrower shall not enter into any charter commitment for the Vessel or the Mooring (except for the Charter).

25.8 Sharing of Earnings

Except with approval, the Borrower shall not enter into any arrangement under which the Earnings may be shared with anyone else (other than in respect of the Operating Cost Element, which may be shared with or otherwise paid to the O&M Contractor) and other than as permitted under the terms of this Agreement and/or the Security Documents.

25.9 Payment of Earnings

The Earnings payable to the Borrower shall be paid to the Earnings Account. If any Earnings payable to the Borrower are held by brokers or other agents, they shall be paid to the Earnings Account or, after the Earnings have become payable to the Security Agent under the Security Assignment, to the Security Agent.

25.10 Movement of parts

Except with approval, the Borrower shall not allow any machinery, equipment or materials which are part of the Vessel or which are appropriated to the Vessel or the Mooring to be removed outside the Permitted Location except as and when necessary to repair or replace them.

26 Condition and operation of Vessel / Mooring

The Borrower undertakes that this clause 26 will be complied with in relation to the Vessel and the Mooring throughout the Mortgage Period.

26.1 Repair

The Vessel and the Mooring shall be kept in a good, safe and efficient state of repair. The quality of workmanship and materials used to repair the Vessel and/or the Mooring or replace any damaged, worn or lost parts or equipment shall be sufficient to ensure that the Vessel's and/or the Mooring's value is not reduced (fair wear and tear excepted).

26.2 Modification

Except with approval, the structure, type or performance characteristics of the Vessel and the Mooring shall not be modified in a way which would materially alter the Vessel or the Mooring or, in either case, materially reduce its value.

26.3 Removal of parts

Except with approval, no material part of the Vessel or the Mooring or any equipment shall be removed from the Vessel or the Mooring if to do so would materially reduce its value (unless at the same time it is replaced with equivalent parts or equipment owned by the Borrower free of any Security Interest except under the Security Documents).

26.4 Third party owned equipment

Except with approval, equipment owned by a third party shall not be installed on the Vessel or the Mooring if it cannot be removed without risk of causing damage to the structure or fabric of the Vessel or the Mooring or incurring significant expense.

26.5 Maintenance of class; compliance with laws

The Vessel's class shall be, and shall be maintained throughout the Mortgage Period without overdue recommendations/ conditions as, the Classification. The Vessel and every person who owns, operates or manages the Vessel shall comply with all laws applicable to vessels registered in its Flag State or which for any other reason apply to the Vessel or to its condition or operation.

26.6 Surveys

The Vessel shall be submitted to continuous surveys and any other surveys which are required for it to maintain the Classification as its class. Copies of reports of those surveys shall be provided promptly to the Facility Agent if it so requests.

26.7 Inspection and notice of drydockings

- (a) The Facility Agent and/or surveyors or other persons appointed by it for such purpose shall be allowed to board the Vessel and/or the Mooring at all reasonable times to inspect it and given all proper facilities needed for that purpose provided there is no interference with the usual daily operations of the Vessel.
- (b) The Borrower shall ensure that the Vessel is not put into drydock without:
 - (i) confirmation from the Charterer that such drydocking is necessary in accordance with the terms of the Charter (and the Borrower has met its obligations set out therein);
 - (ii) the Total Charter Rate (or an amount equivalent to it) continuing to be paid in full (or at a rate which ensures (i) no breach of the Borrower's payment obligations under this Agreement and (ii) no breach of clause 20.1 (*Financial covenants*)); and
 - (iii) the consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders, in consultation with the Technical Advisor if required), such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- (c) In the event that the Vessel is drydocked in accordance with clause (b), the Facility Agent shall be given reasonable advance notice of any intended drydocking of the Vessel (whatever the purpose of that drydocking) and of the intended yard in which such drydocking is to be carried out. No drydocking may be carried out in a yard which is not approved by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders), such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

26.8 Prevention of arrest

All debts, damages, liabilities and outgoings which have given, or may give, rise to maritime, statutory or possessory liens on, or claims enforceable against, the Vessel, the Mooring, the Earnings or Insurances shall be promptly paid and discharged.

26.9 Release from arrest

The Vessel, the Mooring, the Earnings and Insurances shall promptly be released from any arrest, detention, attachment or levy, and any legal process against the Vessel and/or the Mooring shall be promptly discharged, by whatever action is required to achieve that release or discharge.

26.10 Information about the Vessel

The Facility Agent shall promptly be given any information which it may reasonably require about the Vessel, the Mooring or the Vessel's employment, position, use or operation, including details of towages and salvages, and copies of all its charter commitments entered into by or on behalf of any Obligor.

26.11 Notification of certain events

The Facility Agent shall promptly be notified of:

- (a) any damage to the Vessel or the Mooring where the cost of the resulting repairs is reasonably likely to exceed the Major Casualty Amount;
- (b) any occurrence which is reasonably likely to result in the Vessel or the Mooring becoming a Total Loss;
- (c) any requisition of the Vessel for hire;
- (d) any Environmental Incident involving the Vessel and/or the Mooring and any Environmental Claim being made in relation to such an incident;
- (e) any requirement or recommendation made in relation to the Vessel or the Mooring by any insurer or the Classification Society or by any competent authority which is not, or cannot be, complied with in the manner or time required or recommended; and

- (f) any arrest or detention of the Vessel or the Mooring or any exercise or purported exercise of a lien or other claim on the Vessel, the Mooring or the Earnings or Insurances.

26.12 Payment of outgoings

All tolls, dues and other outgoings whatsoever in respect of the Vessel, the Mooring, the Earnings and Insurances shall be paid promptly. Proper accounting records shall be kept of the Vessel, the Mooring and the Earnings.

26.13 Evidence of payments

The Facility Agent shall be allowed proper and reasonable access to those accounting records when it requests it and, when it requires it, shall be given satisfactory evidence that:

- (a) the wages and allotments and the insurance and pension contributions of the Vessel's crew are being promptly and regularly paid;
- (b) all deductions from its crew's wages in respect of any applicable Tax liability are being properly accounted for; and
- (c) the Vessel's master has no claim for disbursements other than those incurred by him in the ordinary course of operating the Vessel.

26.14 Repairers' liens

Except with approval, neither the Vessel nor the Mooring shall be put into any other person's possession for work to be done on the Vessel or the Mooring if the cost of that work will exceed or is likely to exceed the applicable Major Casualty Amount unless that person gives the Security Agent a written undertaking in approved terms not to exercise any lien on the Vessel, the Mooring or the Vessel's Earnings for any of the cost of such work.

26.15 Codes

The Vessel, the Mooring and the persons responsible for their operation shall at all times comply with the requirements of any applicable code or prescribed procedures required to be observed by the Vessel or the Mooring or in relation to its operation under any applicable law or regulation (including but not limited to those currently known as the ISM Code and the ISPS Code). The Facility Agent shall promptly be informed of:

- (a) any threatened or actual withdrawal of any certificate issued in accordance with any such code which is or may be applicable to each of the Vessel and the Mooring and its operation; and
- (b) the issue of any such certificate or the receipt of notification that any application for such a certificate has been refused.

26.16 Lawful use

The Vessel shall not be employed:

- (a) in any way or in any activity which is unlawful under international law or the domestic laws of any relevant country;
- (b) in storing illicit or prohibited goods;
- (c) in a way which may make it liable to be condemned by a prize court or destroyed, seized or confiscated;
- (d) in carrying contraband goods; or
- (e) in any manner contrary to any applicable EU, UN, UK and/or US sanctions,

and the persons responsible for the operation of the Vessel shall take all necessary and proper precautions to ensure that this does not happen including participation in industry or other voluntary schemes available to the Vessel and in which leading operators of FSRU's operating under the same flag or engaged in similar operations generally participate at the relevant time.

26.17 War zones

- (a) Except with the approval of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders), the Vessel and the Mooring shall not enter or remain in any zone which has been declared a war zone by any government entity or the Vessel's war risk insurers.
- (b) If approval is granted for the Vessel and the Mooring to enter or remain in any such war zone, any requirements of the Facility Agent and/or the Vessel's and the Mooring's insurers necessary to ensure that the Vessel and the Mooring remains properly and fully insured in accordance with the Finance Documents (including any requirement for the payment of extra insurance premiums) shall be complied with.

26.18 Valuations

- (a) The Facility Agent shall be entitled to require the fair market value of the Vessel to be determined following the occurrence of any Event of Default, in each case at the cost of the Borrower.
- (b) The Facility Agent shall appoint and instruct an independent valuer on behalf of the Lenders.

- (c) Valuations shall be provided by the independent valuer in dollars.
- (d) Each valuation will be made (unless otherwise required by the Facility Agent):
 - (i) without physical inspection (unless required by the Facility Agent);
 - (ii) on the basis of a sale for prompt delivery for a price payable in full in cash on delivery at arm's length on normal commercial terms between a willing buyer and a willing seller; and
 - (iii) without taking into account the benefit (but taking into account the burden) of any charter commitment.
- (e) The Borrower shall promptly provide to the Facility Agent and any such independent valuer any information which they reasonably require for the purposes of providing such a valuation.

27 Insurance

The Borrower undertakes that this clause 27 shall be complied with in relation to the Vessel, the Mooring and the Insurances applicable to the Vessel and the Mooring throughout the Mortgage Period.

27.1 Insurance terms

In this clause 27:

excess risks means the proportion (if any) of claims for general average, salvage and salvage charges not recoverable under the hull and machinery insurances of a vessel in consequence of the value at which the vessel is assessed for the purpose of such claims exceeding its insured value.

excess war risk P&I cover means cover for claims only in excess of amounts recoverable under the usual war risk cover including (but not limited to) hull and machinery, crew and protection and indemnity risks.

hull cover means insurance cover against the risks identified in clause 27.2(a)(i).

minimum hull cover means an amount equal at the relevant time to 120% of such proportion of the Loans and the Hedging Debt.

P&I risks means the usual risks (including liability for oil pollution, excess war risk P&I cover) covered by a protection and indemnity association which is a member of the International Group of protection and indemnity associations (or, if the International Group ceases to exist, any other leading protection and indemnity association or other leading provider of protection and indemnity insurance) (including, without limitation, the proportion (if any) of any collision liability not covered under the terms of the hull cover).

27.2 Coverage required

- (a) The Vessel shall at all times be insured:
 - (i) against fire and usual marine risks (including excess risks) and war risks (including war protection and indemnity risks and terrorism risks) on an agreed value basis, for at least its minimum hull cover and no less than its replacement value;
 - (ii) against P&I risks for the highest amount then available in the International Group of protection and indemnity associations for vessels of similar age, size and type as the Vessel (but, in relation to liability for oil pollution, for an amount of not less than \$500,000,000);
 - (iii) against loss of hire of the Vessel for a daily amount as agreed by the Facility Agent (in consultation with the Borrower and the Insurance Advisor) of not less than 240 days each accident or occurrence and in all.
 - (iv) against such other risks and matters which would be reasonable and expected in the international insurance market (such as Workmen's Compensation and/or Employer's Liability, Third Party Legal Liability Insurance, or as otherwise notified by the Facility Agent (in consultation with the Borrower and the Insurance Advisor)) for a prudent FSRU operator to insure against at the time of that notice; and
 - (v) on terms which comply with the other provisions of this clause 27.
- (b) The Mooring shall at all times be insured against all risks of physical loss or damage including removal of wreckage and/or debris for at least US\$30,000,000 and no less than its replacement value plus allowance for removal of wreckage and/or debris costs;
 - (i) against third party liability for an amount of not less than \$50,000,000 or such limit as may be agreed by the Facility Agent (in consultation with the Borrower and the Insurance Advisor);
 - (ii) against terrorism property damage for at least US\$30,000,000 and no less than its replacement value; and
 - (iii) against loss of hire of the Vessel as a result of damage to the Mooring for a daily amount as agreed by the Facility Agent (in consultation with the Borrower and the Insurance Advisor) of not less than 240 days each accident or occurrence and in all.

27.3 Placing of cover

- (a) The insurance coverage required by clause 27.2 (*Coverage required*) shall be:
- (i) in the name of the Borrower and the Security Agent on behalf of the Finance Parties (except in the case of protection & indemnity where the Security Agent's interest should be noted). If any other person is named the Facility Agent may require a duly executed and delivered a first priority assignment and/or subordination of its interest in the Insurances to the Security Agent in an approved form and provided such supporting documents and opinions in relation to that assignment as the Facility Agent requires);
 - (ii) where the Security Agent is named as an insured, to the extent reasonably practicable in the insurance market, it shall be without liability on the part of the Security Agent for premiums or calls);
 - (iii) in dollars or another approved currency;
 - (iv) arranged through approved international recognised brokers or direct with approved insurers and/or reinsurers, as the case may be, or protection and indemnity or war risks associations; and
 - (v) on approved terms and with approved insurers or associations, in each case with an Approved Credit Rating (or, if placed with insurers or associations with a credit rating lower than the Approved Credit Rating, reinsured not less than 99% with approved reinsurers or associations with an Approved Credit Rating and subject to the execution of the Reinsurance Security).
- (b) Without limiting clause 27.3(a), the Borrower shall use reasonable endeavours to arrange the Insurances and Reinsurances in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring Security with insurers or associations or, as the case may be, reinsurers that have an Approved Credit Rating with Standard & Poor's Rating Agency, Moody's Rating Agency and/or Fitch Rating Agency and the Borrower shall not in any circumstances arrange more than 10% in aggregate of such Insurances and Reinsurances or of any individual insurance policy with any insurer or association or, as the case may be, reinsurers which has an Approved Credit Rating with A.M. Best Agency only.

27.4 Deductibles

The aggregate amount of any excess or deductible under the insurances listed in clause 27.2 shall not exceed an amount that is approved by the Facility Agent (in consultation with the Borrower and the Insurance Advisor) which is in line with international market standards.

27.5 Mortgagee's insurance

The Borrower shall promptly reimburse to the Facility Agent the cost (as conclusively certified by the Facility Agent) of taking out and keeping in force in respect of the Vessel and if required, on the Mooring on approved terms, or in considering or making claims under, a mortgagee's interest insurance for the benefit of the Finance Parties for an amount up to its minimum hull cover.

27.6 Fleet liens, set off and cancellations

If the Vessel's or Mooring's insurance also insures other vessels or property, the Security Agent shall either be given an undertaking in approved terms by the brokers or (if such cover is not placed through brokers or the brokers do not, under any applicable laws or insurance terms, have such rights of set off and cancellation) the relevant insurers that the brokers or (if relevant) the insurers will not:

- (a) set off against any claims in respect of the Vessel or Mooring any premiums due in respect of any of such other vessels insured; or
- (b) cancel that cover because of non-payment of premiums in respect of such other vessels or property,

or the Borrower shall ensure that insurances for the Vessel and Mooring are provided under a separate policy from any other vessel or property.

27.7 Payment of premiums

All premiums, calls, contributions or other sums payable in respect of the Insurances shall be paid punctually and, if so requested, the Facility Agent shall be provided with all relevant receipts or other evidence of payment within thirty (30) days of the commencement date of such Insurances.

27.8 Details of proposed renewal of Insurances

- (a) At least twenty one (21) days before any of the Insurances are due to expire, the Facility Agent shall be told the names of the brokers, insurers and associations proposed to be used for the renewal of such Insurances and the amounts, risks and terms in, against and on which the Insurances are proposed to be renewed.
- (b) The Borrower will procure that approved brokers and/or approved insurers and approved P&I Club will provide the Facility Agent with pro forma copies of all policies relating to the Insurances that are to be effected or renewed and letters of undertaking in the agreed form.

27.9 Instructions for renewal

At least seven (7) days before any of the Insurances are due to expire, instructions shall be given by the Borrower to brokers, insurers and associations for them to be renewed or replaced on or before their expiry.

27.10 Confirmation of renewal

The Insurances shall be renewed upon their expiry in a manner and on terms which comply with this clause 27 and confirmation of such renewal given by approved brokers or insurers to the Facility Agent at least seven (7) days (or such shorter period as may be approved) before such expiry.

27.11 P&I guarantees

Any guarantee or undertaking required by any protection and indemnity or war risks association in relation to the Vessel and/or the Mooring shall be provided when required by the association.

27.12 Insurance documents

- (a) The Facility Agent shall be provided with cover notes of all insurance and reinsurance policies, slips, cover notes, certificates of entry or other instruments of insurance from time to time issued by brokers, insurers, reinsurers and associations in connection with the Insurances and the Reinsurances as soon as they are available after they have been placed or renewed but in any case no later than thirty (30) days following such placement or renewal and all insurance and reinsurance policies and other documents relating to the Insurances and Reinsurances shall be deposited with any approved brokers or (if not deposited with approved brokers) the Facility Agent or some other approved person.
- (b) Any cover notes (or, to the extent not contained in the cover notes, any other relevant documentation issued by brokers, insurers, reinsurers and/or associations in connection with the Insurances and the Reinsurances) provided under clause 27.12(a) shall contain, inter alia, the following information:
 - (i) full details of the assured clause;
 - (ii) the period of the policy;
 - (iii) the interests (subject matter) insured and the insured values/amounts/limits;
 - (iv) sums insured (order/share) under each policy;
 - (v) copies of any non-standard or bespoke clauses;
 - (vi) full details of the insurers and/or reinsurers and their individual participation including details of any intermediary brokers or agents;
 - (vii) details of the applicable law and jurisdiction; and
 - (viii) copies of the P&I Certificate of Entry and Extended Contractual Liability Endorsement.

27.13 Letters of undertaking

Unless otherwise approved where the Facility Agent is satisfied that equivalent protection is afforded by the terms of the relevant Insurances and/or any applicable law and/or a letter of undertaking provided by another person, on each placing or renewal of the Insurances, the Facility Agent shall be provided promptly with letters of undertaking in an approved form (having regard to general insurance market practice and law at the time of issue of such letter of undertaking) from the relevant brokers, insurers and associations.

27.14 Insurance Notices and Loss Payable Clauses

The interest of the Security Agent as assignee of the Insurances shall be endorsed on all insurance policies and other documents by the incorporation of a Loss Payable Clause and an Insurance Notice in respect of the Vessel, the Mooring and the relevant Insurances signed by the Borrower and, unless otherwise approved, each other person assured under the relevant cover (other than the Security Agent if it is itself an assured).

27.15 Insurance correspondence

If so required by the Facility Agent, the Facility Agent shall promptly be provided with copies of all material written communications between the assureds and brokers, insurers, reinsurers and associations relating to any actual or potential claim under any of the Insurances or any non-payment of premiums or other amount due to any insurer in respect of the Insurances as soon as they are available.

27.16 Qualifications and exclusions

All requirements applicable to the Insurances shall be complied with and the Insurances shall only be subject to exclusions or qualifications which have been approved by the Insurance Advisor.

27.17 Independent report

The Facility Agent shall be entitled annually and/or at any time there is any change to any of the Insurances to obtain a detailed report (or reports) on the adequacy of the Insurances and/or Reinsurances from the Insurance Advisor and the Borrower shall reimburse the Facility Agent for the cost of obtaining any such report (or reports).

27.18 Collection of claims

All documents and other information and all assistance required by the Facility Agent to assist it and/or the Security Agent in trying to collect or recover any claims under the Insurances and/or Reinsurances shall be provided promptly.

27.19 Employment of Vessel

The Vessel and the Mooring shall only be employed or operated in conformity with the terms of the relevant Insurances (including any express or implied warranties) and not in any other way (unless the insurers have consented and any additional requirements of the insurers have been satisfied).

27.20 Declarations and returns

If the Insurances are on terms that require a declaration, certificate or other document to be made or filed before the Vessel sails to, or in the case of the Vessel and/or the Mooring, operates within, an area, those terms shall be complied with within the time and in the manner required by those Insurances.

27.21 Application of recoveries

All sums paid under the Insurances to anyone other than the Security Agent shall be applied in repairing the damage and/or in discharging the liability in respect of which they have been paid except to the extent that the repairs have already been paid for and/or the liability already discharged.

27.22 Settlement of claims

Any claim under the Insurances for a Total Loss or Major Casualty shall only be settled, compromised or abandoned with the prior approval of the Facility Agent, acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders.

27.23 Change in insurance requirements

If the Facility Agent gives notice to the Borrower to change the terms and requirements of this clause 27 (which the Facility Agent may only do, on the prior written instructions of the Lenders, as a result in changes of circumstance or practice after the date of this Agreement), this clause 27 shall be modified in the manner so notified by the Facility Agent on the date 14 days after such notice from the Facility Agent is received.

27.24 Further undertaking

The Borrower will, at all times during the Facility Period, take all reasonable action within its power to comply or procure compliance at all times with the terms and conditions of all Insurances (or Reinsurances), and use its reasonable endeavours to procure that nothing is at any time done, or suffered to be done, by any Obligor whereby any Insurance (or Reinsurance) or other insurance required to be maintained hereunder or under any other Transaction Document to which it is a party, may be impaired, suspended or rendered void or voidable in whole or in part, or any claim becomes uncollectable in full or in part, including, without limitation:

- (a) complying with all of the requirements expressly imposed on it under the Insurances;
- (b) taking all reasonable action within its power to procure that at all times all parties to the Insurances (other than, if applicable, the Security Agent) comply with all of the requirements under the Insurances; and
- (c) complying with the express terms of all Insurances and taking all action necessary to maintain the Insurances as valid and up-to-date insurances.

28 Project Accounts, Receivables and Insurance Proceeds

28.1 The Borrower undertakes with each of the Finance Parties that, from the date of this Agreement and thereafter, for so long as any Commitment or amount is outstanding under the Finance Documents, it will:

- (a) open each of the Project Accounts with the Account Bank (and such other accounts as may from time to time be approved by the Facility Agent) and, in connection therewith, will from time to time complete all "know your customer" and other returns necessary for such process if any;
- (b) not withdraw any moneys, certificates of deposit or other securities from any Project Account otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Account Security; and
- (c) not request a withdrawal of any moneys from any Project Account without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent if:
 - (i) a Default has occurred and is continuing or would occur as a result (wholly or partly) of such withdrawal and (in either case) the Facility Agent has notified the Borrower and the Account Bank that no such withdrawal will be permitted; or
 - (ii) such Project Account is overdrawn or would become overdrawn as a result of such withdrawal; or
 - (iii) such withdrawal is in contradiction to Clauses 28.5(a), 28.6(b) and/or 28.7(b).

28.2 The Borrower may, from time to time, require the Account Bank to apply moneys standing to the credit of the Earnings Account, the Debt Service Reserve Account and the Operating Account towards making Permitted Investments (which Permitted Investments shall be held by

the Account Bank (on behalf of the Borrower) on the relevant Project Account and be subject to the Account Security). Unless already provided in this Agreement or in the Security Documents prior to, or simultaneously with, the purchase of any Permitted Investments, the Borrower shall execute such agreements which shall be Security Documents and do all such other acts or things as the Facility Agent reasonably considers to be necessary or desirable in order to provide to the Security Agent a security interest in and to such Permitted Investments, which is, as to priority and effect, reasonably satisfactory to the Facility Agent and, as to form and perfection, customary in relation to such Permitted Investments at the time at which such purchase is made.

28.3 With effect from the date hereof, the Borrower shall:

- (a) maintain each of its Project Accounts with the Account Bank;
- (b) immediately disclose to the Facility Agent the particulars of any bank accounts of the Borrower other than the Project Accounts and notify the Facility Agent immediately upon opening any bank accounts other than the Project Accounts and the Free Cash Account;
- (c) pay all Total Charter Rate and other Earnings payable to the Borrower in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring into the Earnings Account in dollars;
- (d) direct that the Charterer and any other relevant person shall pay all Total Charter Rate and other Earnings payable to the Borrower in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring into the Earnings Account in dollars;
- (e) pay or procure the payment of all compensation from time to time during the Facility Period received in respect of any requisition of the Vessel for hire into the Earnings Account for application in accordance with the Security Assignment;
- (f) pay or procure the payment of any moneys received or receivable from the Hedging Banks under or pursuant to the Hedging Contracts into the Earnings Account;
- (g) pay or procure the payment of all amounts which are, at any time prior to an Event of Default, received or receivable from the Guarantors (or either of them) pursuant to the terms of either Guarantee into the Earnings Account;
- (h) permit the Security Agent and the Facility Agent to apply all Earnings in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring in accordance with the Security Assignment and in repayment or prepayment (as applicable) of the Loans, in accordance with this clause 28;
- (i) pay all Receivables or procure that such proceeds are paid into the Earnings Account, for application in accordance with 28.5(b);
- (j) pay all Insurance Proceeds and Liability Insurance Proceeds in respect of the Vessel and/or the Mooring, whether greater or less than the Major Casualty Amount, or procure that such proceeds are paid, in the manner contemplated by clause 28.8; and
- (k) pay the proceeds of any Permitted Financial Indebtedness into an Account as the circumstances may require to be notified by the Borrower to the Facility Agent.

28.4 If any moneys credited to the Project Accounts is denominated in a currency other than (a) dollars, or (b) currencies that are not freely convertible as determined by the relevant authorities and/or the Account Bank from time to time, then the Borrower irrevocably authorises the Account Bank to convert the amount received into dollars at the rate of exchange then prevailing in the market in accordance with the Account Bank's normal operating practices and any incidental costs of making such conversion in accordance with this clause shall be borne by the Borrower.

28.5 Earnings Account

(a) Payment Cascade

Subject to clause 28.5(b), on each of the dates specified in paragraphs (i) to (vii) below, notwithstanding any appropriation made, or purported to be made by the Borrower, the Borrower shall (if there is no Default on or before the relevant withdrawal date) apply the amounts standing to the credit of the Earnings Account in the following order (and, for this purpose, the Borrower hereby instructs the Facility Agent (and the Facility Agent hereby instructs the Account Bank, and the Borrower hereby authorises the Account Bank to make such payments) to apply such amounts in such order):

- (i) first, on each Monthly Date (subject to the Borrower having submitted the request for payment to the Facility Agent at least five (5) Business Days prior to such Monthly Date), in or towards payment in dollars to the Operating Account of the amount equal to the aggregate of (x) the Tax Element received under the Charter for the calendar month ended prior to that Monthly Date and (y) the lesser of (A) the agreed amount set out in the Project Budget Statement for such Monthly Date, (B) an amount in respect of the Operating Expenses in respect of the Vessel payable for the calendar month ended prior to that Monthly Date (as notified by the Borrower to the Facility Agent in respect of the payment referred above, together with evidence of the same) and (C) the amount of Operating Cost Element received under the Charter for the calendar month ended prior to that Monthly Date (including any other Taxes payable on or calculated by reference to such Operating Expenses (as notified by the Borrower to the Facility Agent in respect for payment referred above, together with evidence of the same));
- (ii) secondly, on each Repayment Date and/or at any other time when such fees are due, in payment in dollars of all fees (including commitment fee), expenses and charges due to the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Mandated Lead Arranger, the Lenders, the Facility Agent and the Security Agent pursuant to the Finance Documents;
- (iii) thirdly, on each Repayment Date, in payment in dollars, on a *pari passu* basis, to:
 - (A) the Lenders *pro rata* of all amounts in respect of interest (including any default interest) then due (or overdue) on that

Repayment Date and payable under the Finance Documents; and

- (B) the Hedging Banks *pro rata* of all amounts (other than any swap termination sums / close-out payments under the Hedging Contracts) (if any) then due and payable to the Hedging Banks under the Hedging Contracts in respect of the period ending on that Repayment Date;
- (iv) fourthly, on each Repayment Date, in payment in dollars, on a *pari passu* basis, to:
 - (A) the Lenders *pro rata* of all amounts in respect of principal then due (or overdue) on that Repayment Date and payable under clause 6 (or otherwise pursuant to the Finance Documents); and
 - (B) the Hedging Banks *pro rata* of any swap termination sums / close-out payments owing to them under the Hedging Contracts,

provided that if there would, but for this proviso, be inadequate moneys standing to the credit of the Earnings Account on that Repayment Date to make the payments referred to in paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) above in full, then the relevant shortfall shall be met by the Borrower (if possible from any funds available first, in the Debt Service Reserve Account and, for this purpose, the Borrower hereby authorizes the Facility Agent and the Account Bank to apply the funds on the Debt Service Reserve Account for such purpose); and

- (v) fifthly, on each Monthly Date, in transfer to the Debt Service Reserve Account of any amount (up to the balance remaining on the Earnings Account) needed to fully fund the applicable Debt Service Reserve at such time (or to fund any shortfall in the applicable Debt Service Reserve standing to the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Account at such time);
- (vi) sixthly, on each Repayment Date falling after the 22nd Repayment Date, any moneys remaining on the Earnings Account after the applications under the preceding paragraphs of this clause 28.5(a) (*Payment Cascade*) have been made in full shall be paid to the Facility Agent in prepayment of the Loans (pro rata against the Facilities and in inverse order of maturity against the Balloon and the remaining Repayment Instalments) and otherwise in accordance with clause 7.13 (*Restrictions*); and
- (vii) seventhly, on each Repayment Date and subject to the proviso below and no Dividend Restriction Event having occurred and being continuing, any moneys remaining on the Earnings Account after the applications under the preceding paragraphs of this clause 28.5(a) (*Payment Cascade*) have been made in full for the applicable Repayment Date shall be transferred to any Free Cash Account for use by the Borrower provided always that no transfers to the Free Cash Accounts (or any of them) shall be made from the date when the Cash Sweep Mechanism commences until all amounts under the Facilities have been repaid in full.

The Facility Agent shall promptly on request confirm satisfaction of the conditions set out in paragraph (vii) above to the Borrower and the Account Bank, provided that such request is received by the Facility Agent no later than four (4) Business Days before the relevant payment date.

To ensure compliance with this clause 28.5(a), the Borrower shall provide its instructions for payment in accordance with this clause 28.5(a) to the Facility Agent (for its confirmation of compliance) no later than four (4) Business Days prior to the relevant payment date, and the Facility Agent shall in turn confirm those instructions to the Account Bank no later than two (2) Business Days prior to the relevant payment date.

- (b) All Receivables from time to time received by the Borrower, the Facility Agent, the Security Agent or the Account Bank shall be paid to and held in the Earnings Account and shall be applied in accordance with this clause 28.5(b). Upon the occurrence of a Proceeds Application Event and at all times thereafter, all Receivables from time to time received by the Facility Agent, the Security Agent, the Account Bank or the Borrower, together with all interest accrued thereon whilst held in the Earnings Account and all other amounts from time to time standing to the credit of the Earnings Account, shall (after providing for any Losses ranking by law in priority to the Secured Obligations) be applied as soon as reasonably practicable in paying the following amounts in the following order:
 - (i) first, in or towards reimbursing all and any expenses and charges properly suffered, incurred or paid by the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Lenders, the Facility Agent, the Security Agent or any Receiver pursuant to the Finance Documents and all and any remuneration payable to any Receiver pursuant to the Finance Documents;
 - (ii) secondly, in or towards payment of prepayment of the Loans and accrued interest and all other amounts accrued or outstanding under the Finance Documents and the Hedging Debt pursuant to clauses 7.6 (in the case of Total Loss), 7.8 (in the case of a sale of the Vessel and/or the Mooring), 7.9 (in the case of termination of the Charter), 7.10 (in the case of a Major Casualty) (in each case for further application in accordance with clause 40.5), or, as the case may be, 37.22 (*Order of Application*) (in all other cases); and
 - (iii) thirdly, an amount equal to the balance (if any) shall be paid to the Borrower.
- (c) Withdrawals
 - (i) During the Facility Period and prior to the occurrence of a Proceeds Application Event, the Borrower shall not withdraw or request a withdrawal of moneys from the Earnings Account except (A) as provided for in clause 28.5(a) or (B) in accordance with the terms of the Account Security or (C) to reimburse any Obligor in accordance with clause 28.8(c), provided that, if such withdrawal is made on a Monthly Date or a Repayment Date, there is adequate moneys standing to the credit of the Earnings Account to make the payments referred to in paragraphs (i) to (v) of clause 28.5(a) which are payable on that date in full .
 - (ii) Following the occurrence of a Proceeds Application Event, and at all times thereafter during the Facility Period, the Borrower

shall not withdraw or request a withdrawal of moneys from the Earnings Account.

(d) Information

Without prejudice to the other provisions of this Agreement, the Borrower undertakes that it will provide to the Facility Agent promptly such information as may be required by the Facility Agent for the purpose of determining the amounts to be credited to each of the Project Accounts referred to in clause 28.5(a) or otherwise for application in accordance with the provisions of clause 28.5(a).

28.6 Operating Account

(a) Payments

Notwithstanding any appropriation made, or purported to be made by the Borrower, the Borrower shall (if there is no Default continuing on or before the relevant withdrawal date) be entitled to withdraw funds from the Operating Account to meet any Operating Expenses on such dates and in such amounts as are necessary (and, for this purpose, the Borrower hereby instructs the Facility Agent (and the Facility Agent hereby instructs the Account Bank and the Borrower hereby authorises the Account Bank to make such payments) to apply such amounts, subject to the Borrower having submitted the request for payment to the Facility Agent at least four (4) Business Days prior to the intended date of payment, in or towards payment to any account(s) to be nominated by the Borrower of any amounts in respect of the Operating Expenses of the Borrower incurred in respect of the calendar month ended prior to the date of such payment as and when these are incurred or fall due for payment), as referred to in the latest Project Budget Statement provided to the Facility Agent.

(b) Withdrawals

During the Facility Period, the Borrower shall not withdraw or request a withdrawal of moneys from the Operating Account except (A) as provided for in clause 28.6(a), (B) in accordance with the terms of the Account Security or (C) with the Lenders' prior written consent.

(c) Information

Without prejudice to the other provisions of this Agreement, the Borrower undertakes that it will provide to the Facility Agent promptly upon request such information as may be required by the Facility Agent for the purpose of determining the amounts to be credited in accordance with clause 28.6(a).

28.7 Debt Service Reserve Account

(a) Subject to clause 28.7(b) below, the Borrower shall maintain a credit balance of not less than the applicable Debt Service Reserve in the Debt Service Reserve Account at all times from the Utilisation Date of the Final Advance and for the remainder of the Facility Period.

(b) The Borrower shall not withdraw or request a withdrawal of moneys from the Debt Service Reserve Account except as provided in clauses 28.5(a) (*Payment Cascade*). Following any such withdrawal, the Borrower shall, no later than the next Monthly Date, make up any shortfall between the applicable Debt Service Reserve and the balance standing to the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Account.

28.8 Insurance Proceeds

(a) Prior to the occurrence of a Default, all Insurance Proceeds from time to time received by the Borrower, the Security Agent or the Account Bank during the Facility Period shall (after providing for any Losses ranking by law in priority to the Secured Obligations) be applied as follows:

(i) if those Insurance Proceeds are in an amount less than the Major Casualty Amount, an amount equal to any balance of those Insurance Proceeds shall (subject to paragraph (c) below) be paid to the Earnings Account after such Insurance Proceeds have first been applied in repairing any damage to the Vessel or the Mooring and/or in discharging the liability in respect of which they have been paid except to the extent that the repairs have already been paid for and/or the liability already discharged;

(ii) if those Insurance Proceeds are in an amount equal to or exceeding the Major Casualty Amount and subject to either (A) both a determination by the Technical Adviser, following consultation with the Borrower, that it is technically feasible to repair and make good the relevant damage or loss and a joint determination by the Technical Adviser and the Facility Agent, following consultation between them and the Borrower, that it is economically feasible to repair and make good the relevant damage or loss and that the Borrower's ability to meet its payment obligations under this Agreement will not be impaired or (B) the prior written approval of the Lenders, an amount equal to those Insurance Proceeds shall be paid:

(A) to the Borrower (to such account as is advised by the Borrower), following receipt by the Facility Agent from the Borrower of evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Facility Agent that the relevant damage or loss has been properly made good and repaired and that all repair accounts and other liabilities whatsoever in connection with that damage or loss have been fully paid and discharged by the Borrower; or

(B) to the persons or person effecting the repairs to the Vessel or the Mooring on account of those repairs in the course of those repairs being effected (if staged payments for such repairs are required) or after those repairs have been effected (in all other circumstances);

(iii) if those Insurance Proceeds are in an amount equal to or exceeding the Major Casualty Amount and are not applied as contemplated by paragraph (ii), an amount equal to those Insurance Proceeds shall be paid into the Earnings Account for

application in accordance with clause 28.10 (*Application after Termination Date*).

- (b) All amounts of Liability Insurance Proceeds from time to time received by the Borrower, the Security Agent or the Account Bank during the Facility Period shall be paid to the person who incurred the liability or who suffered the damage to which those Liability Insurance Proceeds relate or, where that liability has been satisfied, to the person who has satisfied that liability, in reimbursement to that person of the monies expended by it in satisfaction of that liability, in each case, following the receipt by the Security Agent from the Borrower of evidence satisfactory to the Security Agent that the relevant liability or damage was incurred or suffered or, as the case may be, that the relevant liability has been satisfied.
- (c) All amounts of Loss of Hire Insurance Proceeds from time to time received by the Borrower, the Security Agent or the Account Bank during the Facility Period shall first be applied to reimburse any Obligor (other than the Borrower) in an amount equal to the amount paid by that Obligor to remedy any shortfall pursuant to and in accordance with clause 7.9(d) of this Agreement and thereafter any excess shall be paid into the Earnings Account.
- (d) Following the occurrence of an Event of Default which is continuing, all amounts of Insurance Proceeds and/or Liability Insurance Proceeds from time to time received or held by the Security Agent or the Account Bank shall be applied in accordance with clause 28.10 (*Application after Termination Date*).

28.9 Application on Final Maturity Date

The Borrower hereby instructs the Facility Agent (and the Facility Agent hereby instructs the Account Bank and the Borrower hereby authorises the Account Bank to make such payments) to apply the credit balance on each Project Account against partial repayment of the Balloon upon the Final Maturity Date provided that any credit balances on such Project Accounts after payment in full of the Balloon and all other Secured Obligations shall be transferred to the Free Cash Account.

28.10 Application after Termination Date

Upon and following a Termination Date, the Facility Agent will apply the proceeds of realisation of any Collateral, including any credit balance on any Project Account, any Insurance Proceeds and/or Liability Insurance Proceeds and any other moneys received under or pursuant to the Finance Documents and the Security Documents (after providing for all costs, charges, expenses and liabilities and other payments ranking in priority to the Secured Obligations) in the following manner and order:

- (a) first, in or towards payment to the Security Agent of any unpaid costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or attempted enforcement of any of the rights under any of the Finance Documents; and
- (b) secondly, for further application in accordance with clause 37.22 (*Order of application*).

28.11 Payment Administration

- (a) Whenever a payment is due to be made from any of the Project Accounts in accordance with the terms of this clause 28 (*Project Accounts, Receivables and Insurance Proceeds*), the Facility Agent will determine the amounts so payable and to whom they are payable in consultation with the Borrower (where appropriate) on the relevant date and the Facility Agent shall instruct the Account Bank (and the Borrower hereby authorises the Account Bank to make such payments) to pay such amounts from the relevant Project Account to the applicable payee.
- (b) The Borrower undertakes that this clause will be complied with throughout the Facility Period.

28.12 Other provisions

- (a) An Account may only be designated for the purposes described in this clause 28 (*Project Accounts, Receivables and Insurance Proceeds*) if:
 - (i) such designation is made in writing by the Facility Agent and acknowledged by the Borrower and specifies the name and address of the Account Bank and the number and any designation or other reference attributed to the Account;
 - (ii) an Account Security has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent;
 - (iii) any notice required by the Account Security to be given to an Account Bank has been given to, and acknowledged by, the Account Bank in the form required by the relevant Account Security; and
 - (iv) the Facility Agent, or its duly authorised representative, has received such documents and evidence it may require in relation to the Account and the Account Security including documents and evidence of the type referred to in Schedule 3 (*Conditions precedent*) in relation to the Account and the relevant Account Security.
- (b) The rates of payment of interest and other terms regulating any Account will be a matter of separate agreement between the Borrower and the Account Bank. If an Account is a fixed term deposit account, the Borrower may select the terms of deposits until the relevant Account Security has become enforceable and the Security Agent directs otherwise.
- (c) The Borrower shall not close any Account or alter the terms of any Account from those in force at the time it is designated for the purposes of this clause 28 (*Project Accounts, Receivables and Insurance Proceeds*) or waive any of its rights in relation to an Account except with approval.
- (d) The Borrower shall deposit with the Security Agent all certificates of deposit, receipts or other instruments or securities relating to any

Account, notify the Security Agent of any claim or notice relating to an Account from any other party and provide the Facility Agent with any other information it may request concerning any Account.

- (e) Each of the Facility Agent and the Security Agent agrees that if it is an Account Bank in respect of an Account then there will be no restrictions on charging that Account as contemplated by this Agreement and it shall not (except with the approval of the Majority Lenders) exercise any right of combination, consolidation or set-off which it may have in respect of that Account in a manner adverse to the rights of the other Finance Parties.

29 Business restrictions

Except as otherwise approved by the Majority Lenders each of the Borrower and the Sponsors undertake that this clause 29 will be complied with by the Borrower and, where expressly stated, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway and/or the Sponsors throughout the Facility Period.

29.1 General negative pledge

The Borrower shall not permit any Security Interest to exist, arise or be created or extended over all or any part of its assets except for:

- (a) those granted or expressed to be granted by any of the Security Documents;
- (b) Permitted Maritime Liens; and
- (c) (except in relation to Charged Property) any lien arising by operation of law in the ordinary course of trading and not as a result of any default or omission by any Obligor.

29.2 Transactions similar to security

(Without prejudice to clauses 29.3 (*Financial Indebtedness*) and 29.8 (*Disposals*)), the Borrower shall not:

- (a) sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its assets on terms whereby that asset is or may be leased to, or re-acquired by, any other member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group other than pursuant to disposals permitted under clause 29.8 (*Disposals*);
- (b) sell, transfer, factor or otherwise dispose of any of its receivables on recourse terms (except for the discounting of bills or notes in the ordinary course of business);
- (c) enter into any arrangement under which money or the benefit of a bank or other account may be applied, set-off or made subject to a combination of accounts other than the Free Cash Account; or
- (d) enter into any other preferential arrangement having a similar effect,

in circumstances where the arrangement or transaction is entered into primarily as a method of raising Financial Indebtedness or of financing the acquisition of an asset except where such arrangement or transaction would be permitted by clause 29.1 (*General negative pledge*) if such arrangement or transaction had been a Security Interest.

29.3 Financial Indebtedness

The Borrower shall not incur, or permit to exist, any Financial Indebtedness owed by it to anyone else except:

- (a) Financial Indebtedness incurred under the Finance Documents;
- (b) Permitted Financial Indebtedness; and
- (c) Financial Indebtedness permitted under clause 29.5 (*Loans and credit*).

29.4 Guarantees

The Borrower shall not give or permit to exist, any guarantee by it in respect of indebtedness of any person or allow any of its indebtedness to be guaranteed by anyone else (except pursuant to the Guarantees).

29.5 Loans and credit

The Borrower shall not make, grant or permit to exist any loans or any credit by it to anyone else other than trade credit granted by it to its customers on normal commercial terms in the ordinary course of its business.

29.6 Bank accounts and other financial transactions

The Borrower shall not:

- (a) maintain any current or deposit account (other than the Project Accounts and the Free Cash Accounts) with a bank or financial institution except for the deposit of money, operation of current accounts and the conduct of electronic banking operations with the Account Bank;

- (b) hold cash in any account (other than with the Account Bank or (in the case of any Free Cash Account) PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia) over or in respect of which any set-off, combination of accounts, netting or Security Interest exists;
- (c) be party to any banking or financial transaction, whether on or off balance sheet, that is not expressly permitted under this clause 29 (*Business restrictions*).

29.7 Other obligations and/or business

- (a) The Borrower shall not:
 - (i) enter into any contract or agreement with any person and will not otherwise create or incur any liability to any person other than in its ordinary course of business or as provided for in, or as permitted by, the Transaction Documents and arrangements entered into as a result thereof and each other document required to be executed and delivered by it in accordance with the provisions hereof or thereof;
 - (ii) undertake, incur or assume any obligation or liability whatsoever other than its obligations and liabilities pursuant to this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is party (and under any Permitted Financial Indebtedness); or
 - (iii) undertake or become involved in any business whatsoever other than as contemplated by the Transaction Documents without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent acting with the consent of all the Lenders.
- (b) Each of the Sponsors shall maintain and procure that the Borrower is maintained as a single purpose company.

29.8 Disposals

The Borrower shall not enter into a single transaction or a series of transactions, whether related or not and whether voluntarily or involuntarily, to sell, transfer, assign, pledge, charter, discount or otherwise dispose of any of its present and future business, undertaking, assets, rights and revenues, including, but not limited to, its title, rights or interests in or to the Vessel, the Mooring or any equipment or any of the Borrower's Security (other than the Permitted Security Interests) except for any of the following disposals so long as they are not prohibited by any other provision of the Finance Documents:

- (a) disposals of assets made in (and on terms reflecting) the ordinary course of trading of the disposing entity;
- (b) subject always to clause 26.3 (*Removal of parts*), disposals of obsolete assets or damaged assets or assets which are no longer required for the purpose of the business of the relevant Obligor in each case for cash on normal commercial terms and on an arm's length basis;
- (c) dealings with trade creditors with respect to book debts in the ordinary course of trading; and
- (d) the application of cash or cash equivalents in the acquisition of assets or services in the ordinary course of its business.

29.9 Contracts and arrangements with Affiliates

The Borrower shall not be party to any arrangement or contract with any of its Affiliates unless (except where the relevant Affiliate is a Sponsor) such arrangement or contract is on an arm's length basis.

29.10 Subsidiaries

The Borrower shall not establish or acquire a company or other entity which would be or become Subsidiary of the Borrower.

29.11 Acquisitions and investments

The Borrower shall not acquire any person, business, assets or liabilities or make any investment in any person or business or enter into any joint-venture arrangement except:

- (a) the Vessel, the Mooring and the Borrower Assigned Property;
- (b) acquisitions of assets in the ordinary course of business (not being new businesses or vessels); or
- (c) pursuant to or contemplated under any Transaction Document to which it is party.

29.12 No winding up

The Borrower shall not, and shall procure that the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway shall not, take any corporate or other action or commence any legal proceedings for the winding-up, dissolution, administration or reorganisation of the Borrower or the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway or for the appointment of an insolvency official of it or any of its assets or revenues.

29.13 Reduction of capital

The Borrower shall not redeem or purchase or otherwise reduce any of its equity or any other share capital or any warrants or any uncalled or unpaid liability in respect of any of them or reduce the amount (if any) for the time being standing to the credit of its share premium account or capital redemption or other undistributable reserve in any manner.

29.14 Increase in capital

The Borrower shall not issue shares or other equity interests to anyone who is not a Sponsor or a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Sponsors unless to a Replacement Shareholder pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*).

29.15 Distributions and other payments

Subject to no Dividend Restriction Event having occurred and being continuing, the Borrower may:

- (a) declare or pay (including by way of set-off, combination of accounts or otherwise) any dividend or redeem or make any other distribution or payment (whether in cash or in specie), including any interest and/or unpaid dividends, in respect of its equity or any other share capital or any warrants for the time being in issue; or
- (b) make any payment (including by way of set-off, combination of accounts or otherwise) by way of interest, or repayment, redemption, purchase or other payment, in respect of any Subordinated Loan, any other shareholder loan or intercompany loan, loan stock or similar instrument,

to a Sponsor or another member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group or to any other person.

29.16 Change in ownership

The Borrower shall to the extent of its powers, ensure that there is no change in the shareholding held by (a) the Sponsors (directly or indirectly) or, as the case may be, the Pre-Completion Guarantor in the Borrower (unless in accordance with clause 22.1(a) (*Shares in the Borrower*) or (b) either Guarantor (directly or indirectly) in the O&M Contractor without the prior written consent of the Lenders.

29.17 Replacement shareholder

The Borrower and the Final Repayment Guarantor further covenant and undertake that there shall be no change in the shareholding held by PSU in the Borrower without the prior written consent of the Lenders (acting reasonably) unless:

- (i) PSU is in breach of its obligations under any of the Transaction Documents and the Borrower and the Final Repayment Guarantor wish to replace it as a shareholder of the Borrower;
- (ii) the appointment of a Replacement Shareholder would not breach the terms of the Charter, the Shareholders' Agreement or any law or regulation applicable to the Borrower, any Shareholder, the Vessel or the Project;
- (iii) the Replacement Shareholder is an Approved Shareholder;
- (iv) the Replacement Shareholder and Golar Singapore enter into a shareholders agreement which is substantially in the same form and on the same terms as the Shareholders' agreement or on such other terms as may be acceptable to the Lenders (the **Replacement Shareholders' Agreement**);
- (v) the Lenders have obtained all internal approvals for the proposed appointment of the Replacement Shareholder and can satisfy their Know Your Customer ("KYC") requirements in respect of the Replacement Shareholder;
- (vi) the Replacement Shareholder has entered into an accession deed (or such other documentation as may be required) whereby the Replacement Shareholder assumes all PSU's obligations under the Transaction Documents and such other amendments are made to the Finance Documents and the other relevant Transaction Documents so as to ensure that the Replacement Shareholder assumes all PSU's obligations under such documents (to the satisfaction of the Lenders (acting reasonably)); and
- (vii) if required by the Facility Agent (acting reasonably), the Facility Agent has obtained satisfactory legal opinions in respect of the Replacement Shareholder's entry into the Replacement Shareholders' Agreement, the other documents referred to in paragraph (vi) above and any other documents which the Facility Agent (acting reasonably) may consider necessary or desirable in relation to appointment of the Replacement Shareholder to ensure that rights equivalent to those provided to the Finance Parties under the Finance Documents are preserved.

30 Hedging

The Borrower undertakes that this clause 30 (*Hedging*) will be complied with throughout the Facility Period.

30.1 Hedging

- (a) Subject to clauses (j) and (k) below, the Borrower shall enter into and maintain at all times during the Facility Period on and from the earlier of (i) 30 April 2018 and (ii) the date falling thirty (30) days from the date of the Supplemental Agreement, Hedging Transactions which provide for protection against adverse movements in interest rates for an aggregate notional principal amount that is not less than seventy per cent (70%) of the outstanding amount of Facility A at such time but not greater than one hundred and five per cent (105%) of the outstanding amount of Facility A as then scheduled to be repaid pursuant to clause 6 (*Repayment*).
- (b) The Borrower shall, on or before the date of the Supplemental Agreement, invite each Lender to propose the notional amount of the interest rate swap (**IRS**) it (or any of its Affiliates) is willing to take up and the credit spread, in basis points (bps), over the offer side of the dollar swap rate, as calculated in line with the Repayment Instalments, based on the prevailing dollar swap yield curve, that each Lender (or any of its Affiliates) would require to be paid to provide such notional amount of the IRS. The Lenders undertake to offer (or

procure that their relevant Affiliate offers) market terms as to the credit spread offered (for this type of transaction, tenor and notional amount). Each Lender (or its respective Affiliate) will be given the right (to be exercised at its option) to match the average credit spread received by the Borrower from the other Lenders for a notional amount up to its pro rata share in the Loans. The Borrower undertakes to grant the IRS to the Lender or Lenders (or their respective Affiliates) based on the set of notional amounts and credit spreads indicated by the Lender(s) (or their respective Affiliates) which allows it to reach the required full notional amount of the IRS at the lowest possible cost to the Borrower, and for the avoidance of doubt, this need not be on a pro rata basis if any Lender or Lenders choose not to match the relevant credit spread. If the Hedging Providers choose not to enter into the proposed Hedging Transaction with the Borrower or the pricing offered by the Hedging Providers for such Hedging Transaction is not competitive with the pricing available to the Borrower from a Non Lender Hedging Bank, the Borrower may enter into the proposed Hedging Transaction with a Non Lender Hedging Bank on terms better than those offered by the Hedging Providers. Any Non Lender Hedging Bank will not be a party to this Agreement or any of the Finance Documents and will not share in any of the rights or interests of the Finance Parties pursuant to the Finance Documents.

- (c) All Original Hedging Banks shall be Original Lenders (or Affiliates thereof which is/are regularly engaged in or established for the purpose of making, purchasing or investing in loans, securities or other financial assets and entering into ISDA derivative documentation and interest rate swaps).
- (d) The Borrower shall:
 - (i) no later than the Effective Date (as defined in the Supplemental Agreement), execute and deliver to the Facility Agent a copy of the Hedging Master Agreements certified as true by an authorised signatory of the Borrower;
 - (ii) within thirty (30) days from the date of the Supplemental Agreement, deliver evidence of the entry into the Hedging Transactions as required by clause 30.1(a) to the Facility Agent.
- (e) Each Hedging Contract contemplated by this clause 30.1 (*Hedging*) shall:
 - (i) provide that the Termination Currency (as defined in each Hedging Contract) of each Hedging Contract is dollars;
 - (ii) provide for two-way payments in the event of a termination of a Hedging Transaction, whether upon a Termination Event or an Event of Default (each as defined in the relevant Hedging Contract) as the applicable payment measure; and
 - (iii) provide that the governing law is English law.
- (f) The Hedging Transactions contemplated by this clause 30.1 (*Hedging*) shall:
 - (i) individually provide for the Borrower to pay a fixed rate of interest in respect of the relevant notional principal amount; and
 - (ii) collectively match the repayment profile of the Loans in a manner consistent with clause (a), including pursuant to any adjustment necessitated by clause 6.3.
- (g) The Borrower shall ensure that:
 - (i) each Floating Rate Payer Payment Date (as defined in each Hedging Contract) in respect of each Hedging Transaction shall coincide with each Repayment Date;
 - (ii) each Reset Date (as defined in each Hedging Contract) in respect of each Hedging Transaction is consistent with each Quotation Day; and
 - (iii) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in each Hedging Contract) in respect of each Hedging Transaction is consistent with the definition of LIBOR, including with respect to the first Interest Period and any fallback determination provisions.
- (h) The Borrower shall, promptly upon entry into any Hedging Transaction, deliver to the Facility Agent an original or certified copy of the relevant Confirmation.
- (i) Other than Hedging Transactions which meet the requirements of this clause 30 (*Hedging*), the Borrower shall not enter into derivative transactions.
- (j) In the circumstances referred to in clause 32.4(f) and from the date designated as the Early Termination Date by the terminating Hedging Bank as a result of its failure to transfer the affected Hedging Transaction to an Affiliate or office, the Borrower shall have a period of twenty (20) days or, as the case may be, seven (7) Business Days (as referred to in clause 32.4(f)(iii)) to execute replacement Hedging Transactions in accordance with the provisions of clause 32.4(f).
- (k) If the Borrower becomes entitled to terminate any Hedging Transactions and/or Hedging Master Agreements in accordance with the terms thereof, and starting from the date designated by the Borrower as the Early Termination Date, the Borrower shall have a period of 20 days in which to execute replacement Hedging Transactions (by following the procedures set out in clause 30.1(b) (but subject to the provisos set out in clause 32.4(f)(i)(A) and 32.4(f)(i)(B)) and clause 32.4(f)(ii). Unless otherwise agreed, should the Borrower fail to execute replacement Hedging Transactions sufficient to comply with clause (a) within such 20 day period, this shall be considered a breach of clause (a).
- (l) The Borrower shall not, without the prior consent of the Lenders, enter into any Hedging Transaction if the forecasted Debt Service Coverage Ratio (as calculated by reference to the Financial Model and taking into account such Hedging Transaction(s)) for each Relevant Period during the remaining tenor of the Facility Period is less than 1.40:1.

30.2 Variations

Except with the approval of the Facility Agent (or as required under clause 30.6 (*Unwinding of Hedging Contracts*), no Hedging Master Agreement or Hedging Contract shall be varied provided that, to the extent that any adjustment is made under clause 6.3, no such approval shall be required to vary the profile of any Hedging Transaction to match such adjustment. Furthermore, no such approval is required if the variation is minor or of an administrative nature or corrects a manifest or proven error.

30.3 Releases and waivers

Except with the approval of the Facility Agent (subject to clause 30.7 (*Assignment of Hedging Contracts by Hedging Banks*)), there shall be no release by the Borrower of any obligation of any other Person under the Hedging Contracts (including by way of novation), no waiver of any breach of any such obligation and no consent to anything which would otherwise be such a breach.

30.4 Assignment by Borrower

Except pursuant to the Hedging Security, the Borrower shall not assign or otherwise dispose of its rights under any Hedging Contract.

30.5 Termination of Hedging Contracts by Borrower

Except with the approval of the Facility Agent and subject to clause 30.1(k), the Borrower shall not terminate or rescind any Hedging Contract or close out or unwind any Hedging Transaction for any reason whatsoever.

30.6 Unwinding of Hedging Contracts

- (a) Subject to clause (b) below, if, at any time, and whether as a result of any prepayment (in whole or in part) of the Loans or any cancellation (in whole or in part) of the Commitment or otherwise, the aggregate notional principal amount under all Hedging Transactions in respect of a Loan entered into by the Borrower exceeds or will exceed the aggregate amount of Loans outstanding at that time after such prepayment or cancellation, then (unless otherwise approved by the Facility Agent) each of the Permitted Hedging Banks shall on the date of such prepayment or cancellation close out and terminate a sufficient portion of each Hedging Transaction (on a pro rata basis) as is necessary to ensure that the aggregate notional principal amount under the remaining continuing Hedging Transactions equals, and will in the future be equal to, not less than seventy per cent (70%) and not greater than one hundred and five per cent (105%) of the outstanding amount of Facility A at such time and as scheduled to be repaid from time to time thereafter pursuant to clause 6 (*Repayment*).
- (b) Where the prepayment of a Loan (or any part thereof) arises as a result of the circumstances described in clauses 7.1 (*Illegality*), 7.5 (*Right of cancellation in relation to a Defaulting Lender*) and/or 11.4 (*Prepayment; termination of Commitments*) in relation to a single Lender (and such circumstances also affect such person (or its respective Affiliate) acting in its capacity as Hedging Bank, as a result of which such Hedging Bank is entitled to designate an Early Termination Date (as defined in the relevant Hedging Master Agreement) with respect to the whole of the relevant Hedging Transaction), then such Hedging Bank shall (on the instruction of the Facility Agent) immediately close out and terminate such Hedging Transaction. Provided that, following such termination, the aggregate notional principal amount under the remaining continuing Hedging Transactions equals, and will in the future be equal to, the same percentage of the aggregate amount of the Loans outstanding after such prepayment or cancellation as the notional amount had borne to the aggregate amount of the Loan outstanding prior to such prepayment or cancellation.

30.7 Assignment of Hedging Contracts by Hedging Banks

- (a) A Hedging Bank shall assign its rights or transfer by novation its rights and obligations under this Agreement (in its capacity as a Hedging Bank and not, if applicable, as a Lender) to another bank or financial institution (or, following an Event of Default that is continuing, to a trust, fund or other entity) which is regularly engaged in or established for the purpose of making, purchasing or investing in loans, securities or other financial assets and entering into ISDA derivative documentation and interest rate swaps (including an Affiliate of such Hedging Bank) (the **New Hedging Bank**) to the extent that such Hedging Bank has assigned or transferred its rights to such New Hedging Bank under, and in accordance with the terms of, the relevant Hedging Contract.
- (b) Except in the case of a transfer to an Affiliate of such Hedging Bank (that meets the criteria specified in clause (a) above), no Hedging Bank is entitled to transfer its Hedging Contract other than to an Alternative Financial Institution (as defined in clause 32.4(f)).
- (c) Unless an Event of Default is continuing, neither the Borrower nor the other Obligors shall be liable for any costs (including break costs) arising from the termination of any Hedging Contracts and/or entering into new hedging arrangements on less favourable rates than the existing Hedging Contracts which are incurred as a result of voluntary transfers by Lenders or Hedging Banks. Upon any involuntary or mandatory transfers (whether due to increased costs, a change of law or otherwise (but not following an Event of Default)), the Lenders and the Hedging Banks will, to the extent possible, take all reasonable steps to mitigate any such costs from arising.
- (d) If such assignment or transfer would at the date of such assignment or transfer subject the Borrower to any greater with-holding tax liability hereunder to the New Lender than it would have had to the Existing Lender on such date then, unless an Event of Default is continuing or such assignment or transfer was made at the request or with the consent of the Borrower in order to mitigate or avoid the requirement for payment of additional amounts or increased costs or to mitigate or avoid an illegality, the Borrower shall not be obliged to pay any such additional with-holding tax under this Agreement in excess of those it would have been obliged to pay had no such assignment or transfer then taken place (but without prejudice to any obligation on the part of the Borrower to make any payment of additional amounts or increased amounts arising by virtue of a change of applicable law or in the application or interpretation thereof occurring after the date of such assignment or transfer).

30.8 Performance of Hedging Contracts by Borrower

The Borrower shall perform its obligations under the Hedging Contracts to which it is party.

30.9 Information concerning Hedging Contracts

The Borrower shall provide the Facility Agent with any information it may request concerning any Hedging Contract, including all reasonable information, accounts and records that may be necessary or of assistance to enable the Facility Agent to verify the amounts of all payments and any other amounts payable under the Hedging Contracts.

31 Events of Default

Each of the events or circumstances set out in clauses 31.1 to 31.32 is an Event of Default.

31.1 Non-payment

An Obligor does not pay on the due date any amount payable pursuant to a Finance Document at the place at and in the currency in which it is expressed to be payable unless its failure to pay is caused by an administrative or technical error and payment is made within three (3) Business Days of its due date.

31.2 Financial covenants

The Borrower or either Guarantor does not comply with clause 20 (*Financial covenants*).

31.3 Insurance

- (a) The Insurances and, if applicable, the Reinsurances of the Vessel and/or the Mooring are not placed and kept in force in the manner required by clause 27 (*Insurance*) and the Charter.
- (b) Any insurer or reinsurer either:
 - (i) cancels any such Insurances or Reinsurances; or
 - (ii) fails to renew any such Insurances or Reinsurances when the same are due for renewal; or
 - (iii) disclaims liability under them by reason of any mis-statement or failure or default by any person.
- (c) The credit rating of any insurer (unless such Insurances are reinsured and the Reinsurance Security has been duly executed, in which case the credit rating of any reinsurer) in respect of the Insurances or, if applicable, the Reinsurances falls below the Approved Credit Rating and the insurances or, as applicable, Reinsurances are not replaced with a replacement insurer or reinsurer with an Approved Credit Rating and otherwise in compliance with clause 27 (*Insurance*) within thirty (30) days.
- (d) Any Insurer is or becomes insolvent, unless (a) the Insurances placed with such Insurer are re-placed with a replacement, solvent insurer within thirty (30) days and (b) the Reinsurance Security granted by such Insurer is promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days following the insolvency of the Insurer) replaced by a substitute Reinsurance Security issued by the replacement insurer on substantially the same terms.
- (e) Any Insurer fails to perform or observe any material covenant or obligation to be performed or observed by it under the Reinsurance Security unless either:
 - (i) the Facility Agent considers that the failure to perform or observe any such material covenant or obligation is capable of remedy and the failure is remedied within thirty (30) days of the Facility Agent giving notice to the Borrower and/or the Insurer; or
 - (ii) within such thirty (30) day period, the Insurances placed with such Insurer are re-placed with a replacement insurer and the Reinsurance Security granted by such Insurer is replaced by a substitute Reinsurance Security issued by the replacement insurer on substantially the same terms.
- (f) Any representation made by an Insurer in any Reinsurance Security is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made unless either:
 - (i) the Facility Agent considers that the incorrectness or misleading nature of the relevant representation is capable of remedy and such action as the Facility Agent may (and, if so instructed by the Majority Lenders, shall) require is taken to remedy such breach within thirty (30) days of the Facility Agent giving notice to the Borrower and/or the Insurer; or
 - (ii) within such thirty (30) days period, the Insurances placed with such Insurer are re-placed with a replacement insurer and the Reinsurance Security granted by such Insurer is replaced by a substitute Reinsurance Security issued by the replacement insurer on substantially the same terms.
- (g) Either:
 - (i) it is or becomes unlawful for an Insurer to perform any of its obligations under any Reinsurance Security and/or any Security Interest created or expressed to be created or evidenced by any Reinsurance Security ceases to be effective and such event would have a Material Adverse Effect; or

- (ii) any obligation of an Insurer under any Reinsurance Security is not (subject to the Legal Reservations) or ceases to be legal, valid, binding or enforceable and the cessation would have a Material Adverse Effect,

unless, within thirty (30) days of the Facility Agent giving notice to the Borrower and/or the Insurer of such event, the Insurances placed with such Insurer are re-placed with a replacement insurer (whereby such unlawfulness, non-effectiveness, illegality, invalidity, non-binding nature or unenforceability is thereby remedied) and the Reinsurance Security granted by such Insurer is replaced by a substitute Reinsurance Security issued by the replacement insurer on substantially the same terms.

31.4 Other obligations

- (a) An Obligor does not comply with any provision of the Finance Documents (other than those referred to in clauses 31.1 (*Non-payment*), 31.2 (*Financial covenants*) and 31.3 (*Insurance*)).
- (b) No Event of Default under clause (a) above will occur if the Facility Agent considers that the failure to comply is capable of remedy and the failure is remedied within thirty (30) Business Days of the Facility Agent giving notice to the Borrower.

31.5 Misrepresentation

- (a) Any representation or statement made or deemed to be made by an Obligor in the Finance Documents or any other document delivered by or on behalf of any Obligor under or in connection with any Finance Document is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed to be made.
- (b) No Event of Default under clause 31.5(a) above will occur if the Facility Agent considers that the consequence of the consequences of the misrepresentation or mis-statement are capable of remedy and such action as the Facility Agent may require is taken to remedy such breach and/or the effects thereof within ten (10) Business Days of the Facility Agent giving notice to the Borrower of such misrepresentation or mis-statement.

31.6 Cross default

- (a) Any Financial Indebtedness of the Borrower, any Sponsor, any Shareholder, any Guarantor (each a **Relevant Person**) is declared to be or otherwise becomes due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described).
- (b) Any commitment for any Financial Indebtedness of any Relevant Person is cancelled or suspended by a creditor of that Relevant Party as a result of an event of default (however described).
- (c) The counterparty to a Treasury Transaction entered into by any Relevant Person including, without limitation, under the Hedging Contracts) becomes entitled to terminate that Treasury Transaction early by reason of an event of default (however described).
- (d) Any creditor of any Relevant Person becomes entitled to declare any Financial Indebtedness (other than any Subordinated Loan) of that Relevant Person due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described).
- (e) No Event of Default will occur under this clause 31.6 (*Cross Default*) if the aggregate amount of Financial Indebtedness or commitment for Financial Indebtedness falling within clauses (a) to (d) above is in the case of the Borrower, less than \$1,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies).
- (f) No Event of Default will occur under this clause 31.6 (*Cross Default*) if the aggregate amount of Financial Indebtedness or commitment for Financial Indebtedness falling within clauses (a) to (d) above in the case of either Guarantor is less than \$10,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies).
- (g) No Event of Default will occur under this clause 31.6 (*Cross Default*) in the case PSU if the Lenders (acting reasonably) agree that a Replacement Shareholder may be appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*) and such Replacement Shareholder is appointed on terms satisfactory to the Facility Agent within forty five (45) days or such longer period as may be approved by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) of any event described within clauses (a) to (d) above having taken place (provided that none of the events described within clauses (a) to (d) above has occurred in respect of such Replacement Shareholder).

31.7 Insolvency

- (a) Any Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder is unable or admits inability to pay its debts as they fall due, suspends making payments on any of its debts or, by reason of actual or anticipated financial difficulties, commences negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its indebtedness.
- (b) The value of the assets of any Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder is less than its liabilities (taking into account contingent and prospective liabilities).
- (c) A moratorium is declared in respect of any indebtedness of any Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder. If a moratorium occurs, the ending of the moratorium will not remedy any Event of Default caused by that moratorium.
- (d) No Event of Default will occur under this clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) in relation to the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*) within thirty (30) days of any event described in this clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) having taken place (provided that none of the events described in this clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) has occurred in respect of such replacement operator).

- (e) No Event of Default will occur under this clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) in relation to PSU if the Lenders (acting reasonably) agree that a Replacement Shareholder may be appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*) and such Replacement Shareholder is appointed on terms satisfactory to the Facility Agent within forty five (45) days or such longer period as may be approved by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) of any event described in this clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) having taken place (provided that none of the events described in this clause 31.7 (*Insolvency*) has occurred in respect of such Replacement Shareholder).

31.8 Insolvency proceedings

- (a) Any corporate action, legal proceedings or other procedure or step is taken in relation to:
- (i) the suspension of payments, a moratorium of any indebtedness, winding-up, dissolution, administration or reorganisation (by way of voluntary arrangement, scheme of arrangement or otherwise) of any Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder;
 - (ii) a composition, compromise, assignment or arrangement with any creditor of any Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder;
- (b) a liquidator, receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, compulsory manager or other similar officer is appointed in respect of any Obligor or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder or any of its assets (including the directors of any person requesting a person to appoint any such officer in relation to it or any of its assets); or
- (c) any Security Interest over any assets of the Borrower or all or substantially all of the assets of any Obligor (other than the Borrower) or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder is enforced,
- or any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction.
- (d) No Event of Default will occur under this clause 31.8 (*Insolvency proceedings*):
- (i) in respect of any winding-up petition (or analogous procedure or step) which is frivolous or vexatious and is discharged, stayed or dismissed within fourteen (14) days of commencement or, if earlier, the date on which it is advertised; or
 - (ii) in respect of any enforcement of a Permitted Maritime Lien which is discharged and/or dismissed within fourteen (14) days of such enforcement;
 - (iii) to any event described above in relation to the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway where a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*) within thirty (30) days of any event described within clauses (a) to (c) above having taken place (provided that none of the events described within clauses (a) to (c) above has occurred in respect of such replacement operator); or
 - (iv) to any event described above in relation to PSU if the Lenders (acting reasonably) agree that a Replacement Shareholder may be appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*) and such Replacement Shareholder is appointed on terms satisfactory to the Facility Agent within forty five (45) days or such longer period as may be approved by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) of any event described within clauses (a) to (c) above having taken place (provided that none of the events described within clauses (a) to (c) above has occurred in respect of such Replacement Shareholder).

31.9 Creditors' process

- (a) Any expropriation, attachment, sequestration, distress, execution or analogous process affects any asset or assets of the Borrower, any Sponsor, and Shareholder, any Guarantor, the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway and is not discharged within fourteen (14) days.
- (b) Any judgment or order is made against any such Obligor and is not stayed or complied with within seven (7) days.
- (c) No Event of Default will occur under clauses (a) and (b) above in relation to either Guarantor if the aggregate amount of the claim relating to any event described in clauses (a) and/or (b) above is less than US\$10,000,000.
- (d) No Event of Default will occur under clauses (a) and (b) above in relation to the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 24.4(c) within thirty (30) days of any event described in clauses (a) and/or (b) above having taken place (provided that none of the events described within (a) and/or (b) has occurred in respect of such replacement operator).
- (e) No Event of Default will occur under clauses (a) and (b) above in relation to PSU if the Lenders (acting reasonably) agree that a Replacement Shareholder may be appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 29.17 (*Replacement shareholder*) and such Replacement Shareholder is appointed on terms satisfactory to the Facility Agent within forty five (45) days or such longer period as may be approved by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) of any event described within clauses (a) to (b) above having taken place (provided that none of the events described within clauses (a) to (b) above has occurred in respect of such Replacement Shareholder).

31.10 Validity and ranking of Security

Any Security Document does not create legal, valid, binding and enforceable security over the assets charged under that Security Document

or the ranking or priority of such security is adversely affected.

31.11 Cessation of business

- (a) Any Obligor suspends or ceases to carry on (or threatens to suspend or cease to carry on) all or a material part of its business and for this avoidance of doubt this does not include a disposal of an asset which is unrelated to the Project by Golar Energy or the Pre-Completion Guarantor to another member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and which would not have a material adverse effect on the ability of Golar Energy or the Pre-Completion Guarantor to perform its obligations under any Finance Document to which it is a party.
- (b) No Event of Default will occur under clause 31.11(a) in relation to the O&M Contractor if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*) within thirty (30) days of any event described in clause 31.11(a) having taken place (provided that none of the events described in clause 31.11(a) has occurred in respect of such replacement operator).

31.12 Ownership of the Obligors

- (a) The Sponsors, together, cease or, as the case may be, the Pre-Completion Guarantor ceases to, directly or indirectly, legally and beneficially, own one hundred per cent (100%) of the shares in the Borrower without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of all of the Lenders) or the Final Repayment Guarantor ceases to retain management control over the Borrower or the Pre-Completion Guarantor ceases to retain management control over the Final Repayment Guarantor.
- (b) The Sponsors transfer any shareholding in the Borrower to a transferee which fails to meet the Lenders' 'Know Your Customer' checks and/or is otherwise not acceptable to the Lenders.

31.13 Expropriation

The authority or ability of the Borrower to conduct its business and/or any other Obligor to perform its obligations under the Finance Documents is limited or wholly or substantially curtailed by any seizure, expropriation, nationalisation, intervention, restriction or other action by or on behalf of any government, regulatory or other authority or other person in relation to the Borrower or any of its assets.

31.14 Repudiation and rescission of Finance Documents

An Obligor, an Insurer or the Charterer repudiates or purports to repudiate a Finance Document or evidences an intention to rescind a Finance Document.

31.15 Litigation

- (a) Any material litigation, alternative dispute resolution, arbitration or administrative proceeding related to the Project is taking place, or threatened or a claim in respect of any such proceedings is brought against the Borrower, any Sponsor, any Shareholder, any Guarantor, the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway or any of their respective assets, rights or revenues.
- (b) No Event of Default will occur under clause 31.15(a) above in relation to either Guarantor if the aggregate amount of the claim relating to any event described in clause 31.15(a) above is less than US\$10,000,000.
- (c) No Event of Default will occur under clause 31.15(a) above in relation to the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 24.4(c) within thirty (30) days of any event described in clauses (a) and/or (b) above having taken place (provided that none of the events described within (a) and/or (b) has occurred in respect of such replacement operator).

31.16 Material Adverse Effect

Any event or circumstance or series of events (including but not limited to any change of law or hostilities or civil war in the Flag State or any Relevant Jurisdiction or there is a seizure of power in the Flag State) occurs which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

31.17 Arrest of Vessel / Mooring

The Vessel or the Mooring is arrested, confiscated, seized, taken in execution, impounded, forfeited, detained in exercise or purported exercise of any possessory lien or other claim and the Borrower fails to procure the release of the Vessel or the Mooring within a period of thirty (30) days thereafter (or such longer period as may be approved).

31.18 Vessel registration

Except with approval, the registration of the Vessel under the laws and flag of its Flag State is cancelled or terminated or, where applicable, not renewed or, if the Vessel is only provisionally registered on the date of its Mortgage, the Vessel is not permanently registered under such laws within 90 days of such date.

31.19 Hedging Contracts

If:

- (a) an Event of Default (as defined in any Hedging Contract or such other equivalent definition(s) in any Hedging Contract) has occurred and is continuing under any Hedging Contract; or

- (b) an Early Termination Date (as defined in any Hedging Contract or such other equivalent definition in any Hedging Contract) has occurred (except with the approval of the Facility Agent or pursuant to the occurrence of a Termination Event (as defined in any Hedging Contract or such other equivalent definition(s) in any Hedging Contract) or been or become capable of being effectively designated under any Hedging Contract; or
- (c) subject to the proviso in clause 31.19(b) above, any Hedging Contract is terminated, cancelled, suspended, rescinded or revoked or otherwise ceases to remain in full force and effect for any reason in the case of a prepayment of all or part of the Loans); or
- (d) the Borrower fails to enter into a Hedging Transaction pursuant to and in accordance with clause 30.1(a) before 30 April 2018.

31.20 Breach of obligations in relation to the Project Accounts

The Borrower commits any breach of or omits to observe any of the covenants, obligations and undertakings expressed to be assumed by it under clauses 7.13 (*Restrictions*) and/or 10.1 of the Account Security or clause 28 (*Project Accounts, Receivables and Insurance Proceeds*) of this Agreement or any moneys standing to the credit of any Project Account are or become subject to any attachment or similar type of order.

31.21 Breach of Letter of Quiet Enjoyment

The Charterer commits any breach of or omits to observe any of the obligations or undertakings assumed by it under the Letter of Quiet Enjoyment which would in the opinion of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders) have a Material Adverse Effect and, in respect of any such breach or omission which in the opinion of the Facility Agent (acting with the consent of the Lenders) is capable of remedy, such action as the Facility Agent acting with the consent of the Lenders may require (including but not limited to the arrangement of alternative security on terms acceptable to the Lenders) shall not have been taken within twenty (20) days of the Facility Agent notifying the Borrower of such default and of the remedial or other action required.

31.22 Manager covenants

- (a) Subject to (b) below, failure of the O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway to perform or observe any covenant or obligation to be performed or observed by it under the O&M Contract and/or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement where such failure to perform or observe any such covenant or obligation by it is not remedied in accordance with the requirements of the O&M Contract or, as the case may be, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement.
- (b) No Event of Default will occur under this clause 31.22 (*Manager covenants*) if a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 22.4.3 within thirty (30) days of the deadline for remedy of the relevant event specified in the O&M Contract (or, if no such deadline is specified, within thirty (30) days of the event described in this clause 31.22 (*Manager covenants*) having taken place) (provided that none of the events described in this clause 31.22 (*Manager covenants*) has occurred in respect of such replacement operator).

31.23 Qualification of accounts

The Auditors qualify their report on the Audited Financial Statements in any way whatsoever which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

31.24 Charter termination and breach

Except with the approval of the Facility Agent:

- (a) an Event of Owner's Default (as defined in clause 29.1 of the Charter) occurs;
- (b) (except as a result of the Vessel becoming a Total Loss or in the circumstances contemplated in clause 7.9) the Charter and/or the Charterer Undertaking and/or the Charter Letters of Credit and/or a Charter LoU POA is terminated, cancelled, rescinded, repudiated or frustrated or is declared terminated, cancelled, rescinded, repudiated or frustrated for any reason or varied or amended in breach of this Agreement; or
- (c) (except in the circumstances contemplated in clause 7.9) the Vessel is withdrawn from service under the Charter before the time the Charter was scheduled to expire; or
- (d) an Event of Charterer's Default (as defined in clause 29.2 of the Charter) occurs under clause 29.2(e) of the Charter and the non-payment is not rectified and any shortfall not paid (i) by the Borrower from amounts available on the Free Cash Accounts or (ii) by either Sponsor or either Guarantor (at their absolute discretion) or (iii) by the Charterer within the 15 days of the Facility Agent giving notice to the Borrower or, if earlier within the 15 days of the Borrower giving notice to the Charterer; or
- (e) the Borrower agrees replacement or supplemental security in connection with any disposal by either Charterer Shareholder of its shares in the Charterer as may be required to be provided or procured by the Charterer pursuant to clauses 17.6 and 17.7 of the Charter without prior consent of the Lenders (acting reasonably); or
- (f) the Borrower fails to provide notice to the Lenders immediately upon becoming aware of any proposed disposal of shares in the Charterer by either Charterer Shareholder; or
- (g) either Charterer Shareholder intends to dispose of any or all of its shares in the Charterer and the Charterer fails to provide or procure replacement or supplemental security to the relevant Charter Undertakings within 14 calendar days of the date that the written notice referred to in clause 17.5 of the Charter should have been provided under clause 17.5 of the Charter, such security to be in form and

substance satisfactory to the Lenders (acting reasonably); or

- (h) the Charterer is otherwise in breach of its obligations under the Charter or any Charterer Shareholders are in breach of its obligations under its Charterer Undertaking in any case which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

31.25 Project Agreements

Subject to any other provision of this clause 31 (*Events of Default*), any event of default or any other breach occurs under any of the Project Agreements or any Project Agreement becomes unenforceable for any reason (which would have a Material Adverse Effect) or any Obligor, an Insurer or the Charterer repudiates or purports to repudiate a Project Agreement or evidences an intention to rescind a Project Agreement; or any Project Agreement (other than the Charter Documents and the Letter of Quiet Enjoyment) is cancelled, terminated or suspended or varied or amended in breach of this Agreement.

31.26 Environmental Incidents

There occurs an Environmental Incident.

31.27 Abandonment of the Project or the Vessel / Mooring

The Project or the Vessel or the Mooring or any part thereof is in the opinion of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) permanently abandoned by the Obligors or any other party to the Project Agreements or the Vessel or the Mooring or Project operations suffer permanent cessation.

31.28 Dry-docking

The Vessel is put into dry-dock for any period other than in accordance with clause 26.7 (*Inspection and notice of drydockings*).

31.29 Operation of the Vessel / Mooring

- (a) The Borrower ceases to be the owner of the Vessel or the Mooring, unless the Vessel or, as the case may be, the Mooring has been sold in accordance with clauses 7.8 (*Sale of Vessel / Mooring System*) and/or 25.2 (*Sale or other disposal of the Vessel / Mooring*).
- (b) The O&M Contractor and/or Golar Management Norway cease to be the operator of the Vessel and the Mooring under the O&M Contract or, as the case may be, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement, unless a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator is appointed pursuant to and in accordance with clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*) within thirty (30) days of such party ceasing to be the operator.

31.30 Redeployment of the Vessel

There is a redeployment of the Vessel or the Mooring or a relocation from the Permitted Location (other than for the normal operation of the Vessel at the Site or a short-term relocation (of no more than thirty (30) days (during which the Total Charter Rate continues to be paid in full, without any discount or reduction or either Guarantor or either Sponsor (at their discretion) has made up any shortfall within 4 Business Days of demand)) required in the case of an emergency or security reason where the prior written consent of the Facility Agent cannot be obtained in sufficient time) without the prior written consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders), such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

31.31 Sanctions

- (a) The Borrower or the Sponsors (or either of them) are designated as a Restricted Party, or becomes owned or controlled by a Restricted Party, or the Borrower acts directly or indirectly on behalf of a Restricted Party, or becomes the owner or controller of a Restricted Party
- (b) The Borrower or the Sponsors (or either of them) fails to comply with any Sanctions.

31.32 Final Acceptance

Final Acceptance is not achieved on or before the earlier of (i) 30 November, 2012 and (ii) the Guaranteed Acceptance Date (as defined in the Charter).

31.33 Acceleration

On and at any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default which is continuing the Facility Agent may, and shall if so directed by the Majority Lenders, by notice to the Borrower:

- (a) cancel the Total Commitments at which time they shall immediately be cancelled; and/or
- (b) declare that all or part of the Loans, together with accrued interest and all other amounts accrued or outstanding under the Finance Documents be immediately due and payable, at which time they shall become immediately due and payable; and/or
- (c) declare that all or part of the Loans be payable on demand, at which time it shall immediately become payable on demand by the Facility Agent on the instructions of the Majority Creditors; and/or
- (d) declare that all outstanding Hedging Transactions entered into under the Hedging Contracts shall be terminated or closed out by the Hedging Banks;

- (e) declare that no withdrawals be made from any Project Account; and/or
- (f) exercise or direct the Security Agent to exercise any or all of its rights, remedies, powers or discretions under the Finance Documents including but not limited to making a demand under either Guarantee and/or enforcing any Security Interest created by the Security Documents.

32 Position of Hedging Banks

32.1 Rights of Hedging Bank

Each Hedging Bank is a Finance Party and as such, will be entitled to share in the security constituted by the Security Documents in respect of any liabilities of the Borrower under the Hedging Contracts with such Hedging Bank in the manner and to the extent contemplated by the Finance Documents.

32.2 No voting rights

Subject to clause 46.2(c) (*Exceptions*), no Hedging Bank shall be entitled to vote on any matter where a decision of the Lenders alone is required under this Agreement, whether before or after the termination or close out of the Hedging Contracts with such Hedging Bank, provided that each Hedging Bank shall be entitled to vote on any matter where a decision of all the Finance Parties is expressly required.

32.3 Acceleration and enforcement of security

Subject to clause 46.2(c) (*Exceptions*), neither the Facility Agent nor the Security Agent or any other beneficiary of the Security Documents shall be obliged, in connection with any action taken or proposed to be taken under or pursuant to clause 31 (*Events of Default*) or pursuant to the other Finance Documents, to have any regard to the requirements of any Hedging Bank except to the extent that the relevant Hedging Bank is also a Lender.

32.4 Close out of Hedging Contracts

- (a) The parties to this Agreement agree that at any time on and after any Event of Default the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) shall be entitled, by notice in writing to a Hedging Bank, to instruct such Hedging Bank to terminate and close out any Hedging Transactions (or parts thereof) with the Borrower (on the basis that the Hedging Transactions shall be closed out pro rata and pari passu). The relevant Hedging Bank will terminate and close out the relevant Hedging Transactions (or parts thereof) and/or the relevant Hedging Contracts in accordance with such notice immediately upon receipt of such notice.
- (b) No Hedging Bank shall be entitled to terminate or close out any Hedging Contract or any Hedging Transaction under it prior to its stated maturity except:
 - (i) in accordance with a notice served by the Facility Agent under clause (a); or
 - (ii) in accordance with clause 30.6 (*Unwinding of Hedging Contracts*); or
 - (iii) if the Borrower has not paid amounts due under the relevant Hedging Contract and such amounts remain unpaid for a period of five (5) days after the due date for payment; or
 - (iv) if the Facility Agent takes any action under clause 31.33; or
 - (v) if the Loans and other amounts outstanding under the Finance Documents (other than amounts outstanding under the Hedging Contracts) have been repaid by the Borrower in full; or
 - (vi) if, following the occurrence of any Bankruptcy, Illegality, Tax Event, Tax Event Upon Merger, Force Majeure Event or Additional Termination Event (as each such expression is defined in the Hedging Master Agreements), the relevant Hedging Bank is entitled to terminate or close out the relevant Hedging Transaction pursuant to the relevant Hedging Contract.
- (c) If there is a net amount payable to the Borrower under a Hedging Transaction or a Hedging Contract upon its termination and close out, the relevant Hedging Bank shall forthwith pay that net amount (together with interest earned on such amount) to the Security Agent for application in accordance with clause 37.22 (*Order of application*).
- (d) No Hedging Bank shall set-off any such net amount against or exercise any right of combination in respect of any other claim it has against the Borrower.
- (e) If, as a result of any termination or close-out of any Hedging Transaction pursuant to any Illegality, Tax Event or Force Majeure Event as referred to in clause 32.4(b)(vi), the Borrower would fail to comply with the requirements set out in clause 30.1(a), the relevant Hedging Bank shall, as a condition of its right to designate an Early Termination Date, use all reasonable efforts (which will not require such Hedging Bank to incur a loss, other than immaterial, incidental expenses (as determined by such Hedging Bank in its reasonable discretion)) to transfer within twenty (20) days (in the case of Tax Event or Force Majeure Event) or seven (7) Business Days (in the case of Illegality) after it gives notice of its intention to terminate or close out the relevant Hedging Transaction(s) all its rights and obligations under the relevant Hedging Contract to another of its Offices (as defined in the Hedging Master Agreements) or Affiliates so that the relevant Termination Event (as defined in the Hedging Master Agreements) ceases to exist. The Borrower hereby consents to any such transfer. Such time period shall run concurrently with any time period relating to any transfer requirement or Waiting Period (as defined in the Hedging Master Agreements) under the relevant Hedging Contract.

(f)

- (i) If the relevant Hedging Bank is unable to effect the transfer referred to in clause 32.4(e) within the relevant time period it will give notice to the Borrower (copied to the Facility Agent) to that effect within such twenty (20) day (or, as the case may be, seven (7) Business Day) period, whereupon the Hedging Bank may then designate an Early Termination Date with respect to the relevant Hedging Transaction(s) or if a Hedging Bank designates an Early Termination Date as a result of a Tax Event Upon Merger, or if the Borrower (as a Non-defaulting Party or Non-affected Party (as those terms are defined in the Hedging Master Agreements) terminates any Hedging Transaction in accordance with the terms of the relevant Hedging Contract, then the Borrower shall follow the process set out in clause 30.1(b) in order to prevent any breach of clause 30.1(a) from arising as a result of the relevant termination or close-out referred to in clause (b)(vi) or otherwise, as applicable, upon the expiry of the period referred to in clause 30.1(j), provided that:
- (A) references in clause 30.1(b) to the notional amount of the IRS shall be treated as references to the additional notional amount necessary in order to comply with clause 30.1(a) (**Additional Notional Amount**); and
- (B) references to the Utilisation Date shall be treated as references to the date falling four (4) Business Days after the Early Termination Date designated by the relevant party with respect to the relevant terminated Hedging Transaction(s).
- (ii) In the event that no Lender is willing to take up the Additional Notional Amount in accordance with clause 30.1(b), the Borrower may enter into one or more Hedging Contracts with other banks which are regularly engaged in or established for the purpose of making, purchasing or investing in loans, securities or other financial assets and entering into ISDA derivative documentation and interest rate swaps (on terms substantially the same as the Hedging Master Agreements entered into by the Original Hedging Banks on or about the date of this Agreement), the aggregate Notional Amount (as defined in such Hedging Contract(s)) of the Hedging Transactions concluded thereunder being no greater than Additional Notional Amount, with one or more Alternative Financial Institutions.
- For the purpose of this clause 32.4(f) and clause 30.7(b) above, **Alternative Financial Institution** shall mean a financial institution, with an Approved Credit Rating, which is regularly engaged in or established for the purpose of investing in loans, securities or other financial assets and entering into ISDA derivative documentation and interest rate swaps and which, simultaneously with entering into a Hedging Contract with the Borrower, accedes to this Agreement as a Hedging Bank.
- (iii) Unless otherwise agreed, the Borrower shall complete the process referred to in this clause 32.4(f) and execute sufficient replacement Hedging Transactions to avoid a breach of clause 30.1(a) within twenty (20) days (in the case of Tax Event or Force Majeure Event) or seven (7) Business Days (in the case of Illegality) of receipt of the notice from the relevant Hedging Bank of its intention to terminate as referred to above or the date of designation of the Early Termination Date, provided that this is after the date of such notice being received.

32.5 No Enforcement Action

Other than the steps permitted by clause 32.4, no Hedging Bank will take any Enforcement Action without the prior written consent of the Security Agent.

SECTION 8 - CHANGES TO PARTIES

33 Changes to the Lenders

33.1 Assignments and transfers by the Lenders

- (a) Subject to this clause 33, a Lender (the **Existing Lender**) may:
- (i) assign any of its rights; or
- (ii) transfer by novation any of its rights and obligations,

to another bank or financial institution, or to a trust, fund or other entity which is regularly engaged in or established for the purpose of making, purchasing or investing in loans, securities or other financial assets (the **New Lender**) provided that the New Lender has a minimum credit rating of BB with Standard & Poor's Rating Agency and/or BA3 with Moody's Rating Agency (or the equivalent rating with another internationally recognised credit rating agency) and is not a direct competitor of the Borrower or either Guarantor. Each Lender agrees that it will request that each New Lender use reasonable endeavours to mitigate any circumstances which would result in any increase in costs payable by the Borrower to that New Lender as a result of such assignment or transfer. For the avoidance of doubt, this shall not impose any restriction on assignments or transfers by a Lender which are otherwise in accordance with this clause 33 nor shall it impose any obligation whatsoever on a New Lender.

- (b) In addition to the other rights provided to Lenders under this clause 33, each Lender may without consulting with or obtaining consent from any Obligor, at any time charge, assign by way of security or otherwise create a Security Interest in or over (whether by way of collateral or otherwise) all or any of its rights under any Finance Document to secure obligations of that Lender including, without limitation:
- (i) any charge, assignment by way of security or other Security Interest to secure obligations to a federal reserve or central bank; and

- (ii) in the case of any Lender which is a fund, any charge, assignment by way of security or other Security Interest granted to any holders (or trustee or representatives of holders) of obligations owed, or securities issued, by that Lender as security for those obligations or securities,

except that no such charge, assignment or other Security Interest shall:

- (A) release a Lender from any of its obligations under the Finance Documents or substitute the beneficiary of the relevant charge, assignment or Security Interest for the Lender as a party to any of the Finance Documents; or
- (B) require any payments to be made by an Obligor or grant to any person any more extensive rights than those required to be made or granted to the relevant Lender under the Finance Documents.

33.2 Conditions of assignment or transfer

- (a) The consent of the Borrower is not required for an assignment or transfer by a Lender which complies with clause 33.1 and shall be at no cost to the Borrower (unless such assignment or transfer has been requested by an Obligor), but prior notice shall be given to the Borrower of any such assignment or transfer (unless an Event of Default is continuing, in which case no such notice shall be required).
- (b) The Facility Agent will promptly advise the Borrower of the assignment or transfer.
- (c) An assignment or transfer will only be effective:
 - (i) in the case of an assignment, on receipt by the Facility Agent of written confirmation from the New Lender (in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent) that the New Lender will assume the same obligations to the other Finance Parties and the other Finance Parties as it would have been under if it was an Original Lender or, in the case of a transfer, if the procedure set out in clause 33.5 (*Procedure for transfer*) is complied with;
 - (ii) on the New Lender entering into any documentation required for it to accede as a party to any Security Document to which the Original Lender is a party in its capacity as a Lender;
 - (iii) on the Facility Agent (or, if appropriate, the Existing Lender) obtaining all “know your customer” or other checks relating to any person that it is required to carry out in relation to such assignment or transfer to a New Lender, the completion of which the Facility Agent (or, if appropriate, the Existing Lender) shall promptly notify to the Existing Lender (or, as appropriate, the Facility Agent) and the New Lender;
 - (iv) if that Existing Lender assigns or transfers equal fractions of its Commitment and participation in the Utilisations (if any) under the Facility;
 - (v) other than where a Finance Party has granted security pursuant to clause 33.1(b), if the New Lender enters into a non-disclosure agreement with the Existing Lender on similar terms to that which the Borrower previously entered into with the Existing Lender; and
 - (vi) if at the time when an assignment or transfer takes effect more than one Utilisation is outstanding, the assignment of an Existing Lender’s participation in the Utilisations (if any) under the Facilities shall take effect in respect of the same fraction of each such Utilisation.

33.3 Fee

The New Lender shall, on the date upon which an assignment takes effect, pay to the Facility Agent (for its own account) a fee of \$3,500.

33.4 Limitation of responsibility of Existing Lenders

- (a) Unless expressly agreed to the contrary, an Existing Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility to a New Lender for:
 - (i) the legality, validity, effectiveness, adequacy or enforceability of the Finance Documents or any other documents;
 - (ii) the financial condition of any Obligor;
 - (iii) the performance and observance by any Obligor or any other person of its obligations under the Finance Documents or any other documents;
 - (iv) the application of any Basel 2 Regulation or Basel 3 Regulation to the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents; or
 - (v) the accuracy of any statements (whether written or oral) made in or in connection with any Finance Document or any other document,and any representations or warranties implied by law are excluded.
- (b) Each New Lender confirms to the Existing Lender and the other Finance Parties and the Finance Parties that it:
 - (i) has made (and shall continue to make) its own independent investigation and assessment of (i) the financial condition and affairs

of the Obligors and their related entities in connection with its participation in this Agreement; and (ii) the application of any Basel 2 Regulation or Basel 3 Regulation to the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents; and has not relied exclusively on any information provided to it by the Existing Lender or any other Finance Party in connection with any Finance Document; and

- (ii) will continue to make its own independent appraisal of the application of any Basel 2 Regulation or Basel 3 Regulation to the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents; and
 - (iii) will continue to make its own independent appraisal of the creditworthiness of each Obligor and their related entities whilst any amount is or may be outstanding under the Finance Documents or any Commitment is in force.
- (c) Nothing in any Finance Document obliges an Existing Lender to:
- (i) accept a re-assignment or re-transfer from a New Lender of any of the rights assigned and obligations transferred under this clause 33 (*Changes to the Lenders*); or
 - (ii) support any losses directly or indirectly incurred by the New Lender by reason of the non-performance by any Obligor of its obligations under the Finance Documents or by reason of the application of any Basel 2 Regulation to the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents or otherwise.

33.5 Procedure for transfer

- (a) Subject to the conditions set out in clause 33.2 (*Conditions of assignment or transfer*) an assignment or transfer is effected in accordance with clause 33.5(b) below when (a) the Facility Agent executes an otherwise duly completed Transfer Certificate and (b) the Facility Agent executes any document required under clause 33.2(c) which it may be necessary for it to execute in each case delivered to it by the Existing Lender and the New Lender duly executed by them and, in the case of any such other document, any other relevant person. The Facility Agent shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt by it of a Transfer Certificate and any such other document each duly completed, appearing on its face to comply with the terms of this Agreement and delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, execute that Transfer Certificate and such other document. The Obligors and the other Finance Parties irrevocably authorise the Facility Agent to execute any Transfer Certificate on their behalf without any consultations with them.
- (b) On the Transfer Date:
- (i) to the extent that in the Transfer Certificate the Existing Lender seeks to be released from its obligations under any Finance Document, the Existing Lender shall be released from further obligations towards the Obligors and the other Finance Parties under such Finance Documents and rights of the Obligors and the other Finance Parties against the Existing Lender under such Finance Documents shall be cancelled (being the **Discharged Rights Obligations**) (but the obligations owed by the Obligors under the Finance Documents shall not be released);
 - (ii) to the extent that in the Transfer Certificate the Existing Lender seeks to transfer by novation its rights and obligations under this Agreement each of the Obligors and the Existing Lender shall be released from further obligations towards one another under this Agreement and their respective rights against one another under this Agreement shall be cancelled (being the **Discharged Rights and Obligations**);
 - (iii) in the case of an assignment pursuant to clause 33.5(a) above, the New Lender shall assume obligations towards each of the Obligors who are a Party and/or the Obligors and the other Finance Parties shall acquire rights against the New Lender which differ from the Discharged Rights and Obligations only insofar as the New Lender has assumed and/or the Obligors and the other Finance Parties acquired the same in place of the Existing Lender;
 - (iv) in the case of a transfer pursuant to clause 33.5(b) above, each of the Obligors who are a Party and the New Lender shall assume obligations towards one another and/or acquire rights against one another which differ from the Discharged Rights and Obligations only insofar as that Obligor and the New Lender have assumed and/or acquired the same in place of that Obligor and the Existing Lender;
 - (v) the other Finance Parties and the New Lender shall acquire the same rights and assume the same obligations between themselves as they would have acquired and assumed had the New Lender been an Original Lender with the rights and/or obligations acquired or assumed by it as a result of the transfer and to that extent the Security Agent, Existing Lender and the other Finance Parties shall each be released from further obligations to each other under the Finance Documents; and
 - (vi) the New Lender shall become a Party to the Finance Documents as a "Lender" for the purposes of all the Finance Documents.

33.6 Copy of Transfer Certificate to Borrower

The Facility Agent shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after it has executed a Transfer Certificate and any other document required under clause 33.2(c), send a copy of that Transfer Certificate and such documents to the Borrower.

33.7 Disclosure of information

Without prejudice to the rights of disclosure of each Finance Party under the Banking Acts (as defined below) or otherwise, any Finance Party may disclose to any of its Affiliates (including its head office, representative offices, other branches and related corporations or affiliates in any jurisdiction), officers, employees, agents, correspondents and agencies of the Finance Parties and any other person who, by reason of his capacity, office or scope of work, has access to the records, documents and/or registers of such Finance Party and all persons to whom

Section 47 of the Banking Act, Chapter 19 of Singapore (as the same may be amended or re-enacted from time to time, together the **Banking Acts**) applies (together, the **Related Parties**), and any Finance Party and Related Party may disclose to:

- (a) any person to (or through) whom a Finance Party assigns or transfers (or may potentially assign or transfer) all or any of its rights and obligations under the Finance Documents;
- (b) any person with (or through) whom a Finance Party enters into (or may potentially enter into) any sub-participation in relation to, or any other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to, the Finance Documents or any Obligor;
- (c) any authority in any jurisdiction, including any central bank or other fiscal or monetary authority;
- (d) any person that has provided security or credit support for the Borrower's obligations to the Finance Parties;
- (e) any person to whom a Finance Party has granted security pursuant to clause 33.1(b);
- (f) a rating agency or the contractors or service providers (including but not limited to any host server or storage provider) it uses for its normal operational and/or administrative functions or its professional advisers who are subject to professional obligations to maintain the confidentiality of such information;
- (g) any receiver appointed by any Finance Party;
- (h) any person:
 - (i) who is a person or who belongs to a class of persons specified in the second column of the Third Schedule to the Banking Act;
 - (ii) to whom, and to the extent that, information is required to be disclosed by any applicable law or regulation (including, but not limited to, any applicable stock exchange rules and the Banking Acts) or by order of court or tribunal; or
 - (iii) to whom such Finance Party is under a duty of disclosure.
- (i) to any insurance broker or insurer of the Finance Parties or the Obligors or provider of credit protection in relation to the Finance Parties' rights and/or obligations hereunder provided that (i) such information is required by such person to carry out their normal insurance or, as the case may be, rating activities in relation to the Finance Documents and/or the Obligors and (ii) such persons have been informed in writing of the confidential nature of such information;
- (j) to any person where reasonably necessary for the purpose of giving effect to the instructions of the Obligors (including, without limitation, such information as is requested or required by any person for the purpose of effecting payment or transfer of funds) or, with the consent of the Borrower, any other person;
- (k) to any person in connection with any legal action taken or contemplated:
 - (i) against any Obligor;
 - (ii) against any of the persons referred to in paragraph (d) above; or
 - (iii) in relation to any products, services or facilities made available by such Finance Party to an Obligor;

any information about any Obligor, the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Finance Documents as that Finance Party shall consider appropriate.

Any Finance Party may also disclose the size and term of the Facility and the name of each of the Obligors to any investor or a potential investor in a securitisation (or similar transaction of broadly equivalent economic effect) of that Finance Party's rights or obligations under the Finance Documents.

This clause 33.7 (*Disclosure of information*) does not, and shall not be deemed to, constitute an express or implied obligation on any Finance Party which would constitute a higher degree of confidentiality than that prescribed by Section 47 of the Banking Act or the Third Schedule of the Banking Act.

33.8 Other Requirement

- (a) To the extent required by law or by any security registration office, the Existing Lender and the New Lender shall execute an assignment agreement (*cessie*) or novation agreement under Indonesian law. The Borrower hereby agrees to, and expressly authorises, any assignment and/or transfer by the Existing Lender under this clause 33. The Parties hereto agree that to the extent applicable, all requirements under Indonesian law relating to a transfer of indebtedness will have been satisfied by a transfer under this clause 33. If in relation to any transfer referred to in this clause 33, it is required under the laws of Indonesia that the Borrower or any Obligor (other than PSU) to acknowledge, consent or agree to such transfer:
 - (i) The Borrower hereby authorizes and will procure that the relevant Obligor will authorise the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent to effect such acknowledgement, consent or agreement on behalf of the Borrower and/or such Obligor;
 - (ii) The Borrower agrees, if requested by the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent, to promptly confirm and will procure that the relevant Obligor (other than PSU) will provide such acknowledgement, consent or agreement, in such form and substance

satisfactory to the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent (each acting reasonably);

- (iii) PSU hereby authorizes the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent to effect such acknowledgement, consent or agreement on its behalf; and
 - (iv) PSU agrees, if requested by the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent, to promptly provide such acknowledgment, consent or agreement, in such form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent (each acting reasonably).
- (b) The Borrower hereby confirms that, and, as necessary, it will procure that the relevant Obligor (other than PSU) will confirm and PSU hereby confirms that upon the completion of the assignment and/or transfer referred to in this clause 33, the security interests contemplated by the relevant Security Documents shall (subject to any applicable Legal Reservations) be also be for the benefit of the New Lender.

34 Changes to the Account Bank

In the event that the Facility Agent (on the instructions of the Majority Lenders) and with consent of the Borrower appoints any person as 'Account Bank' in substitution for the Account Bank as at the date of this Agreement without the consent of the Borrower, the Facility Agent shall take all reasonable steps to mitigate any circumstances which arise and which would result in any transfer cost or any increase in any fees payable to the replacement 'Account Bank' as a result of such appointment.

35 Changes to the Obligors and the O&M Contractor

None of the Obligors may assign any of its rights or transfer any of its rights or obligations under the Finance Documents.

36 Benefit and burden

This Agreement shall be binding upon, and enure for the benefit of, the Finance Parties and their respective successors in title and transferees and the Borrower and its successors in title.

SECTION 9 - THE FINANCE PARTIES

37 Roles of Facility Agent, Security Agent, Account Bank and Co-ordination and Structuring Bank

37.1 Appointment of the Facility Agent

- (a) Each other Finance Party (other than the Security Agent) appoints the Facility Agent to act as its agent under and in connection with the Finance Documents.
- (b) Each such other Finance Party authorises the Facility Agent:
 - (i) to exercise the rights, powers, authorities and discretions specifically given to the Facility Agent under or in connection with the Finance Documents together with any other incidental rights, powers, authorities and discretions; and
 - (ii) to execute each of the Security Documents and all other documents that may be approved by the Majority Lenders for execution by it.

37.2 Duties of the Facility Agent

- (a) The Facility Agent shall promptly forward to a Party the original or a copy of any document which is delivered to the Facility Agent for that Party by any other Party.
- (b) Except where a Finance Document specifically provides otherwise, the Facility Agent is not obliged to review or check the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of any document it forwards to another Party.
- (c) If the Facility Agent receives notice from a Party referring to this Agreement, describing a Default and stating that the circumstance described is a Default, it shall promptly notify the other Finance Parties.
- (d) If the Facility Agent is aware of the non-payment of any principal, interest, commitment fee or other fee payable to a Finance Party (other than the Facility Agent or the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank or the Security Agent for their own account) under this Agreement it shall promptly notify the other Finance Parties.
- (e) The Facility Agent's duties under the Finance Documents are solely mechanical and administrative in nature.

37.3 Role of the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank

Except as specifically provided in the Finance Documents, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank has no obligations of any kind to any other

Party under or in connection with any Finance Document or the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents.

37.4 No fiduciary duties

- (a) Nothing in this Agreement or any other Finance Document constitutes the Facility Agent or the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank as a trustee or fiduciary of any other person.
- (b) None of the Facility Agent, the Security Agent or the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank shall be bound to account to any Lender or any Hedging Bank for any sum or the profit element of any sum received by it for its own account or have any obligations to the other Finance Parties beyond those expressly stated in the Finance Documents.

37.5 Business with the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group

The Facility Agent, the Security Agent and the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank may accept deposits from, lend money to and generally engage in any kind of banking or other business with any Obligor or other member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group or their Affiliates as if it were not performing the duties specified herein or any other Finance Document.

37.6 Rights and discretions of the Facility Agent

- (a) The Facility Agent may rely on:
 - (i) any representation, notice or document believed by it to be genuine, correct and appropriately authorised; and
 - (ii) any statement made by a director, authorised signatory or employee of any person regarding any matters which may reasonably be assumed to be within his or her knowledge or within his or her power to verify.
- (b) The Facility Agent may assume (unless it has received notice to the contrary in its capacity as facility agent for the other Finance Parties) that:
 - (i) no Default has occurred (unless it has actual knowledge of a Default arising under clause 31.1 (*Non-payment*));
 - (ii) any right, power, authority or discretion vested in any Party or the Majority Lenders has not been exercised; and
 - (iii) any notice or request made by the Borrower (other than a Utilisation Request) is made on behalf of and with the consent and knowledge of all the Obligors.
- (c) The Facility Agent may engage, pay for and rely on the advice or services of any lawyers, accountants, surveyors or other experts in the conduct of its obligations and responsibilities under the Finance Documents, subject to clause 17 (*Costs and Expenses*).
- (d) The Facility Agent may act in relation to the Finance Documents through its personnel and agents.
- (e) The Facility Agent may disclose to any other Party any information it reasonably believes it has received as facility agent under this Agreement.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of any Finance Document to the contrary, neither the Facility Agent nor the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank is obliged to do or omit to do anything if it would or might in its reasonable opinion constitute a breach of any law or regulation or a breach of a fiduciary duty or duty of confidentiality. The Facility Agent and the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank may do anything which in its opinion, is necessary or desirable to comply with any law or regulation of any jurisdiction.

37.7 Majority Lenders' instructions

- (a) Unless a contrary indication appears in a Finance Document (including, but not limited to, clause 46.2(c) (*Exceptions*)), the Facility Agent shall:
 - (i) exercise any right, power, authority or discretion vested in it as Facility Agent (including giving instructions to the Security Agent) in accordance with any instructions given to it by the Majority Lenders (or, if so instructed by the Majority Lenders, refrain from exercising any right, power, authority or discretion vested in it as Facility Agent); and
 - (ii) not be liable for any act (or omission) if it acts (or refrains from taking any action) in accordance with an instruction of the Majority Lenders.
- (b) Unless a contrary indication appears in a Finance Document (including, but not limited to, clause 46.2(c)), any instructions given by the Majority Lenders to the Facility Agent (in relation to any right, power, authority or discretion vested in it as Facility Agent) shall be binding on all the Finance Parties (other than the Security Agent).
- (c) The Facility Agent may refrain from acting in accordance with the instructions of the Majority Lenders (or, if appropriate, the Lenders) until it has received such security as it may require for any cost, loss or liability (together with any associated Indirect Tax) which it may incur in complying with the instructions.
- (d) In the absence of, or while awaiting, instructions from the Majority Lenders (or, if appropriate, the Lenders), the Facility Agent may act (or refrain from taking action) as it considers to be in the best interest of the Finance Parties.
- (e) The Facility Agent is not authorised to act on behalf of a Lender or any Hedging Bank (without first obtaining that Lender's or that

Hedging Bank's consent) in any legal or arbitration proceedings relating to any Finance Document. This clause 37.7(e) shall not apply to any legal or arbitration proceeding relating to the perfection, preservation or protection of rights under the Security Documents or enforcement of the Security Documents.

- (f) Neither the Facility Agent nor the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank shall be obliged to request any certificate, opinion or other information under clause 19 (*Information undertakings*) unless so required in writing by a Lender or any Hedging Bank, in which case the Facility Agent shall promptly make the appropriate request of the Borrower if such request would be in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

37.8 Responsibility for documentation and other matters

Neither the Facility Agent nor the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank:

- (a) is responsible for the adequacy, accuracy and/or completeness of any information (whether oral or written) supplied by the Facility Agent, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, an Obligor or any other person given in or in connection with any Finance Document or the transactions contemplated in the Finance Documents or of any representations in any Finance Document or of any copy of any document delivered under any Finance Document;
- (b) is responsible for the legality, validity, effectiveness, adequacy or enforceability of any Finance Document or any Project Agreement or any other agreement, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of or in connection with any Finance Document or any Project Agreement;
- (c) is responsible for the application of any Basel 2 Regulation or Basel 3 Regulation to the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents;
- (d) is responsible for any loss to the Trust Property arising in consequence of the failure, depreciation or loss of any Charged Property or any investments made or retained in good faith or by reason of any other matter or thing;
- (e) is obliged to account to any person for any sum or the profit element of any sum received by it for its own account;
- (f) is responsible for the failure of any Obligor or any other party to perform its obligations under any Finance Document, Project Agreement or the financial condition of any such person;
- (g) is responsible to ascertain whether all deeds and documents which should have been deposited with it (or the Security Agent) under or pursuant to any of the Security Documents have been so deposited;
- (h) is responsible to investigate or make any enquiry into the title of any Obligor or any other party to any of the Charged Property or any of its other property or assets;
- (i) is responsible for the failure to register any of the Security Documents with the Registrar of Companies or any other public office;
- (j) is responsible for the failure to register any of the Security Documents in accordance with the provisions of the documents of title of any Obligor or any other party to any of the Charged Property;
- (k) is responsible for the failure to take or require any Obligor or any other party to take any steps to render any of the Security Documents effective as regards property or assets outside England or Wales or to secure the creation of any ancillary charge under the laws of the jurisdiction concerned; or
- (l) is (unless it is the same entity as the Security Agent) responsible on account of the failure of the Security Agent to perform or discharge any of its duties or obligations under the Security Documents.

37.9 Exclusion of liability

- (a) Without limiting clause 37.9(b) (and without prejudice to the provisions of clause 40.9 (*Disruption to Payment Systems etc .*)), the Facility Agent will not be liable for any action or omission taken or committed by it under or in connection with any Finance Document or any insurance policy, unless directly caused by its gross negligence or wilful misconduct.
- (b) No Party (other than the Facility Agent) may take any proceedings against any officer, employee or agent of the Facility Agent in respect of any claim it might have against the Facility Agent or in respect of any act or omission of any kind by that officer, employee or agent in relation to any Finance Document or any insurance policy and any officer, employee or agent of the Facility Agent may rely on this clause subject to clause 1.3 (*Third party rights*) and the provisions of the Third Parties Act.
- (c) The Facility Agent will not be liable for any delay (or any related consequences) in crediting an account with an amount required under the Finance Documents to be paid by the Facility Agent if the Facility Agent has taken all necessary steps as soon as reasonably practicable to comply with the regulations or operating procedures of any recognised clearing or settlement system used by the Facility Agent for that purpose.
- (d) Nothing in this Agreement shall oblige the Facility Agent or the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank to carry out any "Know Your Customer" or other checks in relation to any person on behalf of any Lender or any Hedging Bank and each Lender and each Hedging Bank confirms to the Facility Agent and the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank that it is solely responsible for any such checks it is required to carry out and that it may not rely on any statement in relation to such checks made by the Facility Agent or the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank.

37.10 Lenders' indemnity to the Facility Agent

- (a) Each Lender shall (in proportion to its share of the Total Commitments or, if the Total Commitments are then zero, to its share of the Total Commitments immediately prior to their reduction to zero):
 - (i) indemnify the Facility Agent, within four (4) Business Days of demand, against any cost, loss or liability (including, without limitation, for negligence, in relation to any FATCA-related liability or any other category of liability whatsoever) incurred by the Facility Agent (otherwise than by reason of the Facility Agent's gross negligence or wilful misconduct) including the costs of any person engaged in accordance with clause 37.6(c) (*Rights and discretions of the Facility Agent*) and any Receiver in acting as its agent under the Finance Documents (unless the Facility Agent has been reimbursed by an Obligor pursuant to a Finance Document or out of the Trust Property); and
 - (ii) reimburse the Facility Agent for any out of pocket expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the preparation, execution, administration or enforcement of, or legal advice in respect of rights or responsibilities under, the Finance Documents, to the extent that the Facility Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with clause 17.1(a) (*Costs and expenses*).
- (b) The provisions of this clause 37.10 shall survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

37.11 Resignation of the Facility Agent

- (a) The Facility Agent may resign and appoint one of its Affiliates as successor by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Lenders, the Hedging Banks, the Security Agent and the Borrower.
- (b) Alternatively the Facility Agent may resign by giving notice to the other Finance Parties and the Borrower, in which case the Majority Lenders (after consultation with the Borrower) may appoint a successor Facility Agent.
- (c) If the Majority Lenders have not appointed a successor Facility Agent in accordance with clause 37.11(b) above within thirty (30) days after notice of resignation was given, the Facility Agent (after consultation with the Borrower) may appoint a successor Facility Agent.
- (d) The retiring Facility Agent shall, at its own cost, make available to the successor Facility Agent such documents and records and provide such assistance as the successor Facility Agent may reasonably request for the purposes of performing its functions as Facility Agent under the Finance Documents.
- (e) The Facility Agent's resignation notice shall only take effect upon the appointment of a successor.
- (f) Upon the appointment of a successor, the retiring Facility Agent shall be discharged from any further obligation in respect of the Finance Documents but shall remain entitled to the benefit of this clause 37. Its successor and each of the other Parties shall have the same rights and obligations amongst themselves as they would have had if such successor had been an original Party.
- (g) After consultation with the Borrower, the Majority Lenders may, by notice to the Facility Agent, require it to resign in accordance with clause 37.11(b). In this event, the Facility Agent shall resign in accordance with clause 37.11(b).
- (h) The Agent shall resign in accordance with clause 37.11(b) (and, to the extent applicable, shall use reasonable endeavours to appoint a successor Agent pursuant clause 37.11(c) above) if on or after the date which is three (3) months before the earliest FATCA Application Date relating to any payment to the Agent under the Finance Documents, either:
 - (i) the Agent fails to respond to a request under clause 13.10 (*FATCA Information*) and the Borrower or a Lender reasonably believes that the Agent will not be (or will have ceased to be) a FATCA Exempt Party on or after that FATCA Application Date;
 - (ii) the information supplied by the Agent pursuant to clause 13.10 (*FATCA Information*) indicates that the Agent will not be (or will have ceased to be) a FATCA Exempt Party on or after that FATCA Application Date; or
 - (iii) the Agent notifies the Borrower and the Lenders that the Agent will not be (or will have ceased to be) a FATCA Exempt Party on or after that FATCA Application Date,

and (in each case) the Borrower or a Lender reasonably believes that a Party will be required to make a FATCA Deduction that would not be required if the Agent were a FATCA Exempt Party, and the Borrower or that Lender, by notice to the Agent, requires it to resign.

37.12 Confidentiality

- (a) In acting as facility agent for the Finance Parties, the Facility Agent shall be regarded as acting through its department, division or team directly responsible for the management of the Finance Documents which shall be treated as a separate entity from any other of its divisions, departments or teams.
- (b) If information is received by another division or department of the Facility Agent, it may be treated as confidential to that division or department and the Facility Agent shall not be deemed to have notice of it.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of any Finance Document to the contrary, neither the Facility Agent, nor the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank is obliged to disclose to any other person (i) any confidential information or (ii) any other information if the disclosure would or might in its reasonable opinion constitute a breach of any law or a breach of a fiduciary duty.

37.13 Relationship with the Lenders and the Hedging Banks

- (a) The Facility Agent may treat each Lender and each Hedging Bank as a Lender or (as the case may be) a Hedging Bank, entitled to payments under this Agreement and acting through its Facility Office unless it has received not less than five (5) Business Days prior notice from that Lender or that Hedging Bank to the contrary in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) Each Lender and each Hedging Bank shall supply the Facility Agent with any information that the Facility Agent may reasonably specify as being necessary or desirable to enable the Facility Agent or the Security Agent to perform its functions as Facility Agent or Security Agent. Each Lender and each Hedging Bank shall deal with the Security Agent exclusively through the Facility Agent and shall not deal directly with the Security Agent.
- (c) Each Lender shall supply the Facility Agent with any information required by the Facility Agent in order to calculate the Mandatory Cost in accordance with Schedule 5 (*Mandatory Cost Formulae*).

37.14 Credit appraisal by the Lenders and the Hedging Banks

Without affecting the responsibility of any Obligor for information supplied by it or on its behalf in connection with any Finance Document, each Lender and each Hedging Bank confirms to each other Finance Party that it has been, and will continue to be, solely responsible for making its own independent appraisal and investigation of all risks arising under or in connection with any Finance Document including but not limited to:

- (a) the financial condition, status and nature of each Obligor and the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group;
- (b) the legality, validity, effectiveness, adequacy or enforceability of any Finance Document, Project Agreement and any other agreement, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in connection with any Finance Document or Project Agreement;
- (c) the application of any Basel 2 Regulation or Basel 3 Regulation to the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents;
- (d) whether any Finance Party has recourse, and the nature and extent of that recourse, against any Party or any of its respective assets under or in connection with any Finance Document, the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents or any other agreement, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in connection with any Finance Document;
- (e) the adequacy, accuracy and/or completeness of any information provided by the Facility Agent, any Party or by any other person under or in connection with any Finance Document or Project Agreement, the transactions contemplated by the Finance Documents or any other agreement, arrangement or document entered into, made or executed in anticipation of, under or in connection with any Finance Document or Project Agreement; and
- (f) the right of title of any person to, or the value or sufficiency of, any part of the Charged Property, the priority of the Security Documents or the existence of any Security Interest affecting the Charged Property.

37.15 Reference Banks

If a Reference Bank (or, if a Reference Bank is not a Lender, the Lender of which it is an Affiliate) ceases to be a Lender, the Facility Agent shall (in consultation with the Borrower) appoint another Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender to replace that Reference Bank.

37.16 Change in scope of work of the Facility Agent and/or Security Agent

In the event of a change in the scope of work to be performed either by the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent (including, but not limited to, corporate restructuring, debt restructuring or any change in law or regulation requiring the re-registration of more than fifty per cent (50%) of the Security Documents), the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent reserves the right to (a) request further compensation for the cost of utilising the Facility Agent's and/or the Security Agent's management time or other resources and such compensation will be calculated on the basis of such reasonable daily or hourly rates as the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent may notify to the Borrower and the Lenders, and is in addition to any fee paid or payable to the Facility Agent under clause 12 (*Fees*), and (b) review the agency fee referred to in clause 12.2.

37.17 Deduction from amounts payable by the Facility Agent

If any Party owes an amount to the Facility Agent under the Finance Documents the Facility Agent may, after giving notice to that Party, deduct an amount not exceeding that amount from any payment to that Party which the Facility Agent would otherwise be obliged to make under the Finance Documents and apply the amount deducted in or towards satisfaction of the amount owed. For the purposes of the Finance Documents that Party shall be regarded as having received any amount so deducted.

37.18 Common parties

Although the Facility Agent and the Security Agent may from time to time be the same entity, that entity will have entered into the Finance Documents (to which it is party) in its separate capacities as facility agent for the Finance Parties and (as appropriate) security agent and trustee for the Finance Parties. Where any Finance Document provides for the Facility Agent or Security Agent to communicate with or provide instructions to the other, while they are the same entity, such communication or instructions will not be necessary.

37.19 Security Agent

- (a) Each other Finance Party appoints the Security Agent to act as its trustee under and in connection with the Security Documents.

- (b) Each other Finance Party authorises the Security Agent:
- (i) to exercise the rights, powers, authorities and discretions specifically given to the Security Agent under or in connection with the Finance Documents together with any other incidental rights, powers, authorities and discretions; and
 - (ii) to execute each of the Security Documents and all other documents that may be approved by the Facility Agent and/or the Majority Lenders for execution by it.
- (c) The Security Agent accepts its appointment under clause 37.19 (*Security Agent*) as trustee of the Trust Property with effect from the date of this Agreement and declares that it holds the Trust Property on trust for itself, the other Finance Parties (for so long as they are Finance Parties) on and subject to the terms set out in clauses 37.19 - 37.27 (inclusive) and the Security Documents to which it is a party.

37.20 Application of certain clauses to Security Agent

- (a) Clauses 37.6 (*Rights and discretions of the Facility Agent*), 37.8 (*Responsibility for documentation and other matters*), 37.9 (*Exclusion of liability*), 37.10 (*Lenders' indemnity to the Facility Agent*), 37.11 (*Resignation of the Facility Agent*), 37.12 (*Confidentiality*), 37.13 (*Relationship with the Lenders and the Hedging Banks*), 37.14 (*Credit appraisal by the Lenders and the Hedging Banks*) and 37.17 (*Deduction from amounts payable by the Facility Agent*) shall each extend so as to apply to the Security Agent in its capacity as such and for that purpose each reference to the "Facility Agent" in these clauses shall extend to include in addition a reference to the "Security Agent" in its capacity as such.
- (b) In addition, clause 37.11 (*Resignation of the Facility Agent*) shall, for the purposes of its application to the Security Agent pursuant to clause 37.20(a), have the following additional sub-clause:

At any time after the appointment of a successor, the retiring Security Agent shall do and execute all acts, deeds and documents reasonably required by its successor to transfer to it (or its nominee, as it may direct) any property, assets and rights previously vested in the retiring Security Agent pursuant to the Security Documents and which shall not have vested in its successor by operation of law. All such acts, deeds and documents shall be done or, as the case may be, executed at the cost of the retiring Security Agent (except where the Security Agent is retiring under clause 37.11(g) as extended to it by clause 37.20(a), in which case such costs shall be borne by the Lenders (in proportion to its share of the Total Commitments or, if the Total Commitments are then zero, to its share of the Total Commitments immediately prior to their reduction to zero)).

37.21 Instructions to Security Agent

- (a) Unless a contrary indication appears in a Finance Document, the Security Agent shall:
- (i) exercise any right, power, authority or discretion vested in it as Security Agent in accordance with any instructions given to it by the Facility Agent (or, if so instructed by the Facility Agent, refrain from exercising any right, power, authority or discretion vested in it as Security Agent); and
 - (ii) not be liable for any act (or omission) if it acts (or refrains from taking any action) in accordance with such an instruction of the Facility Agent (the Facility Agent in each case acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders or, if appropriate pursuant to clause 46.2 (*Exceptions*), the Lenders).
- (b) Unless a contrary indication appears in a Finance Document, any instructions given by the Facility Agent to the Security Agent in accordance with clause 37.21(a) will be binding on the Finance Parties.
- (c) The Security Agent may refrain from acting in accordance with the instructions of the Facility Agent until it has received such security as it may require for any cost, loss or liability (together with any associated Indirect Tax) which it may incur in complying with the instructions.
- (d) In the absence of, or while awaiting, instructions from the Facility Agent, (including in exceptional circumstances where time does not permit the Facility Agent obtaining instructions from the Lenders and urgent action is required) the Security Agent may act (or refrain from taking action) as it considers to be in the best interest of the Finance Parties.
- (e) The Security Agent is not authorised to act on behalf of another Finance Party (without first obtaining that Finance Party's consent) in any legal or arbitration proceedings relating to any Finance Document but this is without prejudice to clauses 37.21(a) and 37.21(d), including the right to enforce the Security Documents in accordance with these clauses.

37.22 Order of application

- (a) The Security Agent agrees to apply the Trust Property in accordance with the following respective claims:
- (i) **first**, as to a sum equivalent to the amounts payable to the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent under the Finance Documents (excluding any amounts received by the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent pursuant to clause 37.10 (*Lenders' indemnity to the Facility Agent*) as extended to the Security Agent pursuant to clause 37.20 (*Application of certain clauses to Security Agent*)), for the Facility Agent and/or the Security Agent absolutely;
 - (ii) **secondly**, as to a sum equivalent to any other unpaid fees, costs (including, without limitation, Break Costs) and expenses of the Facility Agent, the Security Agent, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Account Bank, the Mandated Lead Arranger and any Receiver under the Finance Documents;

- (iii) **thirdly** , in or towards payment, on a *pari passu* basis, to (i) the Lenders *pro rata* of any accrued interest, fee or commission due but unpaid under the Finance Documents and (ii) the Hedging Banks *pro rata* of any sums (other than swap termination / close-out payments sums under the Hedging Contracts) owing to them under any of the Finance Documents;
 - (iv) **fourthly** , in or towards payment, on a *pari passu* basis, to:
 - (v) the Lenders *pro rata* of any principal which is due (or overdue) but unpaid under the Finance Documents; and
 - (vi) the Hedging Banks *pro rata* of any termination sums / close-out payments owing to them under the Hedging Contracts;
 - (vii) **fifthly** , until such time as the Security Agent is satisfied that all obligations owed to the Finance Parties have been irrevocably and unconditionally discharged in full, held by the Security Agent on a suspense account for payment of any further amounts owing to the Finance Parties under the Finance Documents and further application in accordance with this clause 37.22(a) as and when any such amounts later fall due, to the extent there remains a risk of an insolvency (as described in clause 31.7) and/or insolvency proceedings (as described in clause 31.8) affecting the Borrower;
 - (viii) **sixthly** , to such other persons (if any) as are legally entitled thereto in priority to the Obligors; and
 - (ix) **seventhly** , as to the balance (if any), for the Obligors by or from whom or from whose assets the relevant amounts were paid, received or recovered or other person entitled to them.
- (b) The Security Agent shall make each application as soon as is practicable after the relevant moneys are received by, or otherwise become available to, it save that (without prejudice to any other provision contained in any of the Security Documents) the Security Agent (acting on the instructions of the Facility Agent) or any receiver or administrator may credit any moneys received by it to a suspense account for so long and in such manner as the Security Agent or such receiver or administrator may from time to time determine with a view to preserving the rights of the Finance Parties or any of them to prove for the whole of their respective claims against the Borrower or any other person liable.
- (c) The Security Agent shall obtain a good discharge in respect of the amounts expressed to be due to the other Finance Parties as referred to in this clause 37.22 by paying such amounts to the Facility Agent for distribution in accordance with clause 40 (*Payment mechanics*).

37.23 Perpetuities

The perpetuity period to the extent applicable to this Agreement and the other Finance Documents shall be 125 years from the date of this Agreement.

37.24 Powers and duties of the Security Agent as trustee of the security

In its capacity as trustee in relation to the Security Documents, the Security Agent:

- (a) shall, without prejudice to any of the powers, discretions and immunities conferred upon trustees by law (and to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement or any of the Security Documents), have all the same powers and discretions as a natural person acting as the beneficial owner of such property and/or as are conferred upon the Security Agent by this Agreement and/or any Security Document but so that the Security Agent may only exercise such powers and discretions to the extent that it is authorised to do so by the provisions of this Agreement;
- (b) shall (subject to clause 37.22 (*Order of application*)) be entitled (in its own name or in the names of nominees) to invest moneys from time to time forming part of the Trust Property or otherwise held by it as a consequence of any enforcement of the security constituted by any Finance Document which, in the reasonable opinion of the Security Agent, it would not be practicable to distribute immediately, by placing the same on deposit in the name or under the control of the Security Agent as the Security Agent may think fit without being under any duty to diversify the same and the Security Agent shall not be responsible for any loss due to interest rate or exchange rate fluctuations except for any loss arising from the Security Agent's gross negligence or wilful misconduct;
- (c) may, in the conduct of its obligations under and in respect of the Security Documents (otherwise than in relation to its right to make any declaration, determination or decision), instead of acting personally, employ and pay any agent (whether being a lawyer or any other person) to transact or concur in transacting any business and to do or concur in doing any acts required to be done by the Security Agent (including the receipt and payment of money) and on the basis that (i) any such agent engaged in any profession or business shall be entitled to be paid all usual professional and other charges for business transacted and acts done by him or any partner or employee of his or her in connection with such employment and (ii) the Security Agent shall not be bound to supervise, or be responsible for any loss incurred by reason of any act or omission of, any such agent if the Security Agent shall have exercised reasonable care in the selection of such agent; and
- (d) may place all deeds and other documents relating to the Trust Property which are from time to time deposited with it pursuant to the Security Documents in any safe deposit, safe or receptacle selected by the Security Agent exercising reasonable care or with any firm of solicitors or company whose business includes undertaking the safe custody of documents selected by the Security Agent exercising reasonable care and may make any such arrangements as it thinks fit for allowing Obligors access to, or its solicitors or auditors possession of, such documents when necessary or convenient and the Security Agent shall not be responsible for any loss incurred in connection with any such deposit, access or possession if it has exercised reasonable care in the selection of a safe deposit, safe, receptacle or firm of solicitors or company (save that it shall take reasonable steps to pursue any person who may be liable to it in connection with such loss).

37.25 All enforcement action through the Security Agent

None of the other Finance Parties shall have any independent power to enforce any of the Security Documents or to exercise any rights, discretions or powers or to grant any consents or releases under or pursuant to any of the Security Documents or otherwise have direct recourse to the security and/or guarantees constituted by any of the Security Documents except through the Security Agent. If any Lender is a party to any Security Document it shall promptly upon being requested by the Facility Agent to do so grant power of attorney or other sufficient authority to the Security Agent to enable the Security Agent to exercise any rights, discretions or powers or to grant any consents or releases under such Security Document.

37.26 Co-operation to achieve agreed priorities of application

The other Finance Parties shall co-operate with each other and with the Security Agent and any receiver or administrator under the Security Documents in realising the property and assets subject to the Security Documents and in ensuring that the net proceeds realised under the Security Documents after deduction of the expenses of realisation are applied in accordance with clause 37.22 (*Order of application*).

37.27 Indemnity from Trust Property

- (a) In respect of all liabilities, costs or expenses for which the Obligors are liable under this Agreement, the Security Agent and each Affiliate of the Security Agent and each officer or employee of the Security Agent or its Affiliate (each an **Indemnified Person**) shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the Trust Property in respect of all liabilities, damages, costs, claims, charges or expenses whatsoever properly incurred or suffered by such Indemnified Person:
- (i) in the execution or exercise or bona fide purported execution or exercise of the trusts, rights, powers, authorities, discretions and duties created or conferred by or pursuant to the Finance Documents;
 - (ii) as a result of any breach by an Obligor or any other party (except a Finance Party) of any of its obligations under any Finance Document;
 - (iii) in respect of any Environmental Claim made or asserted against an Indemnified Person which would not have arisen if the Finance Documents had not been executed; and
 - (iv) in respect of any matter or thing done or omitted in any way in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents relating to the Trust Property or the provisions of any of the Finance Documents.
- (b) The rights conferred by this clause 37.27 are without prejudice to any right to indemnity by law given to trustees generally and to any provision of the Finance Documents entitling the Security Agent or any other person to an indemnity in respect of, and/or reimbursement of, any liabilities, costs or expenses incurred or suffered by it in connection with any of the Finance Documents or the performance of any duties under any of the Finance Documents. Nothing contained in this clause 37.27 shall entitle the Security Agent or any other person to be indemnified in respect of any liabilities, damages, costs, claims, charges or expenses to the extent that the same arise from such person's own gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

37.28 Finance Parties to provide information

The other Finance Parties shall provide the Security Agent with such written information as it may reasonably require for the purposes of carrying out its duties and obligations under the Security Documents and, in particular, with such necessary directions in writing so as to enable the Security Agent to make the calculations and applications contemplated by clause 37.22 (*Order of application*) above and to apply amounts received under, and the proceeds of realisation of, the Security Documents as contemplated by the Security Documents, clause 40.5 (*Partial payments*) and clause 37.22 (*Order of application*).

37.29 Release to facilitate enforcement and realisation

Each Finance Party acknowledges that pursuant to any enforcement action by the Security Agent (or a Receiver) carried out on the instructions of the Facility Agent it may be desirable for the purpose of such enforcement and/or maximising the realisation of the Charged Property being enforced against, that any rights or claims of or by the Security Agent (for the benefit of the Finance Parties) and/or any Finance Parties against any Obligor and/or any Security Interest over any assets of any Obligor (in each case) as contained in or created by any Finance Document, other than such rights or claims or security being enforced, be released in order to facilitate such enforcement action and/or realisation and, notwithstanding any other provision of the Finance Documents, each Finance Party hereby irrevocably authorises the Security Agent (acting on the instructions of the Facility Agent) to grant any such releases to the extent necessary to fully effect such enforcement action and realisation including, without limitation, to the extent necessary for such purposes to execute release documents in the name of and on behalf of the Finance Parties. Where the relevant enforcement is by way of disposal of shares in the Borrower, the requisite release shall include releases of all claims (including under guarantees) of the Finance Parties and/or the Security Agent against the Borrower and of all Security Interests over the assets of the Borrower.

37.30 Undertaking to pay

Each Obligor which is a Party undertakes with the Security Agent on behalf of the Finance Parties that it will, on demand by the Security Agent, pay to the Security Agent all money from time to time owing, and discharge all other obligations from time to time incurred, by it under or in connection with the Finance Documents.

37.31 Additional trustees

The Security Agent shall have power by notice in writing to the other Finance Parties and the Borrower to appoint any person approved by the Borrower (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) either to act as separate trustee or as co-trustee jointly with the Security Agent:

- (a) if the Security Agent reasonably considers such appointment to be in the best interests of the Finance Parties;
- (b) for the purpose of conforming with any legal requirement, restriction or condition in any jurisdiction in which any particular act is to be performed; or
- (c) for the purpose of obtaining a judgment in any jurisdiction or the enforcement in any jurisdiction against any person of a judgment already obtained,

and any person so appointed shall (subject to the provisions of this Agreement) have such rights (including as to reasonable remuneration), powers, duties and obligations as shall be conferred or imposed by the instrument of appointment. The Security Agent shall have power to remove any person so appointed. At the request of the Security Agent, the other parties to this Agreement shall forthwith execute all such documents and do all such things as may be required to perfect such appointment or removal and each such party irrevocably authorises the Security Agent in its name and on its behalf to do the same. Such a person shall accede to this Agreement as a Security Agent to the extent necessary to carry out their role on terms satisfactory to the Security Agent and (subject always to the provisions of this Agreement) have such trusts, powers, authorities, liabilities and discretions (not exceeding those conferred on the Security Agent by this Agreement and the other Finance Documents) and such duties and obligations as shall be conferred or imposed by the instrument of appointment (being no less onerous than would have applied to the Security Agent but for the appointment). The Security Agent shall not be bound to supervise, or be responsible for any loss incurred by reason of any act or omission of, any such person if the Security Agent shall have exercised reasonable care in the selection of such person.

37.32 Non-recognition of trust

It is agreed by all the parties to this Agreement that:

- (a) in relation to any jurisdiction the courts of which would not recognise or give effect to the trusts expressed to be constituted by this clause 37, the relationship of the Security Agent and the other Finance Parties shall be construed as one of principal and agent, but to the extent permissible under the laws of such jurisdiction, all the other provisions of this Agreement shall have full force and effect between the parties to this Agreement; and
- (b) the provisions of this clause 37 insofar as they relate to the Security Agent in its capacity as trustee for the Finance Parties and the relationship between themselves and the Security Agent as their trustee may be amended by agreement between the other Finance Parties and the Security Agent. The Security Agent may amend all documents necessary to effect the alteration of the relationship between the Security Agent and the other Finance Parties and each such other party irrevocably authorises the Security Agent in its name and on its behalf to execute all documents necessary to effect such amendments.

37.33 Role of Account Bank

- (a) Each Party agrees that the Account Bank shall, for so long as it is the Account Bank, have all of the rights and obligations expressed to be granted to, and assumed by, the Account Bank under the Finance Documents.
- (b) The Account Bank shall not be obliged to check whether any proposed withdrawal from a Project Account is permitted or prohibited by this Agreement.
- (c) The Account Bank acknowledges that:
 - (i) each Project Account is the subject of Security granted by the Borrower concerned in favour of the Security Agent as security for the Secured Obligations; and
 - (ii) it is not entitled to, and undertakes not to claim or exercise, any lien, right of set-off, right to combine or consolidate accounts or any other Security over, against or with respect to any Project Account or moneys standing to the credit of any Project Account or in the course of being credited to any Project Account.
- (d) The Account Bank shall, in relation to each Project Account:
 - (i) comply with all instructions given to it and provide such information as may be required from it in relation to the Project Accounts pursuant to the provisions of Clause 28 (*Project Accounts, Receivables and Insurance Proceeds*);
 - (ii) not permit any Project Account to be closed without the prior consent of the Facility Agent;
 - (iii) act upon any instruction given by the Agent or the Security Agent in accordance with the Finance Documents to which it is a party; and
 - (iv) in the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any mandate or other agreements with the Borrower treat this Agreement as taking precedence.
- (e) Nothing in this Agreement constitutes the Account Bank as a trustee or fiduciary of any other person.
- (f) The Account Bank shall not be bound to account to any other Finance Party for any sum or the profit element of any sum received by it for its own account.
- (g) The Account Bank may accept deposits from, lend money to, and generally engage in any kind of banking or other business with, any Obligor and any of its respective Affiliate.

38 Conduct of business by the Finance Parties

38.1 Finance Parties tax affairs

No provision of this Agreement will:

- (a) interfere with the right of any Finance Party to arrange its affairs (tax or otherwise) in whatever manner it thinks fit;
- (b) oblige any Finance Party to investigate or claim any credit, relief, remission or repayment available to it or the extent, order and manner of any claim; or
- (c) oblige any Finance Party to disclose any information relating to its affairs (tax or otherwise) or any computations in respect of Tax.

38.2 Finance Parties acting together

Notwithstanding clause 2.2 (*Finance Parties' rights and obligations*), if the Facility Agent makes a declaration under clause 31.33 (*Acceleration*) the Facility Agent shall, in the names of all the Finance Parties, take such action on behalf of the Finance Parties and conduct such negotiations with the Borrower and other Obligors and generally administer the Facility in accordance with the wishes of the Majority Lenders. All the Finance Parties shall be bound by the provisions of this clause and no Finance Party shall be entitled to take action independently against any Obligor or any of their respective assets without the prior consent of the Majority Lenders.

This clause shall not override clause 37 (*Roles of Facility Agent , Security Agent and Co-ordination and Structuring Bank*) as it applies to the Security Agent.

38.3 Majority Lenders

- (a) Where any Finance Document provides for any matter to be determined by reference to the opinion of, or to be subject to the consent, approval or request of, the Majority Lenders or for any action to be taken on the instructions of the Majority Lenders (a **majority decision**), such majority decision shall (as between the Lenders) only be regarded as having been validly given or issued by the Majority Lenders if all the Lenders shall have received prior notice of the matter on which such majority decision is required and the relevant majority of Lenders shall have given or issued such majority decision. However (as between any Obligor and the Finance Parties) the relevant Obligor shall be entitled (and bound) to assume that such notice shall have been duly received by each Lender and that the relevant majority shall have been obtained to constitute Majority Lenders when notified to this effect by the Facility Agent whether or not this is the case.
- (b) If, within the decision period set by the Facility Agent (which shall not, unless otherwise required under any other provision of the Finance Documents, be less than fifteen (15) Business Days of the Facility Agent despatching to each Lender a notice requesting instructions (or confirmation of instructions) from the Lenders or the agreement of the Lenders to any amendment, modification, waiver, variation or excuse of performance for the purposes of, or in relation to, any of the Finance Documents), the Facility Agent has not received a reply specifically giving or confirming or refusing to give or confirm the relevant instructions or, as the case may be, approving or refusing to approve the proposed amendment, modification, waiver, variation or excuse of performance, then (irrespective of whether such Lender responds at a later date) the Facility Agent shall treat any Lender which has not so responded as having indicated a desire to be bound by the wishes of $66\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. of those Lenders (measured in terms of the total Commitments of those Lenders) which have so responded.
- (c) For the purposes of clause 38.3(b), any Lender which notifies the Facility Agent of a wish or intention to abstain on any particular issue shall be treated as if it had not responded.
- (d) Clauses 38.3(b) and 38.3(c) shall not apply in relation to those matters referred to in, or the subject of, clause 46.2 (*Exceptions*).

38.4 Conflicts

- (a) The Borrower acknowledges that the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank and its parent undertaking, subsidiary undertakings and fellow subsidiary undertakings (together a **Co-ordination and Structuring Bank Group**) may be providing debt finance, equity capital or other services (including financial advisory services) to other persons with which the Borrower may have conflicting interests in respect of the Facility or otherwise.
- (b) No member of a Co-ordination and Structuring Bank Group shall use confidential information gained from any Obligor by virtue of the Facility or its relationships with any Obligor in connection with their performance of services for other persons. This shall not, however, affect any obligations that any member of a Co-ordination and Structuring Bank Group has as Facility Agent in respect of the Finance Documents. The Borrower also acknowledges that no member of a Co-ordination and Structuring Bank Group has any obligation to use or furnish to any Obligor information obtained from other persons for their benefit.
- (c) The terms **parent undertaking** , **subsidiary undertaking** and **fellow subsidiary undertaking** when used in this clause have the meaning given to them in sections 1161 and 1162 of the Companies Act 2006.

39 Sharing among the Finance Parties

39.1 Payments to Finance Parties

If a Finance Party (a **Recovering Finance Party**) receives or recovers any amount from an Obligor other than in accordance with clause 40 (*Payment mechanics*) and applies that amount to a payment due under the Finance Documents then:

- (a) the Recovering Finance Party shall, within four (4) Business Days, notify details of the receipt or recovery, to the Facility Agent;
- (b) the Facility Agent shall determine whether the receipt or recovery is in excess of the amount the Recovering Finance Party would have been paid had the receipt or recovery been received or made by the Facility Agent and distributed in accordance with clause 40 (*Payment mechanics*), without taking account of any Tax which would be imposed on the Facility Agent in relation to the receipt, recovery or distribution; and
- (c) the Recovering Finance Party shall, within four (4) Business Days of demand by the Facility Agent, pay to the Facility Agent an amount (the **Sharing Payment**) equal to such receipt or recovery less any amount which the Facility Agent determines may be retained by the Recovering Finance Party as its share of any payment to be made, in accordance with clause 40.5 (*Partial payments*).

39.2 Redistribution of payments

The Facility Agent shall treat the Sharing Payment as if it had been paid by the relevant Obligor and distribute it between the Finance Parties (other than the Recovering Finance Party) in accordance with clause 40.5 (*Partial payments*).

39.3 Recovering Finance Party's rights

- (a) On a distribution by the Facility Agent under clause 39.2 (*Redistribution of payments*), the Recovering Finance Party will be subrogated to the rights of the Finance Parties which have shared in the redistribution.
- (b) If and to the extent that the Recovering Finance Party is not able to rely on its rights under clause 39.3(a) above, the relevant Obligor shall be liable to the Recovering Finance Party for a debt equal to the Sharing Payment which is immediately due and payable.

39.4 Reversal of redistribution

If any part of the Sharing Payment received or recovered by a Recovering Finance Party becomes repayable and is repaid by that Recovering Finance Party, then:

- (a) each Finance Party which has received a share of the relevant Sharing Payment pursuant to clause 39.2 (*Redistribution of payments*) shall, upon request of the Facility Agent, pay to the Facility Agent for account of that Recovering Finance Party an amount equal to the appropriate part of its share of the Sharing Payment (together with an amount as is necessary to reimburse that Recovering Finance Party for its proportion of any interest on the Sharing Payment which that Recovering Finance Party is required to pay); and
- (b) that Recovering Finance Party's rights of subrogation in respect of any reimbursement shall be cancelled and the relevant Obligor will be liable to the reimbursing Lender for the amount so reimbursed.

39.5 Exceptions

- (a) This clause 39 shall not apply to the extent that the Recovering Finance Party would not, after making any payment pursuant to this clause, have a valid and enforceable claim against the relevant Obligor.
- (b) A Recovering Finance Party is not obliged to share with any other Finance Party any amount which the Recovering Finance Party has received or recovered as a result of taking legal or arbitration proceedings in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, if:
 - (i) it notified that other Finance Party of the legal or arbitration proceedings; and
 - (ii) that other Finance Party had an opportunity to participate in those legal or arbitration proceedings but did not do so as soon as reasonably practicable having received notice and did not take separate legal or arbitration proceedings.

SECTION 10 - ADMINISTRATION

40 Payment mechanics

40.1 Payments to the Facility Agent

- (a) On each date on which an Obligor or a Lender is required to make a payment under a Finance Document, that Obligor or Lender shall make the same available to the Facility Agent (unless a contrary indication appears in a Finance Document) for value on the due date at the time and in such funds specified by the Facility Agent as being customary at the time for settlement of transactions in the relevant currency in the place of payment.
- (b) Payment shall be made to such account in the principal financial centre of the country of that currency with such bank as the Facility Agent specifies.

40.2 Distributions by the Facility Agent

Each payment received by the Facility Agent under the Finance Documents for another Party shall, subject to clause 40.3 (*Distributions to an Obligor*) and clause 40.4 (*Clawback*) be made available by the Facility Agent as soon as practicable after receipt to the Party entitled to receive payment in accordance with this Agreement (in the case of a Lender, for the account of its Facility Office), to such account as that

Party may notify to the Facility Agent from time to time.

40.3 Distributions to an Obligor

The Facility Agent may (with the consent of the Obligor or in accordance with clause 41 (*Set-off*)) apply any amount received by it for that Obligor in or towards payment (on the date and in the currency and funds of receipt) of any amount due from that Obligor under the Finance Documents or in or towards purchase of any amount of any currency to be so applied.

40.4 Clawback

- (a) Where a sum is to be paid to the Facility Agent under the Finance Documents for another Party, the Facility Agent is not obliged to pay that sum to that other Party (or to enter into or perform any related exchange contract) until it has been able to establish to its satisfaction that it has actually received that sum.
- (b) If the Facility Agent pays an amount to another Party and it proves to be the case that the Facility Agent had not actually received that amount, then the Party to whom that amount (or the proceeds of any related exchange contract) was paid by the Facility Agent shall on demand refund the same to the Facility Agent together with interest on that amount from the date of payment to the date of receipt by the Facility Agent, calculated by the Facility Agent to reflect its cost of funds.

40.5 Partial payments

- (a) If the Facility Agent receives a payment for application against amounts due under the Finance Documents that is insufficient to discharge all the amounts then due and payable by an Obligor under those Finance Documents, the Facility Agent shall apply that payment towards the obligations of that Obligor under those Finance Documents in the following order:
 - (i) **first** , in or towards payment pro rata of any unpaid fees, costs (including Break Costs) and expenses (ignoring any fees payable under clause 12 (*Fees*)) of the Facility Agent, the Security Agent, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank or the Mandated Lead Arranger under those Finance Documents;
 - (ii) **secondly** , in or towards payment to the Lenders *pro rata* of any amount owing to the Lenders under clause 37.10 (*Lenders' indemnity to the Facility Agent*) including any amount resulting from the indemnity to the Security Agent under clause 37.20(a) (*Application of certain clauses to Security Agent*);
 - (iii) **thirdly** , in or towards payment, on a *pari passu* basis, to (i) the Lenders *pro rata* of any accrued interest, fee or commission due but unpaid under those Finance Documents and (ii) the Hedging Banks *pro rata* of any sums owing to them under any of those Finance Documents (other than any swap termination sums / close-out payments owing to them under the Hedging Contracts);
 - (iv) **fourthly** , in or towards payment, on a *pari passu* basis, to:
 - (A) the Lenders *pro rata* of any principal which is due but unpaid under those Finance Documents; and
 - (B) the Hedging Banks *pro rata* of any termination sums owing to them under the Hedging Contracts; and
 - (v) **fifthly** , in or towards payment pro rata of any other sum due but unpaid under the Finance Documents.
- (b) The Facility Agent shall, if so directed by all the Lenders and the Hedging Banks, vary the order set out in paragraphs (ii) to (v) of clause 40.5(a).
- (c) Clauses 40.5(a) and 40.5(b) above will override any appropriation made by an Obligor.

40.6 No set-off by Obligors

All payments to be made by an Obligor under the Finance Documents shall be calculated and be made without (and free and clear of any deduction for) set-off or counterclaim.

40.7 Business Days

- (a) Any payment which is due to be made on a day that is not a Business Day shall be made on the next Business Day in the same calendar month (if there is one) or the preceding Business Day (if there is not) except that in the case of the Final Maturity Date falling on a day which is not a Business Day, payment shall be required to be made on the preceding Business Day.
- (b) During any extension of the due date for payment of any principal or Unpaid Sum under this Agreement, interest is payable on the principal or Unpaid Sum at the rate payable on the original due date.

40.8 Currency of account

- (a) Subject to clauses 40.8(b) to 40.8(c), dollars is the currency of account and payment for any sum due from an Obligor under any Finance Document.
- (b) A repayment of all or part of any Loan or an Unpaid Sum and each payment of interest shall be made in dollars on its due date.
- (c) Each payment in respect of the amount of any costs, expenses or Tax or other losses shall be made in dollars and, if they were incurred in a currency other than dollars, the amount payable under the Finance Documents shall be the equivalent in dollars of the

relevant amount in such other currency on the date on which it was incurred.

- (d) All moneys received or held by the Security Agent or by a Receiver under a Security Document in a currency other than dollars may be sold for dollars and the Obligor which executed that Security Document shall indemnify the Security Agent against the full cost in relation to the sale. Neither the Security Agent nor such Receiver will have any liability to that Obligor in respect of any loss resulting from any fluctuation in exchange rates after the sale.

40.9 Disruption to Payment Systems etc.

If either the Facility Agent determines (in its discretion) that a Disruption Event has occurred or the Facility Agent is notified by the Borrower that a Disruption Event has occurred:

- (a) the Facility Agent may, and shall if requested to do so by the Borrower, consult with the Borrower with a view to agreeing with the Borrower such changes to the operation or administration of the Facility as the Facility Agent may deem necessary in the circumstances;
- (b) the Facility Agent shall not be obliged to consult with the Borrower in relation to any changes mentioned in clause 40.9(a) above if, in its opinion, it is not practicable to do so in the circumstances and, in any event, shall have no obligation to agree to such changes;
- (c) the Facility Agent may consult with the Finance Parties in relation to any changes mentioned in clause 40.9(a) above but shall not be obliged to do so if, in its opinion, it is not practicable to do so in the circumstances;
- (d) any such changes agreed upon by the Facility Agent and the Borrower shall (whether or not it is finally determined that a Disruption Event has occurred) be binding upon the Parties as an amendment to (or, as the case may be, waiver of) the terms of the Finance Documents notwithstanding the provisions of clause 46 (*Amendments and grant of waivers*);
- (e) the Facility Agent shall not be liable for any damages, costs or losses whatsoever (including, without limitation for negligence, gross negligence or any other category of liability whatsoever but not including any claim based on the fraud of the Facility Agent) arising as a result of its taking, or failing to take, any actions pursuant to or in connection with this clause 40.9; and
- (f) the Facility Agent shall notify the Finance Parties of all changes agreed pursuant to paragraph (d) above.

40.10 Indonesian Currency Law

In relation to the Law of the Republic of Indonesia No.7 of 2011 regarding Currency ("**Currency Law** "), the Parties:

- (a) acknowledge that each Loan granted to the Borrower under this Agreement is provided by, among others, international banks with registered principal offices outside Indonesia, and in view of the foregoing, the Parties agree that the transactions contemplated under this Agreement should be considered as an international finance transaction within the meaning of Currency Law;
- (b) notwithstanding the above, and pursuant to Article 23(2) of the Currency Law, each Party hereby agrees to settle any monetary obligations under the Finance Documents in Dollars, and the execution of the Finance Documents by the Parties shall not be deemed as a bad faith intention of that Party not to comply with the Currency Law; and
- (c) agree not to challenge or assist any party to challenge the validity of this Agreement and/or any other Finance Documents and the delivery and performance of the transactions contemplated under this Agreement and/or any other Finance Documents on the basis of non compliance to Currency Law and the Parties agree to take all steps necessary for it to comply with Currency Law, and the Implementing Regulations of Currency Law (when issued).

41 Set-off

A Finance Party may set off any matured obligation due from an Obligor under any Finance Document (to the extent beneficially owned by that Finance Party) against any matured obligation owed by that Finance Party to that Obligor, regardless of the place of payment, booking branch or currency of either obligation. If the obligations are in different currencies, the Finance Party may convert either obligation at a market rate of exchange in its usual course of business for the purpose of the set-off.

42 Notices

42.1 Communications in writing

Any communication to be made under or in connection with the Finance Documents shall be made in writing and, unless otherwise stated, may be made by fax, email or letter.

42.2 Addresses

The address, email address and fax number (and the department or officer, if any, for whose attention the communication is to be made) of each Obligor or any Finance Party for any communication or document to be made or delivered under or in connection with the Finance Documents is:

- (a) in the case of any Obligor which is a Party, that identified with its name in Schedule 1 (*The original parties*);
- (b) in the case of any Obligor which is not a Party, that identified in any Finance Document to which it is a party;

- (c) in the case of any Original Lender, the Security Agent, the Facility Agent and any other original Finance Party that identified with its name in Schedule 1 (*The original parties*); and
- (d) in the case of each other Lender or Finance Party, that notified in writing to the Facility Agent on or prior to the date on which it becomes a Party in the relevant capacity,

or, in each case, any substitute address, email address, fax number, or department or officer as an Obligor or Finance Party may notify to the Facility Agent (or the Facility Agent may notify to the other Parties, if a change is made by the Facility Agent) by not less than five (5) Business Days' notice.

42.3 Delivery

- (a) Any communication or document made or delivered by one person to another under or in connection with the Finance Documents will only be effective:
 - (i) if by way of fax or email, when received in legible form; or
 - (ii) if by way of letter, when it has been left at the relevant address or five (5) Business Days after being deposited in the post postage prepaid in an envelope addressed to it at that address;

and, if a particular department or officer is specified as part of its address details provided under clause 42.2 (*Addresses*), if addressed to that department or officer.

- (b) Any communication or document to be made or delivered to the Facility Agent or the Security Agent will be effective only when actually received by the Facility Agent or the Security Agent and then only if it is expressly marked for the attention of the department or officer identified in Schedule 1 (*The original parties*) (or any substitute department or officer as the Facility Agent or the Security Agent shall specify for this purpose).
- (c) All notices from or to an Obligor to or from a Finance Party shall be sent through the Facility Agent.
- (d) Any communication or document made or delivered to the Borrower in accordance with this clause will be deemed to have been made or delivered to each of the Obligors.

42.4 Notification of address, email address and fax number

Promptly upon receipt of notification of an address, email address and fax number or change of address, email address or fax number pursuant to clause 42.2 (*Addresses*) or changing its own address, email address or fax number, the Facility Agent shall notify the other Parties.

42.5 English language

- (a) Any notice given under or in connection with any Finance Document shall be in English.
- (b) All other documents provided under or in connection with any Finance Document shall be:
 - (i) in English; or
 - (ii) if not in English, and if so required by the Facility Agent, accompanied by a certified English translation and, in this case, the English translation will prevail unless the document is a constitutional, statutory or other official document.

42.6 Deal Site

- (a) All notices, requests, demands, consents, approvals, agreements or other communications by the Facility Agent under or in respect of the Facility Agreement may be given by publication on the Deal Site. Such communication shall include notices for notification for Lenders' participation in any utilisation and for rates of interest.
- (b) Communications posted on the Deal Site will be effective on the earlier of (i) one (1) Business Day after such communication is posted on the Deal Site and (ii) receipt by the Facility Agent of acknowledgement from the Deal Site that such communication has been posted.
- (c) The Borrower consents to the inclusion of its logo (if applicable) on the Deal Site.

42.7 Access to Deal Site

- (a) The Facility Agent will promptly on request provide access to the Deal Site to one or more representatives of other Parties.
- (b) Email contact details may be for individuals or "group" addresses. However in either case, Parties must ensure that all persons to whom they give access can properly receive the information available on the Deal Site, including under the relevant information disclosure clause.
- (c) If the Deal Site is not available for any reason, promptly following this being brought to its attention, the Facility Agent will provide communications to the Parties by another means of communications contemplated by the relevant notification clause. A Party will notify

the Facility Agent promptly if it is unable to access the Deal Site.

- (d) Each of the other Parties agrees that the Facility Agent is not liable for any liability, loss, damage, costs or expenses incurred or suffered by it as a result of its access or use of the Deal Site or inability to access or use the Deal Site, other than in the case of the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the Facility Agent.

42.8 Closure to Deal Site

The Facility Agent may terminate the Deal Site after the earlier of (a) the Final Maturity Date and (b) prepayment or cancellation in full of the Facility, unless instructed otherwise by the Majority Lenders.

43 Calculations and certificates

43.1 Accounts

In any litigation or arbitration proceedings arising out of or in connection with a Finance Document, the entries made in the accounts maintained by a Finance Party are *prima facie* evidence of the matters to which they relate.

43.2 Certificates and determinations

Any certification or determination by a Finance Party of a rate or amount under any Finance Document is in the absence of manifest error, conclusive evidence of the matters to which it relates.

43.3 Day count convention

Any interest, commission or fee accruing under a Finance Document will accrue from day to day and is calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed and a year of 360 days or, in any case where the practice in the Interbank Market differs, in accordance with that market practice.

44 Partial invalidity

If, at any time, any provision of the Finance Documents is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect under any law of any jurisdiction, neither the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions nor the legality, validity or enforceability of such provision under the law of any other jurisdiction will in any way be affected or impaired.

45 Remedies and waivers

No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of any Finance Party, any right or remedy under the Finance Documents shall operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right or remedy prevent any further or other exercise or the exercise of any other right or remedy. The rights and remedies provided in the Finance Documents are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

46 Amendments and grant of waivers

46.1 Required consents

- (a) Subject to clause 46.2 (*Exceptions*), any term of the Finance Documents may be amended or waived with the consent of the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Majority Lenders and, if it affects the rights and obligations of the Security Agent or the Facility Agent, the consent of the Facility Agent or the Security Agent and, if it affects the rights and obligations of the Hedging Banks, the consent of the Hedging Banks) and any such amendment or waiver agreed, given or effected by the Facility Agent will be binding on the other Parties.
- (b) The Facility Agent may (or, in the case of the Security Documents, instruct the Security Agent to) effect, on behalf of any Finance Party, any amendment or waiver permitted by this clause.

46.2 Exceptions

- (a) An amendment or waiver that has the effect of changing or which relates to:
 - (i) the definition of "Majority Lenders" in clause 1.1 (*Definitions*);
 - (ii) the definition of "Last Availability Date" in clause 1.1 (*Definitions*);
 - (iii) the definition of "Final Maturity Date" in clause 1.1 (*Definitions*);
 - (iv) an extension to the date of payment of any amount under the Finance Documents;
 - (v) a reduction in the Margin or a reduction in the amount of any payment of principal, interest, fees or commission payable or the rate at which they are calculated;
 - (vi) an increase in, or an extension of, any Commitment;

- (vii) a change to the Borrower, any other Obligor (other than the appointment of a replacement operator which is an Approved Operator pursuant to clause 24.4(c) (*Operation and Maintenance*)) or the Charterer or either Charterer Shareholder;
- (viii) any provision which expressly requires the consent or approval of all the Lenders;
- (ix) clauses 19.1 (*Financial statements*), 19.2 (*Provision and contents of Compliance Certificate*) or 19.3 (*Requirements as to financial statements*) or clause 20 (*Financial covenants*);
- (x) clause 2.2 (*Finance Parties' rights and obligations*), clause 33 (*Changes to the Lenders*), clause 39.1 (*Payments to Finance Parties*) or this clause 46;
- (xi) the order of distribution under clause 40.5 (*Partial payments*);
- (xii) the currency in which any amount is payable under any Finance Document;
- (xiii) the nature or scope of the Charged Property or the manner in which the proceeds of enforcement of the Security Documents are distributed; or
- (xiv) the circumstances in which the security constituted by the Security Documents are permitted or required to be released under any of the Finance Documents,

shall not be made without the prior consent of all Lenders. For the avoidance of doubt, if, within the decision period set by the Facility Agent (which shall not, unless otherwise required under any other provision of the Finance Documents, be less than fifteen (15) Business Days of the Facility Agent despatching to each Lender a notice requesting the consent of the Lenders of any amendment or waiver subject to this clause (a)), the Facility Agent has not received a reply specifically giving or confirming or refusing to give or confirm the relevant instructions or, as the case may be, approving or refusing to approve the proposed amendment or waiver, then the Facility Agent shall treat any Lender which has not so responded as having indicated a desire to reject such proposed amendment or waiver.

- (b) Amendments to or waivers in respect of the Hedging Contracts may only be agreed by the Hedging Banks.
- (c) An amendment or waiver which relates to the rights or obligations of the Facility Agent, the Security Agent, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Hedging Banks or the Mandated Lead Arranger in their respective capacities as such (and not just as a Lender) may not be effected without the consent of the Facility Agent, Security Agent, the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Hedging Banks and the Mandated Lead Arranger (as the case may be).
- (d) Notwithstanding clauses 46.1 and 46.2(a) to (c) (inclusive), the Facility Agent may make technical amendments to the Finance Documents arising out of manifest errors on the face of the Finance Documents, where such amendments would not prejudice or otherwise be adverse to the interests of any Finance Party without any reference or consent of the Finance Parties.

46.3 Releases

Except with the approval of all Lenders or as is expressly permitted or required by the Finance Documents, the Facility Agent shall not have authority to authorise the Security Agent to release:

- (a) any Charged Property from the security constituted by any Security Document; or
- (b) any Obligor from any of its guarantee or other obligations under any Finance Document.

47 Counterparts

Each Finance Document may be executed in any number of counterparts, and this has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of the Finance Document.

SECTION 11 - GOVERNING LAW AND ENFORCEMENT

48 Governing law

This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations connected with it are governed by English law.

49 Enforcement

49.1 Arbitration

- (a) Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (**SIAC**) in Singapore in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (**SIAC Rules**) for the time being in force, which rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference to this clause.

- (b) The tribunal shall consist of a panel of three arbitrators (the **Tribunal**) appointed in accordance with the SIAC Rules.
- (c) The language of the arbitration shall be English.
- (d) The Parties undertake to keep confidential the existence of, and all awards in, any arbitration, together with all materials in the proceedings created for the purpose of the arbitration and all other documents produced by another party in the proceedings not otherwise in the public domain - save and to the extent that disclosure may be required of a Party by legal duty, to protect or pursue a legal right or to enforce or challenge an award in bona fide legal proceedings before a state court or other judicial authority.
- (e) By agreeing to arbitration in accordance with this clause, the Parties do not intend to deprive any competent court of its jurisdiction to issue a pre-arbitral injunction, pre-arbitral attachment or other order in aid of the arbitration proceedings or the enforcement of any award. Any interim or provisional relief ordered by any competent court may subsequently be vacated, continued or modified by the arbitral tribunal on the application of either Party.
- (f) Unless otherwise provided herein, the Parties expressly agree to waive any provisions of applicable law that would have the effect of allowing an appeal from the decision of the arbitrators, so there shall be no appeal to any court or other authority from the decision of the arbitrators.
- (g) Except as provided in this clause, none of the Parties shall be entitled to commence or maintain any action in a court of law upon any matter in dispute arising from or in relation to this agreement except for the enforcement of an arbitral award granted pursuant to this clause.
- (h) Pending the submission to arbitration pursuant to this clause 49.1 (*Arbitration*) and thereafter until the arbitrator issues his/her decision, each party shall, except in the event of termination of this Agreement or failure by the other party in dispute to obey or comply with a specific order or decision of the arbitrator, continue to perform all of its obligations under this Agreement without prejudice to a final judgment in accordance with the said award (unless if the dispute involves the existence or scope of a certain obligation).

This Agreement has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of this Agreement.

Schedule 1
The original parties

Borrower

Name :	PT GOLAR INDONESIA
Jurisdiction of incorporation	Indonesia
Registration number (or equivalent, if any)	09.05.1.50.70479
English process agent (if not incorporated in England)	Golar Management Limited 13th Floor, One America Square 17 Crosswall London EC3N 2LB Fax: +44 (0) 207 0637 901 Attn: The Chief Financial Officer
Singapore process agent	Golar LNG (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. c/o 10 Hoe Chiang Road #18-01, Keppel Towers Singapore 089315 Fax: +65 6293 3515 Attn: The Director
Registered office (of Borrower)	Wisma 46 - Kota BNI, 48th Floor Jl. Jendral Sudirman 1, Jakarta 10220, Indonesia
Address for service of notices (of Borrower)	Wisma 46 - Kota BNI, 48th Floor Jl. Jendral Sudirman 1, Jakarta 10220, Indonesia Fax No: +62 21 574 8888 Attention: President Director

Sponsors

Name of Sponsor	GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP
Jurisdiction of incorporation	Marshall Islands
Registration number (or equivalent, if any)	Marshall Islands LP but registered as an overseas partnership in Bermuda with No. 4120
English process agent (if not incorporated in England)	<p>Golar Management Limited</p> <p>13th Floor, One America Square</p> <p>17 Crosswall</p> <p>London EC3N 2LB</p> <p>Fax: +44 (0) 207 0637 901</p> <p>Attn: The Chief Financial Officer</p>
Registered office	<p>Registered Bermuda address: 2nd Floor, S.E. Pearman Building 9 Par-La-Ville Place Road Hamilton, HM 11 Bermuda</p> <p>Registered Marshall Islands address: Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island Majuro, Marshall Islands, MH 96960</p>
Address for service of notices	<p>Golar LNG Partners LP c/o Golar Management Limited 13th Floor, One America Square 17 Crosswall London EC3N 2LB United Kingdom</p> <p>Fax No: +44 207 063 7901</p> <p>Attention: Managing Director</p>

Name of Sponsor	PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA
Jurisdiction of incorporation	Indonesia
Registration number (or equivalent, if any)	09.03.1.46.46426
English process agent (if not incorporated in England)	Golar Management Limited 13th Floor, One America Square 17 Crosswall London EC3N 2LB Fax: +44 (0) 207 0637 901 Attn: The Chief Financial Officer
Registered office	Globe Building, 6th Floor Jalan Buncit Raya Kav. 31-33, Jakarta 12740, Indonesia
Address for service of notices	Globe Building, 6th Floor, Jalan Buncit Raya Kav. 31-33, Jakarta 12740, Indonesia Fax: +62 21 7918 7097 Attention: President Director

Guarantors

Name of Guarantor	GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP
Jurisdiction of incorporation	Marshall Islands
Registration number (or equivalent, if any)	Marshall Islands LP but registered as an overseas partnership in Bermuda with No. 41240
English process agent (if not incorporated in England)	Golar Management Limited 13th Floor, One America Square 17 Crosswall London EC3N 2LB Fax: +44 (0) 207 0637 901 Attn: The Chief Financial Officer
Registered office	Registered Bermuda address: 2nd Floor, S.E. Pearman Building 9 Par-La-Ville Place Road Hamilton, HM 11 Bermuda Registered Marshall Islands address: Trust Company Complex, Ajeltake Road, Ajeltake Island Majuro, Marshall Islands, MH 96960
Address for service of notices	Golar LNG Partners LP c/o Golar Management Limited 13 th Floor, One America Square 17 Crosswall London EC3N 2LB United Kingdom Fax No: +44 207 063 7901 Attention: Managing Director

Name of Guarantor	GOLAR LNG LIMITED
Jurisdiction of incorporation	Bermuda
Registration number (or equivalent, if any)	30506
English process agent (if not incorporated in England)	Golar Management Limited 13th Floor, One America Square 17 Crosswall London EC3N 2LB Fax: +44 (0) 207 0637 901 Attn: The Chief Financial Officer
Registered office	2nd Floor, S.E. Pearman Building, 9 Par-La-Ville Road Hamilton, HM 11 Bermuda
Address for service of notices	Golar LNG Limited c/o Golar Management Limited 13th Floor, One America Square 17 Crosswall London EC3N 2LB United Kingdom Fax: +44 207 063 7901 Attention: Managing Director

The Original Lenders and their Commitments

Name	Facility Office, address, fax number and attention details for notices and account details for payments	Account details for payments	Historic Facility A Commitment \$	Facility A Commitment \$	Facility B Commitment \$	Total Commitment \$
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PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia	<p>Address: PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia Menara BTPN 35th -37th floor, JL Dr. Ide Anak Agung Gde Agung Kav 5.5 -5.6 Jakarta 12950</p> <p>Attention: Project Finance Department and Non-Japanese Marketing Department</p> <p>Fax: +6221 8086 2501 Tel: +6221 8086 2500</p> <p>Email: warnj_warni@id.smbc.co.jp denti_irman@id.smbc.co.jp gabriella_pantouw@id.smbc.co.jp herti_septhiany@id.smbc.co.jp</p> <p><i>For Credit Related and Loan Administrative Matters</i> Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Mailing Address: 3 Temasek Avenue #06-01 Centennial Tower Singapore 039190</p> <p>Contact Persons: Ms. Lo Kah Nian kah_nian_lo@sg.smbc.co.jp Mr. Pui Wing pui_wing_ho@sg.smbc.co.jp Ms. Jenny Yap Chong jenny_yap_chong@sg.smbc.co.jp Ms. Felicia Foo felicia_foo@sg.smbc.co.jp Tel: +65 6882 0396 / 0203 / 1283/ 0395 Fax: +65 6883 0335</p>	<p>Bank name: SMBC New York Swift Code : SMBCUS33 ABA967 Swift address : SUNIIDJA Account name : PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia Account number : 553496</p>	<p>155,000,000</p>	<p>155,000,000</p>	<p>20,000,000</p>	<p>175,000,000</p>
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The Hedging Banks

Name	Office, address, fax number and attention details for notices and account details for payments
PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia	<p>Address: PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia Menara BTPN 35th -37th floor, JL Dr. Ide Anak Agung Gde Agung Kav 5.5 -5.6 Jakarta 12950</p> <p>Attention: Project Finance Department and Non-Japanese Marketing Department</p> <p>Fax: +6221 8086 2501 Tel: +6221 8086 2500</p> <p>Email: warni_warni@id.smbc.co.jp denti_irman@id.smbc.co.jp gabriella_pantouw@id.smbc.co.jp herti_septhiany@id.smbc.co.jp abidan_tuah@id.smbc.co.jp febbyola_Febbyola@id.smbc.co.jp</p> <p>Mailing Address: Treasury Administration Department 3 Temasek Avenue #06-01 Centennial Tower Singapore 039190</p>

The Facility Agent

Name	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Singapore Branch
Address	3 Temasek Avenue, #06-01 Centennial Tower, Singapore 039190
Fax Number	65-6883 0335
Attention	Investment Banking Department, Asia, Credit Planning - Agency Ms Lee Sock Bee
Telephone number	65-6882 0245
Email address	Sock_Bee_Lee@sg.smbc.co.jp
Account Details (USD)	<p>Bank Name : JP Morgan Chase Bank, New York (Swift : CHASUS33)</p> <p>Account Name : Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Singapore Branch (Swift : SMBCSGSG)</p> <p>Account No. : 001-1-746468</p>

The Security Agent

Name	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Singapore Branch
Address	3 Temasek Avenue, #06-01 Centennial Tower, Singapore 039190
Fax Number	65-6883 0335
Attention	Investment Banking Department, Asia, Credit Planning - Agency Ms Lee Sock Bee
Telephone number	65-6882 0245 / 65-6882 0395
Email address	Sock_Bee_Lee@sg.smbc.co.jp
Account Details (USD)	Bank Name : JP Morgan Chase Bank, New York (Swift : CHASUS33) Account Name : Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Singapore Branch (Swift : SMBCSGSG) Account No. : 001-1-746468

Schedule 2 Vessel information

Part 1 Description of the Vessel

Vessel

Name	NUSANTARA REGAS SATU (ex "KHANNUR")
Port of Registration	Jakarta, Indonesia
Distinctive Number/Letters	POIN
Gross Tons	96700
Net Tons	29010
Year of Building	1977
Year of Conversion	2011
Type	FSRU
Length overall	283.07m
Breadth moulded	41.60m

Depth moulded	25.00m
Official Number	7382744
Tonnage Certificate	3284/Ba
Vessel Registration Number	7122

**Part 2
Information**

Vessel

Builder:	Jurong Shipyard Pte. Ltd.
Builder's registered office:	29 Tanjong Kling Road, Singapore 628054
Date and description of Conversion Contract:	the agreement dated 11 March 2011 made between the Builder and Golar Energy relating to, inter alia, the conversion of the Vessel
Date and description of O&M Contract:	the operation and maintenance agreement in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring dated 11 May 2012 as amended by a side letter dated 11 May 2012 (Remuneration Side Letter) each made between the Borrower and the O&M Contractor
Flag State	Indonesia
Charter description:	Contract dated 20 April 2011 in respect of the supply, delivery, charter and operation of the Vessel made between Golar Energy and the Charterer, as novated from Golar Energy to the Borrower by a novation agreement dated 12 April 2012 made between Golar Energy, the Borrower and the Charterer and as further amended or supplemented from time to time.
Charterer:	PT Nusantara Regas, a company incorporated in Indonesia and owned by PT Pertamina (Persero) and PT Perusahaan Gas Negara (Persero) Tbk
Classification:	DNV: +OI Floating Offshore LNG Regasification Terminal, REGAS, POSMOOR
Classification Society:	Dual classification: DNV (Det Norske Veritas) and BKI (PT Biro Klasifikasi Indonesia) (Persero)

Part 1
Initial Conditions precedent

1 Constitutional Documents and corporate authorities

In respect of the Borrower, each Shareholder, each Sponsor, each Guarantor, the O&M Contractor, Golar Management Norway and Golar Energy (each a **Relevant Obligor** for the purposes of this Schedule 3):

- (a) a copy certified by a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of the relevant person to be a true, complete and up-to-date copy, of the Constitutional Documents of that person or equivalent documents in respect of that person;
- (b) a copy, certified by a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of the relevant person to be a true copy, and as being in full force and effect and not amended or rescinded, of resolutions of the board of directors, board of commissioners or governors (or of a committee of the board of directors or governors) of that person:
 - (i) approving the entering into by the relevant person of the Transaction Documents to which that person is (or is to be) party;
 - (ii) authorising the execution by that person of such of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which such person is party; and
 - (iii) authorising an individual or individuals to sign and deliver on behalf of that person such of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which such person is party;
- (c) a copy of a resolution signed by all the holders of the issued shares in each Relevant if required by law or by the Constitutional Documents of a Relevant Obligor, Obligor approving the terms of, and the transactions contemplated by, the Transaction Documents to which such Relevant Obligor is a party;
- (d) a copy certified by a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of that person to be a true copy, and as being in full force and effect and not revoked or withdrawn, of any power of attorney issued by that person pursuant to the said resolutions; and
- (e) a certificate of incumbency including a list of those signatories of the applicable party have or will execute (and who are authorised) the Transaction Documents together with specimen signatures for each Indonesian Obligor as required by Lenders' Indonesian counsel.

2 Consents

- (a) A certificate from each Relevant Obligor confirming that all Consents necessary for any matter or thing contemplated by the Security Documents and the Project Agreements (in each case to which the applicable Obligor is a party) and for the legality, validity, enforceability, priority, admissibility in evidence and effectiveness thereof, at the time the same are required, have been obtained or effected on an unconditional basis and remain in full force and effect (or, in the case of any necessary arrangements effecting any future Consents, registrations and filings, that arrangements which are satisfactory to the Facility Agent have been made for the effecting of the same within any applicable time limit);
- (b) a certificate from each Relevant Obligor confirming that any Consents which may be required for the due execution and performance by any Relevant Obligor of any Transaction Document to which it is party at the time the same are required have been obtained and are in full force and effect;
- (c) a certificate from the Borrower confirming that, on the date a Utilisation Request is given (i) all Consents required for the operation of the Vessel and the Mooring at the Permitted Location have been given, issued, made or acquired and (ii) all Consents necessary for any act or thing contemplated by the Mortgage, the Security Assignment and the Powers of Attorney, for the legality, rationality, enforceability, priority and admissibility in evidence and effectiveness thereof have been obtained or effected on an unconditional basis and remain in full force and effect or, as the case may be, that such Consents obtained prior to the Utilisation of a Loan are unamended and remain in full force and effect;
- (d) a certificate from the Borrower confirming that all Consents required for the chartering of the Vessel and the Mooring to the Charterer have been made or obtained.

3 Project Agreements

In relation to the Vessel, the Mooring and the Charter Documents:

- (a) a copy of the Charter, the Charter Novation Agreement, the Charter Letters of Credit, the Charter Undertakings, that Pertamina LOU Transfer Agreement, the PGN LOU Transfer Agreement, the O&M Contract, the Mooring Documents, the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement and each other Charter Document duly executed by the parties thereto, dated and certified as a true and complete copy by an officer of the Borrower, in form and substance satisfactory to the Lenders;
- (b) a certificate from the Borrower confirming that it has obtained all necessary certificates in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring required pursuant to the Charter (and, if required by the Facility Agent (on the advice of the Technical Adviser), attaching copies of such certificates);
- (c) such evidence as the Facility Agent may require (upon the advice of its legal counsel) as to the due incorporation of the Charterer and each Charterer Shareholder, its power and authority to enter into and perform the Charter and relevant Charterer Undertakings and all other documents and instruments to give effect to the same, including but not limited to the Charter Novation Agreement, the Charter

LOU POAs and the Letter of Quiet Enjoyment; and

- (d) a legal due diligence report of the applicable Project Agreements as approved by the Facility Agent (acting on the instructions of the Lenders).

4 Transaction Documents

- (a) An original counterpart of this Agreement and each Fee Letter duly executed and delivered by each Obligor which is party thereto as well as evidence that all notices, acknowledgements, authorisations, invoices and certificates required thereunder have been duly executed and delivered.
- (b) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that each of the Transaction Documents which have then been executed remain unamended and in full force and effect.
- (c) A copy, certified as a true copy by a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of the Borrower of each of the Transaction Documents (other than this Agreement and the other Finance Documents) as well as evidence that all notices, acknowledgements, authorisations, invoices and certificates required thereunder have been duly executed and delivered together with a certified copy thereof.
- (d) Agreed forms of each of the other Finance Documents, executed copies of which are to be provided under Parts 2 and 3 of this Schedule 3.

5 Legal opinions

Agreed form legal opinions from:

- (a) ABNR, Indonesian counsel to the Lenders;
- (b) Norton Rose (Asia) LLP, English counsel to the Lenders;
- (c) Appleby Global, Bermudan counsel to the Lenders;
- (d) Wiersholm, Norwegian counsel to the Lenders;
- (e) Seward & Kissel, Marshall Islands counsel to the Lenders; and
- (f) Norton Rose (Asia) LLP, Singapore counsel to the Lenders,

in each case addressed to the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Security Agent and the Facility Agent and substantially in the form approved by the Facility Agent (together with evidence that each signed legal opinion will be issued by or promptly following the date of this Agreement).

6 Accounts and financial/technical information

- (a) The Original Financial Statements, together with copies of the most recent annual audited accounts of each of the Borrower, the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group and a copy of the most recently published annual audited financial statements of the Charterer and each Charterer Shareholder (such annual audited accounts to be provided only if available to the Borrower).
- (b) Evidence that each of the Project Accounts have been opened and that all necessary bank mandates and signature forms in form and content acceptable to the Facility Agent have been delivered to the Account Bank.
- (c) A certificate from a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of the Borrower confirming details of the total Project Cost incurred and in respect of which reimbursement is sought through the Utilisation of the Loan.
- (d) Receipt by the Facility Agent of the Due Diligence Report.
- (e) Receipt by the Facility Agent of Tax projections for the Project prepared by the Borrower.
- (f) The latest Project Budget Statement in form and substance acceptable to the Facility Agent.

7 Process Agents

Evidence of the acceptance of appointment by each service of process agent appointed or required to be appointed under this Agreement, the Security Documents and, if applicable, any Subordination Deed.

8 Transaction Documents conditions precedent

A certificate from the Borrower confirming that the conditions precedent to the Transaction Documents which have been executed (other than the conditions precedent contained in this Agreement or to the extent that the Borrower has notified the Facility Agent, and the Facility Agent has consented, as to any conditions precedent that have not been fulfilled or waived) have been fulfilled or waived in accordance with the respective terms of the Transaction Documents.

9 No defaults

- (a) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that no breach or default has occurred and is continuing under any of the Project Agreements, save for any breach or default previously notified to and accepted by the Facility Agent in writing.
- (b) A certificate from each Obligor confirming that no Default (applicable to it) has occurred and is continuing or would result from the Utilisation of a Loan, save for any Default(s) previously notified to and accepted by the Facility Agent in writing.

10 "Know Your Customer Requirements"

Documentation and/or evidence satisfying the Lenders' 'know your customers' requirements.

11 Fees

- (a) Evidence acceptable to the Facility Agent that all fees and expenses due to the Finance Parties (including the fees of the Insurance Advisor and the Facility Agent's legal counsel) and any applicable commitment commission payable on the first Utilisation Date have been, or will, on the first Utilisation Date, be paid in full.
- (b) Confirmation from the Facility Agent that all fees and expenses due or reimbursable to the Co-ordination and Structuring Bank, the Facility Agent and the Security Agent and any applicable commitment commission then due have been, or will, on the first Utilisation Date, be paid in full.

Part 2
Conditions Precedent to the Utilisation of the First Advance

The Facility Agent shall have received each of the following in form and substance satisfactory to the Lenders:

1 No Defaults

A certificate from each Obligor confirming that no Default (applicable to it) has occurred and is continuing or would result from the payment of the First Advance.

2 Constitutional Documents and corporate authorisations

If the Utilisation Request for the First Advance is not served by the Borrower within ten (10) Business Days of the date of this Agreement, a certificate from a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of each Obligor confirming that there has been no change in the Constitutional Documents of the relevant person since the date on which a certified copy thereof was provided to the Facility Agent or, as the case may be, a copy certified by a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of the relevant person of any amendments thereto and confirmation that the board resolutions, powers of attorney or other corporate/shareholder authorisations referred to in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 3 remain unamended and in full force and effect.

3 Finance Documents

(a) An original of the following Original Security Documents:

- (i) the Security Assignment;
- (ii) the Insurance Assignment;
- (iii) the Project Agreements Assignment;
- (iv) the Golar Management Norway Acknowledgement;
- (v) the O&M Contractor Acknowledgement;
- (vi) the O&M Contractor Assignment;
- (vii) the Account Security;
- (viii) the Mooring Security;
- (ix) any Reinsurance Security;
- (x) the Letter of Quiet Enjoyment;
- (xi) the Manager's Undertaking;

- (xii) the Powers of Attorney
- (xiii) the Hedging Security;
- (xiv) the Pre-Completion Guarantee;
- (xv) the Fiduciary Assignments; and
- (xvi) the Golar Energy Assignment.

and each notice of assignment required thereunder each duly executed by each of the parties thereto together with confirmation from the Borrower that, other than by virtue of the Security Interest created (or to be created) in favour of the Security Agent and/or any of the Finance Parties pursuant to the Security Documents, the Borrower has not created any Security Interest over the Borrower Assigned Property.

- (b) An original of the Mortgage duly executed by each party thereto and evidence that arrangements satisfactory to the Facility Agent have been made for effecting the permanent filing or registration of the Mortgage in any applicable jurisdiction, and within any applicable time limit.
- (c) The Powers of Attorney (attested, notarised, legalised and delivered to the Lenders' Indonesian legal counsel for the purpose of registration, as necessary) duly executed by the Borrower in favour of the Security Agent.
- (d) The original Shareholders' Security duly executed by each of the parties thereto, together with:
 - (i) the registration of the pledge of shares into the shareholder register of the Borrower and delivery of the original shares certificates to the Security Agent representing the shares pledge pursuant to the Shareholders' Security;
 - (ii) confirmation from the Shareholders that, other than by virtue of the Shareholders' Security, they have not created any Security Interest over the Shares (as such term is defined in the Shareholders' Security); and
 - (iii) documentary evidence that the shares pledge and assignment of dividends in favour of GSC have been discharged and released.
- (e) If necessary, a Subordination Deed in respect of any Indebtedness owed by the Borrower to any member of the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group (including Golar Singapore and Golar Khannur).
- (f) Evidence that the nominal stamp tax in the amount of Rp6,000 on the Finance Documents to which the Borrower or PSU is a party has been paid.

4 Notice of Readiness

Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent and the Technical Adviser that Notice of Readiness has been issued by the Borrower in accordance with the Charter and receipt by the Facility Agent of the First Advance Report.

5 Transaction Documents conditions precedent

- (a) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that each of the Transaction Documents that have been executed remains unamended and in full force and effect unless such amendments are disclosed to the Facility Agent (and are permitted pursuant to this Agreement) in which case the Borrower will provide copies, certified as true and complete copies by an authorised officer of the Borrower, of any amendments made to the Transaction Documents in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- (b) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that no event of default or potential event of default has occurred and is continuing under any of the Project Agreements.

6 Representation and Warranties

If the Utilisation Request for the First Advance is not served by the Borrower within ten (10) Business Days of the date of this Agreement, a certificate from each Obligor confirming that each of the representations and warranties on the part of each Obligor under any Security Documents which have been executed prior to the Utilisation Date for the First Advance are true and accurate on the date on which the Utilisation Request for the First Advance is issued and on the Utilisation Date for the First Advance as if given on each such date by reference to the facts and circumstances then existing.

7 Project Information

- (a) Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent that the Borrower has instructed the Charterer to pay all Earnings to the Earnings Account.
- (b) A certificate from the Borrower confirming the location of the Vessel.
- (c) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that neither the Charterer or the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway has given notice of the occurrence of any event or circumstance giving rise to a right on the part of the Charterer or the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway to terminate the Charter or the O&M Contract or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement respectively and that no Force Majeure Event has occurred and is continuing in respect of the Vessel or the Mooring under either the

Charter or the O&M Contract or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement.

- (d) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that the Vessel and the Mooring is free of any other charter commitment (other than the Charter) which would require approval under the Finance Documents.
- (e) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that the Charterer has not exercised the Charterer's Purchase Option.
- (f) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that the conditions precedent to the obligations of the Charterer and the Borrower under the Charter, the obligations of the Borrower and the O&M Contractor under the O&M Contract and the obligations of the O&M Contractor and Golar Management Norway under the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement in respect of the Vessel and the Mooring (other than the conditions precedent that the Borrower has notified to the Facility Agent, and the Facility Agent has consented to, that have not been fulfilled or waived) have been fulfilled or waived in accordance with the terms thereof.

8 Financial Model and debt sizing

- (a) An updated copy of the Financial Model in form and substance acceptable to the Lenders, evidencing, inter alia:
 - (i) the amount of the proposed Utilisation;
 - (ii) the Project Cost; and
 - (iii) that the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the period ending on the Final Maturity Date is at least 1.50:1 for the period up to the 22nd Repayment Date and 1.40:1 for each Relevant Period thereafter (assuming the full amount of Facility B has been drawn down (and is not repaid) on or before the Last Availability Date relating to such Facility),in each case as certified by the Borrower.
- (b) The forecasted amount of the Balloon (as determined by the Facility Agent and calculated by reference to the Financial Model) is not greater than 30% of the Facility Limit after applying the Repayment Schedule (assuming the full amount of Facility B has been drawn down (and is not repaid) on or before the Last Availability Date relating to such Facility and ignoring any Cash Sweep Repayments).
- (c) The forecasted amount of the Balloon (as determined by the Facility Agent and calculated by reference to the Financial Model) is not greater than 20% of the Facility Limit after applying the Repayment Schedule (assuming the full amount of Facility B has been drawn down (and is not repaid) on or before the Last Availability Date relating to such Facility and after applying any Cash Sweep Repayments).

9 Vessel conditions

- (a) A transcript of register from the Flag State evidencing the continued registration of Vessel in the name of the Borrower free from registered Security Interests other than the Mortgage and that the Mortgage has been executed in the presence of officials of the Directorate General of Sea Communication of the Department of Communication of the Republic of Indonesia and submitted for registration against the Vessel as a first priority Indonesian ship mortgage.
- (b) An authenticated copy of the Grosse Akte Pendaftaran Kapal.
- (c) Documentary evidence that the Borrower possesses a SUIPAL or other relevant license required under Indonesian laws/regulations for the purpose of owning the Vessel;
- (d) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that the Vessel and the Mooring is free and clear of any liens, charges, debts, claims or other encumbrances arising in favour of any of the parties to the Conversion Contract Documents or the Mooring Documents (other than the Borrower) or such parties' sub-contractors and employees (other than Permitted Maritime Liens).
- (e) Evidence that the Vessel is classed with the relevant Classification free of all overdue conditions and recommendations of the relevant Classification Society which have not expired (in the form of a copy of the Classification Certificate for the Vessel, together with a copy of a Confirmation of Class Certificate for the Vessel, each issued by the Classification Society upon (or just prior to) the Utilisation Date for the First Advance).
- (f) In respect of the Vessel and the Mooring, copies of any certificates issued under any applicable code required to be observed by the Vessel and/or the Mooring or in relation to their operation under any applicable law.

10 Construction matters

- (a) A certificate from the Sponsors confirming that:
 - (i) neither Sponsor nor the Builder have, nor will have from the Utilisation Date for the First Advance, any lien or other right to detain the Vessel or the Mooring; and
 - (ii) all costs, fees and expenses payable by the Borrower in connection with the Conversion Contract Documents and the purchase of the Vessel's equipment and the Mooring Documents and the purchase and installation of the Mooring have been paid in full on terms acceptable to the Lenders (and that there are no monies outstanding in respect of the Conversion Contract Documents or the Mooring Documents).

11 No disputes

- (a) A certificate from each Sponsor confirming that there are no disputes between any Obligor and the parties to the Conversion Contract Documents and/or the Charter Documents which is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) A certificate from a duly authorised officer(s) and/or the company secretary of the Borrower (together with such other evidence as the Facility Agent may require at the relevant time) confirming that there are no material disputes, litigation, arbitration or similar proceedings taking place, pending or, to the knowledge of the officers of the Borrower, threatened against any Obligor by the Charterer, the Builder, Golar Management Norway or the O&M Contractor or any company contracted in connection with the supply and/or installation of the Mooring and the Vessel's equipment and that all payments due to the Charterer, the Builder, Golar Management Norway and the O&M Contractor and any such other company have been or will be made.

12 Insurance/Reinsurance

- (a) Receipt by the Security Agent of the pro-forma hull and machinery, war risks policies, and mortgagee's interest insurance, to be duly issued with endorsement thereon of the notices of assignment and Loss Payable Clauses and that all premia and calls in respect of Insurances/Reinsurances which have fallen due have been paid and that none of the Security Agent or other Finance Parties have any liability for premia and calls.
- (b) Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent that the insurance and reinsurance obligations of the Obligors under the Finance Documents and under the Project Agreements have been complied with and that the Vessel and the Mooring is insured in accordance with the terms of the Finance Documents and the Project Agreements.
- (c) Receipt by the Facility Agent of agreed form letters of undertaking from the insurers/reinsurers and the mutual association or club with which the protection and liability insurances are placed in respect of the Vessel or evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent that these documents will be provided promptly after the Utilisation of the First Advance upon the insurers receiving the relevant notices.
- (d) Receipt by the Facility Agent of certified true copies of the insurance and reinsurance policies (containing the information referred to in clause 27.12 (*Insurance documents*)) (together with any other notices and/or documents referred to in clause 27.12 (*Insurance documents*)) in respect of the insurance and reinsurance cover for the Vessel.
- (e) A final opinion in form and content satisfactory to the Lenders from the Insurance Advisor, as to the adequacy of the Insurances and Reinsurances in respect of the Vessel.
- (f) A list of the insurers and reinsurers of the Vessel and the Mooring.

13 Accounts and financial information

- (a) Evidence that each of the Project Accounts have been opened and that all necessary bank mandates and signature forms in form and content acceptable to the Facility Agent have been delivered to the Account Bank.
- (b) To the extent such documents have not been provided under Schedule 3, Part 1 of this Agreement, copies of the most recent Annual Financial Statements and Semi-annual Financial Statements (save where the corresponding Annual Financial Statement has superseded this) (as each such expression is defined in clause 19 (*Information undertakings*)), of the Borrower, the Pre-Completion Guarantor Group and the Final Repayment Guarantor Group and a copy of the most recently published annual audited financial statements of the Charterer and each Charterer Shareholder (such annual financial statements to be provided only if available to the Borrower).

14 Legal opinions

Receipt of the copies of the executed legal opinions specified in paragraph 5 of part 1 of this Schedule 3, each in form and content satisfactory to the Lenders or evidence that such opinions will be issued promptly following Utilisation.

15 Sponsor Funding

Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent that:

- (a) Sponsor Funding is in place and in particular, that the ratio of the aggregate amount drawn under the Facility and any Available Commitment relating to Facility B to Sponsor Funding does not exceed 70:30; and
- (b) any shareholder and/or intra-group loans (other than the Subordinated Loans provided by Golar Singapore and Golar Khannur) made available to the Borrower prior to the Utilisation Date of the First Advance will be fully discharged upon the Utilisation Date for the First Advance.

16 Process Agents

Evidence of the acceptance of appointment by each service of process agent appointed or required to be appointed under the Security Documents (to the extent not already provided pursuant to paragraph 7 of part 1 of this Schedule 3).

17 Further conditions

- (a) Such further conditions/opinions or evidence as may be reasonably required by the Facility Agent and notified in writing to the Borrower in advance of being required.

(b) Evidence that the conditions precedent set out in Schedule 3 part 1 remain satisfied.

18 Sponsor Loan Agreement

If applicable, and to the extent that there are any Sponsor Loan Agreements in existence on the Utilisation Date for the First Advance (other than the shareholder loans referred to in paragraph 15 above and 19 below), a certified copy of such Sponsor Loan Agreements in form and substance acceptable to the Facility Agent and confirmation from the Sponsor(s) that any such documents are validly executed and are legal, valid and binding on the respective parties, together with a duly executed original of a Subordination Deed in respect of such Sponsor Loan Agreements.

19 GSC and Golar Khannur

- (a) A certified copy of the GSC Loan Agreement together with a duly executed original of a Subordination Deed in respect of the GSC Loan Agreement.
- (b) A certified copy of the Seller's Credit together with a duly executed original of a Subordination Deed in respect of the Seller's Credit.
- (c) Such evidence as the Facility Agent may require (upon the advice of its legal counsel) as to the due incorporation of each of Golar Khannur and GSC, its power and authority to enter into and perform the Subordination Deed to which it is a party and all other documents and instruments to give effect to the same.

20 Environment and social

- (a) A copy of the Environmental Management Plan and any other documentation and/or evidence required to satisfy the Lenders' 'environmental and social' requirements, with each Lender to confirm whether this has been satisfied.
- (b) A copy of the "Environmental Impact Assessment" in a form acceptable to the Facility Agent (if the Borrower and/or the Sponsors are able to obtain this, having used their best efforts to do so).

Part 3
Conditions Precedent to the Utilisation of the Final Advance

The Facility Agent shall have received each of the following in form and substance satisfactory to the Facility Agent:

1 Constitutional Documents and corporate authorities

If the Utilisation Request for the Final Advance is not served by the Borrower within ten (10) Business Days of the Utilisation Date for the First Advance, confirmation from a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of each Relevant Obligor that there has been no change in the Constitutional Documents of the relevant person since the date on which a certified copy thereof was provided to the Facility Agent or, as the case may be, a copy certified by a duly authorised officer and/or the company secretary of the relevant person of any amendments thereto and confirmation that the board resolutions, powers of attorney and other corporate authorisations referred to in paragraph 1 part 1 of Schedule 3 remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

2 Consents

If the Utilisation Request for the Final Advance is not served by the Borrower within ten (10) Business Days of the Utilisation Date for the First Advance, a certificate from the Borrower confirming that all Consents necessary for any matter or thing contemplated by the Hedging Agreements and for the legality, validity, enforceability, priority, admissibility in evidence and effectiveness thereof, at the time the same are required, have been obtained or effected on an unconditional basis and remain in full force and effect (or, in the case of any necessary arrangements effecting any future Consents, registrations and filings, that arrangements which are satisfactory to the Facility Agent have been made for the effecting of the same within any applicable time limit).

3 Transaction Documents

If the Utilisation Request for the Final Advance is not served by the Borrower within ten (10) Business Days of the Utilisation Date for the First Advance, a certificate from each Relevant Obligor which is a party to the Project Agreements and the Security Documents which have been executed prior to the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance and the other Transaction Documents which have then been executed that those documents remain unamended and in full force and effect.

4 Legal Opinions

- (a) To the extent not provided under part 2 of this Schedule 3, receipt by the Facility Agent of the copies of the executed legal opinions specified in paragraph 5 of part 1 of this Schedule 3, each in form and content satisfactory to the Lenders or evidence that such opinions will be issued promptly following Utilisation.
- (b) Evidence satisfactory to the Lenders that the terms and conditions of the legal opinions received under paragraph 14 of part 2 of this Schedule 3 need not be altered or modified in anyway or, if required by the Facility Agent, have been modified and updated as the case may be.

5 Insurances/Reinsurances

A certificate from the Borrower confirming that there has been no change to the Insurances in respect of the Vessel or the Mooring since the Utilisation Date for the First Advance.

6 Vessel conditions and construction matters

(a) Vessel conditions

- (i) A transcript of register from the Flag State evidencing the continued registration of Vessel in the name of the Borrower free from registered Security Interests other than the Mortgage and that the Mortgage has been executed in the presence of officials of the Directorate General of Sea Communication of the Department of Communication of the Republic of Indonesia and submitted for registration against the Vessel as a first priority Indonesian ship mortgage.
 - (ii) If the Utilisation Request for the Final Advance is not served by the Borrower within twenty (20) Business Days of the Utilisation Date for the First Advance, evidence that the Vessel is classed with the relevant Classification free of all conditions and recommendations of the relevant Classification Society which have not expired (in the form of a copy of the Classification Certificate for the Vessel, together with a copy of a Confirmation of Class Certificate for the Vessel, each issued by the Classification Society upon (or just prior to) the Utilisation date of the Final Advance).
- (b) In respect of the Vessel and the Mooring, copies of (if so requested by the Facility Agent) any certificates issued under any applicable code required to be observed by the Vessel and the Mooring or in relation to its operation under any applicable law, to the extent that such certificates have not been provided to the Facility Agent under Parts 1 or 2 of this Schedule 3 or have been issued since the Utilisation Date for the First Advance.
- (c) If the Utilisation Request for the Final Advance is not served by the Borrower within ten (10) Business Days of the Utilisation Date for the First Advance, a certificate from the Borrower confirming that the Vessel and the Mooring is free of any other charter commitment (other than the Charter) which would require approval under the Finance Documents.

7 Project Information

- (a) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that all Consents obtained prior to the Utilisation of the Final Advance are unamended and remain in full force and effect.
- (b) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that all Consents required for the chartering of the Vessel and the Mooring to the Charterer obtained prior to the Utilisation of the Final Advance are unamended and remain in full force and effect.
- (c) A certificate from the Borrower as to the proposed location of the Vessel upon Final Acceptance.
- (d) A certificate from an officer of the Sponsors confirmed by the Technical Adviser confirming that the aggregate of the Loans and any Available Commitment relating to Facility B does not exceed seventy per cent (70)% of the total Project Cost (i) at Final Acceptance and (ii) immediately after the Utilisation of such Final Advance.
- (e) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that the Charterer has not exercised the Charterer's Purchase Option.
- (f) A certificate from the Borrower confirming that neither the Charterer or the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway has given notice of the occurrence of any event or circumstance giving rise to a right on the part of the Charterer or the O&M Contractor or Golar Management Norway to terminate the Charter or the O&M Contract or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement respectively and that no Force Majeure Event has occurred and is continuing in respect of the Vessel or the Mooring under either the Charter or the O&M Contract or the Golar Management Norway Management Agreement.
- (g) Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent and the Technical Adviser that Final Acceptance has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Charter and receipt by the Facility Agent of the Final Advance Report.
- (h) Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent and the Technical Adviser that the Borrower has received three (3) consecutive months of Total Charter Rate without material deductions.

8 Accounts and Financial Information

Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent that the Debt Service Reserve Account has been, or will on the Utilisation Date of the Final Advance (whether from the proceeds of the Utilisation or otherwise) be, funded in accordance with clause 28.7 (*Debt Service Reserve Account*) if required in accordance with such clause.

9 Fees and expenses

On the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance:

- (a) evidence acceptable to the Facility Agent that all fees and expenses due to the Finance Parties (including the fees of the Insurance Consultant and the Facility Agent's legal advisers) and any applicable commitment commission payable on the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance have been, or will be, paid in full; and
- (b) PT Bank Sumitomo Mitsui Indonesia has confirmed to the Facility Agent that it has received from the Borrower duly signed remittance instructions in the agreed form to enable it to effect the transfer of the applicable Debt Service Reserve to the Debt Service Reserve Account immediately following Utilisation.

10 Representation and Warranties

A certificate from each Obligor confirming that each of the representations and warranties on the part of each Obligor under any Security Document applicable to it are true and accurate on the date on which the Utilisation Request for the Final Advance is issued and on the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance as if given on each that date by reference to the facts and circumstances then existing.

11 No Defaults

A certificate from each Obligor confirming that no Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the Utilisation of the Final Advance.

12 Process Agents

Evidence of the acceptance of appointment by each service of process agent appointed or required to be appointed under the Security Documents specified in this Part 3 of Schedule 3.

13 Sponsor Funding

Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent that Sponsor Funding is in place and in particular, that (i) the ratio of the aggregate amount drawn under the Facility and any Available Commitment relating to Facility B to Sponsor Funding does not exceed 70:30.

14 Sponsor Loan Agreement

If applicable, and to the extent that there are any Sponsor Loan Agreements in existence on the Utilisation Date for the Final Advance, a certified copy of such Sponsor Loan Agreements in form and substance acceptable to the Facility Agent and confirmation from the Sponsor(s) or, as the case may be, any other relevant party to a Sponsor Loan Agreement that any such documents are validly executed and are legal, valid and binding on the respective parties, together with a duly executed original of a Subordination Deed in respect of such Sponsor Loan Agreements.

15 Conditions precedent

Evidence that the conditions precedent set out in Schedule 3 parts 1 and 2 remain satisfied.

16 Further conditions

Such further conditions/opinions or evidence as may be reasonably required by the Facility Agent and notified in writing to the Borrower in advance of being required.

Part 4

Conditions Subsequent

1 Registrations

- (a) Documentary evidence to be provided within thirty (30) days after the Utilisation Date of the First Advance that the Mortgage has been duly registered against the Vessel as a valid first priority Indonesian ship mortgage with the Directorate General of Sea Communication of the Department of Communication of the Republic of Indonesia in accordance with the laws of Indonesia as evidenced by the issuance of a mortgage certificate.
- (b) Documentary evidence to be provided within thirty (30) days after the Utilisation Date of the First Advance that the Fiduciary Assignments have been duly registered with the Fiduciary Registration Registry (as evidenced by the issuance of fiducia certificate) and shareholder register of the Borrower as relevant.
- (c) Documentary evidence to be provided within the earlier of (i) fourteen (14) Business Days after the Utilisation Date of the First Advance (ii) the applicable time frame required by law that this Agreement has been reported and filed with the Bank of Indonesia the Ministry of Finance and the Team for the Co-ordination of the Management of Offshore Commercial Loans.
- (d) Documentary evidence to be provided within fourteen (14) Business Days after the Utilisation Date of the First Advance that the notices required under the Fiduciary Assignments have been sent to relevant counterparties.
- (e) Documentary evidence to be provided within thirty (30) Business Days after the Utilisation Date of the First Advance that the acknowledgments required under the Fiduciary Assignments, have been obtained from relevant counterparties.

2 Translations

Within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date of this Agreement, an original of each of the Transaction Documents listed in Part A of Schedule 12 (*List of Translated Documents*) to this Agreement executed in Bahasa.

4 Insurances

Within fourteen (14) Business Days of the Utilisation Date for the First Advance, receipt by the Facility Agent of executed letters of undertaking from the insurers/reinsurers and the mutual association or club with which the protection and liability insurances are placed in respect of the Vessel.

**Schedule 4
Utilisation Request**

From: PT GOLAR INDONESIA

To: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Dated: 2012

Dear Sirs

\$175,000,000 Facility Agreement dated 14 December 2012 (as amended and restated pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement dated 2018) (as so amended, the "Agreement")

PT GOLAR INDONESIA

- 1 We refer to the Agreement. This is a Utilisation Request. Terms defined in the Agreement have the same meaning in this Utilisation Request unless given a different meaning in this Utilisation Request.
- 2 We wish to borrow the [[First]/[Final] Advance][a Facility B Loan] on the following terms:

Facility: [Facility A][Facility B]

Proposed Utilisation Date: [*] (or, if that is not a Business Day, the next Business Day)

Loan amount: \$[*]
- 3 We confirm that each condition specified in clause 4.6 (*Further conditions precedent*) is satisfied on the date of this Utilisation Request.
- 4 The purpose of this Loan is [**specify purpose complying with clause 3 of the Agreement**] and its proceeds should be credited to the following account(s) in the following amounts:
 - (a) an amount of \$[·] (in respect of the payment of Project Costs) shall be paid to [·] [**specify relevant account of the Borrower**]; [and]
 - (b) an amount of \$[·] (in respect of fees, expenses and commitment commission) shall be paid to [·] [**specify relevant account of the Facility Agent**]; [and]
 - (c) [an amount of \$[·] (in respect of the Debt Service Reserve) shall be paid to the Debt Service Reserve Account.]
- 5 We request that the first Interest Period for the Loan be [·] months.
- 6 This Utilisation Request is irrevocable.

Yours faithfully

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authorised signatory for

PT GOLAR INDONESIA

Schedule 5 Mandatory Cost Formulae

- 1 The Mandatory Cost is an addition to the interest rate to compensate Lenders for the cost of compliance with (a) the requirements of the Bank of England and/or the Financial Services Authority (or, in either case, any other authority which replaces all or any of its functions) or (b) the requirements of the European Central Bank.
- 2 On the first day of each Interest Period (or as soon as possible thereafter) the Agent shall calculate, as a percentage rate, a rate (the "**Additional Cost Rate** ") for each Lender, in accordance with the paragraphs set out below. The Mandatory Cost will be calculated by the Agent as a weighted average of the Lenders' Additional Cost Rates (weighted in proportion to the percentage participation of each Lender in the relevant Loan) and will be expressed as a percentage rate per annum.
- 3 The Additional Cost Rate for any Lender lending from a Facility Office in a Participating Member State will be the percentage notified by that Lender to the Agent. This percentage will be certified by that Lender in its notice to the Agent to be its reasonable determination of the cost (expressed as a percentage of that Lender's participation in all Loans made from that Facility Office) of complying with the minimum reserve requirements of the European Central Bank in respect of loans made from that Facility Office.
- 4 The Additional Cost Rate for any Lender lending from a Facility Office in the United Kingdom will be calculated by the Agent as follows:
 - (a) in relation to a sterling Loan:
$$\frac{AB + C(B-D) + E \times 0.01}{100 - (A + C)}$$
per cent. per annum
 - (b) in relation to a Loan in any currency other than sterling:
$$\frac{(E \times 0.01)}{300}$$
per cent. per annum.

Where:

- A is the percentage of Eligible Liabilities (assuming these to be in excess of any stated minimum) which that Lender is from time to time required to maintain as an interest free cash ratio deposit with the Bank of England to comply with cash ratio requirements.
- B is the percentage rate of interest (excluding the Margin and the Mandatory Cost) and, if the Loan is an Unpaid Sum, the additional rate of interest specified in clause 8.3(a) (*Default interest*) payable for the relevant Interest Period on the Loan.
- C is the percentage (if any) of Eligible Liabilities which that Lender is required from time to time to maintain as interest bearing Special Deposits with the Bank of England.
- D is the percentage rate per annum payable by the Bank of England to the Agent on interest bearing Special Deposits.
- E is designed to compensate Lenders for amounts payable under the Fees Rules and is calculated by the Agent as being the average of the most recent rates of charge supplied by the Reference Banks to the Agent pursuant to paragraph 7 below and expressed in pounds per £1,000,000.

- 5 For the purposes of this Schedule:
- (a) **Eligible Liabilities** and **Special Deposits** have the meanings given to them from time to time under or pursuant to the Bank of England Act 1998 or (as may be appropriate) by the Bank of England;
 - (b) **Fees Rules** means the rules on periodic fees contained in the Financial Services Authority Fees Manual or such other law or regulation as may be in force from time to time in respect of the payment of fees for the acceptance of deposits;
 - (c) **Fee Tariffs** means the fee tariffs specified in the Fees Rules under Column 1 of the activity group A.1 Deposit acceptors (ignoring any minimum fee or zero rated fee required pursuant to the Fees Rules but taking into account any applicable discount rate); and
 - (d) **Tariff Base** has the meaning given to it in, and will be calculated in accordance with, the Fees Rules.
- 6 In application of the above formulae, A, B, C and D will be included in the formulae as percentages (i.e. 5 per cent. will be included in the formula as 5 and not as 0.05). A negative result obtained by subtracting D from B shall be taken as zero. The resulting figures shall be rounded to four decimal places.
- 7 If requested by the Agent, each Reference Bank shall, as soon as practicable after publication by the Financial Services Authority, supply to the Agent, the rate of charge payable by that Reference Bank to the Financial Services Authority pursuant to the Fees Rules in respect of the relevant financial year of the Financial Services Authority (calculated for this purpose by that Reference Bank as being the average of the Fee Tariffs applicable to that Reference Bank for that financial year) and expressed in pounds per £1,000,000 of the Tariff Base of that Reference Bank.
- 8 Each Lender shall supply any information required by the Agent for the purpose of calculating its Additional Cost Rate. In particular, but without limitation, each Lender shall supply the following information on or prior to the date on which it becomes a Lender:
- (a) the jurisdiction of its Facility Office; and
 - (b) any other information that the Agent may reasonably require for such purpose.
- Each Lender shall promptly notify the Agent of any change to the information provided by it pursuant to this paragraph.
- 9 The percentages of each Lender for the purpose of A and C above and the rates of charge of each Reference Bank for the purpose of E above shall be determined by the Agent based upon the information supplied to it pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 above and on the assumption that, unless a Lender notifies the Agent to the contrary, each Lender's obligations in relation to cash ratio deposits and Special Deposits are the same as those of a typical bank from its jurisdiction of incorporation with a Facility Office in the same jurisdiction as its Facility Office.
- 10 The Agent shall have no liability to any person if such determination results in an Additional Cost Rate which over or under compensates any Lender and shall be entitled to assume that the information provided by any Lender or Reference Bank pursuant to paragraphs 3, 7 and 8 above is true and correct in all respects.
- 11 The Agent shall distribute the additional amounts received as a result of the Mandatory Cost to the Lenders on the basis of the Additional Cost Rate for each Lender based on the information provided by each Lender and each Reference Bank pursuant to paragraphs 3, 7 and 8 above.

- 12 Any determination by the Agent pursuant to this Schedule in relation to a formula, the Mandatory Cost, an Additional Cost Rate or any amount payable to a Lender shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all Parties.
- 13 The Agent may from time to time, after consultation with the Borrowers and the Lenders, determine and notify to all Parties any amendments which are required to be made to this Schedule in order to comply with any change in law, regulation or any requirements from time to time imposed by the Bank of England, the Financial Services Authority or the European Central Bank (or, in any case, any other authority which replaces all or any of its functions) and any such determination shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all Parties.

Schedule 6
Form of Transfer Certificate

To: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation as Facility Agent

From: [**The Existing Lender**] (the **Existing Lender**) and [**The New Lender**] (the **New Lender**)

Dated:

\$175,000,000 Facility Agreement dated 14 December 2012 (as amended and restated pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement dated 2018) (as so amended, the "Agreement")

PT GOLAR INDONESIA

- 1 We refer to the Agreement. This is a Transfer Certificate. Terms defined in the Agreement have the same meaning in this Transfer Certificate unless given a different meaning in this Transfer Certificate.
- 2 We refer to clause 33.5 (*Procedure for transfer*):
 - (a) The Existing Lender and the New Lender agree to the Existing Lender assigning to the New Lender all or part of the Existing Lender's Commitment rights and assuming the Existing Lender's obligations referred to in the Schedule in accordance with clause 33.5 (*Procedure for transfer*) and the Existing Lender assigns and agrees to assign such rights to the New Lender with effect from the Transfer Date.
 - (b) The proposed Transfer Date is [●].
 - (c) The Facility Office and address, email address, fax number and attention details for notices of the New Lender for the purposes of clause 42.2 (*Addresses*) are set out in the Schedule.
- 3 The New Lender expressly acknowledges the limitations on the Existing Lender's obligations set out in clause 33.4(c).
- 4 This Transfer Certificate may be executed in any number of counterparts and this has the same effect as if the signatures on the counterparts were on a single copy of this Transfer Certificate.

This Transfer Certificate and any non-contractual obligations connected with it are governed by English law.

The Schedule

Commitment/rights to be assigned and obligations to be assumed

[*insert relevant details*]

Facility Office address, fax number, email address and attention details for notices and account details for payments

[*insert relevant details*]

[*Existing Lender*] [*New Lender*]

By: By:

This Transfer Certificate is accepted by the Facility Agent and the Transfer Date is confirmed to be as stated above.

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

By:

Schedule 7
Form of Compliance Certificate

To: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation as Facility Agent

From: [GOLAR LNG LIMITED]/ [GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP]/[PT GOLAR INDONESIA]

Dated:

Dear Sirs

\$175,000,000 Facility Agreement dated 14 December 2012 (as amended and restated pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement dated 2018) (as so amended, the "Agreement")

PT GOLAR INDONESIA (the "Borrower")

- 1 I/We refer to the Agreement. This is a Compliance Certificate. Terms defined in the Agreement have the same meaning when used in this Compliance Certificate unless given a different meaning in this Compliance Certificate.
- 2 I/We confirm that:

[Note: insert required financial covenant confirmations.]
- 3 [I/We confirm that no Default is continuing.] [**If this statement cannot be made, the certificate should identify any Default that is continuing and the steps, if any, being taken to remedy it.]**

Signed by:

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[Finance Director] [Chief Financial Officer]

[GOLAR LNG LIMITED] / [GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP]/[PT GOLAR INDONESIA]

Schedule 8
Form of Market Disruption Notification

To: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation as Facility Agent

From: [Lender]

Dated:

Dear Sirs

\$175,000,000 Facility Agreement dated 14 December 2012 (as amended and restated pursuant to a Supplemental Agreement dated 2018) (as so amended, the "Agreement")

PT GOLAR INDONESIA

- 1 We refer to the Agreement. This is a Market Disruption Notification. Terms defined in the Agreement have the same meaning when used in this Market Disruption Notification unless given a different meaning in this Market Disruption Notification.
- 2 We hereby notify you that, in relation to our participation in the Loan referred to below and the Interest Period referred to below, the cost to us of obtaining a matching deposit (or matching deposits) in the Interbank Market would be in excess of LIBOR:

Loan (currency and amount): \$[·]

Interest Period: [·] months commencing on [·]

Cost of funds: [·]
- 3 We request that, as soon as practicable, you inform the other Lenders that you have received a Market Disruption Notification in respect of the Loan and Interest Period referred to in paragraph 2 above, without stating our name or the amount or percentage of our participation. However, we acknowledge that you shall be under no liability for any act or omission in this respect.

Yours faithfully

.....

authorised signatory for

[name of relevant Lender]

**FREE CASHFLOW BEFORE
DEBT SERVICE
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE
FOR DEBT SERVICE**

Less: Interest Payment
Principal
Repayment
Less/Add: Hedging
Expenses

DSRA (top up)/release

**CASH AVAILABLE FOR
DISTRIBUTION**

Less: *Distribution to
Shareholders*
Excess Cash

*(1) includes
Manning Costs
Maintenance and Repair Cost
Consumables and Stores Cost
Insurance Cost
Miscellaneous Costs
Fixed Management Fee*

Schedule 10
Conditions Precedent to Guarantee Release Date

1. Receipt by the Facility Agent of the Pre-Completion Guarantee Release Report.
2. Evidence satisfactory to the Facility Agent that:
 - (a) no Default has occurred and is continuing; and
 - (b) no ongoing material dispute is existing between any Obligor and the Charterer or any other person in connection with the Charter, the O&M Contract, the Golar Management Norway Management Contract and/or the Project and no amount payable by the Borrower or any other Obligor in relation to the Project is due or outstanding.
3. An updated copy of the Financial Model, evidencing that the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the period ending on the Final Maturity Date is at least 1.50:1 for the period starting on the date of this Agreement up to the 22nd Repayment Date and 1.40:1 for each Relevant Period thereafter (assuming the full amount of Facility B has been drawn down (and is not repaid) on or before the Last Availability Date relating to such Facility).
4. The forecasted amount of the Balloon (as determined by the Facility Agent by reference to the Financial Model) is not greater than 30% of the Facility Limit after applying the Repayment Schedule (assuming the full amount of Facility B has been drawn down (and is not repaid) on or before the Last Availability Date relating to such Facility and ignoring any Cash Sweep Repayments).
5. The forecasted amount of the Balloon (as determined by the Facility Agent and calculated by reference to the Financial Model) is not greater than 20% of the Facility Limit after applying the Repayment Schedule (assuming the full amount of Facility B has been drawn down (and is not repaid) on or before the Last Availability Date relating to such Facility and after applying any Cash Sweep Repayments).
6. Evidence that the Debt Service Reserve Account has been funded in accordance with clause 28.7 (*Debt Service Reserve Account*) of this Agreement.
7. A copy of the duly executed Hedging Master Agreements together with evidence of the entry into the Hedging Transactions by the Borrower in accordance with clause 30.1 (*Hedging*).
8. Evidence that all amounts payable by the Borrower on the First Repayment Date have been paid in full pursuant to and in accordance with the Facility Agreement.
9. Documentary evidence that the Mortgage has been duly registered against the Vessel as a valid first priority Indonesian ship mortgage with the Directorate General of Sea Communication of the Department of Communication of the Republic of Indonesia in accordance with the laws of Indonesia as evidenced by the issuance of a mortgage certificate.
10. An original Final Repayment Guarantee duly executed by the Final Repayment Guarantor together with:
 - (a) all documents set out in paragraph 1, Part 1 of Schedule 3 of the Facility Agreement in respect of the Final Repayment Guarantor; and
 - (b) an English and Marshall Islands legal opinion substantially in the form approved by the Facility Agent prior to signing the Facility Agreement in relation to the Final Repayment Guarantee and the Final Repayment Guarantor.

Schedule 11
Repayment Schedule

Repayment Date	Principal Repayment
First	\$3,575,000.00
Second	\$3,575,000.00
Third	\$3,575,000.00

Fourth	\$3,575,000.00
Fifth	\$3,575,000.00
Sixth	\$3,575,000.00
Seventh	\$3,575,000.00
Eighth	\$3,575,000.00
Ninth	\$3,575,000.00
Tenth	\$3,575,000.00
Eleventh	\$3,575,000.00
Twelfth	\$3,575,000.00
Thirteenth	\$3,575,000.00
Fourteenth	\$3,575,000.00
Fifteenth	\$3,575,000.00
Sixteenth	\$3,575,000.00
Seventeenth	\$3,575,000.00
Eighteenth	\$3,575,000.00
Nineteenth	\$3,575,000.00
Twentieth	\$3,575,000.00
Twenty First	\$3,575,000.00
Following date of Supplemental Agreement:	
Twenty Second	\$3,687,500
Twenty Third	\$3,687,500
Twenty Fourth	\$3,687,500

Twenty Fifth	\$3,687,500
Twenty Sixth	\$3,687,500
Twenty Seventh	\$3,687,500
Twenty Eighth	\$3,687,500
Twenty Ninth	\$3,687,500
Thirtieth	\$3,687,500
Thirty First	\$3,687,500
Thirty Second	\$3,687,500
Thirty Third	\$3,687,500
Thirty Fourth	\$3,687,500
Thirty Fifth	\$3,687,500
Thirty Sixth	\$3,687,500
Thirty Seventh	\$3,687,500
Thirty Eighth	\$3,666,666
Thirty Ninth	\$3,666,666
Fortieth	\$3,666,668
Balloon	\$29,925,000
TOTAL	\$175,000,000.00

Schedule 12

List of Translated Documents

PART A

Documents to be translated and executed in Bahasa with 180 days of signing of the relevant Transaction Document

Document

Party

Governing Law

Facility Agreement	Borrower Sponsors Guarantors	English Law
Hedging Contracts	Borrower Hedging Banks	English Law
Security Assignment of: (a) Earnings (b) Insurances (c) Requisition Compensation	Borrower	English Law
Project Agreements Assignment	Borrower	English Law
Insurance Assignment	PSU Golar LNG Limited Golar Management Limited Golar Management Norway Golar Singapore Golar LNG Limited	English Law
Account Security over (a) Revenue Account (b) Operating Account (c) Debt Service Reserve Account	Borrower	Singapore Law
Power of Attorney	Borrower	English Law

PART B

Indonesian Law Transaction Documents to be executed in Bahasa as a condition precedent to Utilisation of the First Advance

Document	Party	Governing Law
Mortgage (<i>Hypothec</i>)	Borrower	Indonesian Law
Power of Attorney relating to <i>Hypothec</i>	Borrower	Indonesian Law
Mooring Security	Borrower	Indonesian Law
Shareholders' Security over PTGI shares (PSU Shares)	PSU	Indonesian Law
Shareholders' Security over PTGI shares (Golar Singapore Shares)	Golar Singapore	Indonesian Law
Power of Attorney to Sell Shares	PSU	Indonesian Law
Power of Attorney to Vote Shares	PSU	Indonesian Law
Fiduciary Assignment of Receivables under Charter	Borrower	Indonesian Law
Fiduciary Assignment of Insurance Proceeds	Borrower	Indonesian Law
Reinsurance Security	Dayin Mitra	Indonesian law
Letter of Quiet Enjoyment	Borrower/PTNR	Indonesian law
Pertamina LOU Transfer Agreement	Golar Energy / Borrower	Indonesian law
PGN LOU Transfer Agreement	Golar Energy / Borrower	Indonesian law

SIGNATURES

THE BORROWER

PT GOLAR INDONESIA

By:

THE SPONSORS

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

By:

PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA

By:

THE GUARANTORS

GOLAR LNG LIMITED

By:

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

By:

THE CO-ORDINATION AND STRUCTURING BANK

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH (incorporated in Japan with limited liability) Reg. No. (UEN) T03FC6366F

By:

THE FACILITY AGENT

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH (incorporated in Japan with limited liability) Reg. No. (UEN) T03FC6366F

By:

THE SECURITY AGENT

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH (incorporated in Japan with limited liability) Reg. No. (UEN) T03FC6366F

By:

THE ACCOUNT BANK

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH (incorporated in Japan with limited liability) Reg. No. (UEN) T03FC6366F

By:

THE HEDGING BANK

PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA

By:

THE LENDERS

PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA

By:

THE MANDATED LEAD ARRANGER

PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA

By:

SIGNATURES

THE BORROWER

PT GOLAR INDONESIA

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

THE SPONSORS

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

THE SHAREHOLDERS

GOLAR LNG (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

PT PESONA SENTRA UTAMA

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

THE O&M CONTRACTOR

GOLAR MANAGEMENT LIMITED

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

GOLAR MANAGEMENT NORWAY

GOLAR MANAGEMENT NORWAY AS

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

GOLAR ENERGY

GOLAR LNG ENERGY LIMITED

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

THE GUARANTORS

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

GOLAR LNG LIMITED

By: /s/ Pernille Noraas
Name: Pernille Noraas
Title: Attorney – in – Fact

THE FACILITY AGENT

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH (incorporated in Japan with limited liability) Reg. No. (UEN) T03FC6366F

By: /s/ Lo Kah Nian
Joint General Manager
Investment Banking Asia

THE SECURITY AGENT

SUMITOMO MITSUI BANKING CORPORATION SINGAPORE BRANCH (incorporated in Japan with limited liability) Reg. No. (UEN) T03FC6366F

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By: /s/ Lo Kah Nian
Joint General Manager
Investment Banking Asia

THE LENDER

PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA

By: /s/ Husan Mahjudin
Name: Husan Mahjudin
Title: Senior Vice President

THE HEDGING BANK

PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA

By: /s/ Husan Mahjudin
Name: Husan Mahjudin
Title: Senior Vice President

THE MANDATED LEAD ARRANGER

PT BANK SUMITOMO MITSUI INDONESIA

By: /s/ Husan Mahjudin
Name: Husan Mahjudin
Title: Senior Vice President

Subsidiaries of Golar LNG Partners LP

Subsidiary	Ownership Interest	Jurisdiction of Formation
Golar Partners Operating LLC	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar LNG Holding Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar Maritime (Asia) Inc.	100%	Republic of Liberia
Oxbow Holdings Inc.	100%	British Virgin Islands
Faraway Maritime Shipping Company	60%	Republic of Liberia
Golar LNG 2215 Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar Spirit Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar Freeze Holding Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar 2215 UK Ltd	100%	United Kingdom
Golar Spirit UK Ltd	100%	United Kingdom
Golar Winter UK Ltd	100%	United Kingdom
Golar Freeze UK Ltd	100%	United Kingdom
Golar Servicos de Operacao de Embarcaoes Limited	100%	Brazil
Golar Khannur Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar LNG (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.	100%	Singapore
PT Golar Indonesia*	49%	Indonesia
Golar 2226 UK Ltd	100%	United Kingdom
Golar LNG 2234 Corporation	100%	Republic of Liberia
Golar Winter Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar Grand Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar Eskimo Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands
Golar Hull M2031 Corporation	100%	Marshall Islands

* Golar LNG Partners LP holds all of the voting stock and controls all of the economic interests in PT Golar Indonesia (“PTGI”) pursuant to a Shareholder’s Agreement with the other shareholder of PTGI, PT Pesona Sentra Utama (“PT Pesona”). PT Pesona holds the remaining 51% interest in the issued share capital of PTGI.

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(A) AND RULE 15D-14(A)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED**

I, **Brian Tienzo**, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of Golar LNG Partners LP (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report)

that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: April 16, 2018

/s/ Brian Tienzo

Brian Tienzo

Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), the undersigned officer of Golar LNG Partners LP, a Bermuda limited company ("Golar Partners"), hereby certifies, to such officer's knowledge, that:

The Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 (the "Report") of Golar Partners fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Golar Partners.

Dated: April 16, 2018

GOLAR LNG PARTNERS LP

By: /s/Brian Tienzo

Brian Tienzo

Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Principal
Accounting Officer

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the following Registration Statements:

- a) Registration Statement (Form F-3 No. 333-219065) of Golar LNG Partners LP and in the related Prospectus,
- b) Registration Statement (Form F-3 No. 333-214241) of Golar LNG Partners LP and in the related Prospectus, and
- c) Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-212485) pertaining to Long-Term Incentive plan of Golar LNG Partners LP,

of our reports dated April 16, 2018, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Golar LNG Partners LP, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Golar LNG Partners LP included in this Annual Report (Form 20-F) for the year ended December 31, 2017.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP
London, United Kingdom
April 16, 2018