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### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Maximum	Maximum	Amount of
Title of Each Class of	Amount to be	Offering	Aggregate	Registration
Securities to be Registered Common Units representing limited partner interests	<b>Registered</b> <sup>(1)</sup> 5,117,500	Price per Unit \$48.75	<b>Offering Price</b> \$249,478,125	<b>Fee</b> <sup>(2)</sup> \$9,805

- (1) Includes 667,500 common units which the underwriters have the option to purchase if the underwriters sell more than 4,450,000 common units.
- (2) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act. Payment of the registration fee at the time of filing of the registrant s registration statement on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 18, 2007 (File No. 333-143095), was deferred pursuant to Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the Securities Act, and is paid herewith. This Calculation of Registration Fee table shall be deemed to update the Calculation of Registration Fee table in such registration statement.

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT** 

(To Prospectus dated May 18, 2007)

### 4,450,000 Common Units

### **Representing Limited Partner Interests**

We are selling 4,450,000 common units representing limited partner interests in NuStar Energy L.P.

Our common units are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NS. The last reported sales price of our common units on the New York Stock Exchange on March 27, 2008 was \$48.75 per common unit.

Investing in our common units involves risks. Please see <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement and page 3 of the accompanying base prospectus to read about risks you should consider before investing in our common units.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per	
Cor	nmon Unit	Total
\$	48.75	\$216,937,500
\$	1.95	\$ 8,677,500

Public offering price Underwriting discount

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Proceeds to NuStar Energy L.P. (before expenses) \$ 46.80 \$ 208,260,000 We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 667,500 common units from us on the same terms and conditions as set forth above if the underwriters sell more than 4,450,000 common units in this offering.

The underwriters expect to deliver the common units on or about April 2, 2008.

### Goldman, Sachs & Co.

**Wachovia Securities** 

Citi Morgan Stanley

### Lehman Brothers UBS Investment Bank

**Credit Suisse** 

**Deutsche Bank Securities** 

**JPMorgan** 

Prospectus Supplement dated March 27, 2008.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering of common units. The second part is the accompanying base prospectus, which gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering of common units. Generally, when we refer only to the prospectus, we are referring to both parts combined. If the information about the common unit offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and any free writing prospectus relating to this offering. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with additional or different information. We are offering to sell the common units, and seeking offers to buy the common units, only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the dates shown in these documents or that any information we have incorporated by reference herein is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document incorporated by reference.

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### SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider before making an investment decision. You should read the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference for a more complete understanding of this offering of common units. Please read Risk Factors beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement, page 3 of the accompanying base prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 for information regarding risks you should consider before investing in our common units. Unless the context otherwise indicates, the information included in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional common units.

For purposes of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, unless otherwise indicated, the terms the Partnership, NuStar Energy, we, our, us or like terms, refer to NuStar Energy L.P. and its subsidiaries. Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, references to NuStar Energy L.P., NuStar Energy, we, our, us or like terms generally include the operations of our wholly owned subsidiaries NuStar Logistics, L.P., or NuStar Logistics, and Kaneb Pipe Line Operating Partnership, L.P. or KPOP.

### NuStar Energy L.P.

NuStar Energy is a publicly traded master limited partnership organized in 1999 under the laws of the State of Delaware. We are primarily engaged in the crude oil and refined product transportation, terminalling and storage business and have terminal facilities in 28 U.S. states, the Netherlands Antilles, Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Our operations are managed by NuStar GP, LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of NuStar GP Holdings, LLC (NuStar GP Holdings), which is a publicly traded Delaware limited liability company that indirectly owns our 2% general partner interest, an approximate 18.59% limited partner interest and 100% of the incentive distribution rights.

On March 20, 2008, we closed the acquisition of CITGO Asphalt Refining Company s asphalt operations and assets (the East Coast Asphalt Operations) for \$450 million, plus inventory of approximately \$370 million subject to post-closing adjustment. The East Coast Asphalt Operations include a 74,000 barrels per day asphalt refinery in Paulsboro, New Jersey, a 30,000 barrels per day asphalt refinery in Savannah, Georgia and three asphalt terminals on the East Coast with a combined storage capacity of 4.8 million barrels. With this acquisition, we became one of the largest asphalt refiners and marketers on the U.S. East Coast and strengthened our position as the third largest independent liquids terminal operator in the world. See Recent Developments Acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations.

Our asset portfolio following the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations consists of:

two asphalt refineries with a combined throughput capacity of 104,000 barrels per day, three owned terminals with a combined capacity of 4.8 million barrels and terminal storage agreements for 15 terminals owned by third parties at which we market asphalt;

51 refined product terminals and one crude oil terminal in the United States and ten international terminals on the island of St. Eustatius in the Caribbean, Point Tupper in Nova Scotia, Canada, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico;

common carrier refined product pipelines that cover approximately 6,251 miles in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota and a 2,000 mile anhydrous ammonia pipeline located in Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska;

crude oil pipelines that cover 755 miles and transport crude oil and other feedstocks, such as gas oil, from various points in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado to Valero Energy Corporation s McKee, Three Rivers and Ardmore refineries, as well as associated crude oil storage facilities located along the crude oil pipelines. We also own an interest in 57 miles of crude oil pipelines in Illinois, which serve ConocoPhillips Wood River refinery; and

60 crude oil and intermediate feedstock storage tanks that store and deliver crude oil and intermediate feedstock to Valero Energy Corporation s refineries in Benicia, California, Corpus Christi, Texas, Texas City, Texas, and Three Rivers, Texas.

During the fourth quarter of 2007, we revised the manner in which we internally evaluate our segment performance and made certain organizational changes. As a result, we changed the way we report our segmental results such that all product sales and related costs are included in the marketing segment. We now manage our operations through the following five operating segments: refined product terminals, refined product pipelines, crude oil pipelines, crude oil storage tanks and marketing. As of December 31, 2007, our assets included:

**Refined Product Terminals.** Our terminal facilities provide storage and handling services on a fee basis for petroleum products, specialty chemicals, and other liquids, including crude oil and other feedstocks. In addition, our international terminal operations located on the island of St. Eustatius in the Caribbean and Point Tupper in Nova Scotia provide services, such as pilotage, tug assistance, line handling, launch service, emergency response services and other ship services. Our five largest terminal facilities are located on the island of St. Eustatius, Netherlands Antilles, in Point Tupper, Nova Scotia, in Piney Point, Maryland, in Linden, New Jersey (50% owned joint venture), and in St. James, Louisiana.

**Refined Product Pipelines.** We own common carrier pipelines in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota covering approximately 6,251 miles. The Central West System is connected to Valero Energy Corporation refineries in Texas and Oklahoma, the North Pipeline is connected to Tesoro Corporation s Mandan refinery in North Dakota, and the East Pipeline is connected to various refineries in the Midwest. In addition, we own a 2,000 mile anhydrous ammonia pipeline located in Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska.

*Crude Oil Pipelines.* We own 755 miles of crude oil pipelines that transport crude oil and other feedstocks, such as gas oil, from various points in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado to Valero Energy Corporation s McKee, Three Rivers and Ardmore refineries as well as four associated crude oil storage facilities in Texas and Oklahoma that are located along crude oil pipelines. We also own an interest in 57 miles of crude oil pipelines in Illinois, which serve ConocoPhillips Wood River refinery.

*Crude Oil Storage Tanks.* We own 60 crude oil and intermediate feedstock storage tanks and related assets with aggregate storage capacity of approximately 12.5 million barrels that store and deliver crude oil and intermediate feedstock to Valero Energy Corporation s refineries in Benicia, California, Corpus Christi, Texas, Texas City, Texas and Three Rivers, Texas.

*Marketing.* The marketing segment consists primarily of purchasing petroleum products for resale to third parties. We primarily market heavy fuels, including bunker fuel used to supply

marine vessels and refinery feed stocks, refined products consisting primarily of gasoline and distillates and asphalt. Revenues for our marketing segment include the mark-to-market results for our limited trading program. Business Strategies

Our primary business strategy is to increase per unit cash distributions to our partners through the following:

continuous improvement of our operations by improving safety and environmental stewardship, cost controls and asset reliability and integrity;

internal growth through enhancing the utilization of our existing assets by expanding our business with current and new customers as well as investments in strategic expansion projects;

external growth from acquisitions that meet our financial and strategic criteria; and

consummating strategic acquisitions complementary to our existing business when we can leverage our expertise and experience.

### **Competitive Strengths**

We believe we are well positioned to execute our business strategies successfully because of the following competitive strengths:

our ability to grow and expand our customer base through acquisitions, such as our acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations;

the strategic location of our assets in areas with high demand for our services;

the geographic diversity of our assets, which encompass important aspects of the crude oil and refined product transportation, terminalling and storage businesses;

the extensive industry experience of our senior management team and board of directors of our general partner; and

our established reputation in the petroleum industry as a reliable and cost effective operator, and the expected benefits we and our customers will receive from our scale and operational expertise.

### **Recent Developments**

### Acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations

On March 20, 2008, we completed the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations. The purchase price was \$450 million, plus the market value of inventory, which will be determined post-closing and is currently estimated to be \$370 million. We made an initial payment at closing of \$654.5 million, which consisted of the \$450 million purchase price plus \$204.5 million as an initial payment for inventory. We borrowed \$124 million under our new term credit facility and \$530.5 million under our revolving credit facility to fund the initial payment. We expect to fund the final inventory payment of \$165 million with borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We will use the proceeds from this offering to repay a portion of the borrowings we incurred in connection with the

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acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations. We intend to repay an additional portion of the borrowings through the issuance of senior notes or other long-term financing. Our ability to complete, and the timing of, these long-term financing transactions will depend on market conditions and other factors. See Risk Factors.

The East Coast Asphalt Operations consist of two asphalt refineries, one located in Paulsboro, New Jersey and the other in Savannah, Georgia, which supply a network of 22 terminals throughout the U.S. East Coast with asphalt cement and related products. In addition to the refineries, we acquired three terminals capable of storing 4.8 million barrels of asphalt and terminal storage agreements for storage in 15 third party terminals.

The East Coast Asphalt Operations facilities are located in the largest asphalt demand hub in the United States. The Paulsboro, New Jersey refinery and terminal is capable of processing 74,000 barrels per day of Venezuelan crude oil and has a total storage capacity of 3.4 million barrels. Asphalt production is sold via the on-site rack system. The Savannah, Georgia refinery and terminal is the only refinery and asphalt producer in the Southeast United States and is capable of processing 30,000 barrels per day of Venezuelan crude oil with a total storage capacity of 1.2 million barrels. Asphalt production is sold via the on-site rack system. The Wilmington, North Carolina terminal has a total storage capacity of 240,000 barrels. In 2006, the East Coast Asphalt Operations produced and marketed over 27 million barrels of asphalt and 9 million barrels of light products.

Simultaneously with the closing of the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations, we entered into a Crude Oil Sales Agreement and an Asphalt Sales Agreement with PDVSA Petróleo S.A. (PDVSA), an affiliate of Petróleos de Venezuela S.A., the national oil company of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Crude Oil Sales Agreement requires PDVSA to supply, and requires us to purchase, an average of 50,000 barrels per day of Boscán crude oil and 25,000 barrels per day of Bachaquero BCF 13 crude oil. Annual deliveries of Boscán and BCF 13 oil are seasonally adjusted, with a larger volume between May and August when the demand for asphalt is higher. Pricing of each grade of crude is determined by a market based pricing formula using published market indices, subject to adjustment based on the price of Mexican Maya crude.

The Asphalt Sales Agreement requires PDVSA to provide us with a right of first offer to purchase up to 4,000,000 barrels of paving grade asphalt and 4,750,000 barrels of roofing flux asphalt of any asphalt exports by PDVSA during each year for marketing and sale (although no barrels of asphalt are guaranteed). Pricing for each grade of asphalt is based on prices published by Poten & Partners less an adjustment for deemed freight costs.

Both agreements have an initial term of seven years, and will automatically renew thereafter for successive two year terms until terminated by either party.

The East Coast Asphalt Operations products include:

asphalt cement, which supplies U.S. customers with 4.8 million tons on an annual basis and of which, in 2006, 4.2 million tons was paving asphalt and 0.6 million tons was roofing flux, a specialty asphalt grade utilized in the manufacture of construction roofing materials;

polymer modified asphalt produced at both refineries, which is sold out of eight terminals and is predominantly used for high performance pavements at major international airports on the East Coast as well as NASCAR tracks and the New York City Port Authority; and

light products, including naphtha, vacuum gas oil and marine diesel oil, which are marketed as feedstock to complex refineries in the East Coast and Gulf Coast regions and represent approximately 33% of the East Coast Asphalt Operation s refinery production.

In 2006, the East Coast Asphalt Operations served over 295 customers in the road construction and building materials industries, with no single customer representing more than 8% of total volume

sales. We believe that integration of the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations will be largely facilitated by a skilled asphalt team that has extensive asphalt refining and marketing experience.

### New Term Credit Facility

On March 20, 2008, we entered into a new unsecured \$124.0 million term credit facility and borrowed all \$124.0 million in order to fund a portion of the purchase price of the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations. We will repay all of the \$124 million outstanding under the new term credit facility with a portion of the proceeds from this offering. Our obligations under the new term credit facility are guaranteed by NuStar Energy and KPOP. The terms of the new term credit facility are substantially similar to the terms of our five-year revolving credit facility, with the exception that:

the new term credit facility is subject to mandatory prepayment upon the issuance by us of any equity securities, hybrid equity securities, convertible securities or indebtedness,

the interest rate margin for Eurodollar and base rate loans contained in the term credit facility is greater than that contained in our new five-year revolving credit facility,

we must pay a 0.050% fee on the principal amount of any loans outstanding under the term credit facility on April 1, 2008, and

the term credit facility contains a cross- default provision to our new five-year revolving credit facility. Partnership Structure and Management

### Management of NuStar Energy L.P.

Our operations are conducted through our wholly owned subsidiaries, NuStar Logistics and KPOP. Our general partner manages our operations and activities. The executive officers of our general partner manage our business.

Unlike shareholders in a publicly traded corporation, our unitholders are not entitled to elect our general partner or its directors.

### **Principal Executive Offices and Internet Address**

Our principal executive offices are located at 2330 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas 78248, and our telephone number is (210) 918-2000. Our website is located at *http://www.nustarenergy.com*. We make our periodic reports and other information filed with or furnished to the SEC available, free of charge, through our website, as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports and other information are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

### **Ownership Chart**

The following chart depicts our ownership structure after the closing of this offering, assuming the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional common units.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes 6,256,828 units owned by officers and directors (excluding our chairman, Mr. Greehey).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes 595,718 common units (including 87,606 exercisable options), or a 1.18% Limited Partner Interest, owned by officers and directors of NuStar GP, LLC.

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### The Offering

Common units offered by us 4,450,000 common units. 5,117,500 common units if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase an additional 667,500 common units in full.

Units outstanding before this offering	49,409,749 common units.
Units outstanding after this offering	53,859,749 common units, or 54,527,249 if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional units in full.
Use of proceeds	We will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$208.1 million (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses). We plan to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with the related capital contribution of our general partner, to repay all of the \$124 million outstanding under our new term credit facility and a portion of the indebtedness outstanding under our revolving credit facility. Please read Use of Proceeds in this prospectus supplement.

If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units, we will use the net proceeds, together with the related capital contribution of our general partner, to repay additional indebtedness outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

Estimated ratio of taxable income to distributions	We estimate that if you own the common units you purchase in this offering through the record date for distributions for the period ending December 31, 2010, you will be allocated, on a cumulative basis, an amount of federal taxable income for that period that will be less than 20% of the cash distributed to you with respect to that period. Please read Tax Considerations appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement for the basis of this estimate.
Material tax considerations	For a discussion of other material federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to prospective unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States, please read Material Tax Consequences in the accompanying base prospectus.
New York Stock Exchange symbol	NS.
Risk factors	You should read the risk factors beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement, and found in the documents incorporated by reference herein, as well as the other cautionary statements throughout this prospectus supplement, to ensure you understand the risks associated with an investment in our common units.

### NuStar Energy Summary Consolidated Historical Financial and Operating Data

The following table sets forth, for the periods and at the dates indicated, summary consolidated historical financial and operating data for NuStar Energy. The summary historical income statement and balance sheet data for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007 are derived from and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of NuStar Energy that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

	NuStar Energy Historical For the Year Ended December 31, 2005 2006 2007 (Dollars in thousands, except per unit amounts)					2007
Statement of Income Data:						
Revenues:						
Service revenues	\$	423,057	\$	636,154	\$	696,623
Product sales		236,500		501,107		778,391
Total revenues		659,557		1,137,261		1,475,014
Costs and expenses:		,		, - , -		, -,-
Costs of product sales		229,806		466,276		742,972
Operating expenses		185,351		312.604		357,235
General and administrative expenses		26,553		45,216		67,915
Depreciation and amortization		64,895		100,266		114,293
Total costs and expenses		506,605		924,362		1,282,415
Operating income		152,952		212,899		192,599
Equity earnings from joint ventures		2,319		5,882		6,833
Interest expense, net		(41,388)		(66,266)		(76,516)
Other income (expense), net		(1,495)		3,252		38,830
Income from continuing operations before income tax expense		112,388		155,767		161,746
Income tax expense		4,713		5,861		11,448
Income from continuing operations		107,675		149,906		150,298
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income tax expense		3,398		(376)		
Net income		111,073		149,530		150,298
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Less net income applicable to general partner		(10,758)		(16,910)		(21,063)
Net income applicable to limited partners	\$	100,315	\$	132,620	\$	129,235
Weighted average number of basic and diluted units outstanding	3	35,023,250	4	6,809,749	4	7,158,790
Net income (loss) per unit applicable to limited partners:						
Continuing operations	\$	2.76	\$	2.84	\$	2.74
Discontinued operations	Ψ	0.10	Ψ	(0.01)	Ψ	<b>L</b> ./ <del>1</del>
Net income	\$	2.86	\$	2.83	\$	2.74
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Total assets	\$	3,366,992		3,494,208	ф	3,783,087
Total debt		1,170,705		1,354,367		1,446,289
Total partners equity		1,900,779		1,875,681		1,994,832

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Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	186,430	\$	250,811	\$	222,672
Net cash used in investing activities		(89,000)		(213,234)		(238,396)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(77,178)		(3,899)		37,060
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Selected operating income (loss) by segment <sup>1</sup> :						
Refined product terminals	\$	51,377	\$	79,315	\$	88,865
Refined product pipelines		56,621		85,946		93,812
Crude oil pipelines		30,439		36,768		32,696
Crude oil storage tanks		29,751		29,171		25,770
Marketing		11,317		26,915		21,111
Consolidation and intersegment eliminations						(1,740)
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Total segment operating income		179,505		258,115		260,514
Less general and administrative expenses		26,553		45,216		67,915
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Total operating income	\$	152.952	\$	212.899	\$	192.599
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<sup>1</sup> During the fourth quarter of 2007, we revised the manner in which we internally evaluate our segment performance and made certain organizational changes. As a result, we changed the way we report our segmental results such that all product sales and related costs are included in the marketing segment.

### **RISK FACTORS**

Limited partner interests are inherently different from the capital stock of a corporation, although many of the business risks to which we are subject are similar to those that would be faced by a corporation engaged in a similar business. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully consider those risk factors set forth below and those included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 that are incorporated herein by reference, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference in evaluating an investment in our common units.

If any of the risks discussed below or in the foregoing documents were actually to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, or cash flow could be materially adversely affected. In that case, our ability to make distributions to our unitholders may be reduced, the trading price of our common units could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

### Risk Related to the Acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations

### We may not realize the anticipated benefits from the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations.

Our acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations may pose risks to our business. In addition to the risks ordinarily associated with an acquisition, we will also be exposed to risks specific to the East Coast Asphalt Operations, such as:

earnings volatility;

additional working capital requirements;

dependence on PDVSA as supplier of crude oil; and

the asphalt operations exposure to the volatility of the cost of crude oil and the price and volumes at which asphalt may be sold.

Accordingly, we may not be able to realize strategic, operational and financial benefits as a result of the East Coast Asphalt Operations acquisition, which could adversely affect our operating and financial results.

In addition, we will face certain challenges as we work to integrate the asphalt operations into our business. In particular, the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations, by adding two refineries, expands our operations and the types of businesses in which we engage, significantly expanding our geographic scope and increasing the number of our employees, thereby presenting us with significant challenges as we work to manage the increase in scale resulting from the acquisition. We must integrate a large number of systems, both operational and administrative, which we have not historically used in our operations. Delays in this process could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, expenses, operating results and financial condition. In addition, events outside of our control, including changes in state and federal regulation and laws as well as economic trends, also could adversely affect our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations.

Further, the asphalt operations may not perform in accordance with our expectations, we may lose customers or key employees, and our expectations with regards to integration and synergies may not be fully realized. Our failure to successfully integrate and operate the asphalt refineries, and to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition, could adversely affect our operating and financial results.

## Our future financial and operating flexibility may be adversely affected by our significant leverage and by restrictions in our debt agreements.

As of March 25, 2008, our consolidated debt was \$2.2 billion, not reflecting the use of the proceeds from this offering to repay a portion of such debt or the additional inventory payment in the amount of \$165 million we expect to make in connection with the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations. Since our borrowing capacity under our five-year revolving credit facility is \$1.25 billion, we will seek additional long-term or short term debt financing in the near future. If we are not able to obtain such financing, on economically attractive terms or at all, our liquidity and therefore our ability to make distributions to our unitholders will be adversely impacted.

Among other things, our significant leverage may be viewed negatively by credit rating agencies, which could result in increased costs for us to access the capital markets. NuStar Logistics and KPOP have senior unsecured ratings of Baa3 with Moody s Investor Service and BBB minus with Standard & Poors and Fitch, all with a negative outlook. The negative outlook was assigned by the credit rating agencies as a result of our acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations. Any future downgrade of the debt issued by these wholly owned subsidiaries could significantly increase our capital costs or adversely affect our ability to raise capital in the future.

Debt service obligations, restrictive covenants in our credit facilities and the indentures governing our outstanding senior notes and maturities resulting from this leverage may adversely affect our ability to finance future operations, pursue acquisitions and fund other capital needs and our ability to pay cash distributions to unitholders. In addition, this leverage may make our results of operations more susceptible to adverse economic or operating conditions. For example, during an event of default under any of our debt agreements, we would be prohibited from making cash distributions to our unitholders.

Additionally, we may not be able to access the capital markets in the future at economically attractive terms, which may adversely affect our future financial and operating flexibility and our ability to pay cash distributions at current levels.

### The East Coast Asphalt Operations are dependent upon a steady supply of crude oil from PDVSA, the national oil company of Venezuela, and the Venezuelan economic and political environment may disrupt our supply of crude oil.

The terms of the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations include commitments, over a minimum seven year period, to purchase from PDVSA an annual average of 75,000 barrels per day of crude oil and provide us with a right of first offer to purchase up to 4,000,000 barrels of paving grade asphalt and 4,750,000 barrels of roofing flux asphalt each year for marketing and sale.

Venezuela has been experiencing political, economic and social turmoil, including labor strikes and demonstrations. Such instability could severely affect PDVSA s production or delivery of crude oil or asphalt. Further, we may be forced to replace a portion of the crude oil we would normally have purchased under our PDVSA crude oil supply contract with purchases of crude oil on the spot market on pricing and credit terms that are less favorable than we would have obtained under the PDVSA crude oil supply contract. The pricing terms of our crude oil supply contract with PDVSA will be designed to provide a measure of stability to our refining margins. If we are required to make purchases on the spot market instead of under our contract we will lose this protection. As a result, if we experience disruption to our purchases of crude oil under the PDVSA crude oil supply contract, we could experience additional volatility in our earnings and cash flow.

Additionally, the Paulsboro refinery and the Savannah refinery are optimized to process specific types of crude oil that are only produced in Venezuela. Processing alternate crudes would result in

reduced refinery run rates, significantly reduced production and additional capital expenditures, which could be material. Accordingly, any disruption of our supply of crude oil from Venezuela would result in substantially lower revenues and additional volatility in our earnings and cash flow.

# A significant interruption or casualty loss at one of our refineries could reduce our production, particularly if not fully covered by our insurance.

As a result of the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations, our business includes owning and operating refineries. Our operations could be subject to significant interruption if one of our refineries were to experience a major accident or fire, be damaged by severe weather or other natural disaster, or otherwise be forced to shut down. These hazards could result in substantial losses due to personal injury and/or loss of life, severe damage to and destruction of property and equipment and pollution or other environmental damage and may result in curtailment or suspension of our related operations. We also face risks of mechanical failure and equipment shutdowns. If any of these situations occur, undamaged refinery processing units may be dependent on or interact with damaged sections of our refineries and, accordingly, are also subject to being shut down. In the event any of our refining facilities is forced to shut down for a significant period of time, it would have a material adverse effect on our earnings, our other results of operations and our financial condition as a whole.

We carry property and casualty insurance policies which contain limits, terms, conditions, exclusions and deductibles that will impact the amount of any recovery from a loss. As a result of market conditions, premiums and deductibles for certain insurance policies could increase. In some instances, certain insurance could become unavailable or available only for reduced amounts of coverage. If we were to incur a significant liability for which we were not fully insured, it could affect our financial condition.

### The price volatility of hydrocarbon products and by-products can reduce our revenues.

Expected revenues from the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations will be mostly generated by the refining of crude oil into asphalt products and other products and the marketing thereof. The price and market value of hydrocarbon products and by-products is volatile. Our revenues will be adversely affected by this volatility during periods of decreasing prices because of the reduction in the value and resale price of our inventory. Future price volatility could have an adverse impact on our results of operations, cash flow and ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

# The operating results for the East Coast Asphalt Operations will be seasonal and generally lower in the first and fourth quarters of the year.

The operating results and selling prices of asphalt products we will produce can be seasonal. Asphalt demand is generally lower in the first and fourth quarters of the year as compared to the second and third quarters due to the seasonality of road construction. In addition, our natural gas costs can be higher during the winter months. Our operating results for the first and fourth calendar quarters may be lower than those for the second and third calendar quarters of each year as a result of this seasonality.

### We could be subject to damages based on claims brought against us by our customers or lose customers as a result of the failure of our products to meet certain quality specifications.

The specialty asphalt products produced at the refineries of the East Coast Asphalt Operations provide precise performance attributes to our customers products. If a product fails to perform in a manner consistent with the detailed quality specifications required by the customer, the customer could

seek replacement of the product or damages for costs incurred as a result of the product failing to perform as guaranteed. A successful claim or series of claims against us could result in a loss of one or more customers and adversely affect our financial condition.

## We may incur liabilities from refining assets acquired in the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations. These costs and liabilities may not be covered by indemnification rights we will have against the sellers of the assets.

Some of the assets included in the East Coast Asphalt Operations have been used for many years to refine and store asphalt products. Releases may have occurred prior to our acquisition that require remediation. In addition, releases may have occurred in the past that have not yet been discovered, which could require costly future remediation. If a significant release or event occurred in the past, the liability for which was not retained by the seller, or for which indemnification from the seller is not available, it could adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

# The obligations of several of the East Coast Asphalt Operations key customers under their terminalling services agreements, as evidenced through Key Customer supply contracts, may be reduced or suspended in some circumstances, which would adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The East Coast Asphalt Operations outstanding agreements with several of its significant customers provide that, if any of a number of events occur, which are referred to as events of force majeure, and the event renders performance impossible with respect to a facility, usually for a specified minimum period of days, the customer s obligations would be temporarily suspended with respect to that facility. In that case, a significant customer s minimum revenue commitment may be reduced or the contract may be subject to termination. As a result, our revenues and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

### Competition in the asphalt industry is intense, and such competition in the markets in which we sell our asphalt products could adversely affect our earnings and ability to make distributions to our unitholders.

The East Coast Asphalt Operations compete with other refiners and with regional and national asphalt marketing companies. Many of these competitors are larger, more diverse companies with greater resources, providing them advantages in obtaining crude oil and other blendstocks and in competing through bidding process for asphalt supply contracts.

# The tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships or an investment in our common units could be subject to potential legislative, judicial or administrative changes and differing interpretations, possibly on a retroactive basis.

The present U.S. federal income tax treatment of publicly traded partnerships, including us, or an investment in our common units may be modified by administrative, legislative or judicial interpretation at any time. For example, in response to certain recent developments, members of Congress are considering substantive changes to the definition of qualifying income under Section 7704(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is possible that these efforts could result in changes to the existing U.S. tax laws that affect publicly traded partnerships, including us. Any modification to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively. We are unable to predict whether any of these changes, or other proposals, will ultimately be enacted. Any such changes could negatively impact the value of an investment in our common units.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The IRS may challenge this treatment, which could change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders.

We prorate our items of income, gain, loss and deduction between transferors and transferees of our units each month based upon the ownership of our units on the first day of each month, instead of on the basis of the date a particular unit is transferred. The use of this proration method may not be permitted under existing Treasury Regulations, and, accordingly, our counsel is unable to opine as to the validity of this method. If the IRS were to challenge this method or new Treasury Regulations were issued, we may be required to change the allocation of items of income, gain, loss and deduction among our unitholders. Please read Material Tax Consequences Disposition of Common Units Allocations Between Transferors and Transferees in the accompanying base prospectus.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will use the net proceeds from this offering (after payment of offering expenses) of approximately \$208.1 million and the approximately \$4.4 million contribution from our general partner to maintain its general partner interest in us to repay all of the \$124 million of borrowings outstanding under our new term credit facility and approximately \$88.5 million of the outstanding principal balance under our revolving credit facility.

We used the \$124 million of borrowings under the new term credit facility and \$530.5 million of borrowings under our revolving credit facility to pay the purchase price of the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations. For a description of the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations, please read Summary Recent Developments.

As of March 25, 2008, the outstanding balance of borrowings under the revolving credit facility is \$1.1 billion and the weighted average interest rate under the revolving credit facility is 4.43%. Our revolving credit facility is currently scheduled to mature on December 10, 2012. Our new term credit facility matures on June 15, 2008 and the interest rate under the new term credit facility is 3.375%. Affiliates of certain of the underwriters in this offering are lenders under our new term credit facility and our revolving credit facility and, accordingly, will receive a substantial portion of the proceeds of the offering. Please read the Underwriting section in this prospectus supplement.

### CAPITALIZATION

The following table shows:

NuStar Energy s historical capitalization as of December 31, 2007;

NuStar Energy s pro forma capitalization as of December 31, 2007, as adjusted to reflect the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations and the new \$124.0 million term credit facility on March 20, 2008; and

NuStar Energy s pro forma capitalization as further adjusted to show the application of the net proceeds we expect to receive in this offering in the manner described under Use of Proceeds.

On March 20, 2008, at the closing of the purchase of the East Coast Asphalt Operations, we paid to CITGO approximately \$654.5 million, which amount reflects the purchase price of \$450 million plus a preliminary inventory value of approximately \$204.5 million. We expect to pay an inventory value adjustment of approximately \$165 million. Such inventory value adjustment is not reflected in the table below.

This table should be read together with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	(unau As Adj for t Acquis and the Actual Credit F			ecember 31, 200 unaudited) Adjusted for the cquisition d the Term dit Facility ars in millions)	As Adju	Further usted for Offering
Cash	\$	89.8	\$	89.8	\$	89.8
Long term debt:						
NuStar Logistics 6.05% senior notes due 2013		231.2		231.2		231.2
NuStar Logistics 6.875% senior notes due 2012		100.5		100.5		100.5
KPOP 7.75% senior notes due 2012		278.2		278.2		278.2
KPOP 5.875% senior notes due 2013		260.7		260.7		260.7
NuStar Logistics \$124 million term credit agreement				124.0		
NuStar Logistics \$1.25 billion revolving credit agreement		528.0		1,058.5		970.0
UK term loan		41.6		41.6		41.6
Port Authority of Corpus Christi note payable		6.1		6.1		6.1
Total long-term debt	1	,446.3		2,100.8		1,888.3
Less current portion		(0.7)		(0.7)		(0.7)
Long-term debt, less current portion	1	,445.6		2,100.1		1,887.6
Partners equity:						
Common units	1	,926.1		1,926.1		2,134.2
General partner s equity		41.8		41.8		46.2
Accumulated other comprehensive income		26.9		26.9		26.9
Total partner s equity	1	,994.8		1,994.8		2,207.3

Total capitalization	\$ 3,441.1	\$ 4,095.6	\$ 4,095.6

### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON UNITS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Our common units are listed on the NYSE under the symbol NS. Prior to May 8, 2006, we had 9,599,322 subordinated units outstanding, all of which were held by Riverwalk Holdings, LLC, the limited partner of Riverwalk Logistics, L.P., our general partner. Effective April 1, 2006, we satisfied all the conditions included in our partnership agreement for the subordination period to end. Accordingly, all 9,599,322 subordinated units converted into common units on a one-for-one basis on May 8, 2006, the first business day after the record date for the distribution related to the first quarter earnings of 2006.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices for our common units, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Transactions Tape, and quarterly cash distributions paid or to be paid to our unitholders. The last reported sales price of our common units on the NYSE on March 27, 2008 was \$48.75 per common unit.

	High	Low	Dist	Cash tribution <sup>·</sup> Unit(1)
2006	-		-	
First Quarter	\$ 54.70	\$ 49.75	\$	0.885
Second Quarter	54.00	48.82		0.885
Third Quarter	52.50	48.75		0.915
Fourth Quarter	57.75	49.05		0.915
2007				
First Quarter	\$ 68.00	\$54.11	\$	0.915
Second Quarter	71.50	61.83		0.950
Third Quarter	70.09	52.31		0.985
Fourth Quarter	63.89	57.51		0.985
2008				
First Quarter (through March 27, 2008)	\$ 57.15	\$ 48.51		N/A

(1) Represents the distribution with respect to such quarter but payable in the following quarter.

### TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The tax consequences to you of an investment in our common units will depend in part on your own tax circumstances. For a discussion of the principal federal income tax considerations associated with our operations and the purchase, ownership and disposition of common units, please read Material Tax Consequences in the accompanying base prospectus. You are urged to consult with your own tax advisor about the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences particular to your circumstances.

We estimate that a purchaser of common units in this offering who owns those common units from the date of closing of this offering through the record date for distributions for the period ending December 31, 2010, will be allocated, on a cumulative basis, an amount of federal taxable income for that period that will be less than 20% of the cash distributed with respect to that period. Thereafter, we anticipate that the ratio of allocable taxable income to cash distributions to the unitholders will increase. These estimates are based upon many assumptions regarding our business and operations, including assumptions with respect to our capital expenditures, cash flow, net working capital and anticipated cash distributions. These estimates and assumptions are subject to, among other things, numerous business, economic, regulatory, competitive and political uncertainties beyond our control. Further, the estimates are based on current tax law and tax reporting positions that we have adopted and with which the IRS could disagree. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that these estimates will prove to be correct. The actual percentage of distributions that will constitute taxable income could be higher or lower than expected, and any differences could be material and could materially affect the value of the common units. For example, the percentage of distributions that will constitute taxable income to a purchaser of common units in this offering will be greater, and perhaps substantially greater, than our estimate with respect to the period described above if:

gross income from operations exceeds the amount required to make minimum quarterly distributions on all units, yet we only distribute the minimum quarterly distributions on all units; or

we make a future offering of common units and use the proceeds of the offering in a manner that does not produce substantial additional deductions during the period described above, such as to repay indebtedness outstanding at the time of the offering or to acquire property that is not eligible for depreciation or amortization for federal income tax purposes or that is depreciable or amortizable at a rate significantly slower than the rate applicable to our assets at the time of this offering.

Please read Material Tax Consequences in the accompanying base prospectus.

Ownership of common units by tax-exempt entities, including employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts (known as IRAs), and foreign investors raises issues unique to such persons. Please read Material Tax Consequences Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors in the accompanying base prospectus.

### UNDERWRITING

Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC are acting as the representatives of the underwriters and joint book-running managers in this offering. Under the terms of an underwriting agreement, which we will file as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K, each of the underwriters named below has severally agreed to purchase from us the respective number of common units shown opposite their names below:

Underwriters	Number of Common Units
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	1,223,750
Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC	1,223,750
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	400,500
Lehman Brothers Inc.	400,500
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	400,500
UBS Securities LLC	400,500
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	133,500
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	133,500
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.	133,500

Total

4,450,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters obligation to purchase the common units depends on the satisfaction of the conditions contained in the underwriting agreement including:

the obligation to purchase all of the common units offered hereby (other than the common units covered by their option to purchase additional common units as described below) if any of the common units are purchased;

the representations and warranties made by us to the underwriters are true;

there has been no material change in our financial condition or in the financial markets; and

### we deliver customary closing documents to the underwriters. **Commissions and Expenses**

The following table summarizes the underwriting discounts and commissions we will pay to the underwriters. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters option to purchase additional common units. The underwriting fee is the difference between the initial price to the public and the amount the underwriters pay to us for the common units.

	No Exercise		Full Exercise	
Per unit	\$	1.95	\$	1.95
Total	\$ 8,677,500		\$ 9,9	979,125

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The representatives of the underwriters have advised us that the underwriters propose to offer the common units directly to the public at the public offering price on the cover of this prospectus supplement and to selected dealers, which may include the underwriters, at such offering price less a selling concession not in excess of \$1.17 per common unit. After the offering, the representatives may change the offering price and other selling terms.

The expenses of the offering that are payable by us are estimated to be approximately \$0.15 million (excluding underwriting discounts and commissions).

### **Option to Purchase Additional Common Units**

We have granted the underwriters an option exercisable for 30 days after the date of this prospectus supplement to purchase, from time to time, in whole or in part, up to an aggregate of 667,500 additional common units at the public offering price less underwriting discounts and commissions. This option may be exercised if the underwriters sell more than 4,450,000 common units in connection with this offering. To the extent that this option is exercised, each underwriter will be obligated, subject to certain conditions, to purchase its pro rata portion of these additional common units based on the underwriter s percentage underwriting commitment in the offering as indicated in the table at the beginning of this Underwriting section.

### Lock-Up Agreements

We, our general partner and certain of its affiliates, including the directors and executive officers of our general partner, have agreed, without the prior written consent of Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, not to (1) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell an option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise transfer or dispose of any common units or any securities which may be converted into or exchanged for any common units, other than common units issued pursuant to existing employee benefit plans, option plans or other employee compensation plans, (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the common units, (3) file or cause to be filed a registration statement, including any amendments with respect to the registration of any common units or securities convertible or exchangeable into common units or (4) publicly disclose the intention to do any of the foregoing for a period of 90 days from the date of this prospectus supplement.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, and in their discretion, may release the common units and the other securities subject to the lock-up agreements described above in whole or in part at anytime with or without notice. When determining whether or not to release common units and the other securities from lock-up agreements, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC will consider, among other factors, the unitholder s reasons for requesting the release, the number of common units and other securities for which the release is being requested and the market conditions at the time.

### Indemnification

We, our general partner and certain of its affiliates have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and to contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make for these liabilities.

### Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids

The representatives may engage in stabilizing transactions, short sales and purchases to cover positions created by short sales, and penalty bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the common units, in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

A short position involves a sale by the underwriters of the common units in excess of the number of common units the underwriters are obligated to purchase in the offering, which creates the syndicate short position. This short position may be either a covered short position

or a naked short position. In a covered short position, the number of common units involved in the sales made by the underwriters in excess of the number of common units they are obligated to purchase is not greater than the number of common units that they may purchase by exercising their option to purchase additional common units. In a naked short position, the number of common units involved is greater than the number of common units in their option to purchase additional common units. The underwriters may close out any short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional common units and/or purchasing common units in the open market. In determining the source of common units to close out the short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of common units available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase common units through their option to purchase additional common units. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there could be downward pressure on the price of the common units in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the common units in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions.

Penalty bids permit the representatives to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the common units originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a stabilizing or syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions.

These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common units or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common units. As a result, the price of the common units may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions may be effected on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the common units. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the representatives will engage in these stabilizing transactions or that any transaction, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

### **New York Stock Exchange**

The common units are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NS.

### **Relationships**

Certain of the underwriters and their affiliates have performed, and may in the future perform, investment banking, commercial banking and advisory services for us and our affiliates from time to time for which they have received or will receive customary fees and commissions. The underwriters and their affiliates may also, from time to time, engage in transactions with or perform services for us and our affiliates in the ordinary course of their business. Affiliates of certain of the underwriters in this offering are lenders under our new term credit facility and our revolving credit facility and, accordingly, will receive a substantial portion of the proceeds of the offering. Because they will be receiving more than 10% of such proceeds, this offering is being conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of NASD Conduct Rules 2710(h) and 2720.

### **NASD Conduct Rules**

Because the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority views the common units offered hereby as interests in a direct participation program, the offering is being made in compliance with NASD Conduct Rule 2810. Investor suitability with respect to the common units should be judged similarly to the suitability with respect to other securities that are listed for trading on a national securities exchange.

### **Selling Restrictions**

### United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

(a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) (FSMA)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the common units in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to NuStar Energy; and

(b) it has complied with, and will comply with all applicable provisions of FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the common units in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of common units to the public in that Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the common units which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of common units to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time:

(a) to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

(b) to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;

(c) to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives for any such offer; or

(d) in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by the Issuer of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of common units to the public in relation to any common units in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the common units to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the common units, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

### Hong Kong

The common units may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the common units may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to common units which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

### Singapore

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the common units may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the common units be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the common units are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the common units under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

### Japan

The common units have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the Securities and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any common units, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

#### LEGAL

The validity of the common units will be passed upon for us by Andrews Kurth LLP, Houston, Texas. Certain legal matters in connection with the common units offered hereby will be passed upon for the underwriters by Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of NuStar Energy L.P. (formerly Valero L.P.) as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain matters discussed in this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference, excluding historical information, include forward-looking statements statements that discuss our expected future results based on current and pending business operations.

Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as anticipates, believes, expects, planned, scheduled, could, continues, estimates, forecasts, might, potential, projects or similar expressions. Similarly, statements that describe our futur plans, objectives or goals are also forward-looking statements.

Although we believe these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, statements made regarding future results are subject to a number of assumptions, uncertainties and risks that may cause future results to be materially different from the results stated or implied in this prospectus or the documents incorporated herein by reference. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things:

Our inability to successfully integrate the acquisition of the East Coast Asphalt Operations;

Any reduction in the quantities of crude oil and refined products transported in our pipelines or handled at our terminals and storage tanks;

Any significant decrease in the demand for refined products in the markets served by our pipelines and terminals;

Any material decline in production by any of Valero Energy Corporation s McKee, Three Rivers, Corpus Christi, Texas City, Paulsboro, Benicia and Ardmore refineries or Tesoro Corporation s Mandan, North Dakota refinery;

Any downward pressure on market prices caused by new competing refined product pipelines that could cause our customers to decrease the volumes transported in our pipelines;

Any challenges to our tariffs or changes in state or federal ratemaking methodology;

Any changes in laws and regulations to which we are subject, including federal, state and local tax laws, safety, environmental and employment laws;

Any material decrease in the supply of or material increase in the price of crude oil available for transport through our pipelines and storage in our storage tanks;

Inability to expand our business and acquire new assets as well as to attract third-party shippers;

The loss of Valero Energy Corporation as a customer or a significant reduction in its current level of throughput and storage in our facilities;

Any inability to borrow additional funds;

Any substantial costs related to environmental risks, including increased costs of compliance;

Any reductions in space allocated to us in interconnecting third-party pipelines;

Any material increase in the price of natural gas;

Terrorist attacks, threat of war or terrorist attacks or political or other disruptions that limit crude oil production; and

Accidents or unscheduled shutdowns affecting our pipelines, terminals, machinery, or equipment. Additional information about risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements is contained under the caption Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 which is incorporated herein by reference. The forward looking statements included in this prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated herein by reference are only made as of the date of such documents and, except as required by securities laws, we undertake no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that registers the offer and sale of the common units covered by this prospectus supplement. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us. In addition, we file annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the SEC s Public Reference Room. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available on the SEC s web site at *http://www.sec.gov*. You also can obtain information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this document. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supercede the previously filed information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, other than any portions of the respective filings that were furnished, pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Current Reports on Form 8-K (including exhibits related thereto) or other applicable SEC rules rather than filed, prior to the termination of the offerings under this prospectus.

Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-143095) filed on May 18, 2007;

Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-16417) for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed on February 29, 2007; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K (File No. 001-16417) filed on January 25, 2008, January 28, 2008 and March 25, 2008. Each of these documents is available from the SEC s website and public reference rooms described above. Through our website *http://www.nustarenergy.com*, you can access electronic copies of documents we file with the SEC, including our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Access to those electronic filings is available as soon as practical after filing with the SEC. You may also request a copy of those filings, excluding exhibits, at no cost by writing or telephoning Investor Relations, NuStar Energy L.P., at our principal executive office, which is: 2330 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas 78248; Telephone (210) 918-2000.

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# NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.

### **Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests**

## NUSTAR LOGISTICS, L.P.

**Debt Securities** 

## KANEB PIPE LINE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP, L.P.

**Debt Securities** 

We may from time to time offer and sell common units representing limited partner interests in NuStar Energy L.P. and debt securities of each of NuStar Logistics, L.P. and Kaneb Pipe Line Operating Partnership, L.P. NuStar Energy L.P. may guarantee the debt securities of each of NuStar Logistics, L.P. and Kaneb Pipe Line Operating Partnership, L.P. The Securities will have a maximum aggregate offering price of \$3,000,000,000. We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities. The specific terms of any securities and the specific manner in which we will offer them will be included in a supplement to this prospectus relating to that offering.

You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein carefully before you invest in our securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Our common units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NS.

Investing in these securities involves a high degree of risk. Limited partnerships are inherently different from corporations. For a discussion of the factors you should consider before deciding to purchase these securities, please see <u>Risk Factors</u>, beginning on page 3 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 18, 2007

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#### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell up to an aggregate of \$3,000,000,000 of the different types of securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering and the securities offered by us in that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the headings Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation by Reference.

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by reference to the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed or will be filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below in the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information.

In this prospectus, references to NuStar Energy, we, us and our mean NuStar Energy L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise noted. References to NuStar Logistics mean NuStar Logistics, L.P. References to KPOP mean Kaneb Pipe Line Operating Partnership, L.P.

#### ABOUT NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.

NuStar Energy is a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership based in San Antonio, Texas engaged in the crude oil and refined product transportation, terminaling and storage business.

Our principal executive offices are located at 2330 N. Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas 78248, and our telephone number is (210) 918-2000. Our website is located at *http://www.nustarenergy.com*.

Our operations are managed by NuStar GP, LLC, the general partner of Riverwalk Logistics, L.P., our general partner. NuStar GP, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of NuStar GP Holdings, LLC, a publicly traded limited liability company (NYSE: NSH).

#### ABOUT NUSTAR LOGISTICS, L.P. AND

#### KANEB PIPE LINE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP, L.P.

We conduct our operations through our wholly owned subsidiaries, primarily NuStar Logistics and KPOP.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), that registers the securities offered by this prospectus. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits, contains additional relevant information about us. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit from this prospectus some information included in the registration statement.

We file annual, quarterly, and other reports and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). You may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. The SEC maintains an Internet website at *http://www.sec.gov* that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including us, that file electronically with the SEC. General information about us, including our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports, is available free of charge through our website at *http://www.nustarenergy.com* as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file them with, or furnish them to, the SEC. Information on our website is not incorporated into this prospectus or our other securities filings and is not a part of these filings.

#### **INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

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Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-16417) filed on March 30, 2001;

Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-16417) for the year ended December 31, 2006, filed on February 28, 2007;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-16417) for the quarter ended March 31, 2007, filed on May 9, 2007; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K (File No. 001-16417) filed on January 31, 2007, March 27, 2007 and May 14, 2007. Each of these documents is available from the SEC s website and public reference rooms described above. Through our website, *http://www.nustarenergy.com*, you can access electronic copies of documents we file with the SEC, including our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Access to those electronic filings is available as soon as practical after filing with the SEC. You may also request a copy of those filings, excluding exhibits, at no cost by writing or telephoning Investor Relations, NuStar Energy L.P., at our principal executive office, which is: 2330 N. Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, Texas 78248; Telephone (210) 918-2000.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

Limited partner interests are inherently different from the capital stock of a corporation, although many of the business risks to which we are subject are similar to those that would be faced by a corporation engaged in a similar business. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully consider the risk factors included in our most-recent annual report on Form 10-K and in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q that are incorporated herein by reference and those that may be included in the applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference.

If any of the risks discussed in the foregoing documents were actually to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, or cash flow could be materially adversely affected. In that case, our ability to make distributions to our unitholders or pay interest on, or the principal of, any debt securities, may be reduced, the trading price of our securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RISKS

Some of the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus may contain forward-looking statements. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology including may, believe, will, expect, anticipate, estimate, continue, or oth words. These statements discuss future expectations, contain projections of results of operations or of financial condition, or state other

forward-looking information. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. When considering these forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this prospectus or incorporated by reference herein, including those described in the Risk Factors section of our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and, to the extent applicable, our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and any prospectus supplement. The risk factors and other factors noted in this prospectus or incorporated by reference herein could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Investors are cautioned that certain statements contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus as well as some statements in periodic press releases and some oral statements made by our officials and our subsidiaries during presentations about us, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or projected.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this prospectus or, in the case of forward-looking statements contained in any document incorporated by reference, the date of such document and we expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to update these statements to reflect any change in our expectations or beliefs or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

#### **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated.

		Fiscal Years				Three Months ended
						March 31,
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	11.1x	5.3x	4.6x	3.5x	3.0x	2.5x

For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges:

fixed charges represent interest expense (including amounts capitalized and amortization of debt costs) and the portion of rental expense representing the interest factor; and

earnings represent the aggregate of pre-tax income from continuing operations (before adjustment for income from equity investees), fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest and distributions from equity investees, less capitalized interest. USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in an accompanying prospectus supplement, NuStar Energy, NuStar Logistics and KPOP expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of NuStar Energy common units and NuStar Logistics and KPOP debt securities, as the case may be, for general partnership purposes, which may include, among other things:

the repayment of outstanding indebtedness;

working capital;

capital expenditures; and

acquisitions.

The actual application of proceeds we receive from the sale of any particular offering of securities using this prospectus will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such offering.

#### DESCRIPTION OF NUSTAR ENERGY COMMON UNITS

#### Number of Units

We currently have 46,809,749 common units outstanding, of which 36,308,566 are held by the public and 10,501,183 are held by our general partner and its affiliates. The common units represent an aggregate 98% limited partner interest in NuStar Energy and the general partner has a 2% general partner interest in NuStar Energy.

Under our partnership agreement we may issue, without further unitholder action, an unlimited number of additional limited partner interests and other equity securities with such rights, preferences and privileges as may be established by our general partner in its sole discretion.

#### Voting

Each holder of common units is entitled to one vote for each common unit on all matters submitted to a vote of the unitholders; *provided* that, if at any time any person or group, except our general partner, owns beneficially 20% or more of all common units, the common units so owned may not be voted on any matter and may not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of unitholders (unless otherwise required by law), calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes under our partnership agreement.

Removal of our general partner requires:

a vote of not less than a majority of all outstanding common units, excluding the common units held by affiliates of our general partner; and

the election of a successor general partner by the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units, excluding the units held by affiliates of our general partner.

#### Listing

Our outstanding common units are listed on The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol NS. Any additional common units we issue will also be listed on the NYSE.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Our transfer agent and registrar for the common units is Computershare, LLC.

#### CASH DISTRIBUTIONS

#### **Distributions of Available Cash**

#### General

Within 45 days after the end of each quarter, NuStar Energy will distribute all of its available cash to its partners of record on the applicable record date.

#### Definition of Available Cash

Available cash is defined in NuStar Energy s partnership agreement and generally means, with respect to any fiscal quarter, the sum of all cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of such quarter, plus any working capital borrowings made subsequent to the end of such quarter, less the amount of any cash reserves that NuStar Energy s general partner deems necessary or appropriate to:

provide for the proper conduct of NuStar Energy s business, including reserves for future capital expenditures and anticipated credit needs;

comply with applicable law or any debt instrument or other agreement or obligation; or

# provide funds for distributions with respect to any one or more of the next four fiscal quarters. *Intent to Distribute the Minimum Quarterly Distribution*

NuStar Energy s policy is, to the extent it has sufficient available cash from operating surplus, as defined below, to distribute to each common unit at least the minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.60 per quarter or \$2.40 per year. However, there is no guarantee that NuStar Energy will pay the minimum quarterly distribution on the common units in any quarter and NuStar Energy may be prohibited from making any distributions to unitholders if it would cause an event of default under the terms of NuStar Energy s indebtedness.

#### **Operating Surplus and Capital Surplus**

#### General

Cash distributions are characterized as distributions from either operating surplus or capital surplus. NuStar Energy distributes available cash from operating surplus differently than available cash from capital surplus.

#### **Definition of Operating Surplus**

Operating surplus is defined in NuStar Energy s partnership agreement and generally means, with respect to any period ending prior to the dissolution of NuStar Energy:

\$10 million plus all cash and cash equivalents on hand as of the close of business on April 16, 2001, the closing date of its initial public offering of its common units;

*plus* all cash receipts since April 16, 2001, other than from interim capital transactions such as borrowings that are not working capital borrowings, sales of equity and debt securities and sales or other dispositions of assets for cash, other than inventory, accounts receivable and other assets sold in the ordinary course of business or as part of normal retirements or replacements of

assets;

*plus* all cash receipts resulting from working capital borrowings after the end of such period but on or before the date of determination of the operating surplus for such period;

less all operating expenditures since April 16, 2001; and

*less* the amount of cash reserves that NuStar Energy s general partner deems necessary or advisable to provide funds for future operating expenditures.

#### Definition of Capital Surplus

Capital surplus of NuStar Energy will generally be generated only by:

borrowings other than working capital borrowings;

sales of debt and equity securities; and

sales or other dispositions of assets for cash, other than inventory, accounts receivable and other current assets sold in the ordinary course of business or as part of normal retirements or replacements of assets.

#### Characterization of Cash Distributions

To avoid the difficulty of trying to determine whether the available cash that NuStar Energy distributes is from operating surplus or from capital surplus, all available cash that NuStar Energy distributes on any date from any source is treated as a distribution of cash from operating surplus until the sum of all available cash theretofore distributed equals the operating surplus calculated as of the end of the fiscal quarter with respect to which such distribution is being made. Any remaining amounts of available cash distributed on such date will be treated as cash from capital surplus and will be distributed accordingly.

If at any time (i) a hypothetical holder of a common unit acquired on April 16, 2001 has received distributions of available cash from capital surplus in an aggregate amount equal to the \$24.50 initial public offering price of the common units, and (ii) each common unit then outstanding has received an amount equal to any cumulative arrearage existing with respect to the common units, then the distinction between operating surplus and capital surplus will cease, and all subsequent distributions of available cash will be treated as distributions of cash from operating surplus and will be distributed accordingly. To date there have been no distributions from capital surplus, and NuStar Energy does not anticipate that there will be significant distributions from capital surplus in the future.

#### **Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus**

NuStar Energy will make distributions of available cash from operating surplus as follows:

*First*, 98% to the unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until NuStar Energy has distributed for each outstanding unit an amount equal to the minimum quarterly distribution of \$0.60 for that quarter;

*Second*, 90% to all unitholders, pro rata, 8% to the holders of the incentive distribution rights, and 2% to the general partner, until NuStar Energy has distributed with respect to each unit then outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the first target distribution (\$0.66 per unit) over the minimum quarterly distribution; and

*Thereafter*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, 23% to the holders of the incentive distribution rights, and 2% to the general partner. If the minimum quarterly distribution and the first target distribution have been reduced to zero under the terms of the partnership agreement, then any distribution of available cash from operating surplus will be made solely in accordance with the final bullet point above.

The minimum quarterly distribution and the first target distribution are subject to adjustment as described below in Adjustment of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels.

#### Distributions of Available Cash from Capital Surplus

#### How Distributions from Capital Surplus are Made

NuStar Energy makes distributions of available cash from capital surplus in the following manner:

*First*, 98% to all unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until a hypothetical holder of a common unit acquired on April 16, 2001 has received an aggregate amount equal to the \$24.50 initial public offering price of the common units;

*Second*, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until there has been distributed with respect to each common unit then outstanding an amount equal to any cumulative arrearage existing with respect to the common units; and

*Thereafter*, all distributions of available cash from capital surplus will be distributed as if they were from operating surplus. *Effect of a Distribution from Capital Surplus* 

NuStar Energy s partnership agreement treats a distribution of cash from capital surplus on a common unit as the repayment of the initial public offering price of such common unit, which is a return of capital. The initial public offering price less any distributions of cash from capital surplus per common unit is referred to as unrecovered initial unit price or unrecovered capital. Each time a distribution of cash from capital surplus is made on a common unit, the minimum quarterly distribution and the first target distribution for all units will be reduced in the same proportion as the corresponding reduction in the unrecovered capital. Because distributions of cash from capital surplus will reduce the minimum quarterly distributions are made, it may be easier for NuStar Energy s general partner to receive incentive distributions. However, any distribution by NuStar Energy of capital surplus before the unrecovered capital is reduced to zero cannot be applied to the payment of the minimum quarterly distribution or any arrearages.

If at any time NuStar Energy makes a distribution of cash from capital surplus in an amount equal to the then current unrecovered capital, the minimum quarterly distribution and the first target distribution will be reduced to zero. As a result, all future distributions will be made from operating surplus, with 75% being paid to all unitholders, pro rata, 23% to the general partner as the holder of incentive distribution rights, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner.

#### **Incentive Distribution Rights**

Incentive distribution rights are non-voting limited partner interests that were issued to NuStar Energy s general partner in connection with the transfer of its general partnership interest in the operating partnership to NuStar Energy. 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 has been achieved. The general partner as the holder of incentive distribution rights is paid in the manner described in Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus above.

Prior to March 31, 2011, the general partner may not transfer (other than to affiliates, in a merger or the sale of all assets) the incentive distribution rights without the approval of the majority of the common units (excluding the general partner s common units).

#### Adjustment of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels

NuStar Energy s minimum quarterly distribution is \$0.60 per unit, subject to adjustment. NuStar Energy s first target distribution is \$0.66 per unit, subject to adjustment. NuStar Energy has no other target distribution levels.

In addition to reductions of the minimum quarterly distribution and first target distribution level made upon a distribution of available cash from capital surplus, as described above, if NuStar Energy distributes units to its unitholders, combines its units into fewer units or subdivides its units into a greater number of units, NuStar Energy will proportionately adjust:

the minimum quarterly distribution;

the first target distribution level;

any common unit arrearage;

any cumulative common unit arrearage; and

the unrecovered capital.

For example, in the event of a two-for-one split of the common units (assuming no prior adjustments), the minimum quarterly distribution, the first target distribution level, any common unit arrearage, any cumulative common unit arrearage and the unrecovered capital of the common units would each be reduced to 50% of its initial level.

In addition, if legislation is enacted or if existing law is modified or interpreted in a manner that causes NuStar Energy and/or the operating partnership to become taxable as a corporation or otherwise subject to taxation as an entity for federal, state or local income tax purposes, then NuStar Energy will reduce the then-applicable minimum quarterly distribution and the first target distribution level by multiplying the same by one minus the sum of (a) the highest marginal federal corporate (or other) income tax rate that could apply plus (b) any increase in the effective overall state and local income tax rates. For example, if NuStar Energy became subject to a maximum effective federal, state and local income tax rate of 35%, then the minimum quarterly distribution and the first target distribution level would each be reduced to 65% of their previous levels.

#### **Distributions of Cash upon Liquidation**

If NuStar Energy dissolves in accordance with its partnership agreement, it will sell or otherwise dispose of its assets in a process called a liquidation, and the partner s capital account balances will be adjusted to reflect any resulting gain or loss. NuStar Energy will first apply the proceeds of liquidation to the payment of its creditors (including partners) in the order of priority provided in the partnership agreement and by law and, thereafter, it will distribute any remaining proceeds to its partners in accordance with, and to the extent of, the positive balances in their respective capital accounts, as adjusted. The manner of adjustment of capital accounts is set forth in NuStar Energy s partnership agreement.

#### Manner of Adjustments for Gain

Upon its liquidation, NuStar Energy will allocate any net gain (or unrealized gain attributable to assets distributed in kind to the partners) in the following manner:

*first*, to each partner having a negative balance in its capital account, in the proportion that such negative balance bears to the total negative balances of all partners, until each partner has been allocated net gain equal to its negative balance;

second, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until the capital account for each common unit then outstanding is equal to the sum of:

the unrecovered capital with respect to such common unit;

the amount of any unpaid minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which the liquidation occurs; and

the amount of any cumulative arrearage existing with respect to the common units;

*third*, 90% to all unitholders, pro rata, 8% to the holders of the incentive distribution rights, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until the capital account for each common unit then outstanding is equal to the sum of:

the unrecovered capital with respect to each common unit;

the amount of any unpaid minimum quarterly distribution for the quarter during which the liquidation occurs;

the amount of any cumulative arrearage existing with respect to the common units; and

the excess of (a) the first target distribution less the minimum quarterly distribution for each quarter of the partnership s existence, over (b) the cumulative per unit amount of any distributions of available cash from operating surplus that were distributed 90% to all unitholders, pro rata, 8% to the holders of incentive distribution rights, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner; and

*thereafter*, 75% to all unitholders, pro rata, 23% to the holders of incentive distribution rights, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner. *Manner of Adjustments for Losses* 

Upon its liquidation, NuStar Energy will allocate any loss in the following manner:

*first*, 98% to the common unitholders, pro rata, and 2% to the general partner, until the capital account for each common unit has been reduced to zero; and

*thereafter*, 100% to the general partner. *Adjustments to Capital Accounts* 

In addition, interim adjustments to capital accounts will be made at the time NuStar Energy issues additional partnership interests or makes distributions of property. Such adjustments will be based on the fair market value of the partnership interests or the property distributed and any gain or loss resulting therefrom will be allocated to the partners in the same manner as gain or loss is allocated upon liquidation. In the event that positive interim adjustments are made to the capital accounts, any subsequent negative adjustments to the capital accounts resulting from the issuance of additional partnership interests in NuStar Energy, distributions of property by NuStar Energy, or upon NuStar Energy s liquidation, will be allocated in a manner which results, to the extent possible, in the capital account balances of the general partner equaling the amount that would have been the general partner s capital account balances if no prior positive adjustments to the capital accounts had been made.

#### THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the NuStar Energy partnership agreement. NuStar Energy s partnership agreement is included as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part.

#### **Organization and Duration**

NuStar Energy was organized in December 1999 and will continue until dissolved under the terms of its partnership agreement.

#### Purpose

NuStar Energy s stated purposes under its partnership agreement are to serve as a partner of its operating partnerships and to engage in any business activities that may be engaged in by its operating partnerships or that are approved by the general partner, *provided* that the general partner must reasonably determine that such activity generates or enhances the operations of an activity that generates qualifying income, as this term is defined in Section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code.

NuStar Energy s general partner is authorized in general to perform all acts deemed necessary to carry out NuStar Energy s purposes and to conduct NuStar Energy s business.

#### **Power of Attorney**

Each limited partner, and each person who acquires a unit from a unitholder and executes and delivers a transfer application, grants to the general partner and, if appointed, a liquidator, a power of attorney to, among other things, execute and file documents required for the qualification, continuance or dissolution of NuStar Energy. The power of attorney also grants the general partner and the liquidator the authority to amend the partnership agreement, and to make consents and waivers under the partnership agreement.

#### **Capital Contributions**

NuStar Energy s unitholders are not obligated to make additional capital contributions, except as described below under Limited Liability.

#### Limited Liability

Assuming that a limited partner does not participate in the control of NuStar Energy s business within the meaning of the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Delaware law, and that he otherwise acts in conformity with the provisions of NuStar Energy s partnership agreement, his liability under the Delaware law will be limited, subject to possible exceptions, to the amount of capital he is obligated to contribute to NuStar Energy for his common units plus his share of any undistributed profits and assets. If it were determined, however, that the right or exercise of the right by the NuStar Energy limited partners as a group:

to remove or replace the general partner;

to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement; or

#### to take other action under the partnership agreement;

constituted participation in the control of NuStar Energy s business for the purposes of the Delaware law, then the limited partners could be held personally liable for NuStar Energy s obligations under the laws of Delaware, to the same extent as the general partner. This liability would extend to persons who transact business with NuStar Energy who reasonably believe that the limited partner is a general partner.

Neither NuStar Energy s partnership agreement nor the Delaware law specifically provides for legal recourse against the general partner if a limited partner were to lose limited liability through any fault of the general partner. While this does not mean that a limited partner could not seek legal recourse, we know of no precedent for this type of a claim in Delaware case law.

Under the Delaware law, a limited partnership may not make a distribution to a partner if, after the distribution, all liabilities of the limited partnership, other than liabilities to partners on account of their partnership interests and liabilities for which the recourse of creditors is limited to specific property of the partnership, would exceed the fair value of the assets of the limited partnership. For the purpose of determining the fair value of the assets of a limited partnership, the Delaware law provides that the fair value of property subject to liability for which recourse of creditors is limited shall be included in the assets of the limited partnership only to the extent that the fair value of that property exceeds the nonrecourse liability. The Delaware law provides that a limited partner who receives a distribution and knew at the time of the distribution that the distribution was in violation of the Delaware law shall be liable to the limited partnership for the amount of the distribution for three years. Under the Delaware law, an assignee who becomes a substituted limited partner of a limited partnership is liable for the obligations of his assignor to make contributions to the partnership, except the assignee is not obligated for liabilities unknown to him at the time he became a limited partner and that could not be ascertained from the partnership agreement.

NuStar Energy s operating subsidiaries conduct business or own assets in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Netherland Antilles, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Maintenance of NuStar Energy s limited liability as a limited partner or member, respectively, of its operating subsidiaries, may require compliance with legal requirements in the jurisdictions in which the operating subsidiary conducts business. Limitations on the liability of limited partners or members for the obligations of a limited partner or member have not been clearly established in many jurisdictions. If it were determined that NuStar Energy was, by virtue of NuStar Energy s ownership interest in the operating subsidiaries or otherwise, conducting business in any state without compliance with the applicable limited partnership or limited liability company statute, or that the right or exercise of the right by the limited partners as a group to remove or replace NuStar Energy s general partner, to approve some amendments to the partnership agreement, or to take other action under the partnership agreement constituted partners could be held personally liable for NuStar Energy s obligations under the law of that jurisdiction to the same extent as the general partner under the circumstances. NuStar Energy will operate in a manner that the general partner considers reasonable and necessary or appropriate to preserve the limited liability of the limited partners.

#### **Issuance of Additional Securities**

NuStar Energy s partnership agreement authorizes NuStar Energy to issue an unlimited number of additional limited partner interests and other equity securities for the consideration and on the terms and conditions established by the general partner in its sole discretion without the approval of any limited partners.

It is possible that NuStar Energy will fund acquisitions through the issuance of additional common units or other equity securities. Holders of any additional common units NuStar Energy issues will be entitled to share equally with the then-existing holders of common units in NuStar Energy s distributions of available cash. In addition, the issuance of additional partnership interests may dilute the value of the interests of the then-existing holders of common units in NuStar Energy s net assets.

There are no restrictions under the partnership agreement on the ability of the general partner to issue common units or common units junior or senior to the common units.

In accordance with Delaware law and the provisions of the partnership agreement, NuStar Energy may also issue additional partnership securities that, in the sole discretion of the general partner, may have special voting rights to which the common units are not entitled.

Upon issuance of additional partnership securities, the general partner will be required to make additional capital contributions to the extent necessary to maintain its combined 2% general partner interest in NuStar Energy and NuStar Logistics. Moreover, the general partner will have the right, which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its affiliates, to purchase common units or other equity securities whenever, and on the same terms that NuStar Energy issues those securities to persons other than the general partner and its affiliates, to the extent necessary to maintain its percentage interest, including its interest represented by common units, that existed immediately prior to each issuance. The holders of common units will not have preemptive rights to acquire additional common units or other partnership interests.

#### Amendment of the Partnership Agreement

#### General

Amendments to the partnership agreement may be proposed only by or with the consent of the general partner, which consent may be given or withheld in its sole discretion. In order to adopt a proposed amendment, other than the amendments discussed below, the general partner is required to seek written approval of the holders of the number of common units required to approve the amendment or call a meeting of the limited partners to consider and vote upon the proposed amendment. Except as described below, an amendment must be approved by a majority of the common units.

We refer to the voting provision described above as a unit majority.

#### **Prohibited Amendments**

No amendment may be made that would:

enlarge the obligations of any limited partner without its consent, unless approved by at least a majority of the type or class of limited partner interests so affected;

enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable by NuStar Energy to the general partner or any of its affiliates without the consent of the general partner, which may be given or withheld in its sole discretion;

change the term of NuStar Energy;

provide that NuStar Energy is not dissolved upon an election to dissolve NuStar Energy by the general partner that is approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units; or

give any person the right to dissolve NuStar Energy other than the general partner s right to dissolve NuStar Energy with the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units.

The provision of the partnership agreement preventing the amendments having the effects described in the five bullets above can be amended upon the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the outstanding common units voting together as a single class.

#### No Unitholder Approval

The general partner may generally make amendments to the partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee to reflect:

a change in the name of NuStar Energy, the location of the principal place of business of NuStar Energy, the registered agent or the registered office of NuStar Energy;

the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of partners in accordance with the partnership agreement;

a change that, in the sole discretion of the general partner, is necessary or advisable to qualify or continue the qualification of NuStar Energy as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that neither NuStar Energy nor NuStar Logistics will be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes;

an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of counsel to NuStar Energy, to prevent NuStar Energy, the general partner, NuStar GP, LLC, or any of the directors, officers, agents or trustees of NuStar GP, LLC from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, or plan asset regulations adopted under ERISA, whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed;

subject to the limitations on the issuance of additional common units or other limited or general partner interests described above, an amendment that in the discretion of the general partner is necessary or advisable for the authorization of additional limited or general partner interests;

any amendment expressly permitted in the partnership agreement to be made by the general partner acting alone;

an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a merger agreement that has been approved under the terms of the partnership agreement;

any amendment that, in the discretion of the general partner, is necessary or advisable for the formation by NuStar Energy of, or its investment in, any corporation, partnership or other entity, as otherwise permitted by the partnership agreement;

a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of NuStar Energy and related changes; and

any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described above. In addition, the general partner may make amendments to the partnership agreement without the approval of any limited partner or assignee if those amendments, in the discretion of the general partner:

do not adversely affect the limited partners (or any particular class of limited partners) in any material respect;

are necessary or advisable to satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute;

are necessary or advisable to facilitate the trading of limited partner interests or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any securities exchange on which the limited partner interests are or will be listed for trading, compliance with any of which the general partner deems to be in the best interests of NuStar Energy and the limited partners;

are necessary or advisable for any action taken by the general partner relating to splits or combinations of common units under the provisions of the partnership agreement; or

are required to effect the intent expressed in this prospectus or the intent of the provisions of the partnership agreement or are otherwise contemplated by the partnership agreement.

### **Opinion of Counsel and Unitholder Approval**

The general partner will not be required to obtain an opinion of counsel that an amendment will not result in a loss of limited liability to the limited partners or result in NuStar Energy being treated as an entity for federal income tax purposes if one of the amendments described above under Amendment of the Partnership Agreement should occur. No other amendments to the partnership agreement will become effective without the

approval of holders of at least 90% of the common units unless NuStar Energy obtains an opinion of counsel to the effect that the amendment will not affect the limited liability under applicable law of any limited partner in NuStar Energy or cause NuStar Energy or its operating subsidiaries to be taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously taxed as such).

Any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any type or class of outstanding common units in relation to other classes of common units will require the approval of at least a majority of the type or class of common units so affected. Any amendment that reduces the voting percentage required to take any action is required to be approved by the affirmative vote of limited partners constituting not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced.

#### Merger/Consolidation

A merger or consolidation of NuStar Energy requires the prior approval of NuStar Energy s general partner. The general partner must also approve the merger agreement, which must include certain information as set forth in NuStar Energy s partnership agreement. Once approved by the general partner, the merger agreement must be submitted to a vote of NuStar Energy s limited partners, and the merger agreement will be approved upon receipt of the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a unit majority (unless the affirmative vote of the holders of a greater percentage is required under the merger agreement or Delaware law).

Unit Majority. A unit majority consists of at least a majority of the outstanding common units.

#### Disposal of Assets

Except in connection with a dissolution and liquidation of the partnership or a duly approved merger, NuStar Energy s general partner may not (a) sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of NuStar Energy s assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, or (b) approve on behalf of the partnership the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the operating partnership without the approval of the holders of a unit majority. However, the general partner may mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of the assets of the partnership or operating partnership without the approval of the unitholders. In addition, the general partner may sell any or all of the assets of the partnership or operating partnership in a forced sale pursuant to the foreclosure of, or other realization upon, any such encumbrance without the approval of the unitholders.

#### **Termination and Dissolution**

NuStar Energy will continue in existence as a limited partnership until terminated under its partnership agreement. NuStar Energy will dissolve upon:

the election of the general partner to dissolve NuStar Energy, if approved by the holders of common units representing a unit majority;

the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets and properties of NuStar Energy;

the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of NuStar Energy; or

the withdrawal or removal of the general partner or any other event that results in its ceasing to be the general partner other than by reason of a transfer of its general partner interest in accordance with the partnership agreement or withdrawal or removal following approval and admission of a successor.

Upon a dissolution under the last clause above, the holders of common units representing a unit majority may also elect, within specific time limitations, to reconstitute NuStar Energy and continue its business on the same terms and conditions described in the partnership agreement by forming a new limited partnership on terms

identical to those in the partnership agreement and having as general partner an entity approved by the holders of common units representing a unit majority, subject to receipt by NuStar Energy of an opinion of counsel to the effect that:

the action would not result in the loss of limited liability of any limited partner; and

neither NuStar Energy, the reconstituted limited partnership, nor any operating subsidiary would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of that right to continue. Liquidation and Distribution of Proceeds

Upon its dissolution, unless NuStar Energy is reconstituted and continued as a new limited partnership, the liquidator authorized to wind up NuStar Energy s affairs will, acting with all of the powers of the general partner that the liquidator deems necessary or desirable in its judgment, liquidate NuStar Energy s assets and apply the proceeds of the liquidation as provided in Cash Distribution Policy of NuStar Energy Distributions of Cash upon Liquidation. The liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of NuStar Energy s assets for a reasonable period of time or distribute assets to partners in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the partners.

#### Withdrawal or Removal of the General Partner

Except as described below, NuStar Energy s general partner has agreed not to withdraw voluntarily as general partner of NuStar Energy or as the general partner of any operating subsidiary prior to March 31, 2011 without obtaining 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, and furnishing an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters. On or after March 31, 2011, NuStar Energy s general partner may withdraw as general partner without first obtaining approval of any unitholder by giving 90 days written notice, and that withdrawal will not constitute a violation of the partnership agreement. Notwithstanding the information above, NuStar Energy s general partner may withdraw without unitholder approval upon 90 days notice to the limited partners if at least 50% of the outstanding common units are held or controlled by one person and its affiliates other than the general partner and its affiliates. In addition, the partnership agreement permits the general partner in some instances to sell or otherwise transfer all of its general partner interest in NuStar Energy without the approval of the unitholders. Please read Transfer of General Partner Interests.

Upon the withdrawal of the general partner under any circumstances, other than as a result of a transfer of all or a part of its general partner interest in NuStar Energy, the holders of common units representing a unit majority may select a successor to that withdrawing general partner. If a successor is not elected, or is elected but an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters cannot be obtained, NuStar Energy will be dissolved, wound up and liquidated, unless within 180 days after that withdrawal, the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units agree in writing to continue the business of NuStar Energy and to appoint a successor general partner. Please read Termination and Dissolution.

If the general partner withdraws under circumstances where such withdrawal does not violate the partnership agreement, and a successor general partner is elected under the terms of the partnership agreement, the departing general partner will have the option to require the successor general partner to purchase its general partner interests and incentive distribution rights for cash. If the general partner withdraws under circumstances where such withdrawal does violate the partnership agreement, and a successor general partner is elected, the successor general partner will have the option to purchase the general partner interests and incentive distribution rights of the departing general partner. If such general partner interests and incentive distribution rights are not purchased by the successor general partner, they will be converted into common units.

The general partner may not be removed unless that removal is approved by the vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the outstanding common units, and NuStar Energy receives an opinion of counsel

regarding limited liability and tax matters. Any removal of the general partner is also subject to the approval of a successor general partner by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding common units.

If the general partner is removed under circumstances where cause does not exist, and a successor general partner is elected under the partnership agreement, the departing general partner will have the option to require the successor general partner to purchase its general partner interests and incentive distribution rights for cash. If the general partner is removed under circumstances where cause does exist, and a successor general partner is elected, the successor general partner will have the option to purchase the general partner interests and incentive distribution rights of the departing general partner. If the general partner interests and incentive distribution rights are not purchased by the successor general partner, they will be converted into common units.

Cause is narrowly defined to mean that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final, non-appealable judgment finding the general partner liable for actual fraud, gross negligence, or willful or wanton misconduct in its capacity as the general partner.

Withdrawal or removal of the general partner of NuStar Energy also constitutes withdrawal or removal of the general partner of NuStar Logistics.

In addition, NuStar Energy will be required to reimburse the departing general partner for all amounts due the departing general partner, including, without limitation, all employee-related liabilities, including severance liabilities, incurred for the termination of any employees employed by the departing general partner for the benefit of NuStar Energy.

#### **Transfer of General Partner Interests**

Prior to March 31, 2011, NuStar Energy s general partner may not transfer all or any part of its general partner interest unless such transfer (a) has been approved by the prior written consent or vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding common units (excluding any common units held by the general partner or its affiliates) or (b) is of all, but not less than all, of its general partner interest to (i) an affiliate of the general partner or (ii) another person in connection with the merger or consolidation of the general partner with or into such person or the transfer by the general partner of all or substantially all of its assets to such person.

On or after March 31, 2011, NuStar Energy s general partner may transfer all or any part of its general partner interest in NuStar Energy without unitholder approval.

No transfer by NuStar Energy s general partner of all or any part of its general partner interest is permitted unless (a) the transferee agrees to assume the rights and duties of the general partner and be bound by the partnership agreement and (b) the partnership receives an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability and tax matters.

#### **Change of Management Provisions**

NuStar Energy s partnership agreement contains specific provisions that are intended to discourage a person or group from attempting to remove the general partner or otherwise change management, including the following:

Any units held by a person that owns 20% or more of any class of units then outstanding, other than the general partner and its affiliates, cannot be voted on any matter.

The partnership agreement contains provisions limiting the ability of unitholders to call meetings or to acquire information about the partnership s operations, as well as other provisions limiting the unitholders ability to influence the manner or direction of management.

#### Limited Call Right

If at any time NuStar Energy s general partner and its affiliates own 80% or more of the issued and outstanding limited partner interests of any class, the general partner will have the right (which right it may assign and transfer to the partnership or any affiliate of the general partner) to purchase all, but not less than all, of the outstanding limited partner interests of that class that are held by non-affiliated persons. The record date for determining ownership of the limited partner interests to be purchased by the general partner will be selected by the general partner, and the general partner must mail notice of its election to purchase the interests to the holders of such interests at least 10 but not more than 60 days prior to the purchase date. The purchase price in the event of a purchase under these provisions would be the greater of (a) the current market price (as defined in the partnership agreement) of the limited partner interests of that class as of the date three days prior to the date the general partner mails notice of its election to purchase the interests and (b) the highest price paid by the general partner or any of its affiliates for any limited partner interest of that class purchased within the 90 days preceding the date the general partner mails notice of its election to purchase the interests.

#### Meetings; Voting

Special meetings of NuStar Energy s limited partners may be called by the general partner or by limited partners owning 20% or more of the outstanding limited partner interests of the class or classes for which a meeting is proposed. The general partner must send notice of any meeting to the limited partners, and a meeting may not be held less than 10 days nor more than 60 days after the mailing of the notice. For the purpose of determining the limited partners entitled to notice of, and to vote at, a meeting of the limited partners (or to give written approvals without a meeting as described below), the general partner will set a record date, which may not be less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting (or the date by which the limited partners are requested to submit written approvals). Only record holders of limited partner interests on such record date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, a meeting of the limited partners (or to vote on any action to be taken without a meeting).

If authorized by the general partner, any action that may be taken at a meeting of limited partners may be taken without a meeting by obtaining approval in writing of the necessary percentage of the limited partners that would be required to authorize or take the action at a meeting of the limited partners.

Each record holder of a limited partner interest has a vote according to his percentage interest in the partnership. Limited partner interests held for a person s account by another person (such as a broker, dealer, or bank), in whose name such limited partner interests are registered, will be voted by such other person in favor of, and at the direction of, the beneficial owner unless the arrangement between such persons provides otherwise. Representation in person or by proxy of a majority of the outstanding limited partner interests of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called will constitute a quorum at such meeting (unless a particular action by the limited partners requires approval by a greater percentage of limited partner interests, in which case the quorum shall be such greater percentage). At any meeting at which a quorum is present, the act of the limited partners holding a majority of the outstanding limited partner interests entitled to vote at the meeting will be deemed to be the act of all the limited partners, unless a greater or different percentage is required under the partnership agreement, in which case the act of the limited partners holding such greater or different percentage of the outstanding limited partner interests will be required.

NuStar Energy unitholders have no right to elect NuStar Energy s general partner on an annual or other continuing basis. NuStar Energy s partnership agreement explicitly authorizes the general partner to issue limited partner interests having special or superior voting rights without the consent of the limited partners.

#### Transfer of Units and Status as a Limited Partner or Assignee

No transfer of NuStar Energy limited partner interests will be recognized by the partnership unless certificate(s) representing those limited partnership interests are surrendered and such certificates are

accompanied by a duly executed transfer application. Each transferee of NuStar Energy limited partner interests must execute a transfer application whereby the transferee, among other things, requests admission as a substituted limited partner, makes certain representations, executes and agrees to comply with and be bound by the partnership agreement, and gives the consents and approvals and makes the waivers contained in the partnership agreement. Transferees may hold common units in nominee accounts.

Once a transferee has executed and delivered a transfer application in accordance with the partnership agreement, the transferee becomes an assignee. An assignee becomes a limited partner upon the consent of the general partner and the recordation of the name of the assignee on NuStar Energy s books and records. Such consent may be withheld in the sole discretion of the general partner. An assignee, pending its admission as a substituted limited partner, is entitled to an interest in NuStar Energy equivalent to that of a limited partner with respect to the right to share in allocations and distributions, including liquidating distributions. NuStar Energy s general partner will vote and exercise, at the written direction of the assignee, other powers attributable to limited partner interests owned by an assignee who has not become a substituted limited partner.

Transferees who do not execute and deliver transfer applications will be treated neither as assignees nor as record holders of limited partner interests and will not receive distributions, federal income tax allocations or reports furnished to record holders of limited partner interests. The only right such transferees will have is the right to admission as a substituted limited partner upon execution of a transfer application, subject to the approval of the general partner. A nominee or broker who has executed a transfer application with respect to limited partner interests held in street name or nominee accounts will receive distributions and reports pertaining to such limited partner interests.

#### Non-Citizen Assignees; Redemption

If NuStar Energy is or becomes subject to federal, state or local laws or regulations that, in the reasonable determination of the general partner, create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property that NuStar Energy has an interest in because of the nationality, citizenship or other related status of any limited partner or assignee, NuStar Energy may redeem the common units held by the limited partner or assignee at their current market price. In order to avoid any cancellation or forfeiture, the general partner may require each limited partner or assignee to furnish information about his nationality, citizenship or related status. If a limited partner or assignee fails to furnish information about this nationality, citizenship or other related status within 30 days after a request for the information or the general partner determines after receipt of the information that the limited partner or assignee is not an eligible citizen, the limited partner or assignee may be treated as a non-citizen assignee. In addition to other limitations on the rights of an assignee who is not a substituted limited partner, a non-citizen assignee does not have the right to direct the voting of his common units and may not receive distributions in kind upon NuStar Energy s liquidation.

#### Indemnification

Under the partnership agreement, in most circumstances, NuStar Energy will indemnify the following persons, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from and against all losses, claims, damages or similar events:

the general partner;

any departing general partner;

any person who is or was an affiliate of the general partner or any departing general partner;

any person who is or was a partner, officer, director, employee, agent, or trustee of the general partner, NuStar GP, LLC, or departing general partner or any affiliate of the general partner, NuStar GP, LLC, or departing general partner; or

any person who is or was serving at the request of the general partner or departing general partner or any affiliate of the general partner or departing general partner as an officer, director, employee, member, partner, agent, or trustee of another person.

Any indemnification under these provisions will only be out of NuStar Energy s assets. Unless it otherwise agrees in its sole discretion, the general partner shall not be personally liable for any of NuStar Energy s indemnification obligations, nor have any obligation to contribute or loan funds or assets to NuStar Energy to enable NuStar Energy to effectuate indemnification. NuStar Energy is authorized to purchase insurance against liabilities asserted against and expenses incurred by persons for its activities, regardless of whether NuStar Energy would have the power to indemnify the person against liabilities under the partnership agreement.

#### **Books and Reports**

The general partner is required to keep appropriate books of NuStar Energy s business at NuStar Energy s principal offices. The books will be maintained for both tax and financial reporting purposes on an accrual basis. For tax and financial reporting purposes, NuStar Energy s fiscal year is the calendar year.

NuStar Energy will furnish or make available to record holders of common units, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an annual report containing audited financial statements and a report on those financial statements by its registered public accounting firm. Except for its fourth quarter, NuStar Energy will also furnish or make available summary financial information within 90 days after the close of each quarter.

NuStar Energy will furnish each record holder of a unit with information reasonably required for tax reporting purposes within 90 days after the close of each calendar year. This information is expected to be furnished in summary form so that some complex calculations normally required of partners can be avoided. NuStar Energy s ability to furnish this summary information to unitholders will depend on the cooperation of unitholders in supplying it with specific information. Every unitholder will receive information to assist him in determining his federal and state tax liability and filing his federal and state income tax returns, regardless of whether he supplies NuStar Energy with information.

#### Right to Inspect NuStar Energy s Books and Records

The partnership agreement provides that a limited partner can, for a purpose reasonably related to his interest as a limited partner, upon reasonable demand and at his own expense, have furnished to him:

a current list of the name and last known address of each partner;

a copy of NuStar Energy s tax returns;

information as to the amount of cash, and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services, contributed or to be contributed by each partner and the date on which each became a partner;

copies of the partnership agreement, the certificate of limited partnership of the partnership, related amendments and powers of attorney under which they have been executed;

information regarding the status of NuStar Energy s business and financial condition; and

any other information regarding NuStar Energy s affairs as is just and reasonable.

The general partner may, and intends to, keep confidential from the limited partners trade secrets or other information the disclosure of which the general partner believes in good faith is not in NuStar Energy s best interests or which NuStar Energy is required by law or by agreements with third parties to keep confidential.

#### **Registration Rights**

Under the partnership agreement, NuStar Energy has agreed to register for resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and applicable state securities laws any common units or other partnership securities proposed to be sold by the general partner or any of its affiliates or their assignees if an exemption from the registration requirements is not otherwise available. These registration rights continue for two years following any withdrawal or removal of Riverwalk Logistics, L.P. as the general partner of NuStar Energy. NuStar Energy is obligated to pay all expenses incidental to the registration, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions.

#### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Riverwalk Logistics, L.P., the general partner of NuStar Energy, has a legal duty to manage NuStar Energy in a manner beneficial to NuStar Energy s unitholders. This legal duty originates in statutes and judicial decisions and is commonly referred to as a fiduciary duty. However, because Riverwalk Logistics is indirectly owned by NuStar GP Holdings, LLC (NuStar GP Holdings), the officers and directors of Riverwalk Logistics general partner, NuStar GP, LLC, also have fiduciary duties to manage the business of Riverwalk Logistics in a manner beneficial to NuStar GP Holdings and its public unitholders. As a result of this relationship, conflicts of interest may arise between NuStar Energy s general partner and its affiliates, including NuStar GP Holdings public unitholders, on the one hand, and NuStar Energy and its limited partners, including the public unitholders, on the other hand.

NuStar Energy s partnership agreement contains provisions that allow the general partner to take into account the interests of parties in addition to NuStar Energy in resolving conflicts of interest. In effect, these provisions limit the general partner s fiduciary duties to the unitholders. The partnership agreement also restricts the remedies available to unitholders for actions taken that might, without those limitations, constitute breaches of fiduciary duty. Whenever a conflict arises between the general partner or its affiliates, on the one hand, and NuStar Energy or any other partner, on the other hand, the general partner will resolve that conflict.

#### **Resolution of Conflicts of Interest**

The general partner will not be in breach of its obligations under the partnership agreement or its duties to NuStar Energy or the unitholders if the resolution of the conflict is considered to be fair and reasonable to NuStar Energy. Any resolution is considered to be fair and reasonable to NuStar Energy if that resolution is:

approved by a conflicts committee consisting of three independent directors of NuStar GP, LLC, although no party is obligated to seek approval and the general partner may adopt a resolution or course of action that has not received approval;

on terms no less favorable to NuStar Energy than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties; or

fair to NuStar Energy, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved, including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to NuStar Energy.

In resolving a conflict, the general partner may, unless the resolution is specifically provided for in the partnership agreement, consider:

the relative interests of the parties involved in the conflict or affected by the action;

any customary or accepted industry practices or historical dealings with a particular person or entity; and

generally accepted accounting principles and other factors it considers relevant, if applicable. Conflicts of interest could arise in the situations described below, among others.

# Actions taken by the general partner may affect the amount of cash available for distribution to unitholders or accelerate the right to convert subordinated units.

The amount of cash that is available for distribution to unitholders is affected by decisions of the general partner regarding:

amount and timing of asset purchases and sales;

cash expenditures;

borrowings;

issuance of additional units; and

the creation, decrease or increase of reserves in any quarter.

In addition, borrowings by NuStar Energy do not constitute a breach of any duty owed by the general partner to the unitholders, including borrowings that have the purpose or effect of enabling the general partner to receive distributions or the incentive distribution rights.

The partnership agreement provides that NuStar Energy may borrow funds from the general partner and its affiliates. The general partner and its affiliates may not borrow funds from NuStar Energy.

#### We do not have any employees and rely on the employees of the general partner and its affiliates.

We do not have any officers or employees and rely solely on officers and employees of NuStar GP, LLC, and its affiliates. Affiliates of the general partner may conduct businesses and activities of their own in which we have no economic interest. In the future, if these separate activities were significantly greater than our activities, there could be material competition for the time and effort of the officers and employees who provide services to the general partner and NuStar GP, LLC.

#### We reimburse NuStar GP LLC for expenses and costs incurred on our behalf.

Under NuStar Energy s partnership agreement, we reimburse NuStar Energy s general partner and its affiliates for costs incurred in managing and operating NuStar Energy and its subsidiaries. The partnership agreement provides that the general partner will determine the expenses that are allocable to it in any reasonable manner determined by the general partner in its sole discretion.

#### The general partner intends to limit its liability regarding NuStar Energy s obligations.

The general partner intends to limit its liability under contractual arrangements so that the other party has recourse only to all or particular assets of NuStar Energy, and not against the general partner or its assets. NuStar Energy s partnership agreement provides that any action taken by the general partner to limit its liability is not a breach of the general partner s fiduciary duties, even if we could have obtained more favorable terms without the limitation on liability.

#### Common unitholders will have no right to enforce obligations of the general partner and its affiliates under agreements with NuStar Energy.

Any agreements between NuStar Energy on the one hand, and the general partner and its affiliates, on the other, will not grant to the unitholders, separate and apart from NuStar Energy, the right to enforce the obligations of the general partner and its affiliates in favor of NuStar Energy. Therefore, the general partner, in its capacity as the general partner of NuStar Energy, will be primarily responsible for enforcing these obligations.

# Contracts between NuStar Energy, on the one hand, and the general partner and its affiliates, on the other, are not the result of arm s-length negotiations.

Neither the NuStar Energy partnership agreement nor any of the other agreements, contracts and arrangements between NuStar Energy, on the one hand, and the general partner and its affiliates, on the other, are or will be the result of arm s-length negotiations.

#### Common units are subject to the general partner s limited call right.

The general partner may exercise its right to call and purchase common units as provided in NuStar Energy s partnership agreement or assign this right to one of its affiliates or to us. The general partner may use its own discretion, free of fiduciary duty restrictions, in determining whether to exercise this right. As a consequence, a common unitholder may have his common units purchased from him at an undesirable time or price.

#### NuStar GP Holdings may compete with NuStar Energy.

NuStar Energy entered into a Non-Compete Agreement with NuStar GP Holdings on July 19, 2006. Under the Non-Compete Agreement, NuStar GP Holdings has a right of first refusal with respect to the potential acquisition of general partner and other equity interests in publicly traded partnerships under common ownership with the general partner interest. NuStar Energy has a right of first refusal with respect to the potential acquisition of assets that relate to the transportation, storage or terminalling of crude oil, feedstocks or refined petroleum products (including petrochemicals) in the United States and internationally. With respect to any other business opportunities, neither NuStar Energy nor NuStar GP Holdings are prohibited from engaging in any business, even if NuStar Energy and NuStar GP Holdings would have a conflict of interest with respect to such other business opportunity.

#### Fiduciary duties owed to unitholders by the general partner are prescribed by law and NuStar Energy s partnership agreement.

The general partner is accountable to NuStar Energy and its unitholders as a fiduciary. These limited fiduciary duties are very different from the more familiar duties of a corporate board of directors, which must always act in the best interests of the corporation and its stockholders.

#### State law fiduciary standards

Fiduciary duties are generally considered to include an obligation to act with due care and loyalty. The duty of care, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, generally requires a general partner to act for the partnership in the same manner as a prudent person would act on his own behalf. The duty of loyalty, in the absence of a provision in a partnership agreement providing otherwise, generally prohibits a general partner from taking any action or engaging in any transaction where a conflict of interest is present. The Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (referred to herein as the Delaware Act) generally provides that a limited partner may institute legal action on a partnership s behalf to recover damages from a third party where a general partner has refused to institute the action or where an effort to cause a general partner to do so is not likely to succeed. In addition, the statutory or case law of some jurisdictions may permit a limited partner to institute legal action on behalf of himself and all other similarly situated limited partners to recover damages from a general partner for violations of its fiduciary duties to the limited partners.

The Delaware Act provides that Delaware limited partnerships may, in their partnership agreements, restrict or expand the fiduciary duties owed by a general partner to limited partners and the partnership.

Fiduciary standards may be modified by the NuStar Energy partnership agreement. NuStar Energy s partnership agreement contains various provisions restricting the fiduciary duties that might otherwise be owed by the general partner. The following is a summary of the material restrictions of the fiduciary duties owed by the general partner to the limited partners:

The partnership agreement contains provisions that waive or consent to conduct by the general partner and its affiliates that might otherwise raise issues as to compliance with fiduciary duties or applicable law. For example, the partnership agreement permits the general partner to make a number of decisions in its sole discretion, such as:

the incurrence of indebtedness;

the acquisition or disposition of assets, except for the disposition of all of the assets of the partnership which requires unitholder approval;

the negotiation of any contracts;

the disposition of partnership cash; and

the purchase or disposition of partnership securities, other than issuance of securities senior to the common units. Sole discretion entitles the general partner to consider only the interests and factors that it desires and it does not have a duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of, or factors affecting, NuStar Energy, its affiliates or any limited partner, including the public unitholders. Other provisions of NuStar Energy s partnership agreement provide that the general partner s actions must be carried out in its reasonable discretion.

The partnership agreement generally provides that affiliated transactions and resolutions of conflicts of interest not involving a required vote of unitholders must be fair and reasonable to NuStar Energy under the factors previously set forth. In determining whether a transaction or resolution is fair and reasonable the general partner may consider interests of all parties involved, including its own. Unless the general partner has acted in bad faith, the action taken by the general partner will not constitute a breach of its fiduciary duty.

In addition to the other more specific provisions limiting the obligations of the general partner, the partnership agreement further provides that the general partner and the officers and directors of NuStar GP, LLC will not be liable for monetary damages to NuStar Energy, the limited partners or assignees for errors of judgment or for any acts or omissions if the general partner and those other persons acted in good faith.

NuStar Energy is required to indemnify the general partner and NuStar GP, LLC and their officers, directors, employees, affiliates, partners, members, agents and trustees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, against liabilities, costs and expenses incurred by the general partner and NuStar GP, LLC or these other persons. This indemnification is required if the general partner or these persons acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or (in the case of a person other than the general partner) not opposed to, the best interests of NuStar Energy. Indemnification is required for criminal proceedings if the general partner and NuStar GP, LLC or these other persons had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. Thus, the general partner and NuStar GP, LLC could be indemnified for their negligent acts if they met these requirements concerning good faith and the best interests of NuStar Energy.

#### DESCRIPTION OF NUSTAR LOGISTICS DEBT SECURITIES

The following description sets forth the general terms and provisions that apply to the debt securities that may be offered by NuStar Logistics. Each prospectus supplement will state the particular terms that will apply to the debt securities included in the supplement.

The NuStar Logistics debt securities will be either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities of NuStar Logistics. All debt securities will be unsecured. The NuStar Logistics senior debt securities will have the same rank as all of NuStar Logistics and KPOP s other unsecured and unsubordinated debt, including debt outstanding under its revolving credit facility, its term loan agreement; the term loan of KPOP s United Kingdom subsidiary, its 6.875% senior notes due 2012 and its 6.05% senior notes due 2013. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated to senior indebtedness as described under Provisions Only in the Subordinated Indenture Subordinated Debt Securities Subordinated to Senior Debt below.

If NuStar Logistics offers senior debt securities, it will issue them under the senior indenture among NuStar Logistics, NuStar Energy, as guarantor, and the Bank of New York, as trustee, dated as of July 15, 2002, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture. Under its existing indenture, on July 15, 2002, NuStar Logistics issued \$100 million of its 6.875% senior notes due 2012 and on March 18, 2003, issued \$250 million of its 6.05% senior notes due 2013. If NuStar Logistics offers subordinated debt securities, it will issue them under a subordinated indenture among NuStar Logistics, NuStar Energy, as guarantor, and the Bank of New York, as trustee. The senior indenture and a form of the subordinated indenture have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Neither indenture limits the aggregate principal amount of debt securities that NuStar Logistics may issue under that indenture. The debt securities may be issued in one or more series as NuStar Logistics may authorize from time to time. You should read the indentures for provisions that may be important to you because the indentures, and not this description, govern your rights as a holder of debt securities.

#### Guarantees

NuStar Logistics payment obligations under any series of debt securities will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by NuStar Energy and KPOP, jointly and severally. Each of NuStar Energy and KPOP will execute a notation of guarantee as further evidence of its guarantee. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any guarantees by NuStar Energy and KPOP.

Pursuant to the guarantees, each of NuStar Energy and KPOP will guarantee the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on, the debt securities of a particular series, when the same shall become due, whether by acceleration or otherwise. The guarantees will be enforceable against each of NuStar Energy and KPOP without any need to first enforce any debt securities against NuStar Logistics.

The guarantees of the senior debt securities:

will be the unsecured and unsubordinated general obligations of NuStar Energy and KPOP; and

will rank on a parity with all of the other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of NuStar Energy and KPOP. If a series of subordinated debt securities is guaranteed by NuStar Energy and KPOP, then the guarantees will be subordinated to the senior debt of NuStar Energy and KPOP, respectively, to substantially the same extent as the series of subordinated debt securities is subordinated to the senior debt of NuStar Logistics.

#### Specific Terms of Each Series of NuStar Logistics Debt Securities in the Prospectus Supplement

NuStar Logistics will prepare a prospectus supplement and a supplemental indenture or authorizing resolutions relating to any series of debt securities being offered, which will include specific terms relating to such debt securities. These terms will include some or all of the following:

the form and title of the debt securities;

the total principal amount of the debt securities;

the date or dates on which the debt securities may be issued;

whether the debt securities are senior or subordinated debt securities;

the currency or currencies in which principal and interest will be paid, if not U.S. dollars;

the portion of the principal amount which will be payable if the maturity of the debt securities is accelerated;

any right NuStar Logistics may have to defer payments of interest by extending the dates payments are due and whether interest on those deferred amounts will be payable as well;

the dates on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable;

the interest rate that the debt securities will bear and the interest payment dates for the debt securities;

any conversion or exchange provisions;

any optional redemption provisions;

any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate NuStar Logistics to repurchase or otherwise redeem the debt securities;

any changes to or additional events of default or covenants;

the subordination, if any, of the debt securities and any changes to the subordination provisions of the subordinated indenture; and

any other terms of the debt securities.

#### Provisions only in the NuStar Logistics Senior Indenture

#### Summary

The NuStar Logistics senior debt securities will rank equally in right of payment with all other senior and unsubordinated debt of NuStar Logistics and KPOP and senior in right of payment to any subordinated debt (including the subordinated debt securities) of NuStar Logistics and KPOP. The senior indenture contains restrictive covenants, including provisions that:

limit the ability of NuStar Logistics to put liens on any of its property or assets; and

limit the ability of NuStar Logistics to sell and lease back its principal assets.

Subordinated debt securities issued by NuStar Logistics under the subordinated indenture may or may not be subject to similar provisions, as will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. NuStar Logistics has described below these provisions and some of the defined terms used in them.

#### Limitation on Liens

The senior indenture provides that NuStar Logistics will not, nor will it permit any subsidiary to, create, assume, incur or suffer to exist any lien upon any property or assets, whether owned or leased on the date of the

senior indenture or thereafter acquired, to secure any of its debt or debt of any other person (other than the senior debt securities issued thereunder), without in any such case making effective provision whereby all of the senior debt securities outstanding thereunder shall be secured equally and ratably with, or prior to, such debt so long as such debt shall be so secured.

This restriction does not apply to:

- (1) Permitted Liens, as defined below;
- (2) any lien upon any property or assets of NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary in existence on the date the senior debt securities of such series are first issued or created pursuant to an after-acquired property clause or similar term or provided for pursuant to agreements existing on such date;
- (3) any lien upon any property or assets created at the time of acquisition of such property or assets by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary or within one year after such time to secure all or a portion of the purchase price for such property or assets or debt incurred to finance such purchase price, whether such debt was incurred prior to, at the time of or within one year after the date of such acquisition;
- (4) any lien upon any property or assets existing thereon at the time of the acquisition thereof by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary; *provided, however*, that such lien only encumbers the property or assets so acquired;
- (5) any lien upon any property or assets of a person existing thereon at the time such person becomes a subsidiary by acquisition, merger or otherwise; *provided*, *however*, that such lien only encumbers the property or assets of such person at the time such person becomes a subsidiary;
- (6) any lien upon any property or assets to secure all or part of the cost of construction, development, repair or improvements thereon or to secure debt incurred prior to, at the time of, or within one year after completion of such construction, development, repair or improvements or the commencement of full operations thereof, whichever is later, to provide funds for any such purpose;
- (7) any lien imposed by law or order as a result of any proceeding before any court or regulatory body that is being contested in good faith, and liens which secure a judgment or other court-ordered award or settlement as to which NuStar Logistics or the applicable subsidiary has not exhausted its appellate rights;
- (8) any lien upon any additions, improvements, replacements, repairs, fixtures, appurtenances or component parts thereof attaching to or required to be attached to property or assets pursuant to the terms of any mortgage, pledge agreement, security agreement or other similar instrument creating a lien upon such property or assets permitted by clauses (1) through (7) above;
- (9) any extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals, refinancings, refundings or replacements) of any lien, in whole or in part, referred to in clauses (1) through (8), inclusive, above; *provided, however*, that the principal amount of debt secured thereby shall not exceed the principal amount of debt so secured at the time of such extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement (plus in each case the aggregate amount of premiums, other payments, costs and expenses required to be paid or incurred in connection with such extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement); *provided, further, however*, that such extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement); *provided, further, however*, that such extension, and repairs on such property) subject to the encumbrance so extended, renewed, refinanced, refunded or replaced (plus improvements, alterations and repairs on such property); or

(10) any lien resulting from the deposit of moneys or evidence of indebtedness in trust for the purpose of defeasing debt of NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, NuStar Logistics may, and may permit any subsidiary to, create, assume, incur, or suffer to exist any lien upon any property or assets to secure its debt or debt of any person (other than

the senior debt securities) that is not excepted by clauses (1) through (10), inclusive, above without securing the senior debt securities issued under the senior indenture, *provided* that the aggregate principal amount of all debt then outstanding secured by such lien and all similar liens, together with all Attributable Indebtedness, as defined below, from Sale-Leaseback Transactions, as defined below (excluding Sale-Leaseback Transactions permitted by clauses (1) through (4), inclusive, of the first paragraph of the restriction on sale-leasebacks covenant described below) does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets (as defined below).

Permitted Liens means:

Liens upon rights-of-way for pipeline purposes created by a person other than NuStar Logistics;

any statutory or governmental lien or lien arising by operation of law, or any mechanics, repairmen s, materialmen s, suppliers, carriers, landlords, warehousemen s or similar lien incurred in the ordinary course of business which is not yet due or which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and any undetermined lien which is incidental to construction, development, improvement or repair;

the right reserved to, or vested in, any municipality or public authority by the terms of any right, power, franchise, grant, license, permit or by any provision of law, to purchase or recapture or to designate a purchaser of, any property;

any lien of taxes and assessments which are (A) for the then current year, (B) not at the time delinquent, or (C) delinquent but the validity of which is being contested in good faith at the time by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary;

any lien of, or to secure the performance of, leases, other than capital leases;

any lien upon, or deposits of, any assets in favor of any surety company or clerk of court for the purpose of obtaining indemnity or stay of judicial proceedings;

any lien upon property or assets acquired or sold by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary resulting from the exercise of any rights arising out of defaults on receivables;

any lien incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with worker s compensation, unemployment insurance, temporary disability, social security, retiree health or similar laws or regulations or to secure obligations imposed by statute or governmental regulations;

any lien in favor of NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary;

any lien in favor of the United States of America or any state thereof, or any department, agency or instrumentality or political subdivision of the United States of America or any state thereof, to secure partial, progress, advance, or other payments pursuant to any contract or statute, or any debt incurred by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price of, or the cost of constructing, developing, repairing or improving, the property or assets subject to such lien;

any lien securing industrial development, pollution control or similar revenue bonds;

any lien securing debt of NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary, all or a portion of the net proceeds of which are used, substantially concurrent with the funding thereof (and for purposes of determining such substantial concurrence, taking into consideration, among other things, required notices to be given to holders of outstanding senior debt securities under the senior indenture in connection with such refunding, refinancing or repurchase, and the required corresponding durations thereof), to refinance, refund or repurchase all outstanding senior debt securities under the senior indenture including the amount of all accrued interest thereon and reasonable fees and expenses and premium, if any, incurred by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary in connection therewith;

any lien in favor of any person to secure obligations under the provisions of any letters of credit, bank guarantees, bonds or surety obligations required or requested by any governmental authority in connection with any contract or statute; or

any lien upon or deposits of any assets to secure performance of bids, trade contracts, leases or statutory obligations. Consolidated Net Tangible Assets means, at any date of determination, the total amount of assets after deducting therefrom:

all current liabilities, excluding (A) any current liabilities that by their terms are extendable or renewable at the option of the obligor thereon to a time more than 12 months after the time as of which the amount thereof is being computed, and (B) current maturities of long-term debt, and

the value, net of any applicable amortization, of all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangible assets,

all as set forth on the consolidated balance sheet of NuStar Energy for its most recently completed fiscal quarter, prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Restrictions on Sale-Leasebacks**

The NuStar Logistics senior indenture provides that NuStar Logistics will not, and will not permit any subsidiary to, engage in the sale or transfer by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary of any property or assets to a person (other than NuStar Logistics or a subsidiary) and the taking back by NuStar Logistics or any subsidiary, as the case may be, of a lease of such property or assets (a Sale-Leaseback Transaction ), unless:

- the Sale-Leaseback Transaction occurs within one year from the date of completion of the acquisition of the property or assets subject thereto or the date of the completion of construction, development or substantial repair or improvement, or commencement of full operations on such property or assets, whichever is later;
- (2) the Sale-Leaseback Transaction involves a lease for a period, including renewals, of not more than three years;
- (3) NuStar Logistics or such subsidiary would be entitled to incur debt secured by a lien on the property or assets subject thereto in a principal amount equal to or exceeding the Attributable Indebtedness from such Sale-Leaseback Transaction without equally and ratably securing the senior debt securities issued under the senior indenture; or
- (4) NuStar Logistics or such subsidiary, within a one-year period after such Sale-Leaseback Transaction, applies or causes to be applied an amount not less than the Attributable Indebtedness from such Sale-Leaseback Transaction to (A) the prepayment, repayment, redemption, reduction or retirement of Pari Passu Debt of NuStar Logistics, or (B) the expenditure or expenditures for property or assets used or to be used in the ordinary course of business of NuStar Logistics or its subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, NuStar Logistics may, and may permit any of its subsidiaries to, effect any Sale-Leaseback Transaction that is not excepted by clauses (1) through (4), inclusive, above; *provided* that the Attributable Indebtedness from the Sale-Leaseback Transaction, together with the aggregate principal amount of then outstanding debt other than the senior debt securities secured by liens upon any property or assets of NuStar Logistics or its subsidiaries not excepted by clauses (1) through (10), inclusive, of the second paragraph of the limitation on liens covenant described above, do not exceed 10% of the Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

Attributable Indebtedness, when used with respect to any Sale-Leaseback Transaction, means, as at the time of determination, the present value, discounted at the rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease included in the transaction, of the total obligations of the lesse for rental payments, other than amounts required to be paid on account of property taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating and labor costs and other items that constitute payments for property rights, during the remaining term of the lease included in the Sale-Leaseback Transaction, including any period for which the lease has been extended. In the

case of any lease that is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty or other termination payment, the amount shall be the lesser of the amount determined assuming termination upon the first date the lease may be terminated, in which case the amount shall also include the amount of the penalty or termination payment, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under the lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated, or the amount determined assuming no termination.

Pari Passu Debt means any debt of NuStar Logistics, whether outstanding on the date any senior debt securities are issued under the senior indenture or thereafter created, incurred or assumed, unless in the case of any particular debt, the instrument creating or evidencing the same or pursuant to which the same is outstanding expressly provides that such debt shall be subordinated in right of payment to the senior debt securities.

#### Provisions Only in the NuStar Logistics Subordinated Indenture

#### Subordinated Debt Securities Subordinated to Senior Debt

The subordinated debt securities will rank junior in right of payment to all of the Senior Debt of NuStar Logistics and KPOP. Senior Debt is generally defined to include all notes or other evidences of indebtedness for money, including guarantees, borrowed by NuStar Logistics and KPOP, as applicable, that are not expressly subordinate or junior in right of payment to any other indebtedness of NuStar Logistics or KPOP.

#### **Payment Blockages**

The subordinated indenture will provide that no payment of principal, interest and any premium on the subordinated debt securities may be made in the event that NuStar Logistics fails to pay when due any amounts on any Senior Debt and in other instances specified in the subordinated indenture.

#### No Limitation on Amount of Senior Debt

The subordinated indenture will not limit the amount of Senior Debt that NuStar Logistics may incur.

#### **Consolidation, Merger or Asset Sale**

Pursuant to each of the indentures, NuStar Logistics may not consolidate with or merge into any other entity or sell, lease or transfer its properties and assets as, or substantially as, an entirety to, any entity, unless:

(a) in the case of a merger, NuStar Logistics is the surviving entity, or (b) the entity formed by such consolidation or into which NuStar Logistics is merged or the entity which acquires by sale or transfer, or which leases, NuStar Logistics properties and assets as, or substantially as, an entirety expressly assumes the due and punctual payment of the principal of and any premium and interest on all the debt securities under the applicable indenture and the performance or observance of every covenant of the applicable indenture on the part of NuStar Logistics to be performed or observed and shall have expressly provided for conversion rights in respect of any series of outstanding securities with conversion rights;

the surviving entity or successor entity is an entity organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no default or event of default shall have occurred and be continuing under the applicable indenture; and

NuStar Logistics has delivered to the trustee under the applicable indenture an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel regarding compliance with the terms of the applicable indenture.

#### **Modification of Indentures**

NuStar Logistics may modify or amend each indenture if the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series issued under the indenture affected by the modification or amendment consent to it. Without the consent of the holders of each outstanding debt security affected, however, generally no modification may:

change the stated maturity of the principal of or any installment of principal of or interest on any debt security;

reduce the principal amount of, the interest rate on or the premium payable upon redemption of any debt security;

change the redemption date for any debt security;

reduce the principal amount of an original issue discount debt security payable upon acceleration of maturity;

change the place of payment where any debt security or any premium or interest on any debt security is payable;

change the coin or currency in which any debt security or any premium or interest on any debt security is payable;

impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on any debt security;

modify the provisions of the applicable indenture in a manner adversely affecting any right to convert or exchange any debt security into another security;

reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series necessary to modify the applicable indenture, to waive compliance with certain provisions of the applicable indenture or to waive certain defaults and their consequences; or

modify any of the above provisions.

NuStar Logistics may modify or amend each indenture without the consent of any holders of the debt securities in certain circumstances, including:

to provide for the assumption of obligations of NuStar Logistics under such indenture and the debt securities issued thereunder by a successor;

to provide for the assumption of NuStar Energy s guarantee under such indenture by a successor;

to add covenants and events of default or to surrender any rights NuStar Logistics has under such indenture;

to secure the senior debt securities as described above under Provisions Only in the Senior Indenture Limitations on Liens;

to make any change that does not adversely affect any outstanding debt securities of a series in any material respect;

to supplement such indenture in order to establish a new series of debt securities under such indenture;

to provide for successor trustees;

to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;

to provide for uncertificated securities in addition to certificated securities;

to supplement any provision of such indenture necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities issued thereunder so long as that action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of any outstanding debt securities issued thereunder;

to comply with the rules or regulations of any securities exchange or automated quotation system on which any of the debt securities issued thereunder may be listed or traded; and

to qualify such indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series issued under either of the indentures may waive past defaults, with respect to such series, under such indenture. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all affected series issued under either of the indentures (voting as one class) may waive compliance by NuStar Logistics with its covenants with respect to the debt securities of those series. Those holders may not, however, waive any default in any payment on any debt security of that series or compliance with a provision that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder affected.

#### **Events of Default and Remedies**

Event of Default when used in each indenture, means any of the following with respect to debt securities of any series:

failure to pay interest on any debt security of that series for 30 days;

failure to pay the principal of or any premium on any debt security of that series when due;

failure to perform any other covenant or warranty in such indenture (other than a term, covenant or warranty a default in whose performance or whose breach is elsewhere in this event of default section specifically dealt with or which has expressly been included in the applicable indenture solely for the benefit of a series of debt securities other than that series) that continues for 60 days after written notice is given to NuStar Logistics by the trustee or to NuStar Logistics and the trustee by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series, specifying such default and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a Notice of Default under the applicable indenture;

failure to pay any indebtedness of NuStar Logistics for borrowed money in excess of \$25 million, whether at final maturity (after the expiration of any applicable grace periods) or upon acceleration of the maturity thereof, if such indebtedness is not discharged, or such acceleration is not annulled, within 10 days after written notice is given to NuStar Logistics by the trustee or to NuStar Logistics and the trustee by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series, specifying such default and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a Notice of Default under the applicable indenture;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of NuStar Logistics; or

any other Event of Default with respect to debt securities of that series included in such indenture or supplemental indenture. The subordination provisions of the subordinated indenture do not affect the obligation of NuStar Logistics, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay, when due, the principal of and any premium and interest on the subordinated debt securities. In addition, such subordination provisions do not prevent the occurrence of any default under the subordinated indenture.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under either indenture. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any default, except in the payment of principal or interest, if it considers such withholding of notice to be in the best interests of the holders.

If an Event of Default for any series of debt securities occurs and continues, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of the series may declare the entire principal of (or, if any of the debt securities of that series are original issue discount debt securities, the portion of the principal specified in the terms of those securities), and accrued but unpaid interest, if any, on all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately. If this happens, subject to certain conditions, the holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series can rescind the declaration. If an event of default relating to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occurs, the entire principal of all the outstanding notes shall be due and payable immediately without further action or notice.

Other than its duties in case of a default, a trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers under either indenture at the request, order or direction of any holders, unless the holders offer the trustee reasonable indemnity. If they provide this reasonable indemnification, the holders of a majority in principal amount of any series of debt securities may, subject to certain limitations, direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding or any remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any power conferred upon the trustee, for any series of debt securities.

#### **Registration of Debt Securities**

NuStar Logistics may issue debt securities of a series in registered, bearer, coupon or global form.

#### **Minimum Denominations**

Unless the prospectus supplement for each issuance of debt securities states otherwise, the debt securities will be issued in registered form in amounts of \$1,000 each or multiples of \$1,000.

#### No Personal Liability of General Partner

Unless otherwise stated in a prospectus supplement and supplemental indenture relating to a series of debt securities being offered, the general partner of NuStar Logistics and its directors, officers, employees and stockholders (in their capacity as such) will not have any liability for NuStar Logistics obligations under the indentures or the debt securities. In addition, NuStar GP, LLC, the general partner of NuStar Energy s general partner, and the directors, officers, employees and members of NuStar GP, LLC will not have any liability for NuStar Energy s or KPOP s obligations as a guarantor under the indentures or the debt securities. Each holder of debt securities by accepting a debt security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the debt securities. This waiver may not be effective, however, to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

#### **Payment and Transfer**

Principal, interest and any premium on fully registered securities will be paid at designated places. Payment will be made by check mailed to the persons in whose names the debt securities are registered on days specified in the indentures or any prospectus supplement. Debt securities payments in other forms will be paid at a place designated by NuStar Logistics and specified in a prospectus supplement.

Fully registered securities may be transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the trustee or at any other office or agency maintained by NuStar Logistics for such purposes, without the payment of any service charge except for any tax or governmental charge.

#### Form, Exchange, Registration and Transfer

Debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series, the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations in accordance with the applicable

indenture. Holders may present debt securities for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or any transfer agent NuStar Logistics designates. The security registrar or transfer agent will effect the transfer or exchange when it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. NuStar Logistics will not charge a service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of the debt securities. NuStar Logistics may, however, require the payment of any tax or other governmental charge payable for that registration.

NuStar Logistics will appoint the trustee under each indenture as security registrar for the debt securities issued under that indenture. NuStar Logistics is required to maintain an office or agency for transfers and exchanges in each place of payment. NuStar Logistics may at any time designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities. In the case of any redemption in part, NuStar Logistics will not be required

to issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of a series either during a period beginning 15 business days prior to the selection of debt securities of that series for redemption and ending on the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption or

to register the transfer of or exchange any debt security, or portion of any debt security, called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security NuStar Logistics is redeeming in part. **Discharging NuStar Logistics Obligations** 

NuStar Logistics may choose to either discharge its obligations on the debt securities of any series in a legal defeasance, or to release itself from its covenant restrictions on the debt securities of any series in a covenant defeasance. NuStar Logistics may do so at any time on the 91st day after it deposits with the applicable trustee sufficient cash or government securities to pay the principal, interest, any premium and any other sums due on the stated maturity date or a redemption date of the debt securities of the series. If NuStar Logistics chooses the legal defeasance option, the holders of the debt securities of the series will not be entitled to the benefits of the applicable indenture except for registration of transfer and exchange of debt securities, replacement of lost, stolen or mutilated debt securities, conversion or exchange of debt securities, sinking fund payments and receipt of principal and interest on the original stated due dates or specified redemption dates.

NuStar Logistics may discharge its obligations under the indentures or release itself from covenant restrictions only if it meets certain requirements. Among other things, NuStar Logistics must deliver to the trustee an opinion of its legal counsel to the effect that holders of the series of debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred. In the case of legal defeasance only, this opinion must be based on either a ruling received from or published by the IRS or change in federal income tax law. NuStar Logistics may not have a default on the debt securities discharged on the date of