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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED **September 30, 2017**

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO .

Commission File No. **001-35779**

USA Compression Partners, LP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

75-2771546

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**100 Congress Avenue, Suite 450
Austin, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

78701

(Zip Code)

(512) 473-2662

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Emerging growth company

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of November 3, 2017, there were 62,016,723 common units outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**ITEM 1. Financial Statements****USA COMPRESSION PARTNERS, LP**
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(in thousands, except for unit amounts)

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 923	\$ 65
Accounts receivable, net:		
Trade, net	31,379	32,237
Other	8,698	9,028
Inventory, net	35,718	29,556
Prepaid expenses	2,715	2,083
Total current assets	79,433	72,969
Property and equipment, net	1,267,512	1,267,574
Installment receivable	11,521	14,079
Identifiable intangible assets, net	72,520	75,189
Goodwill	35,866	35,866
Other assets	5,093	6,735
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,471,945</u>	<u>\$ 1,472,412</u>
Liabilities and Partners' Capital		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,608	\$ 13,148
Accrued liabilities	26,373	26,572
Deferred revenue	22,778	16,691
Total current liabilities	58,759	56,411
Long-term debt	752,000	685,371
Other liabilities	1,513	1,113
Partners' capital:		
Limited partner interest:		
Common units, 62,016,723 and 60,689,110 units issued and outstanding, respectively	652,385	721,080
General partner interest	7,288	8,437
Total partners' capital	659,673	729,517
Total liabilities and partners' capital	<u>\$ 1,471,945</u>	<u>\$ 1,472,412</u>

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

USA COMPRESSION PARTNERS, LP
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(in thousands, except per unit amounts)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:				
Contract operations	\$ 68,407	\$ 60,282	\$ 192,164	\$ 187,345
Parts and service	4,384	848	12,673	3,663
Total revenues	72,791	61,130	204,837	191,008
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	23,441	18,885	67,546	58,368
Selling, general and administrative	11,888	12,577	33,643	33,496
Depreciation and amortization	24,808	23,195	73,493	68,701
Loss (gain) on disposition of assets	50	(155)	(207)	795
Impairment of compression equipment	1,096	3,441	4,809	4,134
Total costs and expenses	61,283	57,943	179,284	165,494
Operating income	11,508	3,187	25,553	25,514
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(6,557)	(5,275)	(18,233)	(15,476)
Other	3	16	22	30
Total other expense	(6,554)	(5,259)	(18,211)	(15,446)
Net income (loss) before income tax expense	4,954	(2,072)	7,342	10,068
Income tax expense	165	74	448	402
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,789	\$ (2,146)	\$ 6,894	\$ 9,666
Net income (loss) allocated to:				
General partner's interest in net income	\$ 399	\$ 272	\$ 1,096	\$ 1,019
Limited partners' interest in net income (loss):				
Common units	\$ 4,390	\$ (2,418)	\$ 5,798	\$ 11,358
Subordinated units				\$ (2,711)
Weighted average common units outstanding:				
Basic	61,815	55,087	61,366	51,911
Diluted	62,084	55,302	61,602	52,204
Basic and diluted weighted average subordinated units outstanding				
				2,359
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per common unit	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.04)	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.22
Basic and diluted net loss per subordinated unit				\$ (1.15)
Distributions declared per limited partner unit for respective periods	\$ 0.525	\$ 0.525	\$ 1.575	\$ 1.575

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

USA COMPRESSION PARTNERS, LP
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Partners' Capital
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017
(in thousands)

	Partners' Capital			Total Partners' Capital
	Common Units		General Partner	
	Units	Amount	Amount	
Partners' capital, December 31, 2016	60,689	\$ 721,080	\$ 8,437	\$ 729,517
Vesting of phantom units	271	4,243	—	4,243
Distributions and distribution equivalent rights	—	(96,373)	(2,245)	(98,618)
Issuance of common units under the DRIP	1,057	17,412	—	17,412
Unit-based compensation of equity classified awards	—	225	—	225
Net income	—	5,798	1,096	6,894
Partners' capital, September 30, 2017	62,017	\$ 652,385	\$ 7,288	\$ 659,673

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

USA COMPRESSION PARTNERS, LP
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 6,894	\$ 9,666
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	73,493	68,701
Amortization of debt issue costs	1,641	1,561
Unit-based compensation expense	8,160	8,481
Loss (gain) on disposition of assets	(207)	795
Impairment of compression equipment	4,809	4,134
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net	3,747	7,377
Inventory, net	(14,794)	(5,216)
Prepaid expenses	(632)	257
Other noncurrent assets	3	20
Accounts payable	(4,216)	(3,680)
Accrued liabilities and deferred revenue	6,164	2,500
Other noncurrent liabilities	239	—
Net cash provided by operating activities	85,301	94,596
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures, net	(65,551)	(46,253)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	467	313
Proceeds from insurance recovery	—	73
Net cash used in investing activities	(65,084)	(45,867)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from long-term debt	285,315	216,180
Payments on long-term debt	(218,686)	(201,429)
Cash paid related to net settlement of unit-based awards	(2,835)	(113)
Cash distributions	(83,153)	(61,356)
Financing costs	—	(2,011)
Net cash used in financing activities	(19,359)	(48,729)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	858	—
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	65	7
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 923	\$ 7
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 17,646	\$ 15,132
Cash paid for taxes	\$ 230	\$ 265
Supplemental non-cash transactions:		
Non-cash distributions to certain limited partners (DRIP)	\$ 17,412	\$ 27,811
Transfers (to) from inventory to property and equipment	\$ 8,632	\$ (2,244)
Transfer from long-term installment receivable to short term	\$ (2,559)	\$ (2,374)
Change in capital expenditures included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,649	\$ 2,912

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

USA COMPRESSION PARTNERS, LP
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(1) Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Organization

Unless otherwise indicated, the terms “our”, “we”, “us”, “the Partnership” and similar language refer to USA Compression Partners, LP, collectively with its operating subsidiaries. We are a Delaware limited partnership. USA Compression GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, serves as our general partner and is referred to herein as the “General Partner”. Our General Partner is owned by USA Compression Holdings, LLC (“USA Compression Holdings”). Through our operating subsidiaries, we provide compression services under term contracts with customers in the natural gas and crude oil industries, using natural gas compression packages that we design, engineer, own, operate and maintain. We provide compression services in a number of shale plays throughout the United States, including the Utica, Marcellus, Permian Basin, Delaware Basin, Eagle Ford, Mississippi Lime, Granite Wash, Woodford, Barnett, Haynesville, Niobrara and Fayetteville shales.

Certain of our operating subsidiaries are borrowers under a revolving credit facility and the Partnership is a guarantor of that revolving credit facility (see Note 6). The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Partnership and its operating subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned by us.

Net income (loss) is allocated to our general and limited partners using the two-class income allocation method. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Our common units representing limited partner interests in the Partnership trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol “USAC”.

Our ownership structure was as follows:

	September 30, 2017		
	USA Compression Holdings	Public	Total
General partner interest	1.2 %	—	1.2 %
Limited partner interest	39.7 %	59.1 %	98.8 %
Total	40.9 %	59.1 %	100.0 %

(b) Basis of Presentation

Our accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 filed on February 13, 2017 (our “2016 Annual Report”). In the opinion of our management, such financial information reflects all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, and the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, changes in partners’ capital for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2017. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Therefore, these consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 contained in our 2016 Annual Report.

(c) Use of Estimates

Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, which includes the use of estimates and assumptions by management that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities that existed at the date of the unaudited condensed

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consolidated financial statements. Although these estimates were based on management's available knowledge of current and expected future events, actual results could differ from these estimates.

(d) Inventory

Inventory consists of serialized and non-serialized parts used primarily in the repair of compression units. All inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Serialized parts inventory is determined using the specific identification cost method, while non-serialized parts inventory is determined using the weighted average cost method. Purchases of these assets are considered operating activities in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Components of inventory are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>September 30, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Serialized parts	\$ 19,757	\$ 17,943
Non-serialized parts	16,275	11,927
Total Inventory, gross	36,032	29,870
Less: obsolete and slow moving reserve	(314)	(314)
Total Inventory, net	<u>\$ 35,718</u>	<u>\$ 29,556</u>

(e) Identifiable Intangible Assets

Identifiable intangible assets, net consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<u>Customer</u>			
	<u>Relationships</u>	<u>Trade Names</u>	<u>Non-compete</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 63,183	\$ 11,856	\$ 150	\$ 75,189
Amortization Expense	(2,051)	(468)	(150)	(2,669)
Net Balance at September 30, 2017	<u>\$ 61,132</u>	<u>\$ 11,388</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 72,520</u>

Identifiable intangible assets are recorded at cost and amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which is the period over which the assets are expected to contribute directly or indirectly to our future cash flows. The estimated useful lives range from 4 to 30 years. Accumulated amortization of intangible assets was \$22.7 million and \$20.0 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

We assess identifiable intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. We did not record any impairment of identifiable intangible assets for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 or the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

(f) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost except for (i) certain acquired assets which are recorded at fair value on their respective acquisition dates and (ii) impaired assets which are recorded at fair value on the last impairment evaluation date for which an adjustment was required. Overhauls and major improvements that increase the value or extend the life of compression equipment are capitalized and depreciated over 3 to 5 years. Ordinary maintenance and repairs are charged to cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Compression equipment, acquired new	25 years
Compression equipment, acquired used	9 - 25 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Vehicles and computer equipment	3 - 7 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years

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When property and equipment is retired or sold, its carrying value and the related accumulated depreciation are removed from our accounts and any associated gains or losses are recorded on our statements of operations in the period of sale or disposition.

See more information on property and equipment in Note 3 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

(g) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets with recorded values that are not expected to be recovered through future cash flows are written-down to estimated fair value. We test long-lived assets for impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the assets' carrying value may not be recoverable or will no longer be utilized in the operating fleet. The most common circumstance requiring compression units to be tested for impairment is when idle units do not meet the performance characteristics of our active revenue generating horsepower.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, we evaluated the future deployment of our idle fleet under current market conditions and determined to retire, sell or re-utilize key components of compression units with a total of 2,728 and 10,734 horsepower, respectively, which were previously used to provide compression services in our business. The cause of the impairment was due to the type of units, which were not marketable, and were subject to excessive maintenance costs. These compression units were written down to their respective estimated salvage value, if any.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we evaluated the future deployment of our idle fleet under then-current market conditions and determined to retire, sell or re-utilize key components of compression units with a total of 10,407 and 12,099 horsepower, respectively, which were previously used to provide compression services in our business. The cause of the impairment was related to certain performance characteristics of the impaired equipment, such as excessive maintenance costs and the inability of the equipment to meet then-current emission standards without retrofitting. We determined that this equipment was unlikely to be accepted by customers under then-current market conditions. These compression units were written down to their respective estimated salvage value, if any.

As a result of our decision to retire, sell or re-utilize key components of these compression units, we recorded \$1.1 million and \$4.8 million of impairment of long-lived assets in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, and \$3.4 million and \$4.1 million of impairment of long-lived assets in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

(h) Fair Value Measurements

Accounting standards on fair value measurements establish a framework for measuring fair value and stipulate disclosures about fair value measurements. The standards apply to recurring and nonrecurring financial and non-financial assets and liabilities that require or permit fair value measurements. Among the required disclosures is the fair value hierarchy of inputs we use to value an asset or a liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that we have the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs are those other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Phantom unit awards granted to employees under the USA Compression Partners, LP 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP") are accounted for as a liability, and such liability is re-measured on a quarterly basis. The liability is based on the publicly quoted price of our common units, which is considered a Level 1 input, and is recorded within the accrued liabilities caption on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Net liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below (in thousands):

Assets (Liabilities)	September 30, 2017		December 31, 2016	
	Level 1		Level 1	
Unit-based compensation liability	\$	(5,985)	\$	(7,043)

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, our financial instruments consisted primarily of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, trade accounts payable and long-term debt. The book values of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable and trade accounts payable are representative of fair value due to their short-term maturities. The carrying amount of long-term debt approximates fair value due to the floating interest rates associated with the debt.

(i) Operating Segment

We operate in a single business segment, the compression services business.

(j) Pass Through Taxes

Sales taxes incurred on behalf of, and passed through to, customers are accounted for on a net basis.

(2) Trade Accounts Receivable

Trade accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. The allowance for doubtful accounts, which was \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million at September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, is our best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses included in our existing accounts receivable. We determine the allowance based upon historical write-off experience and specific customer circumstances. The determination of the allowance for doubtful accounts requires us to make estimates and judgments regarding our customers' ability to pay amounts due. On an ongoing basis, we conduct an evaluation of the financial strength of our customers based on payment history, the overall business climate in which our customers operate and specific identification of customer bad debt and make adjustments to the allowance as necessary. Our evaluation of our customers' financial strength is based on the aging of their respective receivables balance, customer correspondence, financial information and third-party credit ratings. Our evaluation of the business climate in which our customers operate is based on a review of various publicly-available materials regarding our customers' industries, including the solvency of various companies in the industry. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, we reduced our allowance for doubtful accounts by \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, and during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we reduced our allowance for doubtful accounts by \$0.1 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. Reductions for such periods were due primarily to collections on accounts that had previously been reserved.

(3) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
Compression equipment	\$ 1,615,002	\$ 1,551,157
Furniture and fixtures	593	625
Automobiles and vehicles	19,407	18,979
Computer equipment	25,223	23,394
Leasehold improvements	1,537	1,392
Total Property and equipment, gross	1,661,762	1,595,547
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(394,250)	(327,973)
Total Property and equipment, net	\$ 1,267,512	\$ 1,267,574

We recognized \$23.9 million and \$22.3 million of depreciation expense on property and equipment for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. We recognized \$70.8 million and \$66.0 million of depreciation expense on property and equipment for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, there was \$3.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, of property and equipment purchases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, we recognized a \$0.2 million gain on the sale of a compression unit. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we abandoned certain assets and incurred a \$1.0 million loss. Each of these is reported within the Loss (gain) on disposition of assets caption in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(4) Installment Receivable

On June 30, 2014, we entered into a FMV Bargain Purchase Option Grant Agreement (the “BPO Capital Lease Transaction”) with a customer, pursuant to which we granted a bargain purchase option to the customer with respect to certain compressor packages leased to the customer. The bargain purchase option provides the customer with an option to acquire the equipment at a value significantly less than the fair market value at the end of the lease term, which is 7 years.

On November 1, 2016, we entered into a Formula Price Purchase Agreement (the “FPP Capital Lease Transaction”) with a customer with respect to certain assets leased to the customer that the customer will purchase at the end of the lease term. The customer has the option to purchase these assets in April and October of each year with the final option occurring in May 2021.

Both capital leases were accounted for as sales type leases resulting in a current installment receivable included in other accounts receivable of \$8.7 million and \$8.9 million as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and a long-term installment receivable of \$11.5 million and \$14.1 million as of such period ends, respectively.

Revenue and interest income related to both capital leases is recognized over the respective lease terms. We recognize maintenance revenue within Contract operations revenue and interest income within Interest expense, net on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. For each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, maintenance revenue related to the BPO Capital Lease Transaction was \$0.3 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. There is no maintenance revenue component to the FPP Capital Lease Transaction. Interest income related to both capital leases was \$0.4 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

(5) Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities include accrued payroll and benefits and accrued property taxes. We recognized \$7.1 million and \$6.9 million of accrued payroll and benefits as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. We recognized \$6.1 million and \$6.6 million of accrued property taxes as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

(6) Long-Term Debt

Our first lien long-term debt, of which there is no current portion, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<u>September 30, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 752,000	\$ 685,371

In March 2016, we entered into a third amendment to our revolving credit facility, which amended the credit agreement to, among other things, (i) modify the leverage ratio covenant to be (A) 5.25 to 1.0 as of the end of the respective fiscal quarters ending September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017 and (B) 5.00 to 1.0 thereafter, and (ii) amend certain other provisions of the credit agreement, all as more fully set forth in the third amendment.

In connection with entering into the third amendment, we paid certain amendment fees to the lenders party thereto and paid a certain arrangement fee to the arranger of the third amendment in the amount of \$2.0 million, collectively,

during the nine months ended September 30, 2016. These fees were capitalized to loan costs and will be amortized through January 2020. No such fees were paid during the three or nine months ended September 30, 2017.

As of September 30, 2017 we were in compliance with all of our covenants under our revolving credit facility.

As of September 30, 2017, we had outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility of \$752.0 million, \$288.6 million of borrowing base availability and, subject to compliance with the applicable financial covenants, available borrowing capacity of \$104.9 million. Our interest rate in effect for all borrowings under our revolving credit facility as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 was 3.25% and 2.94%, respectively, with a weighted average interest rate of 3.25% and 2.53% during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and 3.09% and 2.49% during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. There were no letters of credit issued as of September 30, 2017 or 2016.

In the event that any of the operating subsidiaries guarantees any series of the debt securities as described in our registration statements on Form S-3, such guarantees will be full and unconditional and made on a joint and several basis for the benefit of each holder and the Trustee. However, such guarantees will be subject to release, subject to certain limitations, as follows (i) upon the sale, exchange or transfer, whether by way of a merger or otherwise, to any Person that is not our affiliate, of all of our direct or indirect limited partnership or other equity interest in such Subsidiary Guarantor; or (ii) upon our or USA Compression Finance Corp.'s (together, the "Issuers") delivery of a written notice to the Trustee of the release or discharge of all guarantees by such Subsidiary Guarantor of any Debt of the Issuers other than obligations arising under the indenture governing such debt and any debt securities issued under such indenture, except a discharge or release by or as a result of payment under such guarantees. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this paragraph are defined in the Form of Indenture filed as exhibit 4.1 to such registration statement.

Our operating subsidiaries and USA Compression Finance Corp. are our only existing subsidiaries. We have no assets or operations independent of our subsidiaries, and there are no significant restrictions upon our ability to obtain funds from our subsidiaries by dividend or loan. None of the assets of our subsidiaries represent restricted net assets pursuant to Rule 4-08(e) (3) of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Our revolving credit facility matures in January 2020 and we expect to maintain this facility for the term.

(7) Partners' Capital

Common Units and General Partner Interest

As of September 30, 2017, we had 62,016,723 common units outstanding. USA Compression Holdings held 24,933,824 common units as of September 30, 2017 and controlled our General Partner, which held an approximate 1.2% general partner interest (the "General Partner's Interest") and the incentive distribution rights ("IDRs"). See the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Partners' Capital.

Cash Distributions

We have declared quarterly distributions per unit to limited partner unitholders of record, including holders of common and phantom units, and distributions paid to the General Partner, including the General Partner's Interest and IDRs, as follows (in millions, except distribution per unit):

Payment Date	Distribution per Limited Partner Unit	Amount Paid to Common Unitholders	Amount Paid to General Partner	Amount Paid to Phantom Unitholders	Total Distribution
August 12, 2016	\$ 0.525	\$ 28.8	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.7	\$ 30.2
November 14, 2016	\$ 0.525	\$ 29.1	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.6	\$ 30.4
February 14, 2017	\$ 0.525	\$ 31.9	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.8	\$ 33.4
May 12, 2017	\$ 0.525	\$ 32.1	\$ 0.7	\$ 0.6	\$ 33.4
August 11, 2017	\$ 0.525	\$ 32.3	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.6	\$ 33.7

Announced Quarterly Distribution

On October 19, 2017, we announced a cash distribution of \$0.525 per unit on our common units. The distribution will be paid on November 10, 2017 to unitholders of record as of the close of business on October 30, 2017. USA

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Compression Holdings, the owner of approximately 40.2% of our outstanding limited partner interests, has elected to reinvest 20% of this distribution with respect to its units pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan (the “DRIP”).

Distribution Reinvestment Plan

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, distributions of \$17.4 million and \$27.8 million, respectively, were reinvested under the DRIP resulting in the issuance of 1.1 million and 2.5 million common units, respectively. Such distributions are treated as non-cash transactions in the accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Earnings Per Common and Subordinated Unit

The computations of earnings per common unit and subordinated unit are based on the weighted average number of common units and subordinated units, respectively, outstanding during the applicable period. The subordinated units and our General Partner’s Interest (including its IDRs) meet the definition of participating securities as defined by the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 260 *Earnings Per Share*; therefore, we apply the two-class method in our computation of earnings per unit. Basic earnings per common and subordinated unit are determined by dividing net income (loss) allocated to the common and subordinated units, respectively, after deducting the amount allocated to our General Partner (including distributions to our General Partner on our General Partner’s Interest and its IDRs), by the weighted average number of outstanding common and subordinated units, respectively, during the period. Net income (loss) is allocated to the common units, subordinated units and our General Partner’s Interest (including its IDRs) based on their respective shares of the distributed and undistributed earnings for the period. To the extent cash distributions exceed net income (loss) for the period, the excess distributions are allocated to all participating units outstanding based on their respective ownership percentages. Diluted earnings per unit are computed using the treasury stock method, which considers the potential issuance of limited partner units associated with our LTIP. Unvested phantom units are not included in basic earnings per unit, as they are not considered to be participating securities, but are included in the calculation of diluted earnings per unit. Incremental unvested phantom units outstanding represent the only difference between our basic and diluted weighted average common units outstanding during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Incentive Distribution Rights

Our General Partner holds all of our IDRs. The IDRs represent the right to receive an increasing percentage of our quarterly distributions of available cash from operating surplus after the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels have been achieved.

The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of Available Cash from Operating Surplus between our unitholders and our General Partner based on the specified target distribution levels. The amounts set forth under “Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions” are the percentage interests of our General Partner and our unitholders in any Available Cash from Operating Surplus we distribute up to and including the corresponding amount in the column “Total Quarterly Distribution Per Unit.” The percentage interests shown for our unitholders and our General Partner for the minimum quarterly distribution are also applicable to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the minimum quarterly distribution. The percentage interests set forth below for our General Partner include its General Partner’s Interest, and assume our General Partner has contributed any additional capital necessary to maintain its General Partner’s Interest and our General Partner has not transferred our IDRs.

	Total Quarterly Distribution Per Unit	Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions	
		Unitholders	General Partner
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$0.425	98.8 %	1.2 %
First Target Distribution	up to \$0.4888	98.8 %	1.2 %
Second Target Distribution	above \$0.4888 up to \$0.5313	85.8 %	14.2 %
Third Target Distribution	above \$0.5313 up to \$0.6375	75.8 %	24.2 %
Thereafter	above \$0.6375	50.8 %	49.2 %

(8) Transactions with Related Parties

John Chandler, who served as a director of our General Partner from October 2013 to October 15, 2017, has served as a director of one of our customers since October 2014. During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, we recognized \$1.9 million in each period, and \$5.7 million and \$6.3 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, in revenue from compression services provided to this customer in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. We recognized \$0.7 million and \$1.1 million in accounts receivable from this customer on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

We provide compression services to entities affiliated with Riverstone/Carlyle Global Energy and Power Fund IV, L.P. (“Riverstone”), which owns a majority of the membership interests in USA Compression Holdings. As of September 30, 2017, USA Compression Holdings owned and controlled our General Partner and owned 40.2% of our limited partner interests. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, we recognized \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, in revenue from compression services from such affiliated entities in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we recognized \$0.2 million in revenue from compression services from such affiliated entities in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. We may provide compression services to additional entities affiliated with Riverstone in the future, and any significant transactions will be disclosed.

(9) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Major Customers

We did not have revenue from any single customer representing 10% or more of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 or 2016.

(b) Litigation

From time to time, we and our subsidiaries may be involved in various claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. In management’s opinion, the resolution of such matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

(c) Equipment Purchase Commitments

Our future capital commitments are comprised of binding commitments under purchase orders for new compression units and serialized parts ordered but not received. The commitments as of September 30, 2017 were \$151.5 million, which are expected to be settled throughout 2017 and 2018.

(d) Sales Tax Contingency

Our compliance with state and local sales tax regulations is subject to audit by various taxing authorities. Certain taxing authorities have claimed that specific operational processes, which we and others in our industry regularly conduct, result in transactions that are subject to state sales taxes. We, and other entities in our industry, have disputed these claims based on existing tax statutes which provide for manufacturing exemptions on the transactions in question. We continue to work with the state taxing authority in providing them the documentation available to us to support the position we have taken with regard to the disputed transactions. We have recognized a liability of \$0.1 million related to this issue; however, we believe it is reasonably possible that we could incur additional losses for this matter depending on whether the taxing authority accepts our documentation as sufficient to support our position that the disputed transactions are not taxable and the impact of any potential resulting litigation. Management estimates that the range of losses we could incur related to this matter is from \$0.1 million to approximately \$3.5 million. The upper end of this range assumes that we will be unable to apply the manufacturing exemption to any of the transactions in question, which management believes is remote.

(10) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2015, the FASB agreed to defer by one year the mandatory effective date of the new revenue recognition standard to annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. We expect to elect the modified retrospective transition method for adoption to annual and interim periods beginning January 1, 2018 on contracts which are not completed on the transition date. We have identified similar performance obligations under the new accounting standard as compared with deliverables and separate units of account previously identified. As a result, we expect the timing of our revenue recognition will not be materially impacted under this new accounting standard. Furthermore, we expect that the revenue amounts we historically reported will not materially change as we apply the modified retrospective provisions of this new standard. We do not expect significant changes to our current accounting policies and are in the process of developing pro-forma quantitative and qualitative disclosures to reflect the nature, timing and uncertainty of cash flows, changes in contract balances, and significant judgments related to our performance obligations.

In February 2016, the FASB issued a new leasing standard that increases transparency and comparability among organizations by, among other things, requiring lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and requiring both lessees and lessors to disclose expanded qualitative and quantitative information about leasing arrangements. Income recognition for lessors will remain substantially similar to current GAAP but with some changes to conform and align guidance with the new lessee guidance and other areas within GAAP, such as the new revenue recognition standard. The new leasing standard requires modified retrospective adoption, with elective reliefs, and becomes effective for public business entities for annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. We expect to adopt this new standard on January 1, 2019. We are in the process of evaluating the financial impact of adopting this standard on our consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains "forward-looking statements." All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this report are forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, statements regarding our plans, strategies, prospects and expectations concerning our business, results of operations and financial condition. You can identify many of these statements by looking for words such as "believe," "expect," "intend," "project," "anticipate," "estimate," "continue" or similar words or the negative thereof.

Known material factors that could cause our actual results to differ from those in these forward-looking statements are described in Part II, Item 1A ("Risk Factors") and elsewhere in this report. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements include, among other things:

- changes in general economic conditions and changes in economic conditions of the crude oil and natural gas industry specifically;
- competitive conditions in our industry;
- changes in the long-term supply of and demand for crude oil and natural gas;
- our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions and to integrate the acquired assets with our existing fleet;
- actions taken by our customers, competitors and third-party operators;
- the deterioration of the financial condition of our customers;
- changes in the availability and cost of capital;
- operating hazards, natural disasters, weather-related delays, casualty losses and other matters beyond our control;
- the effects of existing and future laws and governmental regulations; and
- the effects of future litigation.

All forward-looking statements included in this report are based on information available to us on the date of this report and speak only as of the date of this report. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements.

Overview

We provide compression services in a number of shale plays throughout the U.S., including the Utica, Marcellus, Permian Basin, Delaware Basin, Eagle Ford, Mississippi Lime, Granite Wash, Woodford, Barnett, Haynesville, Niobrara and Fayetteville shales. The demand for our services is driven by the domestic production of natural gas and crude oil; as such, we have focused our activities in areas of attractive natural gas and crude oil production growth, which are generally found in these shale and unconventional resource plays. According to studies promulgated by the Energy Information Agency ("EIA"), the production and transportation volumes in these shale plays are expected to increase over the long term due to the comparably attractive economic returns versus returns achieved in many conventional basins. Furthermore, the changes in production volumes and pressures of shale plays over time require a wider range of compression services than in conventional basins. We believe we are well-positioned to meet these changing operating conditions due to the flexibility of our compression units. While our business focuses largely on compression services serving infrastructure installations, including centralized natural gas gathering systems and processing facilities, which utilize large horsepower compression units, typically in shale plays, we also provide compression services in more mature conventional basins, including gas lift applications on crude oil wells targeted by horizontal drilling techniques. Gas lift, a process by which natural gas is injected into the production tubing of an existing producing well, thus

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reducing the hydrostatic pressure and allowing the oil to flow at a higher rate, and other artificial lift technologies are critical to the enhancement of oil production from horizontal wells operating in tight shale plays.

Operating Highlights

The following table summarizes certain horsepower and horsepower utilization percentages for the periods presented.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Fleet horsepower (at period end) (1)	1,757,720	1,716,296	1,757,720	1,716,296
Total available horsepower (at period end) (2)	1,862,720	1,723,406	1,862,720	1,723,406
Revenue generating horsepower (at period end) (3)	1,557,825	1,364,059	1,557,825	1,364,059
Average revenue generating horsepower (4)	1,548,656	1,356,423	1,473,421	1,381,831
Average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month (5)	\$ 15.13	\$ 15.35	\$ 15.02	\$ 15.53
Revenue generating compression units (at period end)	2,793	2,502	2,793	2,502
Average horsepower per revenue generating compression unit (6)	558	541	550	532
Horsepower utilization (7):				
At period end	94.2 %	88.3 %	94.2 %	88.3 %
Average for the period (8)	94.1 %	87.3 %	91.1 %	87.4 %

- (1) Fleet horsepower is horsepower for compression units that have been delivered to us (and excludes units on order). As of September 30, 2017, we had 194,145 horsepower on order, of which 44,870 horsepower is ordered for delivery during the remainder of 2017.
- (2) Total available horsepower is revenue generating horsepower under contract for which we are billing a customer, horsepower in our fleet that is under contract but is not yet generating revenue, horsepower not yet in our fleet that is under contract but not yet generating revenue and that is subject to a purchase order, and idle horsepower. Total available horsepower excludes new horsepower on order for which we do not have a compression services contract.
- (3) Revenue generating horsepower is horsepower under contract for which we are billing a customer.
- (4) Calculated as the average of the month-end revenue generating horsepower for each of the months in the period.
- (5) Calculated as the average of the result of dividing the contractual monthly rate for all units at the end of each month in the period by the sum of the revenue generating horsepower at the end of each month in the period.
- (6) Calculated as the average of the month-end revenue generating horsepower per revenue generating compression unit for each of the months in the period.
- (7) Horsepower utilization is calculated as (i) the sum of (a) revenue generating horsepower, (b) horsepower in our fleet that is under contract but is not yet generating revenue, and (c) horsepower not yet in our fleet that is under contract, not yet generating revenue and is subject to a purchase order, divided by (ii) total available horsepower less idle horsepower that is under repair. Horsepower utilization based on revenue generating horsepower and fleet horsepower as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 was 88.6% and 79.5%, respectively.
- (8) Calculated as the average utilization for the months in the period based on utilization at the end of each month in the period. Average horsepower utilization based on revenue generating horsepower and fleet horsepower for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was 88.4% and 78.8%, respectively. Average horsepower utilization based on revenue generating horsepower and fleet horsepower for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was 84.5% and 80.6%, respectively.

The 2.4% increase in fleet horsepower as of September 30, 2017 over the fleet horsepower as of September 30, 2016 was attributable to the compression units added to our fleet to meet expected incremental demand by new and current customers for our compression services. The 14.2% and 6.6% increases in average revenue generating horsepower during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 over September 30, 2016, respectively, were primarily due to organic growth in our large horsepower fleet. The 1.4% and 3.3% decreases in average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 over September 30, 2016, respectively, were primarily due to (1) reduced pricing in the small horsepower portion of our fleet in the current period and (2) an increase in the average horsepower per revenue generating compression unit in the current period, resulting from an increase in the number of our large horsepower compression units which generally generate lower average revenue per revenue generating horsepower than do small horsepower compression units.

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Average horsepower utilization increased to 94.1% during the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 87.3% during the three months ended September 30, 2016. The 6.8% increase in average horsepower utilization is primarily attributable to the following changes as a percentage of total available horsepower: (1) a 7.1% increase in horsepower that is under contract but not yet generating revenue and (2) a 3.9% decrease in our average fleet of compression units returned to us not yet under contract, offset by (3) a 5.6% decrease in idle horsepower under repair, which is excluded from the average horsepower utilization calculation until such repair is complete. We believe the increase in average horsepower utilization is the result of increased demand for our services commensurate with increased operating activity in the oil and gas industry. The above noted fluctuation in utilization components describes the change in both period end and average horsepower utilization between the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Average horsepower utilization based on revenue generating horsepower and fleet horsepower increased to 88.4% during the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 78.8% during the three months ended September 30, 2016. The 9.6% increase is primarily attributable to an increase in total active horsepower as a result of the following changes as a percentage of total fleet horsepower: (1) a 5.6% decrease in idle horsepower under repair, (2) a 1.9% decrease in our average idle fleet composed of new compression units and (3) a 2.0% decrease in our average idle fleet from compression units returned to us. The overall decrease in idle horsepower is the result of increased demand for our services commensurate with increased operating activity in the oil and gas industry. These factors also describe the variances in both period end and average horsepower utilization based on revenue generating horsepower and fleet horsepower between the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Financial Results of Operations

Three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2016

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Percent
	2017	2016	Change
Revenues:			
Contract operations	\$ 68,407	\$ 60,282	13.5 %
Parts and service	4,384	848	417.0 %
Total revenues	<u>72,791</u>	<u>61,130</u>	19.1 %
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	<u>23,441</u>	<u>18,885</u>	24.1 %
Gross operating margin	49,350	42,245	16.8 %
Other operating and administrative costs and expenses:			
Selling, general and administrative	11,888	12,577	(5.5)%
Depreciation and amortization	24,808	23,195	7.0 %
Loss (gain) on disposition of assets	50	(155)	(132.3)%
Impairment of compression equipment	1,096	3,441	(68.1)%
Total other operating and administrative costs and expenses	<u>37,842</u>	<u>39,058</u>	(3.1)%
Operating income	11,508	3,187	261.1 %
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense, net	(6,557)	(5,275)	24.3 %
Other	3	16	(81.3)%
Total other expense	<u>(6,554)</u>	<u>(5,259)</u>	24.6 %
Net income (loss) before income tax expense	4,954	(2,072)	(339.1)%
Income tax expense	165	74	123.0 %
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 4,789</u>	<u>\$ (2,146)</u>	(323.2)%

Contract operations revenue. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, we experienced a year-to-year increase in demand for our compression services driven by increased operating activity in natural gas and crude oil

production, resulting in an \$8.1 million increase in our contract operations revenue. Average revenue generating horsepower increased 14.2% during the three months ended September 30, 2017 over September 30, 2016 while average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month decreased from \$15.35 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 to \$15.13 for the three months ended September 30, 2017, a decrease of 1.4%, attributable, in part, to reduced pricing in the current period in the small horsepower portion of our fleet. The decrease in average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month was also attributable to the 3.1% increase in the average horsepower per revenue generating compression unit in the current period, as large horsepower compression units typically generate lower average monthly revenue per revenue generating horsepower than do small horsepower compression units. Average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month associated with our compression services provided on a month-to-month basis did not significantly differ from the average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month associated with our compression services provided under contracts in the primary term. Our contract operations revenue was not materially impacted by any renegotiations of our contracts with our customers during the period.

Parts and service revenue. The \$3.5 million increase in parts and service revenue was primarily attributable to (1) a \$1.7 million increase in revenue associated with installation services, (2) a \$1.5 million increase in maintenance work on units at our customers' locations that are outside the scope of our core maintenance activities and (3) a \$0.3 million increase in freight and crane charges that are directly reimbursable by our customers. We offer these services as a courtesy to our customers and the demand fluctuates from period to period based on the varying needs of our customers.

Cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization. The \$4.6 million increase in cost of operations was primarily attributable to a \$2.1 million increase in parts and service expenses, which included (1) a \$0.8 million increase in costs associated with our installation services, (2) a \$0.8 million increase in costs associated with our maintenance work on units at our customers' locations that are outside the scope of our core maintenance activities and (3) a \$0.4 million increase in costs associated with freight and crane charges that are directly reimbursable by our customers. Additionally during the period, we experienced a \$1.9 million increase in direct expenses, such as parts maintenance and fluids expenses, primarily driven by an increase in fluids prices and an increase in maintenance activity during the current period due to an increase in revenue generating horsepower.

Gross operating margin. The \$7.1 million increase in gross operating margin was primarily due to an increase in revenues, partially offset by an increase in cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, including a \$1.4 million increase in parts and service gross operating margin during the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Selling, general and administrative expense. The \$0.7 million decrease in selling, general and administrative expense for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily attributable to a \$0.8 million decrease in unit-based compensation expense. Unit-based compensation expense decreased primarily due to (1) a fewer number of outstanding phantom units as of September 30, 2017 compared to September 30, 2016 and (2) a fewer number of outstanding phantom units on which distribution equivalent rights were paid as of each record date during the comparable periods.

Depreciation and amortization expense. The \$1.6 million increase in depreciation and amortization expense was primarily related to an increase in gross property and equipment balances during the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to gross balances during the three months ended September 30, 2016. There was no variance in amortization expense between the same periods, as intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis and there has been no change in gross identifiable intangible assets between the periods.

Loss (gain) on disposition of assets. During the three months ended September 30, 2016, the net gain on sale of assets is primarily attributable to cash insurance recoveries of \$0.1 million received on previously impaired compression equipment and a \$0.1 million gain on disposal of non-unit assets.

Impairment of compression equipment. The \$1.1 million and \$3.4 million impairment charge during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, resulted from our evaluation of the future deployment of our current idle fleet under current market conditions. As a result of our evaluation, we determined to retire, sell or re-utilize key components of compression units with a total of 2,728 and 10,407 horsepower, respectively, which were previously used to provide compression services in our business. The cause of the impairment during the three months ended September 30, 2017 was due to the type of units, which were not marketable, and were subject to excessive maintenance costs. The cause of the impairment during the three months ended September 30, 2016 was due to certain performance characteristics of the impaired equipment, such as excessive maintenance costs and the inability of the equipment to meet

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current emission standards without retrofitting. We determined that this equipment was unlikely to be accepted by customers under then-current market conditions.

Interest expense, net. The \$1.3 million increase in interest expense, net was primarily attributable to an increase in our weighted average interest rate under our revolving credit facility. Our revolving credit facility bore an interest rate of 3.25% and 2.57% at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and a weighted average interest rate of 3.25% and 2.53% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The increase in our weighted average interest rate was partially offset by a \$1.2 million decrease in average outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Average outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility were \$742.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$743.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

Nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2016

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Percent Change
	2017	2016	
Revenues:			
Contract operations	\$ 192,164	\$ 187,345	2.6 %
Parts and service	12,673	3,663	246.0 %
Total revenues	204,837	191,008	7.2 %
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	67,546	58,368	15.7 %
Gross operating margin	137,291	132,640	3.5 %
Other operating and administrative costs and expenses:			
Selling, general and administrative	33,643	33,496	0.4 %
Depreciation and amortization	73,493	68,701	7.0 %
Loss (gain) on disposition of assets	(207)	795	(126.0)%
Impairment of compression equipment	4,809	4,134	16.3 %
Total other operating and administrative costs and expenses	111,738	107,126	4.3 %
Operating income	25,553	25,514	0.2 %
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense, net	(18,233)	(15,476)	17.8 %
Other	22	30	(26.7)%
Total other expense	(18,211)	(15,446)	17.9 %
Net income before income tax expense	7,342	10,068	(27.1)%
Income tax expense	448	402	11.4 %
Net income	\$ 6,894	\$ 9,666	(28.7)%

Contract operations revenue. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, we experienced a year-to-year increase in demand for our compression services, resulting in a \$4.8 million increase in our contract operations revenue. Average revenue generating horsepower increased 6.6% during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 over September 30, 2016 while average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month decreased from \$15.53 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 to \$15.02 for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, a decrease of 3.3%, attributable, in part, to reduced pricing in the current period in the small horsepower portion of our fleet. The decrease in average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month was also attributable to the 3.4% increase in the average horsepower per revenue generating compression unit in the current period, as large horsepower compression units typically generate lower average monthly revenue per revenue generating horsepower than do small horsepower compression units. Average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month associated with our compression services provided on a month-to-month basis did not significantly differ from the average revenue per revenue generating horsepower per month associated with our compression services provided under contracts in the primary term. Our contract operations revenue was not materially impacted by any renegotiations of our contracts during the period with our customers.

Parts and service revenue. The \$9.0 million increase in parts and service revenue was primarily attributable to (1) a \$5.9 million increase in revenue associated with installation services, (2) a \$1.8 million increase in maintenance work on units at our customers' locations that are outside the scope of our core maintenance activities and (3) a \$1.3 million increase in freight and crane charges that are directly reimbursable by our customers. We offer these services as a courtesy to our customers and the demand fluctuates from period to period based on the varying needs of our customers.

Cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization. The \$9.2 million increase in cost of operations was primarily attributable to a \$5.3 million increase in parts and service expenses, which included (1) a \$2.7 million increase in costs associated with our installation services, (2) a \$1.4 million increase in costs associated with our maintenance work on units at our customers' locations that are outside the scope of our core maintenance activities and (3) a \$1.2 million increase in costs associated with freight and crane charges that are directly reimbursable by our customers. Additionally during the period, we experienced a \$3.7 million increase in direct expenses, such as parts maintenance and fluids expenses, primarily driven by an increase in fluids prices and an increase in maintenance activity during the current period due to an increase in revenue generating horsepower.

Gross operating margin. The \$4.7 million increase in gross operating margin was primarily due to an increase in revenues, partially offset by an increase in cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, including a \$3.7 million increase in parts and service gross operating margin during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Selling, general and administrative expense. The \$0.1 million increase in selling, general and administrative expense was primarily attributable to (1) a \$1.0 million increase in bad debt expense, due primarily to a \$1.2 million recovery of bad debt expense during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, offset by (2) a \$0.7 million decrease in payroll and benefits expenses.

Depreciation and amortization expense. The \$4.8 million increase in depreciation and amortization expense was primarily related to an increase in gross property and equipment balances during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to gross balances during the nine months ended September 30, 2016. There was no variance in amortization expense between the same periods, as intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis and there has been no change in gross identifiable intangible assets between the periods.

Loss (gain) on disposition of assets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, we recognized a \$0.2 million gain on the sale of a compression unit. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we abandoned certain assets and incurred a \$1.0 million loss.

Impairment of compression equipment. The \$4.8 million and \$4.1 million impairment charge during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, resulted from our evaluation of the future deployment of our current idle fleet under the current market conditions. As a result of our evaluation, we determined to retire, sell or re-utilize key components of compression units with a total of 10,734 and 12,099 horsepower, respectively, which were previously used to provide compression services in our business. The cause of the impairment during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was due to the type of units, which were not marketable, and were subject to excessive maintenance costs. The cause of the impairment during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was due to certain performance characteristics of the impaired equipment, such as excessive maintenance costs and the inability of the equipment to meet current emission standards without retrofitting. We determined that this equipment was unlikely to be accepted by customers under then-current market conditions.

Interest expense, net. The \$2.8 million increase in interest expense, net was primarily attributable to an increase in our weighted average interest rate under our revolving credit facility. Our revolving credit facility bore an interest rate of 3.25% and 2.57% at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and a weighted average interest rate of 3.09% and 2.49% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The increase in our weighted average interest rate was partially offset by an \$18.4 million decrease in average outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Average outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility were \$724.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$742.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. During December 2016, we completed a public equity offering and utilized the net proceeds of \$80.9 million to reduce indebtedness outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

Other Financial Data

The following table summarizes other financial data for the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

Other Financial Data: (1)	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2017	2016	Percent Change	2017	2016	Percent Change
Gross operating margin	\$ 49,350	\$ 42,245	16.8 %	\$ 137,291	\$ 132,640	3.5 %
Gross operating margin percentage (2)	67.8 %	69.1 %	(1.9)%	67.0 %	69.4 %	(3.5)%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 40,849	\$ 34,634	17.9 %	\$ 113,592	\$ 110,187	3.1 %
Adjusted EBITDA percentage (2)	56.1 %	56.7 %	(1.1)%	55.5 %	57.7 %	(3.8)%
DCF (3)	\$ 30,811	\$ 27,223	13.2 %	\$ 85,107	\$ 89,626	(5.0)%
DCF Coverage Ratio (3)	0.92 x	0.91 x	1.1 %	0.85 x	1.01 x	(15.8)%
Cash Coverage Ratio	1.01 x	1.06 x	(4.7)%	1.03 x	1.33 x	(22.6)%

- (1) Gross operating margin, Adjusted EBITDA, Distributable Cash Flow (“DCF”), DCF Coverage Ratio and Cash Coverage Ratio are all non-GAAP financial measures. Definitions of each measure, as well as reconciliations of each measure to its most directly comparable financial measure(s) calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, can be found below under the caption “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”
- (2) Gross operating margin percentage and Adjusted EBITDA percentage are calculated as a percentage of revenue.
- (3) Definitions of DCF and DCF Coverage Ratio can be found below under the caption “—Non-GAAP Financial Measures”.

Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA during the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$6.2 million, or 17.9%, over the three months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to a \$7.1 million increase in gross operating margin and offset by a \$0.9 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding unit-based compensation expense and other non-recurring charges, during the three months ended September 30, 2017.

Adjusted EBITDA during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 increased \$3.4 million, or 3.1%, over the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to a \$4.7 million increase in gross operating margin and offset by a \$1.4 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding unit-based compensation expense and other non-recurring charges, during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

DCF. The \$3.6 million, or 13.2%, increase in DCF during the three months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily attributable to (1) a \$7.1 million increase in gross operating margin and offset by (2) a \$1.1 million increase in maintenance capital expenditures, (3) a \$0.9 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding unit-based compensation expense and other non-recurring charges and (4) a \$1.3 million increase in cash interest expense, net, during the comparable period. Maintenance capital expenditures were higher during the three months ended September 30, 2017 than the three months ended September 30, 2016 due to increased maintenance activity during the current period.

The \$4.5 million, or 5.0%, decrease in DCF during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was primarily attributable to (1) a \$5.0 million increase in maintenance capital expenditures, (2) a \$1.4 million increase in selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding unit-based compensation expense and other non-recurring charges, (3) a \$2.7 million increase in cash interest expense, net, and offset by (4) a \$4.7 million increase in gross operating margin, during the comparable period. Maintenance capital expenditures were higher during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 than the nine months ended September 30, 2016 due to increased maintenance activity during the current period.

Coverage Ratios. The disproportionate decrease in Cash Coverage Ratio (as compared to DCF Coverage Ratio) for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to September 30, 2016 is due to period-to-period decreases in DRIP participation by USA Compression Holdings.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

We operate in a capital-intensive industry, and our primary liquidity needs are to finance the purchase of additional compression units and make other capital expenditures, service our debt, fund working capital, and pay distributions. Our principal sources of liquidity include cash generated by operating activities, borrowings under our revolving credit facility and issuances of debt and equity securities, including under the DRIP.

We believe cash generated by operating activities and, where necessary, borrowings under our revolving credit facility will be sufficient to service our debt, fund working capital, fund our estimated 2017 expansion capital expenditures, fund our maintenance capital expenditures and pay distributions through the remainder of 2017. Because we distribute all of our available cash, which excludes prudent operating reserves, we expect to fund any future expansion capital expenditures or acquisitions primarily with capital from external financing sources, such as borrowings under our revolving credit facility and issuances of debt and equity securities, including under the DRIP.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our sources and uses of cash for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 85,301	\$ 94,596
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (65,084)	\$ (45,867)
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (19,359)	\$ (48,729)

Net cash provided by operating activities. The \$9.3 million decrease in net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was due primarily to purchases of inventory and changes in other working capital.

Net cash used in investing activities. Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 related primarily to purchases of new compression units, reconfiguration costs and related equipment.

Net cash used in financing activities. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, we borrowed \$66.6 million, on a net basis, primarily to support our purchases of new compression units, reconfiguration costs and related equipment, as described above. Additionally, we paid cash related to net settlement of unit-based awards in the amount of \$2.8 million and made cash distributions to our unitholders of \$83.2 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we borrowed \$14.8 million, on a net basis, primarily to support our purchases of new compression units, reconfiguration costs and related equipment, as described above. Additionally, we paid various loan fees and incurred costs in respect of our revolving credit facility in the amount of \$2.0 million and made cash distributions to our unitholders of \$61.4 million.

Capital Expenditures

The compression services business is capital intensive, requiring significant investment to maintain, expand and upgrade existing operations. Our capital requirements have consisted primarily of, and we anticipate that our capital requirements will continue to consist primarily of, the following:

- maintenance capital expenditures, which are capital expenditures made to maintain the operating capacity of our assets and extend their useful lives, to replace partially or fully depreciated assets, or other capital expenditures that are incurred in maintaining our existing business and related operating income; and

- expansion capital expenditures, which are capital expenditures made to expand the operating capacity or operating income capacity of assets, including by acquisition of compression units or through modification of existing compression units to increase their capacity, or to replace certain partially or fully depreciated assets that were not currently generating operating income.

We classify capital expenditures as maintenance or expansion on an individual asset basis. Over the long-term, we expect that our maintenance capital expenditure requirements will continue to increase as the overall size and age of our fleet increases. Our aggregate maintenance capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 were \$10.4 million and \$5.4 million, respectively. We currently plan to spend approximately \$13.5 million in maintenance capital expenditures during 2017, including parts consumed from inventory.

Without giving effect to any equipment we may acquire pursuant to any future acquisitions, we currently have budgeted between \$105 million and \$110 million in expansion capital expenditures during 2017. Our expansion capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 were \$66.3 million and \$31.6 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2017, we had binding commitments to purchase \$151.5 million of additional units and serialized parts, of which we expect \$36.4 million to be delivered in the remainder of 2017.

Revolving Credit Facility

As of September 30, 2017 we were in compliance with all of our covenants under our revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2017, we had outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility of \$752.0 million, \$288.6 million of borrowing base availability and, subject to compliance with the applicable financial covenants, available borrowing capacity of \$104.9 million. One of the financial covenants under our revolving credit facility permits a maximum leverage ratio of (A) 5.25 to 1.0 as of the end of the respective fiscal quarters ending September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017 and (B) 5.00 to 1.0 thereafter, in each case subject to a provision for increases in such thresholds by 0.5 in connection with certain future acquisitions for the six consecutive month period following the period in which any such acquisition occurs. We expect to remain in compliance with our covenants throughout the next twelve months. If our current cash flow projections prove to be inaccurate, we expect to be able to remain in compliance with such financial covenants by one or more of the following actions: issue equity in conjunction with the acquisition of another business; issue equity in a public or private offering; request a modification of our covenants from our bank group; reduce distributions from our current distribution rate or obtain an equity infusion pursuant to the terms of our revolving credit facility.

As of November 3, 2017, we had outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility of \$747.2 million.

For a more detailed description of our revolving credit facility, please see Note 6 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements under Part I, Item 1 of this report and Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 filed on February 13, 2017 (our "2016 Annual Report").

Distribution Reinvestment Plan

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, distributions of \$17.4 million were reinvested under the DRIP resulting in the issuance of 1.1 million common units. Such distributions are treated as non-cash transactions in the accompanying Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows included under Part I, Item 1 of this report.

For a more detailed description of the DRIP, please see Note 7 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements under Part I, Item 1 of this report and Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements included in our 2016 Annual Report.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Gross Operating Margin

Gross operating margin is a non-GAAP financial measure. We define gross operating margin as revenue less cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization expense. We believe that gross operating margin is useful as a

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supplemental measure of our operating profitability. Gross operating margin is impacted primarily by the pricing trends for service operations and cost of operations, including labor rates for service technicians, volume and per unit costs for lubricant oils, quantity and pricing of routine preventative maintenance on compression units and property tax rates on compression units. Gross operating margin should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, operating income or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP. Moreover, gross operating margin as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Because we capitalize assets, depreciation and amortization of equipment is a necessary element of our costs. To compensate for the limitations of gross operating margin as a measure of our performance, we believe that it is important to consider operating income determined under GAAP, as well as gross operating margin, to evaluate our operating profitability.

The following table reconciles gross operating margin to operating income, its most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, for each of the periods presented (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Revenues:				
Contract operations	\$ 68,407	\$ 60,282	\$ 192,164	\$ 187,345
Parts and service	4,384	848	12,673	3,663
Total revenues	72,791	61,130	204,837	191,008
Cost of operations, exclusive of depreciation and amortization	23,441	18,885	67,546	58,368
Gross operating margin	49,350	42,245	137,291	132,640
Other operating and administrative costs and expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	11,888	12,577	33,643	33,496
Depreciation and amortization	24,808	23,195	73,493	68,701
Loss (gain) on disposition of assets	50	(155)	(207)	795
Impairment of compression equipment	1,096	3,441	4,809	4,134
Total other operating and administrative costs and expenses	37,842	39,058	111,738	107,126
Operating income	\$ 11,508	\$ 3,187	\$ 25,553	\$ 25,514

Adjusted EBITDA

We define EBITDA as net income (loss) before net interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, and income tax expense. We define Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA plus impairment of compression equipment, impairment of goodwill, interest income on capital lease, unit-based compensation expense, severance charges, certain transaction fees, loss (gain) on disposition of assets and other. We view Adjusted EBITDA as one of our primary management tools, and we track this item on a monthly basis both as an absolute amount and as a percentage of revenue compared to the prior month, year-to-date, prior year and budget. Adjusted EBITDA is used as a supplemental financial measure by our management and external users of our financial statements, such as investors and commercial banks, to assess:

- the financial performance of our assets without regard to the impact of financing methods, capital structure or historical cost basis of our assets;
- the viability of capital expenditure projects and the overall rates of return on alternative investment opportunities;
- the ability of our assets to generate cash sufficient to make debt payments and to make distributions; and
- our operating performance as compared to those of other companies in our industry without regard to the impact of financing methods and capital structure.

We believe that Adjusted EBITDA provides useful information to investors because, when viewed with our GAAP results and the accompanying reconciliations, it provides a more complete understanding of our performance than GAAP

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results alone. We also believe that external users of our financial statements benefit from having access to the same financial measures that management uses in evaluating the results of our business.

Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, net income (loss), operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP as measures of operating performance and liquidity. Moreover, our Adjusted EBITDA as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Because we use capital assets, depreciation and the interest cost of acquiring compression equipment are also necessary elements of our costs. Expense associated with unit-based compensation expense related to equity awards to employees is also a necessary component of our business. Therefore, measures that exclude these elements have material limitations. To compensate for these limitations, we believe that it is important to consider both net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities determined under GAAP, as well as Adjusted EBITDA, to evaluate our financial performance and our liquidity. Our Adjusted EBITDA excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities, and these measures may vary among companies. Management compensates for the limitations of Adjusted EBITDA as an analytical tool by reviewing the comparable GAAP measures, understanding the differences between the measures and incorporating this knowledge into management's decision making processes.

The following table reconciles Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities, its most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, for each of the periods presented (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,789	\$ (2,146)	\$ 6,894	\$ 9,666
Interest expense, net	6,557	5,275	18,233	15,476
Depreciation and amortization	24,808	23,195	73,493	68,701
Income tax expense	165	74	448	402
EBITDA	\$ 36,319	\$ 26,398	\$ 99,068	\$ 94,245
Impairment of compression equipment	1,096	3,441	4,809	4,134
Interest income on capital lease	399	348	1,238	1,085
Unit-based compensation expense (1)	2,813	3,647	8,160	8,481
Transaction expenses for acquisitions (2)	—	950	—	950
Severance charges	172	5	292	497
Other	—	—	232	—
Loss (gain) on disposition of assets	50	(155)	(207)	795
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 40,849	\$ 34,634	\$ 113,592	\$ 110,187
Interest expense, net	(6,557)	(5,275)	(18,233)	(15,476)
Income tax expense	(165)	(74)	(448)	(402)
Interest income on capital lease	(399)	(348)	(1,238)	(1,085)
Non-cash interest expense	547	546	1,641	1,561
Transaction expenses for acquisitions	—	(950)	—	(950)
Severance charges	(172)	(5)	(292)	(497)
Other	—	—	(232)	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(1,074)	7,611	(9,489)	1,258
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 33,029	\$ 36,139	\$ 85,301	\$ 94,596

- (1) For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, unit-based compensation expense included \$0.6 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, of cash payments related to quarterly payments of distribution equivalent rights on outstanding phantom unit awards and, for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, \$0.4 million related to the cash portion of any settlement of phantom unit awards upon vesting. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, unit-based compensation expense included \$0.7 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, of cash payments related to quarterly payments of distribution equivalent rights on phantom unit awards and, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, \$0.1 million related to the cash portion of any settlement of phantom unit awards upon vesting. The remainder of the unit-based compensation expense for both periods was related to non-cash adjustments to the unit-based compensation liability.

- (2) Represents certain transaction expenses related to potential acquisitions and other items. The Partnership believes it is useful to investors to exclude these fees.

Distributable Cash Flow

We define DCF as net income (loss) plus non-cash interest expense, non-cash income tax expense, depreciation and amortization expense, unit-based compensation expense, impairment of compression equipment, impairment of goodwill, certain transaction fees, severance charges, loss (gain) on disposition of assets, proceeds from insurance recovery and other, less maintenance capital expenditures. We believe DCF is an important measure of operating performance because it allows management, investors and others to compare basic cash flows we generate (prior to any retained cash reserves established by our general partner and the effect of the DRIP) to the cash distributions we expect to pay our unitholders. Using DCF, management can quickly compute the coverage ratio of estimated cash flows to planned cash distributions.

DCF should not be considered as an alternative to, or more meaningful than, net income (loss), operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP as measures of operating performance and liquidity. Moreover, our DCF as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Because we use capital assets, depreciation, loss (gain) on disposition of assets, and maintenance capital expenditures are necessary elements of our costs. Expense related to unit-based compensation expense related to equity awards to employees is also a necessary component of our business. Therefore, measures that exclude these elements have material limitations. To compensate for these limitations, we believe that it is important to consider both net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities determined under GAAP, as well as DCF, to evaluate our financial performance and our liquidity. Our DCF excludes some, but not all, items that affect net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities, and these measures may vary among companies. Management compensates for the limitations of DCF as an analytical tool by reviewing the comparable GAAP measures, understanding the differences between the measures and incorporating this knowledge into management's decision making processes.

The following table reconciles DCF to net income (loss) and net cash provided by operating activities, its most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, for each of the periods presented (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,789	\$ (2,146)	\$ 6,894	\$ 9,666
Plus: Non-cash interest expense	547	546	1,641	1,561
Plus: Non-cash income tax expense	59	74	188	208
Plus: Depreciation and amortization	24,808	23,195	73,493	68,701
Plus: Unit-based compensation expense (1)	2,813	3,647	8,160	8,481
Plus: Impairment of compression equipment	1,096	3,441	4,809	4,134
Plus: Transaction expenses for acquisitions (2)	—	950	—	950
Plus: Severance charges	172	5	292	497
Plus: Other	—	—	232	—
Less: Loss (gain) on disposition of assets	50	(82)	(207)	868
Less: Maintenance capital expenditures (3)	(3,523)	(2,407)	(10,395)	(5,440)
DCF	\$ 30,811	\$ 27,223	\$ 85,107	\$ 89,626
Plus: Maintenance capital expenditures	3,523	2,407	10,395	5,440
Plus: Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(1,074)	7,611	(9,489)	1,258
Less: Other	(231)	(1,102)	(712)	(1,728)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 33,029	\$ 36,139	\$ 85,301	\$ 94,596

- (1) For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, unit-based compensation expense included \$0.6 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, of cash payments related to quarterly payments of distribution equivalent rights on outstanding phantom unit awards and, for the nine months ended September 30, 2017, \$0.4 million related to the cash portion of any settlement of phantom unit awards upon vesting. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, unit-based compensation expense

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included \$0.7 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, of cash payments related to quarterly payments of distribution equivalent rights on phantom unit awards and, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, \$0.1 million related to the cash portion of any settlement of phantom unit awards upon vesting. The remainder of the unit-based compensation expense for both periods was related to non-cash adjustments to the unit-based compensation liability.

- (2) Represents certain transaction expenses related to potential acquisitions and other items. The Partnership believes it is useful to investors to exclude these fees.
- (3) Reflects actual maintenance capital expenditures for the period presented. Maintenance capital expenditures are capital expenditures made to replace partially or fully depreciated assets, to maintain the operating capacity of our assets and extend their useful lives, or other capital expenditures that are incurred in maintaining our existing business and related cash flow.

Coverage Ratios

DCF Coverage Ratio is defined as DCF less cash distributions to be paid to our general partner and IDRs in respect of such period, divided by distributions declared to limited partner unitholders in respect of such period. Cash Coverage Ratio is defined as DCF less cash distributions to be paid to our general partner and IDRs in respect of such period, divided by cash distributions expected to be paid to limited partner unitholders in respect of such period, after taking into account the non-cash impact of the DRIP. We believe DCF Coverage Ratio and Cash Coverage Ratio are important measures of operating performance because they allow management, investors and others to gauge our ability to pay cash distributions to limited partner unitholders using the cash flows that we generate. Our DCF Coverage Ratio and Cash Coverage Ratio as presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

The following table summarizes certain coverage ratios for the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
DCF	\$ 30,811	\$ 27,223	\$ 85,107	\$ 89,626
Less: Cash distributions to general partner and IDRs	753	717	2,253	2,143
DCF attributable to limited partner interest	<u>\$ 30,058</u>	<u>\$ 26,506</u>	<u>\$ 82,854</u>	<u>\$ 87,483</u>
Distributions for DCF Coverage Ratio (1)	<u>\$ 32,559</u>	<u>\$ 29,025</u>	<u>\$ 97,005</u>	<u>\$ 86,263</u>
Distributions reinvested in the DRIP (2)	<u>\$ 2,920</u>	<u>\$ 4,108</u>	<u>\$ 16,288</u>	<u>\$ 20,398</u>
Distributions for Cash Coverage Ratio (3)	<u>\$ 29,639</u>	<u>\$ 24,917</u>	<u>\$ 80,717</u>	<u>\$ 65,865</u>
DCF Coverage Ratio	<u>0.92</u>	<u>0.91</u>	<u>0.85</u>	<u>1.01</u>
Cash Coverage Ratio	<u>1.01</u>	<u>1.06</u>	<u>1.03</u>	<u>1.33</u>

- (1) Represents distributions to the holders of our common units as of the record date for each period.
- (2) Represents distributions to holders enrolled in the DRIP as of the record date for each period. The amount for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 is based on an estimate as of the record date.
- (3) Represents cash distributions declared for common units not participating in the DRIP for each period.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet financing activities.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For discussion on specific recent accounting pronouncements affecting us, please see Note 10 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements under Part I, Item 1 of this report.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Commodity Price Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices. We do not take title to any natural gas or crude oil in connection with our services and, accordingly, have no direct exposure to fluctuating commodity prices. However, the demand for our compression services depends upon the continued demand for, and production of, natural gas and crude oil. Natural gas or crude oil prices remaining low over the long-term could result in a continued decline in the production of natural gas or crude oil, which could result in further reduced demand for our compression services. We do not intend to hedge our indirect exposure to fluctuating commodity prices. A 1% decrease in average revenue generating horsepower of our active fleet during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 would have resulted in a decrease of approximately \$2.7 million and \$1.8 million in our revenue and gross operating margin, respectively. Gross operating margin is a non-GAAP financial measure. For a reconciliation of gross operating margin to net income (loss), its most directly comparable financial measure, calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, please read “Part I, Item 2 Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Non-GAAP Financial Measures” of this report.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk due to variable interest rates under our financing arrangements.

As of September 30, 2017 we had \$752.0 million of variable-rate outstanding indebtedness at a weighted-average interest rate of 3.25%. A 1% increase or decrease in the effective interest rate on our variable-rate outstanding debt at September 30, 2017 would have resulted in an annual increase or decrease in our interest expense of approximately \$7.5 million.

For further information regarding our exposure to interest rate fluctuations on our debt obligations see Note 6 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements under Part I, Item 1 of this report. Although we do not currently hedge our variable rate debt, we may, in the future, hedge all or a portion of such debt.

Credit Risk

Our credit exposure generally relates to receivables for services provided. If any significant customer of ours should have credit or financial problems resulting in a delay or failure to repay the amount it owes us, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Management’s Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As required by Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), we have evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures, and is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. Based upon the evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2017 at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) during the last fiscal quarter that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may be involved in various legal or governmental proceedings and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. In management's opinion, the resolution of such matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Security holders and potential investors in our securities should carefully consider the risk factors set forth in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of our 2016 Annual Report. We have identified these risk factors as important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in any written or oral forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf.

ITEM 5. Other Information

On November 3, 2017, we entered into an amendment to that certain Services Agreement, dated effective as of January 1, 2013 (the "Services Agreement"), with USA Compression Management Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in order to extend the term of the Services Agreement until December 31, 2022 subject to certain termination conditions.

ITEM 6. Exhibits

The following documents are filed, furnished or incorporated by reference as part of this report:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	Certificate of Limited Partnership of USA Compression Partners, LP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 3 of the Partnership's registration statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-174803) filed on December 21, 2011)
3.2	First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of USA Compression Partners, LP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35779) filed on January 18, 2013)
10.1	Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement, dated effective as of November 3, 2017, by and among USA Compression Partners, LP, USA Compression GP, LLC and USA Compression Management Services, LLC
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
32.1#	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2#	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.1*	Interactive data files pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T

* Filed herewith.

Furnished herewith. Not considered to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section.

SIGNATURES

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

November 7, 2017

USA Compression Partners, LP

By: USA Compression GP, LLC
its General Partner

By: /s/ Matthew C. Liuzzi
Matthew C. Liuzzi
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ G. Tracy Owens
G. Tracy Owens
Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
SERVICES AGREEMENT**

THIS AMENDMENT NO.1 TO SERVICES AGREEMENT made effective the 3rd day of November, 2017 (this "*Amendment*"), by and among USA Compression Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "*Partnership*"), USA Compression GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "*General Partner*" and, together with the Partnership, the "*USAC Entities*"), and USA Compression Management Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("*USAC Management*").

WHEREAS, the parties entered into that certain Services Agreement among them effective as of January 1, 2013 (the "*Original Services Agreement*")

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Original Services Agreement in accordance with the terms set forth herein (with capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein having the meanings given them in the Original Services Agreement);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto (each, a "*Party*" and together, the "*Parties*") agree as follows:

1. Amendment to Section 7.1. Section 7.1 of the Original Services Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

"Section 7.1 Term and Termination. The term of this Agreement shall extend through December 31, 2022 unless terminated:

- (a) by the Board upon 120 days' written notice for any reason in its sole discretion; or
 - (b) by USAC Management upon 120 days' written notice if:
 - (i) there is a Change of Control of any USAC Entity;
 - (ii) the USAC Entities breach this Agreement in any material respect following 30 days' written notice detailing the breach (which breach remains uncured after such period);
 - (iii) a receiver is appointed for all or substantially all of the property of any USAC Entity;
 - (iv) an order is made to wind up any USAC Entity;
 - (v) a final judgment, order or decree that materially and adversely affects the ability of any USAC Entity to perform under this Agreement shall have been
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obtained or entered against such USAC Entity, and such judgment, order or decree shall not have been vacated, discharged or stayed; or

(vi) any USAC Entity makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, files a petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation, is adjudged insolvent or bankrupt, commences any proceeding for a reorganization or arrangement of debts, dissolution or liquidation under any law or statute or of any jurisdiction applicable thereto or if any such proceeding shall be commenced.”

2. No Other Changes. Except as expressly modified and amended herein, the terms of the Original Services Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.
3. Severability. If any provision herein is held to be void or unenforceable, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions herein shall remain unaffected and enforceable.
4. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all signatory Parties had signed the same document. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized signatories with effect on the date first above written.

USA COMPRESSION PARTNERS, LP

By: USA Compression GP, LLC

By: /s/ Matthew C. Liuzzi

Name: Matthew C. Liuzzi

Title: Vice President and CFO

USA COMPRESSION GP, LLC

By: /s/ Matthew C. Liuzzi

Name: Matthew C. Liuzzi

Title: Vice President and CFO

USA COMPRESSION MANAGEMENT
SERVICES, LLC

By: /s/ Christopher W. Porter

Name: Christopher W. Porter

Title: Vice President and Secretary

[Signature Page to Services Agreement]

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(A) AND RULE 15D-14(A)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED**

I, Eric D. Long, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of USA Compression Partners, LP (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

November 7, 2017

/s/ Eric D. Long

Name: Eric D. Long

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-14(A) AND RULE 15D-14(A)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED**

I, Matthew C. Liuzzi, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of USA Compression Partners, LP (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

November 7, 2017

/s/ Matthew C. Liuzzi

Name: Matthew C. Liuzzi

Title: Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. §1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of USA Compression Partners, LP (the "Partnership") for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Eric D. Long, as President and Chief Executive Officer of USA Compression GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to his knowledge:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

/s/ Eric D. Long

Eric D. Long

President and Chief Executive Officer

November 7, 2017

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Partnership and will be retained by the Partnership and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. §1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of USA Compression Partners, LP (the "Partnership") for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Matthew C. Liuzzi, as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of USA Compression GP, LLC, the general partner of the Partnership, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to his knowledge:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

/s/ Matthew C. Liuzzi

Matthew C. Liuzzi

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

November 7, 2017

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Partnership and will be retained by the Partnership and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.
