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## **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

		Proposed	Proposed	
Title of Each Class	Units	Offering Price	Aggregate	Amount of
of Securities to be Registered	Registered	Per Unit	Offering Price	Registration Fee
Common Units	4,600,000	\$44.42	\$204,332,000	\$23,744

- (1) Includes 600,000 units that the underwriters have the option to purchase to cover over-allotments, if any.
- (2) The filing fee of \$23,744 is calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated April 6, 2015)

# **4,000,000 Common Units**

# Genesis Energy, L.P.

# **Representing Limited Partner Interests**

We are offering 4,000,000 common units representing limited partner interests of Genesis Energy, L.P.

Our common units trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GEL. The last reported sale price of our common units on the New York Stock Exchange on April 2, 2015 was \$46.08. Unless the context otherwise requires, references to common units in this prospectus supplement refer to the Common Units Class A under our partnership agreement.

# Investing in our common units involves risks. Read <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-11 of this prospectus supplement and beginning on page 2 of the accompanying base prospectus.

	Per Common Unit	Total
Initial price to the public	\$44.42	\$177,680,000
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$1.34	\$5,360,000
Proceeds, before expenses, to Genesis Energy, L.P.	\$43.08	\$172,320,000

We have granted to the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 600,000 common units from us on the same terms and conditions as set forth above if the underwriters sell more than 4,000,000 common units in this offering.

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

The underwriters expect to deliver the common units on or about April 10, 2015.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Wells Fargo Securities
Citigroup
Credit Suisse

Deutsche Bank Securities Raymond James BofA Merrill Lynch RBC Capital Markets UBS Investment Bank

**Co-Managers** 

**Baird** 

**BMO Capital Markets Prospectus Supplement dated April 7, 2015.** 

**Janney Montgomery Scott** 

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us relating to this offering of common units. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized anyone to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with additional, different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are offering to sell the common units, and seeking offers to buy the common units, only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus or any free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the dates shown in these documents or that any information we have incorporated by reference herein is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such dates.

None of Genesis Energy, L.P., the underwriters or any of their respective representatives is making any representation to you regarding the legality of an investment in our common units by you under applicable laws. You should consult your own legal, tax and business advisors regarding an investment in our common units. Information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus is not legal, tax or business advice to any prospective investor.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

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

Any statement made in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated by reference into this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. Please read Where You Can Find More Information on page S-26 of this prospectus supplement.

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#### **SUMMARY**

This summary highlights information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus. It does not contain all the information that may be important to you or that you may wish to consider before making an investment decision. You should read carefully the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference and the other documents to which we refer for a more complete understanding of our business and the terms of this offering, as well as the tax and other considerations that are important to you in making your investment decision. Please read Risk Factors beginning on page S-11 of this prospectus supplement, page 2 of the accompanying base prospectus, and page 23 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 for information regarding risks you should consider before investing in our common units.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus supplement to Genesis Energy, L.P., Genesis, we, our, us or like terms refer to Genesis Energy, L.P. and its operating subsidiaries; our general partner refers to Genesis Energy, LLC, the general partner of Genesis; CO<sub>2</sub> means carbon dioxide; and NaHS, which is commonly pronounced as nash, means sodium hydrosulfide. Unless the context otherwise indicates, the information included in this prospectus supplement assumes that the underwriters do not exercise their option to purchase additional common units.

#### **Our Company**

We are a growth-oriented master limited partnership formed in Delaware in 1996 and focused on the midstream segment of the oil and gas industry in the Gulf Coast region of the United States, primarily Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Wyoming and in the Gulf of Mexico. Our common units are traded on the NYSE under the ticker symbol GEL.

We provide an integrated suite of services to oil producers, refineries, and industrial and commercial enterprises. Our business activities are primarily focused on providing services around and within refinery complexes. Upstream of the refineries, we provide gathering and transportation of crude oil. Within the refineries, we provide services to assist in their sulfur balancing requirements. Downstream of refineries, we provide transportation services as well as market outlets for their finished refined products. We have a diverse portfolio of customers, operations and assets, including pipelines, refinery-related plants, storage tanks and terminals, railcars, rail loading and unloading facilities, barges and trucks. Substantially all of our revenues are derived from providing services to integrated oil companies, large independent oil and gas or refinery companies, and large industrial and commercial enterprises.

We conduct our operations and own our operating assets through our subsidiaries and joint ventures. Our general partner, Genesis Energy, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary that owns a non-economic general partner interest in us, has sole responsibility for conducting our business and managing our operations. Our outstanding common units (including our Class B common units) representing limited partner interests constitute all of the economic equity interests in us.

We manage our businesses through five divisions that constitute our reportable segments Onshore Pipeline Transportation, Offshore Pipeline Transportation, Refinery Services, Marine Transportation, and Supply and Logistics.

#### **Onshore Pipeline Transportation Segment**

Crude Oil Pipelines

We own four onshore crude oil pipeline systems, with approximately 500 miles of pipe located primarily in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The Federal Energy Regulatory

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Commission, or FERC, regulates the rates charged by three of our onshore systems to their customers. The rates for the other onshore pipeline are regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas. Our onshore pipelines generate cash flows from fees charged to customers.

Each of our onshore pipelines has significant available capacity to accommodate potential future growth in volumes.

CO, Pipelines

We own two CO2 pipelines with approximately 270 miles of pipe. We have leased our NEJD System, comprised of 183 miles of pipe in North East Jackson Dome, Mississippi, to an affiliate of a large, independent oil company through 2028. We receive a fixed quarterly payment under the NEJD arrangement. That company also has the exclusive right to use our Free State pipeline, comprised of 86 miles of pipe, pursuant to a transportation agreement that expires in 2028. Payments on the Free State pipeline are subject to an incentive tariff which provides that the average rate per mcf that we charge during any month decreases as our aggregate throughput for that month increases above specified thresholds.

#### Offshore Pipeline Transportation Segment

We own interests in various offshore crude oil pipeline systems, with approximately 1,200 miles of pipe and an aggregate design capacity of approximately 1,200 MBbls per day, located offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, a producing region representing approximately 15% of the crude oil production in the United States in 2014. For example, we own a 28% interest in the Poseidon pipeline system and a 50% interest in the Cameron Highway pipeline system, or CHOPS, which is one of the largest crude oil pipelines (in terms of both length and design capacity) located in the Gulf of Mexico. We also own a 50% interest in Southeast Keathley Canyon Pipeline Company, LLC, or SEKCO, which is a deepwater oil pipeline servicing the Lucius field in the southern Keathley Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico that became operational in 2014. Our offshore pipelines generate cash flows from fees charged to customers or substantially similar arrangements that otherwise limits our direct exposure to changes in commodity prices.

Each of our offshore pipelines currently has significant available capacity to accommodate future growth in the fields from which the production is dedicated to that pipeline as well as to transport volumes from non-dedicated fields both currently in production and to be developed in the

#### Refinery Services Segment

We primarily (i) provide services to ten refining operations located primarily in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Utah; (ii) operate significant storage and transportation assets in relation to those services; and (iii) sell NaHS and caustic soda to large industrial and commercial companies. Our refinery services primarily involve processing refiners high sulfur (or sour) gas streams to remove the sulfur. Our refinery services footprint also includes terminals, and we utilize railcars, ships, barges and trucks to transport product. Our refinery services contracts are typically long-term in nature and have an average remaining term of three years. NaHS is a by-product derived from our refinery services process, and it constitutes the sole consideration we receive for these services. A majority of the NaHS we receive is sourced from refineries owned and operated by large companies, including Phillips 66, CITGO, HollyFrontier and Ergon. We sell our NaHS to customers in a variety of industries, with the largest customers involved in mining of base metals, primarily copper and molybdenum, and the production of pulp and paper. We believe we are one of the largest marketers of NaHS in North and South America.

## Marine Transportation Segment

We own a fleet of 71 barges (62 inland and 9 offshore) with a combined transportation capacity of 2.6 million barrels and 33 push/tow boats (24 inland and 9 offshore). Our marine transportation segment is

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a provider of transportation services by tank barge primarily for refined petroleum products, including heavy fuel oil and asphalt, as well as crude oil.

In November 2014, we also acquired from Mid Ocean Tanker Company, LLC, the M/T American Phoenix, an ocean going tanker with 330,000 barrels of cargo capacity. The M/T American Phoenix is currently transporting refined products.

We are a provider of transportation services for our customers and, in almost all cases, do not assume ownership of the products that we transport. Most of our marine transportation services are conducted under term contracts, some of which have renewal options for customers with whom we have traditionally had long-standing relationships. All of our vessels operate under the United States flag and are qualified for domestic trade under the Jones Act.

## Supply and Logistics Segment

Our supply and logistics segment is focused on utilizing our knowledge of the crude oil and petroleum markets to provide oil and gas producers, refineries and other customers with a full suite of services. Our supply and logistics segment owns or leases trucks, terminals, gathering pipelines, railcars, and rail loading and unloading facilities. It uses those assets, together with other modes of transportation owned by third parties and us, to service its customers and for its own account. We have access to a suite of more than 300 trucks, 400 trailers, 562 railcars, and terminals and tankage with 2.9 million barrels of storage capacity in multiple locations along the Gulf Coast as well as capacity associated with our three common carrier crude oil pipelines. Our crude-by-rail operations consist of a total of six facilities, either in operation or under construction, designed to load and/or unload crude oil. The two facilities located in Texas and Wyoming were designed primarily to load crude oil produced locally onto railcars for further transportation to refining markets. The four other facilities (two in Louisiana, one in Mississippi and one in Florida) were designed primarily to unload crude oil from railcars into pipelines, or onto barges, for delivery to refinery customers. Usually, our supply and logistics segment experiences limited commodity price risk because it utilizes back-to-back purchases and sales, matching sale and purchase volumes on a monthly basis. Unsold volumes are hedged with NYMEX derivatives to offset the remaining price risk.

#### **Our Objectives and Strategies**

Our primary business objectives are to generate stable cash flows that allow us to make quarterly cash distributions to our unitholders and to increase those distributions over time. We plan to achieve those objectives by executing the following business and financial strategies.

#### **Business Strategy**

Our primary business strategy is to provide an integrated suite of services to oil and gas producers, refineries and other customers. Successfully executing this strategy should enable us to generate and grow sustainable cash flows. Onshore, we focus primarily on customers further downstream in the energy value chain, like refiners (as opposed to producers). For example, refiners are the shippers of over 85% of the volumes transported on our onshore crude pipelines, and refiners contract for more than 90% of the use of our inland barges, which primarily are used to transport intermediate refined products (not crude oil) between refining complexes. Our crude oil pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico represent the single largest departure from our refinery-centric customer strategy. The shippers on those pipelines are mostly integrated and large independent energy companies who have developed, and continue to explore for, numerous large-reservoir, long-lived crude oil properties whose production is ideally suited for the vast majority of refineries along the Gulf Coast, unlike the lighter crude oil and condensates produced from numerous onshore shale plays. Those large-reservoir properties and the related pipelines and other infrastructure needed to develop them are capital intensive and yet, we believe, economically viable, in most cases, even in this lower commodity price environment.

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We int	end to	develop	our	business	by:
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Identifying and exploiting incremental profit opportunities, including cost synergies, across an increasingly integrated footprint;

Optimizing our existing assets and creating synergies through additional commercial and operating advancement;

Leveraging customer relationships across business segments;

Attracting new customers and expanding our scope of services offered to existing customers;

Expanding the geographic reach of our refinery services, onshore and offshore pipeline systems, marine transportation and supply and logistics businesses;

Economically expanding our pipeline and terminal operations;

Evaluating internal and third-party growth opportunities (including asset and business acquisitions) that leverage our core competencies and strengths and further integrate our businesses; and

Focusing on health, safety and environmental stewardship.

We regularly consider and enter into discussions regarding potential acquisitions and are currently contemplating potential acquisitions. While there are currently no unannounced purchase agreements for the acquisition of any material business or assets, such transactions can be effected quickly, may occur at any time and may be significant in size relative to our existing assets or operations.

#### Financial Strategy

We believe that preserving financial flexibility is an important factor in our overall strategy and success. Over the long-term, we intend to:

Increase the relative contribution of recurring and throughput-based revenues, emphasizing longer-term contractual arrangements;

Prudently manage our limited commodity price risks;

Maintain a sound, disciplined capital structure; and

Create strategic arrangements and share capital costs and risks through joint ventures and strategic alliances.

#### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We believe we are well-positioned to execute our strategies and ultimately achieve our objectives due primarily to the following competitive strengths:

We have limited commodity price risk exposure. The volumes of crude oil, refined products or intermediate feedstocks we purchase are either subject to back-to-back sales contracts or are hedged with NYMEX derivatives to limit our exposure to movements in the price of the commodity, although we cannot completely eliminate commodity price exposure. Our risk management policy requires that we monitor the effectiveness of the hedges to maintain a value at risk of such hedged inventory that does not exceed \$2.5 million. In addition, our service contracts with refiners allow us to adjust the rates we charge for processing to maintain a balance between NaHS supply and demand.

Our businesses encompass a balanced, diversified portfolio of customers, operations and assets. We operate five business segments and own and operate assets that enable us to provide a number of services to oil producers, refinery owners, and industrial and commercial enterprises that use NaHS and caustic soda. Our business lines complement each other by allowing us to offer an

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integrated suite of services to common customers across segments. Our businesses are primarily focused on providing services around and within refinery complexes. We are not dependent upon any one customer or principal location for our revenues.

Our onshore and offshore pipeline transportation and related assets are strategically located. Our pipelines are critical to the ongoing operations of our producer and refiner customers. In addition, a majority of our terminals are located in areas that can be accessed by truck, rail or barge.

We believe we are one of the largest marketers of NaHS in North and South America. We believe the scale of our well-established refinery services operations as well as our integrated suite of assets provides us with a unique cost advantage over some of our existing and potential competitors.

*Our supply and logistics business is operationally flexible.* Our portfolio of trucks, railcars, barges and terminals affords us flexibility within our existing regional footprint and provides us the capability to enter new markets and expand our customer relationships.

Our marine transportation assets provide waterborne transportation throughout North America. Our fleet of barges and boats provide service to both inland and offshore customers within a large North American geographic footprint. There are a limited number of Jones Act qualified vessels participating in United States coastwise trade. All of our vessels operate under the United States flag and are qualified for United States coastwise trade under the Jones Act.

*Our businesses provide consistent consolidated financial performance.* Our consistent and improving financial performance, combined with our conservative capital structure, has allowed us to increase our distribution for 38 consecutive quarters as of our most recent distribution declaration. During this period, 33 of those quarterly increases have been 10% or greater as compared to the same quarter in the preceding year.

We are financially flexible and have significant liquidity. As of December 31, 2014, we had \$438.8 million available under our \$1 billion credit agreement, including up to \$105.0 million available under the \$150 million petroleum products inventory loan sublimit, and \$89.2 million available for letters of credit. Our inventory borrowing base was \$45.0 million at December 31, 2014.

Our expertise and reputation for high performance standards and quality enable us to provide refiners with economic and proven services. Our extensive understanding of the sulfur removal process and crude oil refining can provide us with an advantage when evaluating new opportunities and/or markets.

We have an experienced, knowledgeable and motivated executive management team with a proven track record. Our executive management team has an average of more than 25 years of experience in the midstream sector. Its members have worked in leadership roles at a number of large, successful public companies, including other publicly traded partnerships. Through their equity interest in us, our executive management team is incentivized to create value by increasing cash flows.

#### **Recent Events**

#### 39 Consecutive Distribution Rate Increases

We have increased our quarterly distribution rate for 39 consecutive quarters. During this period, 34 of those quarterly increases have been 10% or greater as compared to the same quarter in the preceding year. Our board of directors has declared a cash distribution of \$0.61 per common unit for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 to common unitholders of record on May 1, 2015, an approximate 2.5% increase from the distribution in the prior quarter, and an increase of approximately 10.9% from the distribution paid for the quarter ended March 31, 2014. As in the past, future increases (if any) in our quarterly distribution rate will depend on our ability to execute critical components of our business strategy.

#### Acquisition of the M/T American Phoenix

On November 13, 2014, we completed the acquisition of the M/T American Phoenix from Mid Ocean Tanker Company for \$157 million, which became part of our offshore marine transportation business. The M/T American Phoenix is a modern double-hulled, Jones Act qualified tanker with 330,000 barrels of cargo capacity that was placed into service during 2012. That acquisition complements and further integrates our existing operations, including our inland barge business and our offshore tank barge and tug business.

#### Inland Marine Barge Transportation Expansion

We ordered 12 new-build barges and ten new-build push boats for our inland marine barge transportation fleet. We have accepted delivery of 8 of those barges and 3 of those push boats as of March 2015. We expect to take delivery of those remaining vessels periodically into 2016.

#### ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Project

We are improving existing assets and developing new infrastructure in Louisiana, including connecting to Exxon Mobil Corporation s Baton Rouge refinery, one of the largest refinery complexes in North America, with more than 500,000 barrels per day of refining capacity. Our investment includes improving our existing terminal at Port Hudson, Louisiana, and building a new crude oil unit train unload facility at Scenic Station as well as constructing a new 17-mile 24-inch diameter crude oil pipeline connecting Port Hudson to the Baton Rouge Scenic Station and continuing downstream to the ExxonMobil Anchorage Tank Farm. The Port Hudson upgrades and new crude oil pipeline were completed in the first quarter of 2014, and Scenic Station became operational in July 2014.

#### **Baton Rouge Terminal**

We are constructing a new crude oil, intermediates and refined products import/export terminal in Baton Rouge that will be located near the Port of Greater Baton Rouge and will be pipeline-connected to the port s existing deepwater docks on the Mississippi River. We will initially construct approximately 1.1 million barrels of tankage for the storage of crude oil, intermediates and/or refined products with the capability to expand to provide additional terminaling services to our customers. In addition, we plan to construct a new pipeline from the terminal that will allow for deliveries to existing Exxon Mobil facilities in the area, as well as connect our previously constructed 17-mile line to the terminal allowing for receipts from the Scenic Station Rail Facility. Shippers to Scenic Station will have access to both the local Baton Rouge refining market, as well as the ability to access other attractive refining markets via our Baton Rouge Terminal. The Baton Rouge Terminal is expected to be operational by the end of the third quarter of 2015.

#### Deepwater Gulf of Mexico Pipeline Joint Venture

In June 2014, SEKCO, our 50/50 joint venture with Enterprise Products Partners, L.P., or Enterprise Products, completed its deepwater oil pipeline serving the Lucius oil and gas field in the southern Keathley Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico. SEKCO has crude oil transportation agreements with six Gulf of Mexico producers, including Anadarko U.S. Offshore Corporation, Apache Deepwater Development LLC, Exxon Mobil Corporation, Eni Petroleum US LLC, Petrobras America and Plains Offshore Operations, Inc. Those producers have dedicated their production from Lucius to the pipeline for the life of the reserves. We expect the SEKCO pipeline to also provide capacity for additional projects in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico in the future. Enterprise Products served as construction manager and is the operator of the SEKCO pipeline.

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SEKCO s customers commenced paying fees to SEKCO upon completion of its pipeline in 2014 and commenced crude oil deliveries to the SEKCO pipeline in the first quarter of 2015.

The 149-mile, 18-inch diameter pipeline, designed to have a 115,000 barrel per day capacity, connects the Lucius-truss spar floating production platform to an existing junction platform at South Marsh Island that is part of the Poseidon pipeline system, in which we own a 28% interest.

#### Rail Projects

Walnut Hill In 2013, we completed construction on the second phase of our crude-by-rail unloading terminal at Walnut Hill, Florida, which includes a 100,000 barrel storage tank, related equipment and connections to our Jay System. In April 2014, we completed construction of an additional 110,000 barrel storage tank at our Walnut Hill, Florida crude-by-rail terminal, which will allow us to handle increased rail and pipeline demand. That terminal is connected to our Jay System and now includes 210,000 Barrels of capacity.

Wink In April 2014, we completed construction on the second phase of our crude oil rail loading facility in Wink, Texas, which allows us to more efficiently load full unit trains. That facility was designed to move crude oil from West Texas to other markets and gives us the capability to load Genesis and third party railcars.

Natchez During the first quarter of 2014, we completed construction on the second phase of our crude oil rail unloading/loading facility at our existing terminal located in Natchez, Mississippi, which provides an additional 60 railcar spots and additional heated tanks. That facility is designed to facilitate the movement of Canadian bitumen/dilbit to Gulf Coast markets via the Mississippi River. This facility has the capability to heat and unload bitumen/dilbit, load trucks, blend crude oil and load barges for distribution to refineries.

Raceland The Raceland Rail Facility, a new crude oil unit train unloading facility capable of unloading up to two unit trains per day, which is located in Raceland, Louisiana, will be connected to existing midstream infrastructure that will provide direct pipeline access to the Louisiana refining markets and is expected to be operational in the second half of 2015.

#### **Our Offices**

Our principal executive offices are located at 919 Milam, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002, and the phone number at this address is (713) 860-2500.

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## Ownership Structure

Below is a chart depicting our ownership structure after giving effect to this offering but before any exercise of the underwriters option to purchase additional common units.

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#### The Offering

Common Units Offered by Us

4,000,000 common units (4,600,000 common units if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units in full).

Common Units Outstanding Before this Offering

94,989,221 common units.

Common Units Outstanding After this Offering

98,989,221 common units (99,589,221 common units if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional common units in full).

Use of Proceeds

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$171.7 million, after payment of the underwriters discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds, including any net proceeds from the underwriters exercise of their option to purchase additional common units, for general partnership purposes, including funding acquisitions (including organic growth projects) or repaying a portion of the borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

Cash Distributions

Within approximately 45 days after the end of each quarter, we will distribute all available cash to the unitholders of record on the applicable record date. There is no guarantee that we will pay a distribution on our units in any quarter, and we will be prohibited from making any distributions to unitholders if it would cause an event of default, or if an event of default then exists, under our credit agreement. Please read Cash Distribution Policy beginning on page 12 of the accompanying base prospectus.

Our board of directors has declared a cash distribution of \$0.61 per common unit for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, which will be paid on May 15, 2015 to common unitholders at the close of business on May 1, 2015. This distribution represents an approximate 2.5% increase per unit from the distribution in the prior quarter, and an increase of approximately 10.9% from the distribution in May 2014. That distribution is the 39th consecutive quarter in which we have increased our quarterly distribution.

Estimated Ratio of Taxable Income to Distributions

We estimate that if you own the common units that you purchase in this offering through the record date for the distribution with respect to the final calendar quarter of 2017, you will be allocated, on a cumulative basis, an amount of federal taxable income for that period that will be 20% or less of the cash distributed to you with respect to that period. Please read Material Tax Considerations beginning on page S-15 of this prospectus supplement for the basis of this estimate.

Certain Relationships

As described in Use of Proceeds, some of the net proceeds of the offering of common units by us may be used to repay outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Because Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and BMO Capital Markets Corp. or their respective affiliates are lenders under our credit agreement, certain of the underwriters or their affiliates may receive more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering (not including underwriting discounts and commissions). Nonetheless, in accordance with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Rule 5121, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering because the common units offered by us are interests in a direct participation program. Investor suitability with respect to the common units will be judged similarly to the suitability with respect to other securities that are listed for trading on a national securities exchange.

New York Stock Exchange Symbol

**GEL** 

Material Tax Consequences

For a discussion of material federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to prospective unitholders who are individual citizens or residents of the United States, please read Material Tax Considerations beginning on page S-15 of this prospectus supplement and Material Income Tax Consequences beginning on page 35 of the accompanying base prospectus.

Risk Factors

You should read Risk Factors beginning on page S-11 of this prospectus supplement and beginning on page 2 of the accompanying base prospectus and found in the documents incorporated herein by reference, as well as the other cautionary statements throughout this prospectus supplement, to ensure you understand the risks associated with an investment in our common units.

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#### RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common units involves risk. We urge you to read and consider carefully the risk factors included under the caption Risk Factors beginning on page 2 of the accompanying base prospectus and those risk factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which risk factors are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, before deciding whether this investment is suitable for you. If any of these risks were to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, the trading price of the common units could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

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#### USE OF PROCEEDS

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$171.7 million, after payment of the underwriters discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds, including any net proceeds from the underwriters exercise of their option to purchase additional common units, for general partnership purposes, including funding acquisitions (including organic growth projects) or repaying a portion of the borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

Our revolving credit facility matures in July 2019 and bears interest at a variable rate, which was approximately 2.52% per annum as of March 31, 2015. Our outstanding borrowings under our credit facility were incurred in connection with organic growth projects, funding capital expenditures and general working capital purposes.

Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates participating in this offering are lenders under our credit agreement and may receive a portion of the proceeds of this offering through the repayment by us of outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility with such proceeds. Please read Underwriting beginning on page S-18 of this prospectus supplement for further details.

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#### **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our consolidated cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of December 31, 2014:

- (1) on a historical basis; and
- (2) on an as adjusted basis to give pro forma effect to the sale of common units by us in this offering and the application of the net proceeds for general partnership purposes, including funding acquisitions (including organic growth projects) or repaying a portion of the borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility. Solely for purposes of this table, we have assumed that all of the net proceeds from this offering initially will be used to repay a portion of the borrowings outstanding under our revolving credit facility.

The following table should be read together with our historical financial statements and the related notes thereto that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus.

	As of Decer	As of December 31, 2014		
	As adjusted			
	Historical	for this offering		
	(in the	ousands)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,462	\$ 9,462		
Long-term debt:				
Genesis revolving credit facility(1)	\$ 550,400	\$ 378,680		
Outstanding notes	\$ 1,050,639	\$ 1,050,639		
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,601,039	\$ 1,429,319		
Partners capital:	\$ 1,229,203	\$ 1,400,923		
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Total capitalization	\$ 2,830,242	\$ 2,830,242		
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(1) Does not include \$10.8 million in outstanding letters of credit.

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#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON UNITS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Our common units trade on the NYSE under the symbol GEL. As of April 2, 2015, there were 94,989,221 common units outstanding, held by approximately 47,500 record holders and beneficial owners (held in street name).

We are required by our partnership agreement to distribute 100% of our available cash within 45 days after the end of each quarter to our common unitholders of record. There is no guarantee that we will pay a distribution on our units in any quarter, and we will be prohibited from making any distributions to unitholders if it would cause an event of default, or if an event of default then exists, under our credit agreement. Available cash consists generally of all of our cash receipts less cash disbursements adjusted for net changes to reserves. Cash reserves are generally the amounts deemed necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable discretion of our general partner, to provide for the proper conduct of our business or to comply with applicable law, any of our debt instruments or other agreements. The full definition of available cash is set forth in our partnership agreement and amendments thereto. Please read Where You Can Find More Information in this prospectus supplement.

In addition, our partnership agreement authorizes us to issue additional equity interests in our partnership with such rights, powers and preferences (which may be senior to our common units) as our general partner may determine in its sole discretion, including with respect to the right to share in distributions and profits and losses of the partnership.

The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices for our common units in each quarter, as reported by the NYSE, and the declared cash distributions for our common units in each quarter.

		Price range per common unit		Cash distribution per common	
	High	Low	•	it(1)(2)	
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015	<u> </u>				
Second Quarter (through April 2, 2015)	\$ 47.94	\$ 45.83	\$	0.610	
First Quarter	\$ 48.66	\$ 38.65	\$	0.595	
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014					
Fourth Quarter	\$ 53.22	\$ 34.57	\$	0.580	
Third Quarter	\$ 56.88	\$ 50.38	\$	0.565	
Second Quarter	57.47	52.60		0.550	
First Quarter	56.80	49.46		0.535	
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013					
Fourth Quarter	\$ 53.94	\$ 48.00	\$	0.523	
Third Quarter	55.99	45.81		0.510	
Second Quarter	54.91	44.04		0.498	
First Quarter	49.34	36.00		0.485	

- (1) Cash distributions are shown in the quarter paid.
- (2) The distribution attributable to the quarter ended March 31, 2015 will be paid on May 15, 2015 to unitholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2015.

The last reported sales price of our common units on the NYSE on April 2, 2015 was \$46.08 per unit.

#### MATERIAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The tax consequences to you of an investment in our common units will depend in part on your own tax circumstances. For a discussion of the principal federal income tax considerations associated with our operations and the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common units, please read Material Income Tax Consequences beginning on page 35 of the accompanying base prospectus. Please also read Item 1A. Risk Factors Tax Risks to Common Unitholders in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 for a discussion of the tax risks related to purchasing and owning our common units. You are urged to consult with your own tax advisor about the federal, state, local, and foreign tax consequences peculiar to your circumstances.

#### **Partnership Status**

The anticipated after-tax economic benefit of an investment in our common units depends largely on our being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

In rendering its opinion, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has relied on factual representations made by us and our general partner, including the following:

Neither we nor the operating company has elected or will elect to be treated as a corporation;

For each taxable year, more than 90% of our gross income has been and will be income from sources that Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has opined or will opine should be qualifying income within the meaning of Section 7704(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

Each hedging transaction that we treat as resulting in qualifying income has been and will be appropriately identified as a hedging transaction pursuant to applicable Treasury Regulations, and has been and will be associated with oil, gas or products thereof that are held or are to be held by us in activities that Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP has opined or will opine result in qualifying income

In order to be treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, at least 90% of our gross income must be from specific qualifying sources, such as the transportation, processing or marketing of natural gas and natural gas products or other passive types of income such as dividends. For a more complete description of this qualifying income requirement, please read Material Income Tax Consequences Partnership Status beginning on page 35 of the accompanying base prospectus and Item 1A. Risk Factors Tax Risks to Common Unitholders in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

No ruling has been or will be sought from the IRS, and the IRS has made no determination, as to our status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. Instead, we will rely on the opinion of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. It is the opinion of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP that, based upon the Internal Revenue Code, the Treasury Regulations, current administrative rulings and court decisions and the representations described above, we should be classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

If we were treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, we would pay federal income tax on our taxable income at the corporate tax rate, which is currently a maximum of 35%, and would likely pay state income tax at varying rates. Distributions would generally be taxed again to unitholders as corporate distributions and no income, gains, losses, or deductions would flow through to unitholders. Because a tax would be imposed upon us as a corporation, our cash available for distribution to unitholders would be substantially reduced. Therefore, treatment of us as a corporation would result in a material reduction in the anticipated cash flow and after-tax return to our unitholders likely causing a substantial reduction in the value of our common units.

Current law may change so as to cause us to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject us to entity-level taxation. For example, from time to time, members of

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Congress and the President propose and consider substantive changes to the existing U.S. federal income tax laws that affect publicly traded partnerships, including elimination of partnership tax treatment for publicly traded partnerships. Any modifications to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations thereof may or may not be applied retroactively and could make it more difficult or impossible to meet the exception for us to be treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We are unable to predict whether any of these changes or other proposals will ultimately be enacted. Any such changes could negatively impact an investment in our common units. In addition, because of widespread state budget deficits and other reasons, several states are evaluating ways to subject partnerships to entity-level taxation through the imposition of state income, franchise and other forms of taxation. For example, we are required to pay Texas franchise tax at a maximum effective rate of 0.5% of our gross income apportioned to Texas.

#### **Ratio of Taxable Income to Distributions**

We estimate that if you own the common units you purchase in this offering through the record date for the distribution with respect to the final calendar quarter of 2017, you will be allocated, on a cumulative basis, an amount of federal taxable income for that period that will be 20% or less of the cash distributed to you with respect to that period. This estimate is based upon many assumptions regarding our business and operations, including assumptions as to tariffs, capital expenditures, cash flows, net working capital, and anticipated cash distributions. This estimate and the underlying assumptions are subject to, among other things, numerous business, economic, regulatory, competitive and political uncertainties beyond our control. Further, this estimate is based on current tax law and tax reporting positions that we have adopted. The IRS could disagree with our tax reporting positions, including estimates of the relative fair market values of our assets and the validity of certain allocations. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that the estimate will prove to be correct. The actual percentage of distributions that will constitute taxable income could be higher or lower than our estimate, and any differences could be material and could materially affect the value of the common units. For example, the ratio of allocable taxable income to cash distributions to a purchaser of common units in this offering could be greater, and perhaps substantially greater, than our estimate with respect to the period described above if:

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

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

#### **Tax Rates**

Under current law, the highest marginal U.S. federal income tax rate applicable to ordinary income of individuals is 39.6% and the highest marginal U.S. federal income tax rate applicable to long-term capital gains (generally, capital gains on certain assets held for more than 12 months) of individuals is 20%.

A 3.8% Medicare tax is imposed on certain investment income earned by individuals, estates and trusts. For these purposes, investment income generally includes a unitholder s allocable share of our income and gain realized by a unitholder from a sale of units. In the case of an individual, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) the unitholder s net income from all investments, and (ii) the amount by which the unitholder s adjusted gross income exceeds specified thresholds depending on a unitholder s federal income tax filing status. In the case of an estate or trust, the tax will be imposed on the lesser of (i) undistributed net investment income or (ii) the excess adjusted gross income over the dollar amount at which the highest income tax bracket applicable to an estate or trust begins.

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#### **Tax Exempt Organizations and Other Investors**

Ownership of common units by tax-exempt entities, regulated investment companies, and non-U.S. investors raises issues unique to such persons. Please read Material Income Tax Consequences Tax-Exempt Organizations and Other Investors beginning on page 46 of the accompanying base prospectus.

#### **Puerto Rico Operations**

We conduct a small part of our operations in Puerto Rico. We will file a composite or combined Puerto Rico tax return, as applicable, on behalf of our unitholders and pay taxes due. However, you may be required to file a tax return and pay income taxes in Puerto Rico in certain circumstances as a result of these operations. Based on current law and our estimate of our future operations, we anticipate that Puerto Rico income taxes due will not be material. You are urged to consult your tax advisor on the tax consequences under the laws of Puerto Rico of an investment in our common units.

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**Underwriters** 

Total

#### UNDERWRITING

We are offering the common units described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus through the underwriters named below. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., and UBS Securities LLC (collectively, the Representatives ) are acting as joint book-running managers and representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter named below has severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the number of common units listed next to its name in the following

**Number of Units** 

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Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	560,000
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	
Incorporated	560,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	420,000
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	420,000
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	420,000
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	420,000
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	420,000
UBS Securities LLC	420,000
Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated	180,000
BMO Capital Markets Corp.	135,000
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC	45,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the common units included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the common units (other than those covered by the underwriters option to purchase additional units described below) if they purchase any of the common units.

## **Option to Purchase Additional Units**

We have granted to the underwriters an option, exercisable for up to 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase up to 600,000 additional common units at the public offering price less the underwriting discount. To the extent the option is exercised, each underwriter must purchase the number of additional common units approximately proportionate to that underwriter s initial purchase commitment.

## **Underwriting Discount and Expenses**

The underwriters propose to offer some of the common units directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and some of the common units to dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed \$0.804 per common unit. After the offering, the underwriters may change the public offering price and the other selling terms. The offering of the common units by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering. These amounts are shown assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriters—option to purchase additional common units.

	No	Full
	Exercise	Exercise
Per unit	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34
Total	\$ 5,360,000	\$ 6,164,000

We estimate that our total expenses of this offering, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$600,000.

#### **Lock-Up Agreements**

We, our subsidiaries, our general partner and certain of our affiliates, including certain executive officers and directors of our general partner, have agreed that during the 45 days after the date of this prospectus supplement and subject to certain exceptions, we and they, will not, without the prior written consent of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, (i) issue, sell, offer to sell, contract or agree to sell, hypothecate, pledge, grant any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of or agree to dispose of, directly or indirectly, or establish or increase a put equivalent position or liquidate or decrease a call equivalent position within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder, with respect to any of our common units or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common units, (ii) file or cause to become effective a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), relating to the offer and sale of any of our common units or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common units or warrants or other rights to purchase our common units or any other of our securities that are substantially similar to common units, (iii) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of our common units or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for our common units or any securities, whether any such transaction is to be settled by delivery of our common units or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (iv) publicly announce an intention to effect any transaction specified in clause (i), (ii) or (iii). These restrictions do not apply to, among other things:

the sale of common units pursuant to the underwriting agreement;

issuances of common units by us upon the exercise of options or warrants or the conversion of Class B Units disclosed as outstanding in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference herein;

the issuance of employee unit stock options, phantom units or dividend equivalent rights that are not exercisable or do not vest, as applicable, during the 45-day period pursuant to benefit plans described in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference herein;

the deemed issuance or disposition of common units under Section 16 of the Exchange Act upon the cash settlement of phantom units or stock appreciate rights outstanding as of the date of the underwriting agreement;

the filing of a registration statement on Form S-8 to register common units under benefit plans disclosed in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference herein;

the filing of a universal shelf registration statement on Form S-3 to register common units or other partnership securities, provided that we shall not issue any common units thereunder until expiration of the 45-day period;

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the issuance of common units in a private placement exempt from registration under the Act, provided that the purchaser of such common units enters into an agreement to be subject to the same restrictions for the remainder of the 45-day period;

transfers pursuant to any loan or similar agreement in effect on the date of this prospectus supplement, as amended from time to time, or any successor to any such agreement;

the pledge of common units or other partnership securities to secure loans to such persons or entities in connection with any financing transaction to which such persons or entities are parties, provided that such common units or other partnership securities may not be sold or disposed of in connection with the exercise by the lender of any remedies as a secured party until the expiration of the 45-day period; and

entering into an equity distribution agreement for an at the market offering under Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act and any related filings under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, including a prospectus supplement and Current Report on Form 8-K, provided that we shall not issue any common units thereunder until the expiration of the 45-day period.

#### **NYSE Listing**

Our common units are listed on the NYSE under the symbol GEL.

#### Price Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids

In connection with the offering, the Representatives, on behalf of the underwriters, may purchase and sell common units in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of common units in excess of the number of common units to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Covered short sales are sales of common units made in an amount up to the number of common units represented by the underwriters option to purchase additional common units. In determining the source of common units to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of common units available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase units through the option to purchase additional common units. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short position involve either purchases of the common units in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the option to purchase additional common units. The underwriters may also make naked short sales of common units in excess of the option to purchase additional common units. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing common units in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common units in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of common units in the open market while the offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the Representatives repurchases common units originally sold by that syndicate member in order to cover syndicate short positions or make stabilizing purchases.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common units. They may also cause the price of the common units to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on the NYSE or in the over-the-counter market, or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time. Neither we nor the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the common units.

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#### **Certain Relationships**

As described in Use of Proceeds, some of the net proceeds of the offering by us may be used to repay outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Because Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and BMO Capital Markets Corp. or their respective affiliates are lenders under our credit agreement, certain of the underwriters or their affiliates may receive more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering (not including underwriting discounts and commissions). Nonetheless, in accordance with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Rule 5121, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering because the common units offered hereby are interests in a direct participation program. Investor suitability with respect to the common units will be judged similarly to the suitability with respect to other securities that are listed for trading on a national securities exchange.

The underwriters and their affiliates have provided, or may in the future provide, various investment banking, commercial banking, financial advisory, brokerage and other services to us and our affiliates for which services they have received, and may in the future receive, customary fees and expense reimbursement. The underwriters and their affiliates may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business for which they may receive customary fees and reimbursement of expenses.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and such investment and securities activities may involve our securities and/or instruments. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

#### **Electronic Distribution**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the websites maintained by one or more of the underwriters. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of common units for sale to their online brokerage account holders. The common units will be allocated to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations. In addition, common units may be sold by the underwriters to securities dealers who resell common units to online brokerage account holders.

Other than this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus in electronic format, information contained in any website maintained by an underwriter is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus or registration statement of which the accompanying base prospectus forms a part, has not been endorsed by us and should not be relied on by investors in deciding whether to purchase common units. The underwriters are not responsible for information contained in websites that they do not maintain.

#### Indemnification

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

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#### **Selling Restrictions in Hong Kong**

Our common units may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of this prospectus or any other document other than to (a) professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) (SFO) and any rules made under the SFO or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in this prospectus being deemed to be a prospectus, as defined in the Companies Ordinance of Hong Kong (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong) (CO), or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the CO or the SFO; and no person has issued or had in possession for the purposes of issue, or will issue or has in possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to our common units which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to our common units which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the SFO.

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#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common units offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP, Houston, Texas. Certain legal matters with respect to the common units offered hereby will be passed upon for the underwriters by Andrews Kurth LLP, Houston, Texas.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference from Genesis Energy, L.P. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and the effectiveness of Genesis Energy, L.P. s internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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#### INFORMATION REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements in this prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement that are not historical information may be forward-looking statements as defined under federal law.

All statements, other than historical facts, included in this document that address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future, including things such as plans for growth of the business, future capital expenditures, competitive strengths, goals, references to future goals or intentions, and other such references are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are identified as any statement that does not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as anticipate, believe, continue, estimate, expect, forecast, goal, intend, may, could, plan, position, projection, strategy, should or will, or the negative variations of them or by comparable terminology. In particular, statements, expressed or implied, concerning future actions, conditions or events or future operating results or the ability to generate sales, income or cash flow are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of performance. They involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Future actions, conditions or events and future results of operations may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. Many of the factors that will determine these results are beyond our ability or the ability of our affiliates to control or predict. Specific factors that could cause actual results to differ from those in the forward-looking statements include, among others:

demand for, the supply of, our assumptions about, changes in forecast data for, and price trends related to crude oil, liquid petroleum, NaHS, caustic soda and CO<sub>3</sub>, all of which may be affected by economic activity, capital expenditures by energy producers, weather, alternative energy sources, international events, conservation and technological advances;

throughput levels and rates;

changes in, or challenges to, our tariff rates;

our ability to successfully identify and close strategic acquisitions on acceptable terms (including obtaining third-party consents and waivers of preferential rights), develop or construct energy infrastructure assets, make cost saving changes in operations and integrate acquired assets or businesses into our existing operations;

service interruptions in our pipeline transportation systems and processing operations;

shutdowns or cutbacks at refineries, petrochemical plants, utilities or other businesses for which we transport crude oil, petroleum or other products or to whom we sell such products;

risks inherent in marine transportation and vessel operation, including accidents and discharge of pollutants;

planned capital expenditures and availability of capital resources to fund capital expenditures;

the effects of production declines and the effects of future laws and government regulation;

environmental and employment laws and regulations;

our inability to borrow or otherwise access funds needed for operations, expansions or capital expenditures as a result of our credit agreement and the indentures governing our notes, which contain various affirmative and negative covenants;

loss of key personnel;

cash from operations that we generate could decrease or fail to meet expectations, either of which could reduce our ability to pay quarterly cash distributions at the current level or continue to increase quarterly cash distributions in the future;

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an increase in the competition that our operations encounter; cost and availability of insurance; hazards and operating risks that may not be covered fully by insurance; our financial and commodity hedging arrangements, which may reduce our earnings, profitability and cash flows; changes in global economic conditions, including capital and credit markets conditions, inflation and interest rates; natural disasters, accidents or terrorism; changes in the financial condition of customers or counterparties; adverse rulings, judgments, or settlements in litigation or other legal or tax matters; the treatment of us as a corporation for federal income tax purposes or if we become subject to entity-level taxation for state tax purposes; and the potential that our internal controls may not be adequate, weaknesses may be discovered or remediation of any identified weaknesses may not be successful and the impact these could have on our unit price. You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. When considering forward-looking statements, please review the risk

factors identified in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus under Risk Factors, as well as the section entitled Risk Factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and our subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and Form 8-K/A and any other prospectus supplement we may file from time to time with the SEC with respect to this offering. Except as required by applicable securities laws, we do not intend to update these forward-looking statements and information.

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#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and other reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC s public reference room at 100 F. Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-732-0330 for further information on their public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available at the SEC s website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information that we file with it. This procedure means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to documents filed with the SEC. The information that we incorporate by reference is an integral part of this prospectus supplement, and references to this prospectus supplement include the documents (or portions of documents) incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. Any future filings we make with the SEC prior to the completion of this offering under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, and which are deemed to be filed, are also incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. Any statement contained in the filings (or portions of filings) incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in any filing by us with the SEC prior to the completion of this offering modifies, conflicts with or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement. We incorporate by reference, other than information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K or exhibits filed under Item 9.01 relating to those Items, the documents listed below:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. You may request a copy of this filing at no cost by making written or telephone requests for copies to:

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You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with any information. You should not assume that the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of each document.

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## **Prospectus**

## GENESIS ENERGY, L.P.

**Common Units** 

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## GENESIS ENERGY FINANCE CORPORATION

## **Debt Securities**

We may from time to time offer one or more classes or series of the following securities as described in this prospectus, in one or more separate offerings under this prospectus:

common units, preferred securities, subordinated securities, options, warrants and rights; and

debt securities, which may be either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities.

Genesis Energy Finance Corporation may act as co-issuer of the debt securities and other direct or indirect subsidiaries of Genesis Energy, L.P., other than minor subsidiaries as such item is interpreted in securities regulations governing financial reporting for guarantors, may guarantee the debt securities.

This prospectus provides you with the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we will offer these securities. We may offer and sell securities using this prospectus only if it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement. We will include the specific terms of any securities we offer in a prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will also describe the specific manner in which we will offer the securities. You should read this

prospectus and the prospectus supplement carefully.

We may sell these securities to underwriters or dealers, or we may sell them directly to other purchasers. See Plan of Distribution. The prospectus supplement will list any underwriters and the compensation they will receive. The prospectus supplement will also show you the total amount of money that we will receive from selling these securities, after we pay certain expenses of the offering.

Our common units are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GEL. We will provide information in any applicable prospectus supplement regarding the trading market, if any, for any debt securities we may offer.

Investing in our securities involves risks. Limited partnerships are inherently different from corporations. You should carefully consider the <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 2 of this prospectus and contained in any applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein before you make an investment in our securities.

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

The date of this prospectus is April 6, 2015.

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