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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

or

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

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: 001-33662

FORESTAR GROUP INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 26-1336998
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)
Identification No.)

6300 Bee Cave Road, Building Two, Suite 500, Austin, Texas 78746

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(512) 433-5200

(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. x 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). x Yes "No

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

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). "Yes x No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Title of Each Class Number of Shares Outstanding as of November 2, 2015

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share 33,616,255

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements FORESTAR GROUP INC. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	Third Quarter-End		Year-End	
	2015		2014	
	(In thousands,	ex	cept share	
	data)			
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$92,640		\$170,127	
Real estate, net	620,813		575,756	
Oil and gas properties and equipment, net	121,775		263,493	
Investment in unconsolidated ventures	85,325		65,005	
Timber	8,320		8,315	
Receivables, net	13,212		24,589	
Income taxes receivable	3,878		7,503	
Prepaid expenses	2,714		6,000	
Property and equipment, net	10,727		11,627	
Deferred tax asset, net	1,118		40,624	
Goodwill and other intangible assets	63,440		66,131	
Other assets	17,254		19,029	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,041,216		\$1,258,199	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Accounts payable	\$13,976		\$20,400	
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	8,532		8,323	
Accrued property taxes	7,839		5,966	
Accrued interest	7,607		3,451	
Earnest money deposits	10,172		10,045	
Other accrued expenses	21,573		35,729	
Other liabilities	27,817		31,799	
Debt	435,295		432,744	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	532,811		548,457	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
EQUITY				
Forestar Group Inc. shareholders' equity:				
Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, 200,000,000 authorized shares, 36,946,603	36 047		36,947	
issued at third quarter-end 2015 and year-end 2014	30,947		30,947	
Additional paid-in capital	562,591		558,945	
Retained earnings (Accumulated deficit)	(39,880)	167,001	
Treasury stock, at cost, 3,329,060 shares at third quarter-end 2015 and 3,485,278	(53,085	`	(55,691)
shares at year-end 2014	(33,003	,	(33,091)
Total Forestar Group Inc. shareholders' equity	506,573		707,202	
Noncontrolling interests	1,832		2,540	
TOTAL EQUITY	508,405		709,742	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,041,216		\$1,258,199	
Please read the notes to consolidated financial statements.				

FORESTAR GROUP INC.

Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

	Third Quarter		er	First Nine N		N	Months	
	2015		2014		2015		2014	
	(In thousands, except per				per share amounts)			
REVENUES								
Real estate sales and other	\$18,369		\$23,067		\$68,630		\$122,738	8
Commercial and income producing properties	9,588		9,378		31,566		30,360	
Real estate	27,957		32,445		100,196		153,098	
Oil and gas	13,485		24,145		42,835		66,076	
Other natural resources	1,726		2,250		5,372		7,284	
	43,168		58,840		148,403		226,458	
COSTS AND EXPENSES								
Cost of real estate sales and other	(9,588)	(10,662)	(33,840)	(60,145)
Cost of commercial and income producing properties	(6,780)	(9,391)	(22,020)	(28,117)
Cost of oil and gas producing activities	(95,553)	(18,470)	(177,236)	(48,016)
Cost of other natural resources	(819)	(711)	(2,599)	(2,288)
Other operating	(13,963)	(12,860)	(45,665)	(43,187)
General and administrative	(9,467)	(5,140)	(22,510)	(17,141)
	(136,170)	(57,234)	(303,870)	(198,894	.)
GAIN (LOSS) ON SALE OF ASSETS	(1,749)	11,110		265		27,977	
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(94,751)	12,716		(155,202)	55,541	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures	2,909		2,016		11,538		3,965	
Interest expense	(8,315)	(8,634)	(25,851)	(21,507)
Other non-operating income	62		1,896		1,762		6,459	
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES	(100,095)	7,994		(167,753)	44,458	
Income tax benefit (expense)	(64,236)	(2,755)	(39,133)	(15,464)
CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME (LOSS)	(164,331)	5,239		(206,886)	28,994	
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	115		(12)	5		(611)
NET INCOME (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO FORESTAR GROU	P \$(164,216		¢ 5 227		\$(206,881	1.	¢ 20 202	
INC.	\$(104,210	,,	\$3,221		\$(200,00)	-)	\$20,303	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING								
Basic	34,299		35,498		34,248		35,437	
Diluted	34,299		43,868		34,248		43,750	
NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE								
Basic	\$(4.79)	\$0.12		\$(6.04)	\$0.66	
Diluted	\$(4.79)	\$0.12		\$(6.04)	\$0.65	
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	\$(164,216	5)	\$5,227		\$(206,881	1)	\$28,383	
Please read the notes to consolidated financial statements.								

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

(Unaudited)		_	
	First Nine Mor		
	2015	2014	
	(In thousands)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$(206,886)	\$28,994	
Adjustments:			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	36,780	29,109	
Change in deferred income taxes	39,106	10,649	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures		(3,965))
Distributions of earnings of unconsolidated ventures	7,343	2,817	
Share-based compensation	5,531	4,523	
Real estate cost of sales	33,575	59,251	
Dry hole and unproved leasehold impairment charges	46,722	11,541	
Real estate development and acquisition expenditures, net		(82,864)
Reimbursements from utility and improvement districts	8,285	8,554	
Other changes in real estate	338	3,148	
Changes in deferred income	`	102	
Asset impairments	91,146	94	
Gain on sale of assets		(27,977)
Other	2,243	1,603	
Changes in:			
Notes and accounts receivable	9,395	(6,300)
Prepaid expenses and other	3,106	4,232	
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities		(3,249)
Income taxes	3,625	(3,876)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	(15,040	36,386	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Property, equipment, software, reforestation and other		(13,583)
Oil and gas properties and equipment	(47,043	(65,661)
Acquisition of partner's interest in unconsolidated multifamily venture, net of cash	_	(20,155)
Investment in unconsolidated ventures	(23,908	(5,016)
Proceeds from sales of assets	13,571	19,885	
Return of investment in unconsolidated ventures	7,783	1,601	
Net cash used for investing activities	(60,479	(82,929)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from issuance of senior secured notes, net	_	241,947	
Payments of debt	(7,527	(222,468)
Additions to debt	7,105	17,169	
Deferred financing fees	(153	(3,114)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests, net	(703	(1,070)
Purchase of noncontrolling interests		(7,971)
Exercise of stock options	31	1,197	
Payroll taxes on issuance of stock-based awards	(722	(1,024)
Excess income tax benefit from share-based compensation	1	176	
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	(1,968	24,842	

Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(77,487) (21,701)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	170,127	192,307	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$92,640	\$170,606	
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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

Note 1—Basis of Presentation

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Forestar Group Inc., all subsidiaries, ventures and other entities in which we have a controlling interest. We account for our investment in other entities in which we have significant influence over operations and financial policies using the equity method. We eliminate all material intercompany accounts and transactions. Noncontrolling interests in consolidated pass-through entities are recognized before income taxes.

We prepare our unaudited interim financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and Securities and Exchange Commission requirements for interim financial statements. As a result, they do not include all the information and disclosures required for complete financial statements. However, in our opinion, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Such adjustments consist only of normal recurring items unless otherwise noted. We make estimates and assumptions about future events. Actual results can, and probably will, differ from those we currently estimate including those principally related to allocating costs to real estate, measuring long-lived assets for impairment, oil and gas revenue accruals, capital expenditure and lease operating expense accruals associated with our oil and gas production activities, oil and gas reserves and depletion of our oil and gas properties. These interim operating results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire year. For further information, please read the financial statements included in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Note 2—New and Pending Accounting Pronouncements

Pending Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), requiring an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The updated standard will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective and permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. Early adoption is not permitted. The updated standard becomes effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. In July 2015, the FASB decided to defer the effective date of the new standard by one year. This deferral results in the new standard being effective after December 15, 2017. We have not yet selected a transition method and we are currently evaluating the effect that the updated standard will have on our earnings, financial position and disclosures.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, Consolidation: Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis (Topic 810), requiring entities to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. All legal entities are subject to reevaluation under the revised consolidation model. The revised consolidation model: (1) modifies the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities (VIEs) or voting interest entities, (2) eliminates the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership, (3) affects the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with VIEs, and (4) provides a scope exception from consolidation guidance for reporting entities with interests in certain legal entities. The updated standard is effective for financial statements issued for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The updated standard may be applied retrospectively or using a modified retrospective approach by recording a cumulative-effect adjustment to equity as of the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. We are currently evaluating the effect that the updated standard will have on our earnings, financial position and disclosures. In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Interest – Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, as part of its initiative to reduce complexity in accounting standards. To simplify presentation of debt issuance costs, the amendments in this update require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-15, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30), Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements - Amendments to SEC Paragraphs Pursuant to Staff Announcement at June 18, 2015

EITF Meeting (SEC Update), which allows an entity to defer and present debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortize the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. The updated standards are effective for financial statements issued for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The updated standards are not expected to materially impact our financial position or disclosures. In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-05, Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement (Subtopic 350-40), in order to provide clarification on whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. If a

software license is included, the customer should account for the license consistent with its accounting of other software licenses. If a software license is not included, the arrangement should be accounted for as a service contract. The update is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the effect that the updated standard will have on our financial position and disclosures. In June 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-10, Technical Corrections and Updates. The amendments in this update cover a wide range of topics in the codification and are generally categorized as follows: Amendments Related to Differences between Original Guidance and the Codification; Guidance Clarification and Reference Corrections; Simplification; and, Minor Improvements. The amendments are effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this standard is not expected to impact our financial position or results of operations.

Note 3—Real Estate

Real estate consists of:

	Third Quarter-End 2015			Year-End 2014		
	Carrying Value	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying	Carrying Value	Accumulated Depreciation	Carrying
	(In thousand	ds)				
Entitled, developed and under development projects	\$359,532	\$ —	\$359,532	\$321,273	\$ —	\$321,273
Undeveloped land (includes land in entitlement)	93,824	_	93,824	93,182	_	93,182
Commercial						
Radisson Hotel	62,693	(28,396)	34,297	59,773	(29,062)	30,711
Harbor Lakes golf course and country club	-	_		2,054	(1,508)	546
Income producing properties						
Eleven	53,906	(2,312)	51,594	53,958	(576)	53,382
Midtown	34,952	(1,399)	33,553	33,293	(231)	33,062
Dillon (a)	18,120		18,120	15,203	_	15,203
Music Row (a)	8,483	_	8,483	7,675	_	7,675
Downtown Edge	12,335		12,335	11,856	_	11,856
West Austin	9,075		9,075	8,866	_	8,866
	\$652,920	\$ (32,107)	\$620,813	\$607,133	\$ (31,377)	\$575,756

⁽a) Construction in progress at third quarter-end 2015.

Our estimated costs of assets for which we expect to be reimbursed by utility and improvement districts were \$67,925,000 at third quarter-end 2015 and \$65,212,000 at year-end 2014, including \$21,438,000 at third quarter-end 2015 and \$31,913,000 at year-end 2014 related to our Cibolo Canyons project near San Antonio, Texas. In first nine months 2015, we have collected \$7,860,000 in reimbursements that were previously submitted to these districts. At third quarter-end 2015, our inception to-date submitted and approved reimbursements for the Cibolo Canyons project were \$54,376,000 of which we have collected \$34,703,000. These costs are principally for water, sewer and other infrastructure assets that we have incurred and submitted or will submit to utility or improvement districts for approval and reimbursement. We expect to be reimbursed by utility and improvement districts when these districts achieve adequate tax basis or otherwise have funds available to support payment.

Note 4—Oil and Gas Properties and Equipment, net

Net capitalized costs, utilizing the successful efforts method of accounting, related to our oil and gas producing activities follows:

	Third	Year-End	
	Quarter-End	i cai-Liiu	
	2015	2014	
	(In thousands)		
Unproved leasehold interests	\$44,387	\$90,446	
Proved oil and gas properties	133,246	221,299	
Total costs	177,633	311,745	
Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(55,858) (48,252)
	\$121,775	\$263,493	

We review unproved oil and gas properties for impairment based on our current exploration plans and proved oil and gas properties by comparing the expected undiscounted future cash flows at a producing field level to the unamortized capitalized cost of the asset.

In third quarter 2015, we recognized \$81,240,000 in non-cash impairment charges of which \$65,382,000 is related to our proved oil and gas properties, primarily in North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas and \$15,858,000 is related to our unproved leasehold interests primarily in North Dakota. These non-cash impairment charges are a result of continued decline in oil prices and our current exploration plans. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil prices (the principal benchmark price for our oil sales), declined approximately 24 percent during third quarter 2015. Impairment charges are included in cost of oil and gas producing activities on our consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

Third quarter 2015 non-cash impairment charges included \$1,361,000 of write-down associated with certain producing properties that met the assets held for sale criteria. Carrying value of these assets was adjusted to fair value and \$1,534,000 were reclassified from oil and gas properties to assets held for sale which is included in other assets on our consolidated balance sheet. Upon classification as held for sale, long-lived assets are no longer depreciated or depleted, and a measurement for impairment is performed to identify and expense any excess of carrying value over fair value less estimated costs to sell.

In first nine months 2015, we recognized non-cash impairment charges of \$36,768,000 on our unproved leasehold interests and \$90,417,000 on our proved properties principally due to a significant decline in oil prices, drilling results, a change in our plans to develop acreage and increased likelihood that certain non-core oil and gas assets will be sold. Dry hole costs in first nine months 2015 were \$9,952,000, which includes a \$9,674,000 charge in second quarter 2015 primarily associated with an exploratory well in Oklahoma. In addition, in second quarter 2015 we expensed \$917,000 of capitalized costs related to pre-drilling activities associated with non-core oil and gas properties in Oklahoma. In first nine months 2015, we recorded a net loss of (\$1,320,000) on the sale of 27,662 net mineral acres leased from others and the disposition of 29 gross (5 net) producing oil and gas wells in Nebraska, Texas, Colorado, North Dakota and Oklahoma for total sales proceeds of \$13,111,000.

Note 5—Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets follows:

	Third	Year-End
	Quarter-End	i eai-Eiiu
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
Goodwill	\$61,452	\$63,423
Identified intangibles, net	1,988	2,708
	\$63,440	\$66,131

Goodwill related to our oil and gas properties is \$57,578,000 and \$59,549,000 at third quarter-end 2015 and year-end 2014. Goodwill associated with our water resources initiatives is \$3,874,000 at third quarter-end 2015 and year-end

2014. The change in goodwill for oil and gas properties is related to goodwill allocated to properties sold or held for sale in first nine months 2015.

Identified intangibles include \$1,681,000 in indefinite lived groundwater leases associated with our water resources initiatives and \$307,000 related to patents with definite lives associated with the Calliope Gas Recovery System, a process to increase natural gas production.

Note 6—Equity

A reconciliation of changes in equity at third quarter-end 2015 follows:

	Forestar	Noncontrolling	Total	
	Group Inc.	Interests	Total	
	(In thousands))		
Balance at year-end 2014	\$707,202	\$2,540	\$709,742	
Net income (loss)	(206,881) (5	(206,886)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	_	(703)	(703)
Other (primarily share-based compensation)	6,252	_	6,252	
	\$506.573	\$1.832	\$508,405	

Note 7—Investment in Unconsolidated Ventures

At third quarter-end 2015, we have ownership interests in 20 ventures that we account for using the equity method. Combined summarized balance sheet information for our ventures accounted for using the equity method follows:

	Venture As Third Quarter-En	Year-End	Venture Bo Third Quarter-En	Vear-End	Venture Equation Third Quarter-End	Year-End	Our Investi Third Quarter-En	Year-End	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	(In thousan	ds)							
242, LLC (b)	\$27,647	\$33,021	\$ —	\$6,940	\$25,822	\$21,789	\$12,239	\$10,098	
CL Ashton Woods, LP (c)	8,453	13,269	_	_	5,671	11,453	2,620	6,015	
CL Realty, LLC	8,246	7,960	_	_	8,084	7,738	4,042	3,869	
CREA FMF Nashville LLC (b)	e _{57,193}	40,014	49,960	29,660	4,780	5,987	4,309	5,516	
Elan 99, LLC	25,572	10,070	5,726	1	15,885	9,643	14,297	8,679	
FOR/SR Forsyth LLC		_	_		6,300		5,670	_	
FMF Littleton LLC	43,828	26,953	15,665	_	24,585	24,435	6,324	6,287	
FMF Peakview LLC	48,984	43,638	29,426	23,070	16,924	17,464	3,467	3,575	
HM Stonewall Estates, Ltd ^(c)	3,054	3,750	_	669	3,054	3,081	1,822	1,752	
LM Land Holdings, LP ^(c)	33,397	25,561	8,015	4,448	23,679	18,500	11,033	9,322	
MRECV DT Holdings LLC	3,899	_	_	_	3,899	_	3,510	_	
MRECV Edelweiss LLC	2,000	_	_	_	2,000	_	1,800	_	
MRECV Juniper Ridge LLC	1,796	_	_	_	1,796	_	1,616	_	
Miramonte Boulder Pass, LLC	12,429	_	5,360	_	5,533		5,403	_	
PSW Communities, LP	14,060	16,045	6,880	10,515	6,557	4,415	4,123	3,924	
Temco Associates, LLC	5,813	11,756	_	_	5,232	11,556	2,616	5,778	
Other ventures (d)	6,605 \$309,276	8,453 \$240,490	22,956 \$143,988	26,944 \$102,247	(31,306) \$128,495	(25,614) \$110,447	434 \$85,325	190 \$65,005	

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Combined summarized income statement information for our ventures accounted for using the equity method follows: Venture Revenues Venture Earnings (Loss) Our Share of Earnings (Loss) First Nine Third Quarter Third Quarter First Nine Months Third Quarter First Nine Month Months 2015 2015 2014 2014 2015 2014 2015 2014 2015 2014 2015 2014 (In thousands) 242, LLC (b) \$2,884 \$448 \$597 \$236 \$88 \$20,583 \$1,563 \$1,161 \$(32)) \$9,034 \$(15) \$4,642 CL Ashton 3,958 790 6,369 1,859 1,341 277 2,719 573 1,849 373 3,405 826 Woods, LP (c) CL Realty, 205 413 674 1,240 103 294 346 846 52 147 174 423 LLC **CREA FMF** Nashville LLC442 477 (991) (991 (1,207) (25)) — (1,207) (25)Elan 99, LLC — (2) — (2 FMF Littleton 6 6 (152)) — (152)) — (38) — (38 LLC **FMF** 3 1,280 3 Peakview 628 (286)) (109) (1,020) (261) (58) (21) (204) (52 LLC FOR/SR Forsyth LLC HM Stonewall 921 292 2,590 480 91 1,292 613 157 36 730 245 1,727 Estates, Ltd (c) LM Land Holdings, 4,604 8,154 13,897 1,391 3,397 5,179 10,368 423 1,200 1,710 3,097 1,857 $LP^{(c)}$ MRECV DT 167 167 Holdings LLC **MRECV** Edelweiss 125 125 65 65 LLC **MRECV** 105 105 Juniper Ridge — LLC Miramonte Boulder Pass, — (92 (141)(46 (71)LLC **PSW** Communities, 5,145 21,214 613 (11)(231)(9) 1,088 (204)) 3,141) 127 LP Temco 79 Associates, 79 793 42 809 21 1,039 8,019 9,163 1,618 2,077 158 LLC Other 71 2,427 3,772 3,546 242 386 (16)) (454 207 (660) (37) 284 ventures (d) \$24,136 \$8,696 \$74,282 \$24,628 \$5,825 \$4,335 \$21,647 \$12,035 \$2,909 \$2,016 \$11,538 \$3,965

- (a) Total includes current maturities of \$72,637,000 at third quarter-end 2015, of which \$40,902,000 is non-recourse to us, and \$65,795,000 at year-end 2014, of which \$42,566,000 is non-recourse to us.
 - Includes unamortized deferred gains on real estate contributed by us to ventures. We recognize deferred gains as
- (b) income as real estate is sold to third parties. Deferred gains of \$1,496,000 are reflected as a reduction to our investment in unconsolidated ventures at third quarter-end 2015.
 - Includes unrecognized basis difference of \$588,000 which is reflected as a reduction of our investment in
- (c) unconsolidated ventures at third quarter-end 2015. The difference will be accreted as income or expense over the life of the investment and included in our share of earnings (loss) from the respective ventures.
 - Our investment in other ventures reflects our ownership interests, excluding venture losses that exceed our
- (d) investment where we are not obligated to fund those losses. Please read Note 16—Variable Interest Entities for additional information.

In first nine months 2015, we invested \$23,908,000 in these ventures and received \$15,126,000 in distributions. In first nine months 2014, we invested \$5,016,000 in these ventures and received \$4,418,000 in distributions. Distributions include both return of investments and distribution of earnings.

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Note 8—Receivables Receivables consist of:

	Third	Year-End	
	Quarter-End	i cai-Eiiu	
	2015	2014	
	(In thousands)		
Oil and gas revenue accruals	\$5,825	\$7,293	
Other receivables and accrued interest	4,146	6,505	
Oil and gas joint interest billing receivables	1,439	5,738	
Other loans secured by real estate, average interest rates of 11.12% at third quarter-end 2015 and 4.41% at year-end 2014	2,045	1,737	
Loan secured by real estate	_	3,574	
	13,455	24,847	
Allowance for bad debts	(243)	(258)
	\$13,212	\$24,589	

In second quarter 2011, we acquired a non-performing loan that was secured by a lien on developed and undeveloped real estate located near Houston designated for single-family residential and commercial development. In first quarter 2015, the loan was paid in full and we received principal payments of \$4,394,000 and interest payments of \$49,000. Estimated accretable yield follows:

	Quarter-End 2015
	(In thousands)
Beginning of period (year-end 2014)	\$839
Change in accretable yield due to change in timing of estimated cash flows	30
Interest income recognized (in first nine months 2015)	(869)
End of period	\$

Other loans secured by real estate generally are secured by a deed of trust and due within three years.

Note 9—Debt

Debt consists of:

	Third	Year-End
	Quarter-End	i eai-Eilu
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
8.50% senior secured notes due 2022	\$250,000	\$250,000
3.75% convertible senior notes due 2020, net of discount	105,672	103,194
6.00% tangible equity unit notes, net of discount	10,899	17,154
Secured promissory notes — average interest rates of 3.19% at third quarter-end 2015 a 3.17% at year-end 2014	and 15,400	15,400
Other indebtedness — interest rates ranging from 2.25% to 5.50%	53,324	46,996
	\$435,295	\$432,744

Our debt agreements contain financial covenants customary for such agreements including minimum levels of interest coverage and limitations on leverage. On September 30, 2015, we received a waiver of the consolidated tangible net worth maintenance covenant requirement of our senior credit facility for third quarter 2015, and amended the consolidated tangible net worth maintenance covenant requirement to an amount equal to 80 percent of the actual consolidated tangible net worth as calculated using the September 30, 2015 financial statements. The amendment provides us with additional flexibility given the on-going volatility and continued decline in oil prices, which resulted in approximately \$81,240,000 of additional non-cash asset impairment charges in the oil and gas segment in third quarter 2015. At third quarter-end 2015, we were in compliance with the financial covenants of these agreements.

At third quarter-end 2015, our senior secured credit facility provides for a \$300,000,000 revolving line of credit maturing May 15, 2017 (with two one-year extension options). The revolving line of credit may be prepaid at any time without penalty.

The revolving line of credit includes a \$100,000,000 sublimit for letters of credit, of which \$16,184,000 is outstanding at third quarter-end 2015. Total borrowings under our senior secured credit facility (including the face amount of letters of credit) may not exceed a borrowing base formula. At third quarter-end 2015, we had \$283,816,000 in net unused borrowing capacity under our senior secured credit facility.

Under the terms of our senior secured credit facility, at our option we can borrow at LIBOR plus 4.0 percent or at the alternate base rate plus 3.0 percent. The alternate base rate is the highest of (i) KeyBank National Association's base rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 0.5 percent or (iii) 30 day LIBOR plus 1 percent. Borrowings under the senior secured credit facility are or may be secured by (a) mortgages on the timberland, high value timberland and portions of raw entitled land, as well as pledges of other rights including certain oil and gas operating properties, (b) assignments of current and future leases, rents and contracts, (c) a security interest in our primary operating account, (d) a pledge of the equity interests in current and future material operating subsidiaries and most of our majority-owned joint venture interests, or if such pledge is not permitted, a pledge of the right to distributions from such entities, and (e) a pledge of certain reimbursements payable to us from special improvement district tax collections in connection with our Cibolo Canyons project. The senior secured credit facility provides for releases of real estate and other collateral provided that borrowing base compliance is maintained.

At third quarter-end 2015, secured promissory notes represent a \$15,400,000 loan collateralized by a 413 guest room hotel located in Austin with a carrying value of \$34,297,000. Other indebtedness principally represents \$48,103,000 of senior secured loans for two wholly-owned multifamily properties, our 257-unit multifamily project in Austin and our 354-unit multifamily property near Dallas. The combined carrying value of these two multifamily properties is \$85,147,000 at third guarter-end 2015.

At third quarter-end 2015 and year-end 2014, we have \$12,407,000 and \$15,168,000 in unamortized deferred financing fees which are included in other assets. Amortization of deferred financing fees was \$2,992,000 and \$3,089,000 in first nine months 2015 and 2014 and is included in interest expense.

Note 10—Fair Value

Fair value is the exchange price that would be the amount received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. In arriving at a fair value measurement, we use a fair value hierarchy based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable. The three levels of inputs used to establish fair value are the following:

Level 1 — Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 — Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Non-financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis principally include real estate assets, oil and gas properties, assets held for sale, goodwill and other intangible assets, which are measured for impairment.

In first nine months 2015, we recognized proved oil and gas properties non-cash impairment charges of \$90,417,000 principally due to a significant decline in oil and gas prices and an increased likelihood that certain non-core oil and gas assets will be sold. The fair value of these properties was determined using Level 3 inputs and the income valuation method. We used a discount rate of ten percent as of third quarter-end 2015 which is commensurate with current market and risk conditions associated with realizing the expected cash flows projected for these investments. Fair value of assets held for sale was based on net realizable value less cost to sell. Fair value of certain unproved leasehold interests that were impaired was based on market comparables.

In first nine months 2015, we recognized real estate non-cash asset impairment of \$729,000, of which \$504,000 was recognized in first quarter 2015 related to a residential development with golf course and country club property located near Fort Worth which was sold in April 2015 and \$225,000 was recognized in second quarter 2015 related to an owned project near Atlanta where the remaining lots were sold in August 2015.

Non-financial assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis are as follows:

	Third Qua	arter-End 2	2015		Year-End			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(In thousa	ands)						
Non-Financial Assets and								
Liabilities:								
Real estate	\$ —	\$970	\$ —	\$970				
Proved oil and gas properties	\$ —	\$ —	\$80,551	\$80,551	\$ —	\$ —	\$3,655	\$3,655
Unproved leasehold interests	\$ —	\$1,226	\$11,489	\$12,715	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Assets held for sale - oil and gas properties	\$—	\$1,534	\$—	\$1,534	\$—	\$ —	\$ —	\$—

We elected not to use the fair value option for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other current assets, variable debt, accounts payable and other current liabilities. The carrying amounts of these financial instruments approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature or variable interest rates. We determine the fair value of fixed rate financial instruments using quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets.

Information about our fixed rate financial instruments not measured at fair value follows:

	Third Quarter-End 2015		Year-End 20			
	Carrying	Fair	Carrying	Fair	Valuation	
	Amount	Value	Amount	Value	Technique	
	(In thousan	ds)				
Loan secured by real estate	\$ —	\$—	\$3,574	\$4,859	Level 2	
Fixed rate debt	\$(366,571)	\$(357,857)	\$(370,348)	\$(359,131)	Level 2	

Note 11—Capital Stock

In first quarter 2015, we accelerated the expiration date of our shareholder rights plan from December 11, 2017 to March 13, 2015, resulting in termination of the plan.

Please read Note 17—Share-Based and Long-Term Incentive Compensation for information about additional shares of common stock that could be issued under terms of our share-based compensation plans.

At third quarter-end 2015, personnel of former affiliates held options to purchase 501,000 shares of our common stock. The options have a weighted average exercise price of \$28.62 and a weighted average remaining contractual term of one year. At third quarter-end 2015, the options have an aggregate intrinsic value of \$0.

Note 12—Net Income (Loss) per Share

Basic and diluted earnings per share is computed using the two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines net income per share for each class of common stock and participating security. We have determined that our 6.00% tangible equity units (Units) are participating securities. Per share amounts are computed by dividing earnings available to common shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding during each period. In periods with a net loss, no such adjustment is made to earnings as the holders of the participating securities have no obligation to fund losses.

Due to a net loss in third quarter and first nine months 2015, as the effect of potentially dilutive securities would be anti-dilutive, basic and diluted loss per share are the same. The computations of basic and diluted earnings per share are as follows:

	Third Quarter			First Nine Months		
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
	(In thousand	ls)				
Numerator:						
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$(164,331)	\$5,239		\$(206,886)	\$28,994	
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	115	(12)	5	(611)
Earnings (loss) available for diluted earnings per share	\$(164,216)	\$5,227		\$(206,881)	\$28,383	
Less: Undistributed net income allocated to participating securities		(947)	_	(5,151)
Earnings (loss) available to common shareholders for basic earnings per share	\$(164,216)	\$4,280		\$(206,881)	\$23,232	
Denominator:						
Weighted average common shares outstanding — basic	34,299	35,498		34,248	35,437	
Weighted average common shares upon conversion of participating securities (a)	_	7,857		_	7,857	
Dilutive effect of stock options, restricted stock and equity-settled awards		513			456	
Total weighted average shares outstanding — diluted	34,299	43,868		34,248	43,750	
Anti-dilutive awards excluded from diluted weighted average shares	10,933	1,959		10,835	2,171	

⁽a) Our earnings per share calculation reflects the weighted average shares issuable upon settlement of the prepaid stock purchase contract component of our 6.00% tangible equity units, issued November 27, 2013.

The actual number of shares we may issue upon settlement of the stock purchase contract will be between 6,547,800 shares (the minimum settlement rate) and 7,857,000 shares (the maximum settlement rate) based on the applicable market value, as defined in the purchase contract agreement associated with issuance of the Units.

We intend to settle the principal amount of our convertible senior notes (Convertible Notes) in cash upon conversion with only the amount in excess of par value of the Convertible Notes to be settled in shares of our common stock. Therefore, our calculation of diluted net income per share using the treasury stock method includes only the amount, if any, in excess of par value of the Convertible Notes. As such, the Convertible Notes have no impact on diluted net income per share until the price of our common stock exceeds the \$24.49 conversion price of the Convertible Notes. The average price of our common stock in third quarter 2015 did not exceed the conversion price which resulted in no additional diluted outstanding shares.

Note 13—Income Taxes

Our provision for income taxes including the impact of deferred tax asset valuation allowance is as follows:

	Third Quarter			First Nine Months				
	2015		2014		2015		2014	
	(In thous	anc	ls)					
Current income tax benefit (expense)	\$(27)	\$(200)	\$(27)	\$(4,815)
Deferred income tax benefit (expense)	34,678		(2,555)	60,844		(10,649)
Deferred tax asset valuation allowance benefit (expense)	(98,887)			(99,950)		
Income tax benefit (expense)	\$(64,236)	\$(2,755)	\$(39,133)	\$(15,464)

Our effective tax rate was 64 percent in third quarter 2015 and 23 percent in first nine months 2015. Excluding the impact of valuation allowance, our effective tax rate was a 35 percent benefit in third quarter 2015 and 36 percent benefit in first nine months 2015. Our effective tax rate was 35 percent in third quarter and first nine months 2014.

Our effective tax rates include the effect of state income taxes, noncontrolling interests, nondeductible items and benefits of percentage depletion.

We assess available positive and negative evidence to estimate whether sufficient future taxable income will be generated to permit use of the existing deferred tax asset. In determining our valuation allowance, a significant piece of objective negative evidence evaluated was the cumulative loss incurred over the three-year period ended September 30, 2015, principally driven by impairments of oil and gas assets. Such evidence limits our ability to consider other subjective evidence, such as our projected future taxable income.

A valuation allowance was recorded for the portion of our deferred tax asset that we believe is more likely than not to be unrealizable at third quarter-end 2015. The amount of deferred tax asset considered realizable, however, could be adjusted if

estimates of future taxable income are reduced or increased or if objective negative evidence in the form of cumulative losses is no longer present and additional weight is given to subjective evidence, such as our projected future taxable income.

Note 14—Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

We are involved in various legal proceedings that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of doing business and believe that adequate reserves have been established for any probable losses. We do not believe that the outcome of any of these proceedings should have a significant adverse effect on our financial position, long-term results of operations or cash flows. However, it is possible that charges related to these matters could be significant to our results or cash flows in any one accounting period.

Environmental

Environmental remediation liabilities arise from time to time in the ordinary course of doing business, and we believe we have established adequate reserves for any probable losses that we can reasonably estimate. We own 288 acres near Antioch, California, portions of which were sites of a former paper manufacturing operation that are in remediation. We have received certificates of completion on all but one 80 acre tract, a portion of which includes subsurface contamination. In third quarter 2015, we increased our reserves for environmental remediation by \$388,000 due to additional testing and remediation requirements by state regulatory agencies. We estimate the remaining cost to complete remediation activities will be approximately \$600,000, which is included in other accrued expenses. It is possible that remediation or monitoring activities could be required in addition to those included within our estimate, but we are unable to determine the scope, timing or extent of such activities.

We have asset retirement obligations related to the abandonment and site restoration requirements that result from the acquisition, construction and development of oil and gas properties. We record the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period in which it is incurred and a corresponding increase in the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Accretion expense related to the asset retirement obligation and depletion expense related to capitalized asset retirement cost is included in cost of oil and gas producing activities on our consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. At third quarter-end 2015 and year-end 2014, our asset retirement obligation was \$1,748,000 and \$1,807,000, which is included in other liabilities.

Unallocated Severance-related Costs

In connection with the departures of our former Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer in September 2015, we recorded one-time severance-related charges of \$3,314,000 which are included in general and administrative expense on our consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. Approximately \$2,721,000 of these severance-related charges will be paid in fourth quarter 2015 with the balance to be paid in 2016.

Oil and Gas Restructuring Costs

In connection with review of strategic alternatives with respect to our oil and gas business that was announced in December 2014, we offered retention bonuses to key personnel provided they remain our employees through December 2015. We are expensing retention bonus costs over the retention period. In first nine months 2015, we incurred severance expenses related to staff reductions, paid a portion of the December 2014 accrual under written severance agreements and incurred costs associated with closure of our Fort Worth office. Office closure costs include a \$1,750,000 lease termination charge and \$391,000 for write off of leasehold improvements which were partially offset by a deferred lease credit of \$364,000. These restructuring costs are included in other operating expense on our consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. We may incur additional costs related to our strategic initiatives associated with lowering capital expenditures and operating costs in our oil and gas segment.

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The following table summarizes activity related to liabilities associated with our oil and gas restructuring activities in first nine months 2015:

	Employee-Re Costs	Lease Termination Charge	Total	
	(In thousands	s)		
Balance at year-end 2014	\$(2,367) \$—	\$(2,367)
Additions	(1,979) (1,750) (3,729)
Payments	2,047	1,750	3,797	
Balance at third quarter-end 2015	\$(2,299) \$—	\$(2,299)
Note 15—Segment Information				

We manage our operations through three segments: real estate, oil and gas and other natural resources. Real estate secures entitlements and develops infrastructure on our lands for single-family residential and mixed-use communities, and manages our undeveloped land, commercial and income producing properties, primarily a hotel and our multifamily investments. Oil and gas is an independent oil and gas exploration, development and production operation and manages our owned and leased mineral interests. Other natural resources manages our timber, recreational leases and water resource initiatives.

Total assets allocated by segment are as follows:

	Third	Year-End
	Quarter-End	1 car-End
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
Real estate	\$713,912	\$654,774
Oil and gas	191,328	342,703
Other natural resources	20,034	22,531
Assets not allocated to segments (a)	115,942	238,191
	\$1,041,216	\$1,258,199

Assets not allocated to segments at third quarter-end 2015 principally consist of cash and cash equivalents of \$92,640,000 and a net deferred tax asset of \$1,118,000. Assets not allocated to segments at year-end 2014 principally consist of cash and cash equivalents of \$170,127,000 and a net deferred tax asset of \$40,624,000. We evaluate performance based on segment earnings (loss) before unallocated items and income taxes. Segment earnings (loss) consist of operating income, equity in earnings (loss) of unconsolidated ventures, gain on sales of assets, interest income on loans secured by real estate and net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests. Items not allocated to our business segments consist of general and administrative expense, share-based and long-term incentive compensation, gain on sale of strategic timberland, interest expense and other corporate non-operating income and expense. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in Note 1—Basis of Presentation. Our revenues are derived from U.S. operations and all of our assets are located in the U.S. In third quarter 2015, no single customer accounted for more than ten percent of our total revenues.

Segment revenues and earnings are as follows:

	Third Quarter		First Nine Months			
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
	(In thousan	ds)				
Revenues:						
Real estate	\$27,957	\$32,445		\$100,196	\$153,098	
Oil and gas	13,485	24,145		42,835	66,076	
Other natural resources	1,726	2,250		5,372	7,284	
Total revenues	\$43,168	\$58,840		\$148,403	\$226,458	
Segment earnings (loss):						
Real estate	\$5,154	\$15,987		\$29,747	\$66,859	
Oil and gas	(86,192	6,002		(146,000)	16,331	
Other natural resources	(77) 669		(511)	2,220	
Total segment earnings (loss)	(81,115	22,658		(116,764)	85,410	
Items not allocated to segments (a)	(18,865) (14,676)	(50,984)	(41,563)
Income (loss) before taxes attributable to Forestar Group Inc.	\$(99,980	\$7,982		\$(167,748)	\$43,847	
(a) Items not allocated to segments consist of:						
	Third Quar	ter		First Nine M	Ionths	
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
	(In thousan	ids)				
General and administrative expense	\$(8,343	\$(5,190))	\$(19,540)	\$(15,924)
Shared-based and long-term incentive compensation expense	(2,245) (991)	(5,726)	(4,523)
Interest expense	(8,315	(8,634)	(25,851)	(21,507)
Other corporate non-operating income	38	139		133	391	
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Note 16—Variable Interest Entities

We participate in real estate ventures for the purpose of acquiring and developing residential, multifamily and mixed-use communities in which we may or may not have a controlling financial interest. Generally accepted accounting principles require consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (VIEs) in which an enterprise has a controlling financial interest and is the primary beneficiary. A controlling financial interest will have both of the following characteristics: (a) the power to direct the VIE activities that most significantly impact economic performance and (b) the obligation to absorb the VIE losses and right to receive benefits that are significant to the VIE. We examine specific criteria and use judgment when determining whether we are the primary beneficiary and must consolidate a VIE. We perform this review initially at the time we enter into venture agreements and continuously reassess to see if we are the primary beneficiary of a VIE.

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At third quarter-end 2015, we have four VIEs. We account for these VIEs using the equity method since we are not the primary beneficiary. Although we have certain rights regarding major decisions, we do not have the power to direct the activities that are most significant to the economic performance of these VIEs. At third quarter-end 2015, these VIEs have total assets of \$77,672,000, substantially all of which represent developed and undeveloped real estate, and total liabilities of \$97,828,000, which includes \$29,835,000 of borrowings classified as current maturities. These amounts are included in the summarized balance sheet information for ventures accounted for using the equity method in Note 7—Investment in Unconsolidated Ventures. At third quarter-end 2015, our investment in these VIEs is \$8,822,000 and is included in investment in unconsolidated ventures. In first nine months 2015, we contributed \$111,000 to these VIEs. Our maximum exposure to loss related to one of these VIEs is estimated at \$3,808,000, which exceeds our investment as we have a nominal general partner interest and could be held responsible for its liabilities. The maximum exposure to loss represents the maximum loss that we could be required to recognize assuming all the ventures' assets (principally real estate) are worthless, without consideration of the probability of a loss or of any actions we may take to mitigate any such loss.

Note 17—Share-Based and Long-Term Incentive Compensation

Share-based and long-term incentive compensation expense consists of:

	Third Quarter		First Nine I	Months
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousan	ds)		
Cash-settled awards	\$146	\$(801)	\$(1,005)	\$(1,996)
Equity-settled awards	1,654	1,307	4,569	4,897
Restricted stock	16	22	13	101
Stock options	388	463	1,954	1,521
Total share-based compensation	2,204	991	5,531	4,523
Deferred cash	41		195	
	\$2,245	\$991	\$5,726	\$4,523
Share-based and long-term incentive compensation expense is in	ncluded in:			
	Third Quar	ter	First Nine I	Months
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousan	ds)		
General and administrative expense	\$1,124	\$(50)	\$2,970	\$1,217
Other operating expense	1,121	1,041	2,756	3,306
	\$2,245	\$991	\$5,726	\$4,523

Share-Based Compensation

In first quarter 2015, we granted 89,900 cash-settled stock appreciation rights awards and 598,600 equity-settled awards. Cash-settled stock appreciation rights have a ten-year term, generally become exercisable ratably over four years and provide for accelerated or continued vesting upon retirement, death, or disability or if there is a change in control. Equity-settled awards granted to employees include market-leveraged stock units (MSUs) and stock options. Equity-settled MSUs will be settled in common stock based upon our stock price performance over three years from the date of grant. Stock options have a ten-year term, generally become exercisable ratably over four years and provide for accelerated or continued vesting upon retirement, death, or disability or if there is a change in control. Equity-settled awards in the form of restricted stock units granted to our directors are fully vested at the time of grant and are issued upon retirement.

In third quarter 2015, we granted 141,300 stock option awards in connection with management promotions. These awards have a ten-year term, vest ratably over three years and are exercisable only when our stock price exceeds \$17.50 per share. We also granted 24,200 cash-settled restricted stock units which vest after three years and provide for accelerated or continued vesting upon death, disability or if there is a change in control. In addition, 36,100 cash-settled restricted stock units were awarded to certain key employees as retention grants. These awards vest over three years and are not eligible for retirement acceleration.

The fair value of awards granted to retirement eligible employees expensed at the date of grant was \$517,000 and \$760,000 in first nine months 2015 and 2014. Unrecognized share-based compensation expense related to non-vested equity-settled awards, restricted stock and stock options is \$6,160,000 at third quarter-end 2015.

In first nine months 2015 and 2014, we issued 159,867 and 211,333 shares out of our treasury stock associated with vesting of stock-based awards or exercise of stock options, net of 48,636 and 54,272 shares withheld having a value of \$722,000 and \$1,024,000 for payroll taxes in connection with vesting of stock-based awards or exercise of stock options.

Long-Term Incentive Compensation

In first quarter 2015, we granted \$587,000 of long-term incentive compensation in the form of deferred cash compensation. Deferred cash will be paid out after the earlier of three years or the employee's retirement eligibility date and the expense is recognized ratably over the vesting period. The accrued liability was \$195,000 at third quarter-end 2015 and is included in other liabilities.

Note 18—Subsequent Event

On October 16, 2015, we obtained a senior secured construction loan in the amount of \$52,000,000 from PNC Bank, National Association to finance the construction of a 379-unit multifamily project (Dillon) located in Charlotte, North

Carolina. The loan is secured by a lien on the land and improvements to be constructed, and by a collateral assignment of present and future leases and rents. The loan bears interest at the LIBOR rate plus 2.20 percent, payable monthly, has an initial term of 48 months and may be extended for two additional 12-month periods following the initial term, subject to payment of extension fees and fulfillment of specified conditions.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Unless otherwise indicated, information is presented as of third quarter-end 2015, and references to acreage owned includes all acres owned by ventures regardless of our ownership interest in a venture.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and other materials we have filed or may file with the Securities and Exchange Commission contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of terms and phrases such as "believe," "anticipate," "could," "estimate," "likely," "intend," "may," "plan," "expect," and similar expressions, including references to assumptions. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties. We note that a variety of factors and uncertainties could cause our actual results to differ significantly from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors and uncertainties that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to: general economic, market or business conditions in Texas or Georgia, where our real estate activities are concentrated, or on a national or global scale;

our ability to achieve some or all of our strategic initiatives;

the opportunities (or lack thereof) that may be presented to us and that we may pursue;

our ability to hire and retain key personnel;

future residential, multifamily or commercial entitlements, development approvals and the ability to obtain such approvals;

obtaining approvals of reimbursements and other payments from special improvement districts and the timing of such payments;

accuracy of estimates and other assumptions related to investment in and development of real estate, the expected timing and pricing of land and lot sales and related cost of real estate sales, impairment of long-lived assets, income taxes, share-based compensation, oil and gas reserves, revenues, capital expenditures and lease operating expense accruals associated with our oil and gas working interests, and depletion of our oil and gas properties;

- the levels of resale housing inventory and potential impact of foreclosures in our mixed-use development projects and the regions in which they are located;
- fluctuations in costs and expenses, including impacts from shortages in materials or labor:

demand for new housing, which can be affected by a number of factors including the availability of mortgage credit, job growth and fluctuations in commodity prices;

demand for multifamily communities, which can be affected by a number of factors including local markets and economic conditions;

competitive actions by other companies;

 changes in governmental policies, laws or regulations and actions or restrictions of regulatory agencies;

risks associated with oil and gas exploration, drilling and production activities;

fluctuations in oil and gas commodity prices;

our ability to fully realize our deferred tax assets is dependent upon generating future taxable income, executing tax planning strategies, and reversals of existing taxable temporary differences;

government regulation of exploration and production technology, including hydraulic fracturing;

the results of financing efforts, including our ability to obtain financing with favorable terms, or at all;

our ability to make interest and principal payments on our debt or amend and satisfy the other covenants contained in our senior secured credit facility, indentures and other debt agreements;

our partners' ability to fund their capital commitments and otherwise fulfill their operating and financial obligations; the effect of limitations, restrictions and natural events on our ability to harvest and deliver timber;

inability to obtain permits for, or changes in laws, governmental policies or regulations affecting, water withdrawal or usage;

the final resolutions or outcomes with respect to our contingent and other liabilities related to our business; and

our ability to execute our growth strategy and deliver acceptable returns from acquisitions and other investments.

Other factors, including the risk factors described in Item 1A of our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K, may also cause actual results to differ materially from those projected by our forward-looking statements. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all such factors, nor can we assess the impact of any such factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and, except as required by law, we expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to disseminate any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Results of Operations

A summary of our consolidated results by business segment follows:

	Third Quarter			First Nine N	√onths		
	2015		2014		2015	2014	
	(In thousa	nd	ls)				
Revenues:							
Real estate	\$27,957		\$32,445		\$100,196	\$153,098	
Oil and gas	13,485		24,145		42,835	66,076	
Other natural resources	1,726		2,250		5,372	7,284	
Total revenues	\$43,168		\$58,840		\$148,403	\$226,458	
Segment earnings (loss):							
Real estate	\$5,154		\$15,987		\$29,747	\$66,859	
Oil and gas	(86,192)	6,002		(146,000)	16,331	
Other natural resources	(77)	669		(511)	2,220	
Total segment earnings (loss)	(81,115)	22,658		(116,764)	85,410	
Items not allocated to segments:							
General and administrative expense	(8,343)	(5,190)	(19,540)	(15,924)	
Share-based and long-term incentive compensation expense	(2,245)	(991)	(5,726)	(4,523)	
Interest expense	(8,315)	(8,634)	(25,851)	(21,507)	
Other corporate non-operating income	38		139		133	391	
Income (loss) before taxes	(99,980)	7,982		(167,748)	43,847	
Income tax benefit (expense)	(64,236)	(2,755)	(39,133)	(15,464)	
Net income (loss) attributable to Forestar Group Inc.	\$(164,216	()	\$5,227		\$(206,881)	\$28,383	

Significant aspects of our results of operations follow:

Third Quarter and First Nine Months 2015

Third quarter 2015 real estate earnings declined principally due to a \$7,610,000 gain in third quarter 2014 associated with the acquisition of our partner's interest in the Eleven multifamily venture, decreased residential lot sales activity and \$1,757,000 of interest income in third quarter 2014 related to a loan secured by a mixed-use real estate community in Houston. First nine months 2015 real estate segment earnings declined principally due to lower undeveloped land sales, a \$10,476,000 gain in second quarter 2014 associated with a non-monetary exchange of leasehold timber rights for 5,400 acres of undeveloped land with a partner in a consolidated venture, a \$7,610,000 gain in third quarter 2014 associated with the acquisition of our partner's interest in the Eleven multifamily venture, decreased residential lot sales activity and \$1,757,000 interest income in third quarter 2014 related to a loan secured by a mixed-use real estate community in Houston.

Third quarter 2015 oil and gas segment earnings were down compared with third quarter 2014 principally due to non-cash asset impairment charges of \$81,240,000, of which \$65,382,000 is related to proved oil and gas properties and \$15,858,000 is related to unproved leasehold interests, principally driven by current and projected future lower oil and gas prices. In addition, lower realized oil and gas prices negatively impacted results despite an increase in production volumes, which were partially offset by lower operating costs. First nine months 2015 oil and gas segment results include \$138,054,000 of non-cash charges, which include impairments of \$90,417,000 for proved oil and gas properties and \$36,768,000 for unproved leasehold interests, and exploratory dry hole costs and pre-drilling costs of \$10,869,000. First nine months 2015 results also include \$1,979,000 of employee severance and retention bonus costs as part of our initiative to significantly reduce oil and gas operating costs and a lease termination charge of \$1,750,000 associated with the closure of our office in Fort Worth, Texas.

General and administrative expense increased principally as a result of one-time severance-related charges of \$3,314,000 related to departures of our former Chief Executive officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Current Market Conditions

Sales of new U.S. single-family homes were 468,000 units in September 2015, on a seasonally adjusted annualized basis, up two percent compared with September 2014, but down over 11 percent compared with the downwardly-revised August 2015 results, representing the lowest level of new homes sales since November 2014, indicating the housing recovery remains tentative. Inventories of new homes are at or below historical levels in many areas. In addition, declining finished lot inventories and supply of economically developable raw land has resulted in demand for our developed lots. However, national and global economic weakness and uncertainty, and a restrictive mortgage lending environment continue to threaten a robust recovery in the housing market, despite low interest rates. Multifamily market conditions continue to be strong, with many markets experiencing healthy occupancy levels and positive rent growth. This improvement has been driven primarily by limited housing inventory, reduced single-family mortgage credit availability, and the increased propensity to rent among the 18 to 34 year old demographic of the U.S. population.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil prices at third quarter-end 2015 declined over 50 percent compared with third quarter-end 2014, driven by a combination of lower worldwide economic growth, record inventory levels and concern over higher oil exports from Iran. In response to the significant decline in crude oil prices, exploration and development activity in the U.S. has declined sharply, however production has remained at historically high levels, aided by increased drilling efficiencies and lower costs. U.S. production continues to be liquids focused principally due to the premium price of oil over gas when comparing energy equivalency and current estimates of domestic gas producing supplies are believed to be sufficient.

Henry Hub natural gas prices at third quarter-end 2015 were down approximately 40 percent compared with third quarter-end 2014, and remain significantly lower than realized prices over the last decade. The decline in natural gas prices is principally driven by higher inventories, which are 35 percent higher than year ago levels, and modestly above the previous five year average. Despite low prices, natural gas production in the U.S. remains high, driven by continued improvements in drilling efficiency and lower operating costs, which is expected to result in additional inventory growth.

Business Segments

We manage our operations through three business segments:

Real estate,

Oil and gas, and

Other natural resources.

We evaluate performance based on segment earnings (loss) before unallocated items and income taxes. Segment earnings (loss) consist of operating income, equity in earnings (loss) of unconsolidated ventures, gain on sales of assets, interest income on loans secured by real estate and net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests. Items not allocated to our business segments consist of general and administrative expense, share-based and long-term incentive compensation, gain on sale of strategic timberland, interest expense and other corporate non-operating income and expense. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the accounting policy note to the consolidated financial statements.

We operate in cyclical industries. Our operations are affected to varying degrees by supply and demand factors and economic conditions including changes in interest rates, availability of mortgage credit, consumer and home builder sentiment, new housing starts, real estate values, employment levels, changes in the market prices for oil, gas and timber, and the overall strength or weakness of the U.S. economy.

Real Estate

We own directly or through ventures approximately 106,000 acres of real estate located in 12 states and 15 markets. Our real estate segment secures entitlements and develops infrastructure on our lands, primarily for single-family residential and mixed-use communities. We own approximately 82,000 acres in a broad area around Atlanta, Georgia, with the balance located primarily in Texas. We target investments principally in our strategic growth corridors, regions across the southern half of the United States that possess key demographic and growth characteristics that we believe make them attractive for long-term real estate investment. We own and manage our projects either directly or through ventures. Our real estate segment revenues are principally derived from the sales of residential single-family lots and tracts, undeveloped land and commercial real estate, and from the operation of income producing properties, primarily a hotel and multifamily properties.

A summary of our real estate results follows:

	Third Quarter			First Nine Months		
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
	(In thousar	nds)				
Revenues	\$27,957	\$32,445		\$100,196	\$153,098	
Cost of sales	(16,368) (20,053)	(55,860	(88,262)	
Operating expenses	(9,831) (7,604)	(29,107	(24,994)	
	1,758	4,788		15,229	39,842	
Interest income	24	1,757		1,629	6,068	
Gain on sale of assets	425	7,610		1,585	18,086	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures	2,832	1,844		11,299	3,474	
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	115	(12)	5	(611)	
Segment earnings	\$5,154	\$15,987		\$29,747	\$66,859	
Revenues in our owned and consolidated ventures consist of:						
	Third Qua	rter		First Nine Months		
	2015	2014		2015	2014	
	(In thousa	nds)				
Residential real estate	\$15,488	\$20,714		\$57,630	\$89,876	
Commercial real estate	60	166		2,914	946	
Undeveloped land	2,157	2,021		6,922	29,031	
Commercial and income producing properties	9,588	9,378		31,566	30,361	
Other	664	166		1,164	2,884	
	\$27 957	\$32,445		\$100 196	\$153.098	

Residential real estate revenues principally consist of the sale of single-family lots to local, regional and national homebuilders. Revenues decreased in third quarter 2015 compared with third quarter 2014 primarily due to lower residential lot sales caused by construction and inspection delays associated with abnormally wet weather conditions in second quarter 2015. Decrease in revenues in first nine months 2015 compared with first nine months 2014 is

primarily due to lower residential lot sales and reduced undeveloped land sales. In addition, in first nine months 2015, we sold 1,002 acres of residential tracts for \$4,659,000 which generated segment earnings of \$1,499,000, compared to 910 acres of residential tracts for \$6,567,000 which generated segment earnings of \$2,678,000 in first nine months 2014.

In first nine months 2015, we sold 2,378 acres of undeveloped land for \$6,922,000, or approximately \$2,911 per acre, generating approximately \$5,242,000 in segment earnings, as compared with 12,916 acres sold for \$29,031,000 or approximately \$2,248 per acre, generating approximately \$22,257,000 in segment earnings in first nine months 2014. Commercial and income producing properties revenue include revenues from hotel room sales and other guest services, rental revenues from our operating multifamily properties and reimbursement for costs paid to subcontractors plus development and construction fees from certain multifamily projects. Third quarter and first nine months 2015 include \$1,449,000 and \$6,003,000 in construction revenues associated with one multifamily fixed fee contract as general contractor. The construction of this multifamily project is expected to be substantially completed by year-end 2015. Revenues associated with multifamily construction contracts for third quarter and first nine months 2014 were \$2,865,000 and \$9,559,000. Rental revenues from our multifamily operating properties for third quarter and first nine months 2015 were \$2,347,000 and \$6,150,000 compared with \$40,000 and \$48,000 in third quarter and first nine months 2014, primarily due to the substantial completion of the Eleven multifamily project at the end of second quarter 2014 and acquiring our partner's interest in the multifamily venture in third quarter 2014. In addition, our Midtown Cedar Hill multifamily project near Dallas was substantially completed in second quarter 2015 and is 91 percent occupied at third quarter-end 2015. Midtown Cedar Hill is under contract for sale with closing scheduled for late December 2015.

Units sold consist of:

	Third Quarter		First Nine Months		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Owned and consolidated ventures:					
Residential lots sold	186	286	699	1,603	
Revenue per lot sold	\$76,232	\$72,352	\$73,287	\$52,052	
Commercial acres sold	3	_	27	3	
Revenue per commercial acre sold	\$28,037	\$—	\$109,802	\$96,774	
Undeveloped acres sold	744	637	2,378	12,916	
Revenue per acre sold	\$2,900	\$3,179	\$2,911	\$2,248	
Ventures accounted for using the equity method:					
Residential lots sold	115	37	410	231	
Revenue per lot sold	\$77,256	\$83,711	\$77,973	\$70,325	
Commercial acres sold		4	29	4	
Revenue per commercial acre sold	\$ —	\$589,203	\$311,995	\$589,203	
Undeveloped acres sold	3,872	_	4,217	258	
Revenue per acre sold	\$2,053	\$ —	\$2,129	\$2,306	
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Cost of sales in third quarter and first nine months 2015 include \$2,083,000 and \$7,209,000 related to multifamily construction contract costs we incurred as general contractor and paid to subcontractors associated with our development of a multifamily venture property near Denver, compared with \$4,649,000 and \$13,690,000 associated with two multifamily venture properties in third quarter and first nine months 2014, of which one was completed in second quarter 2014. Included in multifamily construction contract costs are charges of \$634,000 and \$1,206,000 in third quarter and first nine months 2015 reflecting estimated cost increases associated with our fixed fee contracts as general contractor for one multifamily venture property compared with charges of \$1,784,000 and \$4,131,000 associated with two multifamily venture properties in third quarter and first nine months 2014. Cost of sales in first nine months 2015 also includes \$729,000 of non-cash asset impairment charges, of which \$504,000 was recognized in first quarter 2015 associated with a residential development with golf course and country club property located near Fort Worth which was sold in April 2015 and \$225,000 was recognized in second quarter 2015 related to one owned project near Atlanta where the remaining lots were sold in August 2015.

Operating expenses consist of:

	Third Quarter		First Nine Months		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	(In thousands)				
Employee compensation and benefits	\$2,166	\$2,605	\$6,492	\$8,118	
Property taxes	2,154	1,558	6,991	5,043	
Professional services	1,093	807	3,629	4,218	
Depreciation and amortization	2,125	725	5,854	2,068	
Other	2,293	1,909	6,141	5,547	
	\$9,831	\$7,604	\$29,107	\$24,994	

The increase in operating expenses for third quarter and first nine months 2015 is principally related to increase in depreciation and amortization and property taxes associated with the Eleven multifamily project which was completed in second quarter 2014 and Midtown Cedar Hill multifamily project which was substantially completed in second quarter 2015. In third quarter 2014, we acquired full ownership of the Eleven multifamily project in Austin in which we previously held a 25 percent equity interest.

Interest income principally represents earnings from a loan secured by a mixed-use real estate community in Houston that was paid in full in first quarter 2015 and interest income received on reimbursements from utility and improvement districts.

In first nine months 2015, we recorded a gain of \$1,585,000, of which \$1,160,000 was associated with the reduction of a surety bond in connection with the Cibolo Canyons Special Improvement District (CCSID) bond offering in 2014 and \$425,000 of excess hotel occupancy and sales and use tax pledged revenues from CCSID after their payments to the debt service fund. In first nine months 2014, \$18,086,000 of gain includes a \$10,476,000 gain associated with a non-monetary exchange of leasehold timber rights on approximately 10,300 acres for 5,400 acres of undeveloped land with a partner in a consolidated venture and a \$7,610,000 gain associated with the acquisition of our partner's interest in the Eleven multifamily venture.

Increase in equity earnings from our unconsolidated ventures in third quarter 2015 compared with third quarter 2014 is primarily due to sale of 3,872 acres of undeveloped land for \$2,053 per acre from a venture in Atlanta, Georgia which generated equity earnings of \$1,007,000. Increase in equity earnings from our unconsolidated ventures in first nine months 2015 compared with first nine months 2014 is primarily related to increased lot sales activity associated with two projects in Houston, Texas and increased undeveloped land sales associated with a venture in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Information about our real estate projects and our real estate ventures follows:

	Third	
	Quarter-End	f
	2015	2014
Owned and consolidated ventures:		
Entitled, developed and under development projects		
Number of projects	67	65
Residential lots remaining	14,695	14,772
Commercial acres remaining	1,721	1,722
Undeveloped land and land in the entitlement process		
Number of projects	11	11
Acres in entitlement process	24,430	24,430
Acres undeveloped	70,291	78,918
Ventures accounted for using the equity method:		
Ventures' entitled, developed and under development projects		
Number of projects	13	8
Residential lots remaining	2,672	2,984
Commercial acres remaining	182	236

Ventures' undeveloped land and land in the entitlement process

Acres undeveloped 478 5,073

We underwrite development projects based on a variety of assumptions incorporated into our development plans, including the timing and pricing of sales and leasing and costs to complete development. Our development plans are periodically reviewed in comparison to our return projections and expectations, and we may revise our plans as business conditions warrant. If as a result of changes to our development plans the anticipated future net cash flows are reduced such

that our basis in a project is not fully recoverable, we may be required to recognize a non-cash impairment charge for such project.

Our net investment in owned and consolidated real estate by geographic location follows:

State	Entitled, Developed, and Under Development Projects (In thousands)	Undeveloped Land and Land in Entitlement Process	Commercial and Income Producing Properties	Total
Texas	\$264,963	\$5,710	\$140,853	\$411,526
Georgia	13,827	62,992	_	76,819
California	8,915	24,219	_	33,134
North Carolina	12,333	95	18,121	30,549
Colorado	25,356	618		25,974
Tennessee	17,936	140	8,483	26,559
Other	16,202	50		16,252
	\$359,532	\$93,824	\$167,457	\$620,813

Oil and Gas

Our oil and gas segment is focused on the exploration, development and production of oil and gas on our mineral and leasehold interests.

We lease portions of our 590,000 owned net mineral acres located principally in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Alabama to other oil and gas companies in return for a lease bonus, delay rentals and a royalty interest. At third quarter-end 2015, we have about 22,000 net acres leased to others, about 36,000 net acres leased to others that are held by production and 532 gross productive wells operated by others on our owned mineral acres. Most leases are for a three to five year term although all or a portion of a lease may be extended as long as actual production is occurring. At third quarter-end 2015, our leasehold interests include 324,000 net mineral acres leased from others principally located in Nebraska and Kansas primarily targeting the Lansing-Kansas City formation, in Oklahoma targeting various formations in the Anadarko Basin, in the Texas Panhandle primarily targeting the Tonkawa and Cleveland formations and in North Dakota primarily targeting the Bakken and Three Forks formations. Our leasehold interests include 9,000 net mineral acres in the Bakken/Three Forks formation. We have 45,000 net acres of leasehold interests held by production and 382 gross oil and gas wells with working interest ownership, of which 129 are operated by us. A summary of our oil and gas results follows:

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	Third Quarter		First Nine Months	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			
Revenues	\$13,485	\$24,145	\$42,835	\$66,076
Cost of oil and gas producing activities	(95,553)	(18,470)	(177,236)	(48,016)
Operating expenses	(2,017	(3,164)	(10,499)	(11,235)
	(84,085	2,511	(144,900)	6,825
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	(2,174	3,335	(1,320)	9,041
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated ventures	67	156	220	465
Segment earnings (loss)	\$(86,192)	\$6,002	\$(146,000)	\$16,331
Revenues consist of:				
	Third Quarter		First Nine Months	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousan	ds)		
Oil production (a)	\$11,691	\$22,053	\$37,453	\$59,057
Gas production	1,174	1,913	4,078	5,694
Other (principally lease bonus and delay rentals)	620	179	1,304	1,325

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(a) Oil production includes revenues from oil, condensate and natural gas liquids (NGLs).

In third quarter and first nine months 2015, oil and gas production revenues decreased principally as a result of lower oil and gas prices despite an increase in oil and gas production volumes as compared with 2014. The decline in oil prices negatively impacted revenues by \$14,338,000 and \$41,030,000 in third quarter and first nine months 2015 as compared with the previous year. This decline was partially offset by a \$3,977,000 and \$19,418,000 increase in revenues as a result of higher oil production volumes in third quarter and first nine months 2015, respectively. The decline in gas prices negatively impacted revenues by \$971,000 and \$2,525,000 in third quarter and first nine months 2015, partially offset by a \$231,000 and \$916,000 increase in revenues as a result of increased gas production volumes in third quarter and first nine months 2015 as compared with the previous year.

Other revenues include \$996,000 in lease bonuses received from leasing 3,300 net mineral acres owned in Texas and Louisiana during the first nine months 2015 as compared with \$1,236,000 in lease bonuses received from leasing approximately 3,900 net mineral acres owned in Texas and Louisiana in 2014.

Third Quarter

First Nine Months

Cost of oil and gas producing activities consists of:

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	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			
Depletion and amortization	\$8,970	\$8,098	\$23,853	\$19,907
Production costs	4,950	5,389	14,341	13,694
Exploration costs	242	4,029	10,536	12,008
Non-cash impairment of proved oil and gas properties and unproved leasehold interests	81,240	735	127,185	2,074
Other	151 \$95,553	219 \$18,470	1,321 \$177,236	333 \$48,016

Cost of oil and gas producing activities increased in third quarter 2015 principally as a result of non-cash impairment charges of \$65,382,000 for proved oil and gas properties and \$15,858,000 for unproved leasehold interests principally in North Dakota, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas. Cost of oil and gas producing activities in first nine months 2015 includes non-cash impairment charges of \$90.417,000 for proved oil and gas properties, \$36,768,000 for unproved leasehold interests principally in North Dakota, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Kansas and exploratory dry hole and pre-drilling costs of \$10,869,000 related to oil and gas properties in Oklahoma. We may incur additional near-term impairments due to continuation of declining oil and gas prices, changes in production rates, future development costs and levels of proved reserves. First nine months 2014 included non-cash impairment charges of \$2,074,000 associated with expiring leasehold interests related to our unproved leasehold interests. In third quarter and first nine months 2015, cost of oil and gas producing activities were also affected by an increase in depletion expenses due to higher oil and gas production volumes, as compared with 2014. Depletion and amortization represent the non-cash cost of producing oil and gas associated with our working interests and is computed based on the units of production method. Exploration costs principally represent exploratory dry hole costs, geological and geophysical and seismic study costs. Dry hole costs in first nine months 2015 were \$9,952,000, which includes a \$9,674,000 charge in second quarter 2015 primarily associated with an exploratory well in Oklahoma. Dry hole costs in first nine months 2014 were \$9,467,000, which includes \$4,938,000 primarily in Kansas and Nebraska, \$2,338,000 associated with an exploratory well in Oklahoma and \$2,191,000 in east Texas.

Production costs principally represent lease operating expenses associated with producing working interest wells and our share of production severance taxes related to both our royalty and working interests.

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Oil and gas produced and average unit prices related to our royalty and working interests follows:

Third Quarter First Nine Months

2015 2014 2015