
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 14, 2018

Rhino Resource Partners LP
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-34892
(Commission
File Number)

27-2377517
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

424 Lewis Hargett Circle, Suite 250
Lexington, Kentucky 40503
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

(859) 389-6500
(Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 14, 2018, Rhino Resource Partners LP (“Rhino” or the “Partnership”) issued a press release announcing its financial and operating results for the quarter ended December 31, 2017.

The information in this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, unless Rhino specifically states in a future filing that the information is to be considered “filed” under the Exchange Act or incorporates it by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 [Press Release dated March 14, 2018.](#)

SIGNATURES

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

RHINO RESOURCE PARTNERS LP

By: Rhino GP LLC,
Its General Partner

Dated: March 14, 2018

By: /s/ Whitney C. Kegley
Name: Whitney C. Kegley
Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

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99.1 [Press Release dated March 14, 2018.](#)



News Release

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**Rhino Resource Partners LP Announces
Fourth Quarter 2017 Financial and Operating Results**

LEXINGTON, KY (March 14, 2018) – Rhino Resource Partners LP (OTCQB: RHNO) (“Rhino” or the “Partnership”) announced today its financial and operating results for the quarter ended December 31, 2017. For the quarter, the Partnership reported net loss of \$18.7 million and Adjusted EBITDA of \$6.7 million, compared to a net loss of \$3.8 million and Adjusted EBITDA of \$4.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2016. Approximately \$22.6 million of asset impairment charges impacted the net loss for the quarter ended December 31, 2017. Diluted net loss per common unit was \$1.45 for the quarter compared to diluted net loss per common unit of \$0.41 for the fourth quarter of 2016. Total revenues for the quarter were \$55.8 million, with coal sales generating \$55.4 million of the total, compared to total revenues of \$44.4 million and coal revenues of \$43.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2016. (Refer to “Reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA” included later in this release for reconciliations to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures).

The Partnership continued the suspension of the cash distribution for its common units for the current quarter. No distributions will be paid for common or subordinated units for the quarter ended December 31, 2017.

Rick Boone, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rhino’s general partner, stated, “In the fourth quarter of 2017, as in prior quarters during 2017, we continued to deliver strong financial results. In the fourth quarter of 2017 our revenue and Adjusted EBITDA both improved year over year. Our sales volume increased by 18% year over year or approximately one million tons in 2017 when compared to 2016. We now have contracted sales in place for 2018 that will exceed the levels we reached in 2017. With significant sales in place for 2018 and our constant focus on cost containment, we believe Rhino will continue to provide strong financial results in 2018.

Our 2018 contracted sales have been completed for our thermal coal and we have a small amount of met coal volumes to place over the coming months in 2018. To date, we have contracted over 90% of our expected 2018 production. We continue to expand our export business through direct relationships with international customers and through the use of coal brokers. We believe that sales to the international markets provide the best growth opportunities for us to continue to expand our business.

The recent completion of our new three year financing agreement provides us the financial stability and flexibility to continue to grow Rhino. We look forward to working with Colbeck, our new financing partner, to increase the value of our Partnership for our unitholders. Our new financing partner, Colbeck, coupled with the continued support of our sponsor, Royal Energy Resources, Inc. (OTCQB: ROYE), as well as our financial partner Yorktown Partners LLC, positions us to be a strong, long-term competitor in the world-wide coal markets.

Our commitment to providing a safe workplace for our employees continues to be a primary focus. We increased our workforce and production in 2017 while achieving safety results that are improved over the same period in 2016. Our “all incident rate” improved over 20% in 2017 compared to 2016 and we had similar improvements in other MSHA safety metrics.

At our Central Appalachia operations, we have contracted for all of our 2018 projected steam coal production and we have a small amount of 2018 met coal tons remaining to be booked. We continue to develop relationships with international customers that could lead to multi-year met coal sales agreements and we have been negotiating with domestic utility and industrial customers for steam coal sales for 2019 and 2020. Our production at Pennyrile and Castle Valley are completely sold out for 2018. Pennyrile recently completed contracts with multiple utility customers for 2019 through 2020 and we are responding to multiple utility solicitations for two and three year sales contracts that could increase Pennyrile’s contracted sales positions for future periods. At Castle Valley, we have booked sales for 300,000 tons per year for 2018 through 2020 with a major utility. In Northern Appalachia, we have agreed to a sales agreement with a local utility for our Hopedale operation for 200,000 tons for 2018 along with export orders for the remainder of 2018 that have this operation completely sold for this year.

The strong financial results we have generated for full-year 2017 show the potential of Rhino to bring value to our unitholders and we are confident the upcoming 2018 year will be positive for Rhino, its employees and all of our business partners.”

Coal Operations Update

Pennyrile

- Pennyrile long-term sales contracts have committed sales of 1.4 million tons for full-year 2018 and 550,000 tons for 2019 and 2020.
- Sales volume for the current quarter was 325,000 tons, versus 286,000 in the prior year and 316,000 in the prior quarter. For the fourth quarter, coal revenues per ton decreased to \$45.18 compared to \$47.57 in the prior year and \$47.37 in the prior quarter.
- Cost of operations per ton was \$39.39 versus \$40.14 in the prior year and \$41.40 in the prior quarter. The decrease was primarily due to fixed operating costs being allocated to higher production and sales during the current period.

Central Appalachia

- Coal revenues were \$25.1 million, versus \$16.0 million in the prior year and \$27.9 million in the prior quarter. The increase in revenue year over year was primarily due to the increase in demand for met and steam coal tons sold from this region. Coal revenues per ton in the quarter were \$67.60 versus \$60.14 in the prior year and \$73.02 in the prior quarter. Metallurgical coal revenue per ton in the quarter was \$85.83 versus \$63.97 in the prior year and \$92.93 in the prior quarter. Steam coal revenue in the quarter was \$53.45 per ton versus \$50.98 in the prior year and \$51.82 in the prior quarter. Sales volume was 371,000 tons in the quarter versus 266,000 in the prior year and 382,000 tons in the prior quarter.
- Cost of operations per ton in the quarter was \$50.85 versus \$48.77 in the prior year and \$54.73 in the prior quarter. The increase in cost per ton year over year was due to higher maintenance costs to upgrade the equipment fleet to meet the demand for additional met coal production.

Rhino Western

- Coal revenues were \$10.3 million versus \$9.5 million in the prior year and \$9.1 million in the prior quarter. Coal revenues per ton in the quarter were \$36.49 versus \$38.61 in the prior year and \$37.53 in the prior quarter. Coal revenues per ton decreased by \$2.12 or 5.5% compared to the prior year.
- Sales volume was 282,000 tons versus 247,000 tons in the prior year and 242,000 tons in the prior quarter. The increase in coal sales in the fourth quarter of 2017 was the result of an increase in customer demand at our Castle Valley mine.
- Cost of operations per ton was \$29.17 versus \$32.96 in the prior year and \$27.48 in the prior quarter. The decrease in the cost of operations per ton was due to allocating the fixed costs of the operation over additional tons.

Northern Appalachia

- Sales volume from the Hopedale operations was 130,000 tons versus 91,000 tons in the prior year and 105,000 in the prior quarter. Sales were higher in the current quarter compared to the same period in 2016 due to increased sales volumes from our Hopedale operations as demand increased for coal from this region during the comparative periods.
- For the fourth quarter, coal revenues per ton from our Hopedale operation were \$40.86 compared to \$51.91 in the prior year and \$41.38 in the prior quarter. The decrease in revenues per ton was the result of lower contract priced tons sold from our Hopedale complex.
- Cost of operations from our Hopedale operation was \$6.1 million versus \$4.1 million in the prior year and \$4.9 million in the prior quarter. The increase in the fourth quarter versus the same period in 2016 was primarily due to increased production to meet contracted sales in the fourth quarter from the Hopedale operation.

Discontinued Operations

On November 7, 2017, the Partnership closed an agreement with a third party to transfer 100% of the membership interests and related assets and liabilities of Sands Hill Mining LLC to the third party in exchange for a future override royalty for any mineral sold, excluding coal, from Sands Hill Mining LLC after the closing date. The Partnership recognized a gain of \$3.2 million from the sale of Sands Hill Mining LLC since the third party assumed the reclamation obligations associated with this operation.

Asset Impairment

The Partnership engaged an independent third party to perform a fair market value appraisal on certain parcels of land that it owns in Mesa County, Colorado. The parcels appraised for \$6.0 million compared to the carrying value of \$6.8 million. The Partnership recorded an impairment loss of \$0.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2017.

The Partnership also recorded an impairment charge of \$21.8 million related to the call option received from a third party to acquire substantially all of the outstanding common stock of Armstrong Energy, Inc. On October 31, 2017, Armstrong Energy filed Chapter 11 petitions in the Eastern District of Missouri's United States Bankruptcy Court. Per the Chapter 11 petitions, Armstrong Energy filed a detailed restructuring plan as part of the Chapter 11 proceedings. On February 9, 2018, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court confirmed Armstrong Energy's Chapter 11 reorganization plan and as such the Partnership concluded that the call option had no carrying value.

Financing Agreement

On December 27, 2017, Rhino Energy LLC ("Rhino Energy"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Rhino Resource Partners LP (the "Partnership"), certain of Rhino Energy's subsidiaries identified as Borrowers (together with Rhino Energy, the "Borrowers"), the Partnership and certain other Rhino Energy subsidiaries identified as Guarantors (together with the Partnership, the "Guarantors"), entered into a Financing Agreement (the "Financing Agreement") Cortland Capital Market Services LLC, as Collateral Agent and Administrative agent, CB Agent Services LLC, as Origination Agent and the parties identified as Lenders therein (the "Lenders"), pursuant to which Lenders have agreed to provide Borrowers with a multi-draw term loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$80 million, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Financing Agreement. The total principal amount is divided into a \$40 million commitment, the conditions of which were satisfied at the execution of the Financing Agreement and an additional \$40 million commitment that is contingent upon the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent specified in the Financing Agreement. Loans made pursuant to the Financing Agreement are secured by substantially all of the Borrowers' and Guarantors' assets. The Financing Agreement has a three-year term and expires on December 27, 2020.

Capital Expenditures

- Maintenance capital expenditures for the fourth quarter were approximately \$4.9 million.
- Expansion capital expenditures for the fourth quarter were approximately \$0.8 million.

Sales Commitments

The table below displays Rhino's committed coal sales for the periods indicated.

	Year 2018		Year 2019		Year 2020	
	Avg Price	Tons	Avg Price	Tons	Avg Price	Tons
Northern Appalachia/Illinois Basin	\$ 40.14	1,957,338	\$ 38.17	550,000	\$ 39.22	550,000
Rhino Western	\$ 34.93	988,705	\$ 37.95	300,000	\$ 37.95	300,000
Central Appalachia	\$ 65.22	1,462,176	\$ -	-	\$ -	-
Total	\$ 47.29	4,408,219	\$ 38.09	850,000	\$ 38.77	850,000

Evaluating Financial Results

Rhino management uses a variety of Non-GAAP financial measurements to analyze the Partnership's performance, including (1) Adjusted EBITDA, (2) coal revenues per ton and (3) cost of operations per ton.

Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before deducting interest expense, income taxes and depreciation, depletion and amortization, while also excluding certain non-cash and/or non-recurring items. Adjusted EBITDA is used by management primarily as a measure of the operating performance of the Partnership's segments. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered an alternative to net income, income from operations, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Because not all companies calculate Adjusted EBITDA identically, the Partnership's calculation may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. (Refer to "Reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA" included later in this release for reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures).

Coal Revenues Per Ton. Coal revenues per ton sold represents coal revenues divided by tons of coal sold. Coal revenues per ton is a key indicator of Rhino's effectiveness in obtaining favorable prices for the Partnership's product.

Cost of Operations Per Ton. Cost of operations per ton sold represents the cost of operations (exclusive of depreciation, depletion and amortization) divided by tons of coal sold. Rhino management uses this measurement as a key indicator of the efficiency of operations.

Overview of Financial Results

Results for the three months ended December 31, 2017 included:

- Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations of \$7.3 million and net loss from continuing operations of \$21.3 million compared to Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations of \$4.6 million and a net loss from continuing operations of \$2.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2016. Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations increased period to period due to an increase in net income from our Central Appalachia operation during the three months ended December 31, 2017 compared the same period in 2016. The increase in net loss from continuing operations for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was primarily the result of \$22.6 million in asset impairments recorded in the fourth quarter. Including net income from discontinued operations of approximately \$2.6 million, total net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2017 was \$18.7 million while Adjusted EBITDA was \$6.7 million. Including net loss from discontinued operations of \$1.0 million, total net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2016 was \$3.8 million and Adjusted EBITDA was \$4.6 million.

- Basic and diluted net loss per common unit from continuing operations of \$1.63 compared to basic and diluted net loss per common unit from continuing operations of \$0.30 for the fourth quarter of 2016.
- Coal sales were 1.1 million tons, which was an increase of 24.6% compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, primarily due to increased sales from Central Appalachia operations.
- Total revenues and coal revenues of \$55.8 million and \$55.4 million, respectively, compared to \$44.4 million and \$43.8 million, respectively, for the same period of 2016.
- Coal revenues per ton of \$49.96 compared to \$49.29 for the fourth quarter of 2016, an increase of 1.4%.
- Cost of operations from continuing operations of \$45.5 million compared to \$35.6 million for the same period of 2016 as production increased in the Central Appalachia region to meet the increased demand for met and steam coal during the fourth quarter of 2017.
- Cost of operations per ton from continuing operations of \$41.09 compared to \$39.98 for the fourth quarter of 2016, an increase of 2.8%.

Total coal revenues increased approximately 26.3% period-over-period primarily due to the increase in production in Central Appalachia resulting from increases in demand for met and steam coal from this region. Coal revenues per ton increased primarily due to a higher mix of met coal sold from Central Appalachia compared to the same period of 2016. Total cost of production increased by 28.1% during the fourth quarter of 2017 primarily due to an increase of \$5.9 million in total cost of operations in Central Appalachia, which was also the result of increased production in Central Appalachia due to increased demand for met and steam coal from this region.

Results for the year ended December 31, 2017 included:

- Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations of \$27.1 million and net loss from continuing operations of \$20.6 million compared to Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations of \$16.4 million and a net loss from continuing operations of \$15.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2016. Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations increased period to period due to an increase in net income in our Central Appalachia segment resulting from the increase in production and sales in this region. Including net income from discontinued operations of approximately \$1.8 million, total net loss for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$18.8 million while Adjusted EBITDA was \$26.3 million. Including net loss from discontinued operations of \$115.5 million, total net loss for the year ended December 31, 2016 was \$130.8 million and Adjusted EBITDA was \$21.3 million.
- Basic and diluted net loss per common unit from continuing operations of \$1.88 compared to basic and diluted net loss per common unit from continuing operations of \$1.96 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

- Coal sales were 4.1 million tons, which was an increase of 31.3% compared to the year ended December 31, 2016, primarily due to increased sales from Central Appalachia operations.
- Total revenues and coal revenues of \$218.7 million and \$217.2 million, respectively, compared to \$155.4 million and \$153.3 million, respectively, for the same period of 2016.
- Coal revenues per ton of \$52.64 compared to \$48.78 for the year ended December 31, 2016, an increase of 7.9%.
- Cost of operations from continuing operations of \$178.5 million compared to \$124.8 million for the same period of 2016 as production was increased in the Central Appalachia region to meet the increase demand for met and steam coal during the year ended December 31, 2017.
- Cost of operations per ton from continuing operations of \$43.26 compared to \$39.73 for the year ended December 31, 2016 an increase of 8.9%.

Total coal revenues increased approximately 41.7% period-over-period primarily due to the increase in production in Central Appalachia resulting from increases in demand for met and steam coal from this region. Coal revenues per ton increased primarily due to a higher mix of met coal sold from Central Appalachia compared to the same period of 2016. Total cost of production increased by 43.0% during the year ended December 31, 2017 primarily due to an increase of \$43.8 million in total cost of operations in Central Appalachia. Total cost of operations and cost of operations per ton increased primarily due to higher mix of Central Appalachia tons. The cost of operations for the year ended December 31, 2016 was also impacted by a prior service cost benefit of \$3.9 million resulting from the cancellation of the postretirement benefit plan at our Hopedale operation.

Segment Information

The Partnership produces and markets coal from surface and underground mines in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio and Utah. For the quarter ended December 31, 2017, the Partnership had four reportable business segments: Central Appalachia, Northern Appalachia, Rhino Western and Illinois Basin. Additionally, the Partnership has an Other category that includes its ancillary businesses.

(In millions, except per ton data and %)	Fourth Quarter 2017	Fourth Quarter 2016	% Change* 4Q17 / 4Q16	Year to Date 2017	Year to Date 2016	% Change* 2017 / 2016
Central Appalachia						
Coal revenues	\$ 25.1	\$ 16.0	56.9%	\$ 101.8	\$ 37.6	171.2%
Total revenues	\$ 25.1	\$ 16.1	56.2%	\$ 102.0	\$ 37.8	170.2%
Coal revenues per ton*	\$ 67.60	\$ 60.14	12.4%	\$ 69.68	\$ 59.26	17.6%
Cost of operations	\$ 18.9	\$ 13.0	45.5%	\$ 78.6	\$ 34.8	126.1%
Cost of operations per ton*	\$ 50.85	\$ 48.77	4.3%	\$ 53.76	\$ 54.84	(2.0)%
Tons produced	0.414	0.259	59.9%	1.551	0.667	132.4%
Tons sold	0.371	0.266	39.6%	1.462	0.634	130.6%
Northern Appalachia						
Coal revenues	\$ 5.3	\$ 4.7	12.0%	\$ 15.9	\$ 22.0	(28.0)%
Total revenues	\$ 5.6	\$ 5.1	10.8%	\$ 17.1	\$ 23.4	(27.0)%
Coal revenues per ton*	\$ 40.86	\$ 51.91	(21.3)%	\$ 41.58	\$ 59.51	(30.1)%
Cost of operations	\$ 6.1	\$ 4.1	47.2%	\$ 19.2	\$ 13.8	39.1%
Cost of operations per ton*	\$ 46.92	\$ 45.36	3.4%	\$ 50.34	\$ 37.27	35.1%
Tons produced	0.123	0.100	23.0%	0.375	0.351	6.7%
Tons sold	0.130	0.091	42.3%	0.381	0.370	3.0%
Rhino Western						
Coal revenues	\$ 10.3	\$ 9.5	8.2%	\$ 35.4	\$ 34.7	2.3%
Total revenues	\$ 10.3	\$ 9.5	8.2%	\$ 35.5	\$ 34.7	2.3%
Coal revenues per ton*	\$ 36.49	\$ 38.61	(5.5)%	\$ 37.54	\$ 38.56	(2.6)%
Cost of operations	\$ 8.2	\$ 8.1	1.3%	\$ 28.3	\$ 28.0	1.0%
Cost of operations per ton*	\$ 29.17	\$ 32.96	(11.5)%	\$ 29.96	\$ 31.15	(3.8)%
Tons produced	0.267	0.198	35.0%	0.958	0.894	7.2%
Tons sold	0.282	0.247	14.4%	0.944	0.899	5.0%
Illinois Basin						
Coal revenues	\$ 14.7	\$ 13.6	8.1%	\$ 64.1	\$ 59.0	8.5%
Total revenues	\$ 14.7	\$ 13.6	7.6%	\$ 64.1	\$ 59.1	8.4%
Coal revenues per ton	\$ 45.18	\$ 47.57	(5.0)%	\$ 47.85	\$ 47.63	0.5%
Cost of operations	\$ 12.8	\$ 11.5	11.7%	\$ 54.6	\$ 51.3	6.4%
Cost of operations per ton	\$ 39.39	\$ 40.14	(1.8)%	\$ 40.81	\$ 41.42	(1.5)%
Tons produced	0.307	0.322	(4.9)%	1.313	1.275	3.0%
Tons sold	0.325	0.286	13.8%	1.339	1.239	8.0%
Other**						
Coal revenues	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total revenues	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0	(51.4)%	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.4	(90.4)%
Coal revenues per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cost of operations	(\$ 0.5)	(\$ 1.1)	(60.1)%	(\$ 2.2)	(\$ 3.1)	(27.6)%
Cost of operations per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total						
Coal revenues	\$ 55.4	\$ 43.8	26.3%	\$ 217.2	\$ 153.3	41.7%
Total revenues	\$ 55.7	\$ 44.3	25.6%	\$ 218.7	\$ 155.4	40.7%
Coal revenues per ton*	\$ 49.96	\$ 49.29	1.4%	\$ 52.64	\$ 48.78	7.9%
Cost of operations	\$ 45.5	\$ 35.6	28.1%	\$ 178.5	\$ 124.8	43.0%
Cost of operations per ton*	\$ 41.09	\$ 39.98	2.8%	\$ 43.26	\$ 39.73	8.9%
Tons produced	1.111	0.879	26.4%	4.197	3.187	31.7%
Tons sold	1.108	0.890	24.6%	4.126	3.142	31.3%

* Percentages, totals and per ton amounts are calculated based on actual amounts and not the rounded amounts presented in this table.

** The activities performed by Rhino's ancillary businesses do not directly relate to coal production. As a result, coal revenues per ton and cost of operations per ton are not presented for the Other category.

Additional information for the Central Appalachia segment detailing the types of coal produced and sold, premium high-vol met coal and steam coal, is presented below. Note that the Partnership's Northern Appalachia, Rhino Western and Illinois Basin segments currently produce and sell only steam coal.

Central Appalachia Overview of Results by Product

(In thousands, except per ton data and %)	Fourth Quarter 2017	Fourth Quarter 2016	% Change* 4Q17 / 4Q16	Year to Date 2017	Year to Date 2016	% Change* 2017 / 2016
Met coal tons sold	162.1	187.4	(13.5)%	737.3	322.8	128.4%
Steam coal tons sold	208.8	78.3	166.5%	724.3	310.9	133.0%
Total tons sold	370.9	265.7	39.6%	1,461.6	633.7	130.7%
Met coal revenue	\$ 13,915	\$ 11,989	16.1%	\$ 64,033	\$ 21,542	197.3%
Steam coal revenue	\$ 11,157	\$ 3,993	179.4%	\$ 37,805	\$ 16,009	136.2%
Total coal revenue	\$ 25,072	\$ 15,982	56.9%	\$ 101,838	\$ 37,551	171.2%
Met coal revenues per ton	\$ 85.83	\$ 63.97	34.2%	\$ 86.85	\$ 66.73	30.2%
Steam coal revenues per ton	\$ 53.45	\$ 50.98	4.8%	\$ 52.19	\$ 51.50	1.4%
Total coal revenues per ton	\$ 67.60	\$ 60.14	12.4%	\$ 69.68	\$ 59.26	17.6%
Met coal tons produced	141.3	145.5	(2.9)%	645.8	311.3	107.5%
Steam coal tons produced	272.9	113.5	140.4%	904.8	355.9	154.3%
Total tons produced	414.2	259.0	59.9%	1,550.6	667.2	132.4%

* Percentages are calculated based on actual amounts and not the rounded amounts presented in this table.

Fourth Quarter 2017 Financial and Operational Results Conference Call

The Partnership will not host a conference call this quarter. Any inquiries can be made to the Partnership's investor relations department.

About Rhino Resource Partners LP

Rhino Resource Partners LP is a diversified energy limited partnership that is focused on coal and energy related assets and activities, including energy infrastructure investments. Rhino produces metallurgical and steam coal in a variety of basins throughout the United States. Additional information regarding Rhino is available on its web site – RhinoLP.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Except for historical information, statements made in this press release are “forward-looking statements.” All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release that address activities, events or developments that Rhino expects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements, including the statements and information included under the heading “Coal Operations Update.” These forward-looking statements are based on Rhino’s current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effect on Rhino’s business, operating results, financial condition and similar matters. While management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made, there can be no assurance that future developments affecting Rhino will turn out as Rhino anticipates. Whether actual results and developments in the future will conform to expectations is subject to significant risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are beyond Rhino’s control or ability to predict. Therefore, actual results and developments could materially differ from Rhino’s historical experience, present expectations and what is expressed, implied or forecast in these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following: Rhino’s inability to obtain additional financing necessary to fund its capital expenditures, meet working capital needs and maintain and grow its operations and its related ability to continue as a going concern or its inability to obtain alternative financing upon the expiration of its amended and restated senior secured credit facility; Rhino’s future levels of indebtedness, liquidity and compliance with debt covenants; volatility and recent declines in the price of Rhino’s common units; sustained depressed levels of or decline in coal prices, which depend upon several factors such as the supply of domestic and foreign coal, the demand for domestic and foreign coal, governmental regulations, price and availability of alternative fuels for electricity generation and prevailing economic conditions; declines in demand for electricity and coal; current and future environmental laws and regulations, which could materially increase operating costs or limit Rhino’s ability to produce and sell coal; extensive government regulation of mine operations, especially with respect to mine safety and health, which imposes significant actual and potential costs; difficulties in obtaining and/or renewing permits necessary for operations; the availability and prices of competing electricity generation fuels; a variety of operating risks, such as unfavorable geologic conditions, adverse weather conditions and natural disasters, mining and processing equipment unavailability, failures and unexpected maintenance problems and accidents, including fire and explosions from methane; poor mining conditions resulting from the effects of prior mining; the availability and costs of key supplies and commodities such as steel, diesel fuel and explosives; fluctuations in transportation costs or disruptions in transportation services, which could increase competition or impair Rhino’s ability to supply coal; a shortage of skilled labor, increased labor costs or work stoppages; Rhino’s ability to secure or acquire new or replacement high-quality coal reserves that are economically recoverable; material inaccuracies in Rhino’s estimates of coal reserves and non-reserve coal deposits; existing and future laws and regulations regulating the emission of sulfur dioxide and other compounds, which could affect coal consumers and reduce demand for coal; federal and state laws restricting the emissions of greenhouse gases; Rhino’s ability to acquire or failure to maintain, obtain or renew surety bonds used to secure obligations to reclaim mined property; Rhino’s dependence on a few customers and its ability to find and retain customers under favorable supply contracts; changes in consumption patterns by utilities away from the use of coal, such as changes resulting from low natural gas prices; changes in governmental regulation of the electric utility industry; defects in title in properties that Rhino owns or losses of any of its leasehold interests; Rhino’s ability to retain and attract senior management and other key personnel; material inaccuracy of assumptions underlying reclamation and mine closure obligations; and weakness in global economic conditions.

Other factors that could cause Rhino’s actual results to differ from its projected results are described in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Rhino undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements after the date they are made, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, unless required by law.

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RHINO RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(In thousands)

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,796	\$ 47
Restricted cash	7,116	-
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts (\$56 as of December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016)	20,386	12,932
Inventories	12,860	7,978
Advance royalties, current portion	495	898
Investment in available for sale securities	11,165	3,532
Prepaid expenses and other	2,891	5,068
Current assets held for sale	-	1,098
Total current assets	<u>63,709</u>	<u>31,553</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:		
At cost, including coal properties, mine development and construction costs	440,843	430,560
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(263,520)	(249,394)
Net property, plant and equipment	<u>177,323</u>	<u>181,166</u>
Advance royalties, net of current portion	7,901	7,652
Restricted cash	5,209	-
Investment in unconsolidated affiliates	130	5,121
Intangible purchase option	-	21,750
Note receivable-related party	-	2,040
Other non-current assets	28,508	27,018
Non-current assets held for sale	-	1,141
TOTAL	<u>\$ 282,780</u>	<u>\$ 277,441</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,329	\$ 10,179
Accrued expenses and other	11,186	9,941
Accrued preferred distributions	6,038	-
Current portion of long-term debt	5,475	10,040
Current portion of asset retirement obligations	498	883
Current liabilities held for sale	-	397
Total current liabilities	<u>32,526</u>	<u>31,440</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Long-term debt, net of current portion	29,837	-
Asset retirement obligations, net of current portion	18,164	18,225
Other non-current liabilities	48,071	45,372
Non-current liabilities held for sale	-	4,135
Total non-current liabilities	<u>96,072</u>	<u>67,732</u>
Total liabilities	<u>128,598</u>	<u>99,172</u>
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
PARTNERS' CAPITAL:		
Limited partners	130,233	154,696
Subscription receivable from limited partners	-	(2,000)
General partner	8,855	8,959
Preferred partners	15,000	15,000
Investment in Royal common stock	(4,126)	-
Accumulated other comprehensive income	4,220	1,614
Total partners' capital	<u>154,182</u>	<u>178,269</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 282,780</u>	<u>\$ 277,441</u>

RHINO RESOURCE PARTNERS LP
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(in thousands, except per unit data)

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
REVENUES:				
Coal sales	\$ 55,372	\$ 43,841	\$ 217,192	\$ 153,271
Freight and handling revenues	-	-	-	-
Other revenues	401	548	1,499	2,160
Total revenues	<u>55,773</u>	<u>44,389</u>	<u>218,691</u>	<u>155,431</u>
COSTS AND EXPENSES:				
Cost of operations (exclusive of depreciation, depletion and amortization shown separately below)	45,544	35,559	178,483	124,845
Freight and handling costs	5	-	1,837	-
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	5,080	5,249	21,117	22,556
Selling, general and administrative (exclusive of depreciation, depletion and amortization shown separately above)	3,004	4,205	11,423	14,413
Loss on asset impairments	22,631	639	22,631	2,639
Gain on sale/disposal of assets—net	(30)	(45)	(68)	(460)
Total costs and expenses	<u>76,234</u>	<u>45,607</u>	<u>235,423</u>	<u>163,993</u>
INCOME/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(20,461)</u>	<u>(1,218)</u>	<u>(16,732)</u>	<u>(8,562)</u>
INTEREST AND OTHER (EXPENSE)/INCOME:				
Interest expense	(879)	(1,495)	(4,010)	(6,535)
Interest income and other	-	10	86	20
Equity in net (loss)/income of unconsolidated affiliates	-	(91)	36	(223)
Total interest and other (expense)	<u>(879)</u>	<u>(1,576)</u>	<u>(3,888)</u>	<u>(6,738)</u>
NET (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	<u>(21,340)</u>	<u>(2,794)</u>	<u>(20,620)</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>
INCOME TAXES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	<u>(21,340)</u>	<u>(2,794)</u>	<u>(20,620)</u>	<u>(15,300)</u>
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS				
Income/(loss) from discontinued operations	2,619	(1,008)	1,832	(115,463)
NET (LOSS)	<u>\$ (18,721)</u>	<u>\$ (3,802)</u>	<u>\$ (18,788)</u>	<u>\$ (130,763)</u>
General partner's interest in net (loss)/income:				
Net (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (98)	\$ (18)	\$ (112)	\$ (128)
Net income/(loss) from discontinued operations	11	(7)	8	(734)
General partner's interest in net (loss)	<u>\$ (87)</u>	<u>\$ (25)</u>	<u>\$ (104)</u>	<u>\$ (862)</u>
Common unitholders' interest in net (loss)/income:				
Net (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (21,286)	\$ (2,403)	\$ (24,391)	\$ (12,755)
Net income/(loss) from discontinued operations	2,397	(867)	1,676	(96,451)
Common unitholders' interest in net (loss)	<u>\$ (18,889)</u>	<u>\$ (3,270)</u>	<u>\$ (22,715)</u>	<u>\$ (109,206)</u>
Subordinated unitholders' interest in net (loss)/income:				
Net (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (1,877)	\$ (373)	\$ (2,155)	\$ (2,417)
Net income/(loss) from discontinued operations	211	(135)	148	(18,278)
Subordinated unitholders' interest in net (loss)	<u>\$ (1,666)</u>	<u>\$ (508)</u>	<u>\$ (2,007)</u>	<u>\$ (20,695)</u>
Preferred unitholders' interest in net income:				
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 1,921	n/a	\$ 6,038	n/a
Net income from discontinued operations	-	n/a	-	n/a
Preferred unitholders' interest in net income	<u>\$ 1,921</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>\$ 6,038</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net (loss)/income per limited partner unit, basic:				
Common units:				
Net (loss) per unit from continuing operations	\$ (1.63)	\$ (0.30)	\$ (1.88)	\$ (1.96)
Net income/(loss) per unit from discontinued operations	0.18	(0.11)	0.13	(14.79)
Net (loss) per common unit, basic	<u>\$ (1.45)</u>	<u>\$ (0.41)</u>	<u>\$ (1.75)</u>	<u>\$ (16.75)</u>
Subordinated units				
Net (loss) per unit from continuing operations	\$ (1.63)	\$ (0.30)	\$ (1.88)	\$ (1.96)
Net income/(loss) per unit from discontinued operations	0.18	(0.11)	0.13	(14.79)
Net (loss) per subordinated unit, basic	<u>\$ (1.45)</u>	<u>\$ (0.41)</u>	<u>\$ (1.75)</u>	<u>\$ (16.75)</u>
Preferred units				
Net income per unit from continuing operations	\$ 1.28	n/a	\$ 4.03	n/a
Net income per unit from discontinued operations	-	n/a	-	n/a
Net income per preferred unit, basic	<u>\$ 1.28</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>\$ 4.03</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Net (loss)/income per limited partner unit, diluted:				
Common units				

Net (loss) per unit from continuing operations	\$	(1.63)	\$	(0.30)	\$	(1.88)	\$	(1.96)
Net income/(loss) per unit from discontinued operations		<u>0.18</u>		<u>(0.11)</u>		<u>0.13</u>		<u>(14.79)</u>
Net (loss) per common unit, diluted	\$	(1.45)	\$	(0.41)	\$	(1.75)	\$	(16.75)
Subordinated units								
Net (loss) per unit from continuing operations	\$	(1.63)	\$	(0.30)	\$	(1.88)	\$	(1.96)
Net income/(loss) per unit from discontinued operations		<u>0.18</u>		<u>(0.11)</u>		<u>0.13</u>		<u>(14.79)</u>
Net (loss) per subordinated unit, diluted	\$	(1.45)	\$	(0.41)	\$	(1.75)	\$	(16.75)
Preferred units								
Net income per unit from continuing operations	\$	1.28		n/a	\$	4.03		n/a
Net income per unit from discontinued operations		<u>-</u>		<u>n/a</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>n/a</u>
Net income per preferred unit, diluted	\$	1.28		n/a	\$	4.03		n/a
Distributions paid per limited partner unit (1)								
	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding, basic:								
Common units		12,994		7,960		12,965		6,520
Subordinated units		1,146		1,236		1,146		1,236
Preferred units		1,500		n/a		1,500		n/a
Weighted average number of limited partner units outstanding, diluted:								
Common units		12,994		7,960		12,965		6,520
Subordinated units		1,146		1,236		1,146		1,236
Preferred units		1,500		n/a		1,500		n/a

Reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA

The following tables present reconciliations of Adjusted EBITDA to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures for each of the periods indicated (note: DD&A refers to depreciation, depletion and amortization).

(\$ in millions)	Fourth Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Year to Date 2017	Year to Date 2016
	2017	2016		
Net (loss)/income from continuing operations Plus:	\$ (21.3)	\$ (2.8)	\$ (20.6)	\$ (15.3)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization (DD&A)	5.1	5.2	21.1	22.6
Interest expense	0.9	1.5	4.0	6.5
EBITDA from continuing operations	(15.3)	3.9	4.5	13.8
Plus: Non-cash asset impairment	22.6	0.6	22.6	2.6
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations *	7.3	4.6	27.1	16.4
EBITDA from discontinued operations	(0.5)	-	(0.8)	4.9
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$ 6.7	\$ 4.6	\$ 26.3	\$ 21.3

* Totals may not foot due to rounding.

(\$ in millions)	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1.3	\$ 7.0	\$ 14.6	\$ 12.1
Plus:				
Increase in net operating assets	5.2	-	12.1	4.0
Gain on sale of assets	0.1	-	-	0.4
Gain on disposal of business	3.2	-	3.2	-
Amortization of deferred revenue	-	-	-	1.3
Amortization of actuarial gain	-	-	-	4.8
Interest expense	0.9	1.5	4.0	6.7
Equity in net income of unconsolidated affiliate	-	-	0.1	-
Less:				
Decrease in net operating assets	-	2.0	-	-
Amortization of advance royalties	0.2	0.3	1.1	1.0
Amortization of debt issuance costs	0.4	0.9	1.5	2.9
Increase in provision for doubtful accounts	0.1	-	0.1	-
Loss on retirement of advanced royalties	-	-	0.1	0.2
Loss on disposal of business	-	0.8	-	119.9
Loss on impairment of asset	22.6	0.6	22.6	2.6
Equity based compensation	-	-	0.3	0.5
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	0.1	0.4	1.5	1.5
Gain on extinguishment of debt	-	-	-	-
Distribution from unconsolidated affiliate	-	0.3	-	0.3
Equity in net loss of unconsolidated affiliates	-	0.1	-	0.2
EBITDA	\$ (12.7)	\$ 3.1	6.8	(99.8)
Plus: Loss on disposal of business	-	0.8	-	119.9
Plus: Non-cash bad debt expense	0.1	-	0.1	0.2
Plus: Loss on asset impairments	22.6	0.6	22.6	2.6
Less: Gain on disposal of business	(3.2)	-	(3.2)	-
Less: Gain on extinguishment of debt	-	-	-	(1.7)
Adjusted EBITDA *	6.7	4.6	26.3	21.3
Less: EBITDA from discontinued operations	(0.5)	-	(0.8)	4.9
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations*	\$ 7.3	\$ 4.6	\$ 27.1	\$ 16.4

