

# Cheniere Partners Reports Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2024 Results and Introduces Full Year 2025 Distribution Guidance

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. ("Cheniere Partners") (NYSE: CQP) today announced its financial results for fourth quarter and full year 2024.

# HIGHLIGHTS

- During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, Cheniere Partners generated revenues of \$2.5 billion and \$8.7 billion, net income of \$623 million and \$2.5 billion, and Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of \$890 million and \$3.6 billion, respectively.
- With respect to the fourth quarter of 2024, Cheniere Partners declared a cash distribution of \$0.820 per common unit to unitholders of record as of February 10, 2025, comprised of a base amount equal to \$0.775 and a variable amount equal to \$0.045. The common unit distribution and the related general partner distribution were paid on February 14, 2025. For full year 2024, Cheniere Partners paid total cash distributions of \$3.25 per common unit, comprised of a base amount equal to \$3.10 and a variable amount equal to \$0.15.
- Introducing full year 2025 distribution guidance of \$3.25 \$3.35 per common unit, maintaining a base distribution of \$3.10 per common unit.

# 2025 FULL YEAR DISTRIBUTION GUIDANCE

	2025	
Distribution per Unit	\$ 3.25 -	\$ 3.35

#### SUMMARY AND REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

(in millions, except LNG data)		hree Mon	mber 31,	Year Ended December 31,						
		2024		2023	% Change	2024		2023		% Change
Revenues	\$	2,460	\$	2,686	(8)%	\$	8,704	\$	9,664	(10)%
Net income	\$	623	\$	906	(31)%	\$	2,510	\$	4,254	(41)%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	\$	890	\$	1,050	(15)%	\$	3,574	\$	3,626	(1)%
LNG exported:										
Number of cargoes		110		115	(4)%		431		425	1%
Volumes (TBtu)		399		419	(5)%		1,567		1,536	2%
LNG volumes loaded (TBtu)		401		418	(4)%		1,567		1,536	2%

Net income decreased approximately \$283 million and \$1.7 billion during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, respectively, as compared to the corresponding 2023 periods. The decreases were primarily attributable to approximately \$129 million and \$1.7 billion of unfavorable variances related to changes in fair value of our derivative

instruments (further described below) for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, respectively, as compared to the corresponding 2023 periods.

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> decreased by approximately \$160 million and \$52 million during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, respectively, as compared to the corresponding 2023 periods. The decreases were primarily due to lower gross margins per MMBtu of liquefied natural gas ("LNG") delivered. The decrease during the twelve months ended December 31, 2024 was partially offset by higher volumes delivered compared to the prior period.

A portion of the derivative gains are attributable to the recognition at fair value of our longterm Integrated Production Marketing ("IPM") agreements, natural gas supply contracts with pricing indexed to international gas and LNG prices. Our IPM agreements are structured to provide stable margins on purchases of natural gas and sales of LNG over the life of the agreements and have a fixed fee component, similar to that of LNG sold under our longterm, fixed fee LNG sale and purchase agreements. However, the long-term duration and international price basis of our IPM agreements make them particularly susceptible to fluctuations in fair market value from period to period. In addition, accounting requirements prescribe recognition of these long-term gas supply agreements at fair value each reporting period on a mark-to-market basis, but do not currently permit mark-to-market recognition of the corresponding sale of LNG, resulting in a mismatch of accounting recognition for the purchase of natural gas and sale of LNG. As a result of continued moderation of international gas price volatility and changes in international forward commodity curves during the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, we recognized approximately \$13 million and \$251 million, respectively, of non-cash favorable changes in fair value attributable to these IPM agreements, as compared to approximately \$305 million and \$1.8 billion of non-cash favorable changes in fair value in the corresponding 2023 periods.

During the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024, we recognized as revenue 401 and 1,567 TBtu, respectively, of LNG loaded from the SPL Project (defined below).

# **Capital Resources**

As of December 31, 2024, our total available liquidity was approximately \$2.2 billion. We had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$270 million, restricted cash and cash equivalents of \$109 million, \$1.0 billion of available commitments under the Cheniere Partners Revolving Credit Facility, and \$776 million of available commitments under the Sabine Pass Liquefaction, LLC ("SPL") Revolving Credit Facility.

# **Recent Key Financial Transactions and Updates**

During the three months ended December 31, 2024, SPL repaid \$350 million in principal amount of its 5.625% Senior Secured Notes due 2025 with cash on hand.

# SABINE PASS OVERVIEW

We own natural gas liquefaction facilities consisting of six liquefaction Trains, with a total production capacity of approximately 30 million tonnes per annum ("mtpa") of LNG at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal in Cameron Parish, Louisiana (the "SPL Project").

As of February 14, 2025, approximately 2,840 cumulative LNG cargoes totaling over 195 million tonnes of LNG have been produced, loaded, and exported from the SPL Project.

# SPL Expansion Project

We are developing an expansion adjacent to the SPL Project with an expected total production capacity of up to approximately 20 mtpa of LNG (the "SPL Expansion Project"), inclusive of estimated debottlenecking opportunities. In February 2024, certain of our subsidiaries submitted an application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for authorization to site, construct and operate the SPL Expansion Project, as well as an application to the Department of Energy requesting authorization to export LNG to Free-Trade Agreement ("FTA") and non-FTA countries, both of which applications exclude debottlenecking. In October 2024, we received authorization from the DOE to export LNG to FTA countries.

# **DISTRIBUTIONS TO UNITHOLDERS**

In January 2025, we declared a cash distribution of \$0.820 per common unit to unitholders of record as of February 10, 2025, comprised of a base amount equal to \$0.775 (\$3.10 annualized) and a variable amount equal to \$0.045, which takes into consideration, among other things, amounts reserved for annual debt repayment and capital allocation goals, anticipated capital expenditures to be funded with cash, and cash reserves to provide for the proper conduct of the business. The common unit distribution and the related general partner distribution was paid on February 14, 2025.

# INVESTOR CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

Cheniere Energy, Inc. (NYSE: LNG) will host a conference call to discuss its financial and operating results for fourth quarter and full year 2024 on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 11 a.m. Eastern time / 10 a.m. Central time. A listen-only webcast of the call and an accompanying slide presentation may be accessed through our website at <u>www.cheniere.com</u>. Following the call, an archived recording will be made available on our website. The call and accompanying slide presentation will include financial and operating results or other information regarding Cheniere Partners.

<sup>1</sup> Non-GAAP financial measure. See "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures" for further details.

# **About Cheniere Partners**

Cheniere Partners owns the Sabine Pass LNG terminal located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which has natural gas liquefaction facilities consisting of six liquefaction Trains with a total production capacity of approximately 30 mtpa of LNG. The Sabine Pass LNG terminal also has operational regasification facilities that include five LNG storage tanks, vaporizers, and three marine berths. Cheniere Partners also owns the Creole Trail Pipeline, which interconnects the Sabine Pass LNG terminal with a number of large interstate and intrastate pipelines.

For additional information, please refer to the Cheniere Partners website at <u>www.cheniere.com</u> and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

In addition to disclosing financial results in accordance with U.S. GAAP, the accompanying news release contains a non-GAAP financial measure. Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure that is used to facilitate comparisons of operating performance across periods. This non-GAAP measure should be viewed as a supplement to and not a substitute for our U.S. GAAP measures of performance and the financial results calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and the reconciliation from these results should be carefully evaluated.

# **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains certain statements that may include "forward-looking statements." All statements, other than statements of historical or present facts or conditions, included herein are "forward-looking statements." Included among "forwardlooking statements" are, among other things, (i) statements regarding Cheniere Partners' financial and operational guidance, business strategy, plans and objectives, including the development, construction and operation of liquefaction facilities, (ii) statements regarding Cheniere Partners' anticipated guarterly distributions and ability to make guarterly distributions at the base amount or any amount, (iii) statements regarding regulatory authorization and approval expectations, (iv) statements expressing beliefs and expectations regarding the development of Cheniere Partners' LNG terminal and liquefaction business, (v) statements regarding the business operations and prospects of third-parties, (vi) statements regarding potential financing arrangements, (vii) statements regarding future discussions and entry into contracts, and (viii) statements relating to our goals, commitments and strategies in relation to environmental matters. Although Cheniere Partners believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, they do involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties, and these expectations may prove to be incorrect. Cheniere Partners' actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed in Cheniere Partners' periodic reports that are filed with and available from the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Other than as required under the securities laws, Cheniere Partners does not assume a duty to update these forward-looking statements.

# (Financial Tables Follow)

#### Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in millions, except per unit data)<sup>(1)</sup>

		nths Ended Iber 31,		Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2024 2023			
	2024	2023	2024	2023			
Revenues							
LNG revenues	\$ 1,897	\$ 1,906	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,991			
LNG revenues—affiliate	513	730	1,954	2,475			
Regasification revenues	33	34	135	135			
Other revenues	17	16	65	63			
Total revenues	2,460	2,686	8,704	9,664			
Operating costs and expenses							
Cost of sales (excluding items shown separately below)	1,172	1,123	3,570	2,721			
Cost of sales—affiliate	_	2	4	22			
Operating and maintenance expense	214	199	824	879			
Operating and maintenance expense—affiliate	49	46	172	166			
Operating and maintenance expense—related party	14	18	58	62			
General and administrative expense	2	2	10	10			
General and administrative expense—affiliate	22	23	90	89			
Depreciation and amortization expense	171	172	680	672			
Other operating costs and expenses	4	_	14	6			
Other operating costs and expenses—affiliate			2	1			
Total operating costs and expenses	1,648	1,585	5,424	4,628			
Income from operations	812	1,101	3,280	5,036			
Other income (expense)							
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(197)	(203)	(800)	(823)			
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt	_	_	(3)	(6)			
Interest and dividend income	8	8	33	46			
Other income, net				1			
Total other expense	(189)	(195)	(770)	(782)			
	\$ 623	\$ 906	\$ 2,510	\$ 4,254			
Net income							
Basic and diluted net income per common unit <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.42	\$ 4.25	\$ 6.95			
Weighted average basic and diluted number of common units outstanding	484.0	484.0	484.0	484.0			

(1) Please refer to the Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P. Consolidated Balance Sheets (in millions, except unit data) <sup>(1)</sup>

		December 31,					
		2024	2023				
ASSETS Current assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	270	\$	575			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		109		50			
Trade and other receivables, net of current expected credit losses		380		37:			
Trade and other receivables, net of carrier of posted croat receivables		164		27			
Trade receivables, net of current expected credit losses—related party		1					
Advances to affiliates		101		8			
Inventory		151		14			
Current derivative assets		84		3			
Other current assets, net		65		4			
Total current assets		1,325		1,58			
		1,323		1,00			
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation		15,760		16,21			
Operating lease assets		79		8			
Derivative assets		98		4			
Other non-current assets, net		191		18			
Total assets	\$	17,453	\$	18,10			
LIABILITIES AND PARTNERS' DEFICIT							
Current liabilities							
Accounts payable	\$	62	\$	6			
Accrued liabilities	Ψ	838	Ψ	80			
Accrued liabilities—related party		5		00			
Current debt, net of unamortized discount and debt issuance costs		351		30			
Due to affiliates		63		5			
Deferred revenue		120		11			
Deferred revenue—affiliate		3					
Current derivative liabilities		250		19			
Other current liabilities		20		1			
Total current liabilities		1,712		1,56			
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ong-term debt, net of unamortized discount and debt issuance costs		14,761		15,60			
Derivative liabilities		1,213		1,53			
Other non-current liabilities		252		16			
Other non-current liabilities—affiliate		24		2			
Total liabilities		17,962		18,88			
Commitments and contingencies							
Partners' deficit							
Common unitholders' interest (484.0 million units issued and outstanding at both December 31, 2024 and 2023)		1,821		1,03			
General partner's interest (2% interest with 9.9 million units issued and outstanding at both December 31, 2024 and 2023)		(2,330)		(1,82			
Total partners' deficit		(509)		(78			
Total liabilities and partners' deficit	\$	17,453	\$	18,10			

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#### Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures Regulation G Reconciliations

# Adjusted EBITDA

The following table reconciles our Adjusted EBITDA to U.S. GAAP results for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended December 31,				٦	Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	2024		2023			2024		2023	
Net income	\$	623	\$	906	\$	2,510	\$	4,254	
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest		197		203		800		823	
Loss on modification or extinguishment of debt		_		—		3		6	
Interest and dividend income		(8)		(8)		(33)		(46)	
Other income, net		—		—		—		(1)	
Income from operations	\$	812	\$	1,101	\$	3,280	\$	5,036	
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to Adjusted EBITDA:									
Depreciation and amortization expense		171		172		680		672	
Gain from changes in fair value of commodity derivatives, net $^{(1)}$		(95)		(223)		(388)		(2,084)	
Other		2				2		2	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	890	\$	1,050	\$	3,574	\$	3,626	

(1)Change in fair value of commodity derivatives prior to contractual delivery or termination

Adjusted EBITDA is commonly used as a supplemental financial measure by our management and external users of our Consolidated Financial Statements to assess the financial performance of our assets without regard to financing methods, capital structures, or historical cost basis. Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flows from operations or net income as defined by U.S. GAAP and is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

We believe Adjusted EBITDA provides relevant and useful information to management, investors and other users of our financial information in evaluating the effectiveness of our operating performance in a manner that is consistent with management's evaluation of financial and operating performance.

Adjusted EBITDA is calculated by taking net income before interest expense, net of capitalized interest, depreciation and amortization, and adjusting for the effects of certain non-cash items, other non-operating income or expense items and other items not otherwise predictive or indicative of ongoing operating performance, including the effects of modification or extinguishment of debt, impairment expense, gain or loss on disposal of assets, and changes in the fair value of our commodity derivatives prior to contractual delivery or termination. The change in fair value of commodity derivatives is considered in determining Adjusted EBITDA given that the timing of recognizing gains and losses on these derivative contracts differs from the recognition of the related item economically hedged. We believe the exclusion of these items enables investors and other users of our financial information to assess our sequential and year-over-year performance and operating trends on a more comparable basis and is consistent with management's own evaluation of performance.

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