

Holly Energy Partners, L.P. Reports First Quarter Earnings

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Dallas, Texas -- Holly Energy Partners, L.P. (NYSE-HEP) today reported first quarter net income of \$7.1 million (\$0.42 per basic and diluted limited partner unit) for the three months ended March 31, 2006, as compared to \$6.3 million (\$0.43 per basic and diluted limited partner unit) for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

The increase in net income of \$0.8 million was principally due to earnings generated from the intermediate pipelines acquired from Holly Corporation (NYSE-HOC) on July 8, 2005 and from the pipeline and terminal assets acquired from Alon USA, Inc. on February 28, 2005, from which we realized the benefits for only one month in the 2005 first quarter, offset by increased interest expense principally related to the senior notes issued in connection with the Alon and intermediate pipelines transactions. Additionally impacting earnings for the current year's first quarter were additional revenues from our original pipelines and terminals, offset by reduced revenues from the Rio Grande Pipeline.

Overall revenues of \$22.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 were \$5.9 million greater than the \$16.5 million in the comparable period of 2005, principally due to an increase of \$3.4 million in revenues from the assets acquired from Alon and \$2.5 million in revenues from the intermediate pipeline assets acquired from Holly. Also, we had additional revenues from our existing pipelines and terminals of \$0.6 million and experienced reduced revenues from the Rio Grande Pipeline of \$0.6 million.

Revenues from refined product pipelines increased by \$2.8 million from \$13.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$16.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. Shipments on the Partnership's refined product pipelines averaged 143.9 thousand barrels per day ("mbpd") for the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to 105.7 mbpd for the three months ended March 31, 2005, principally due to the incremental volumes from the pipelines acquired from Alon. In the first quarter of 2005, BP Plc ("BP") completed its obligation to pay the border crossing fee under BP's Rio Grande Pipeline contract. For the three months ended March 31, 2005, the border crossing fee was \$0.9 million.

Revenues from the intermediate product pipelines purchased from Holly in July 2005 contributed \$2.5 million to revenue in the three months ended March 31, 2006. Shipments on the Partnership's intermediate product pipelines averaged 61.1 mbpd for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

Revenues from terminal and truck loading rack service fees increased by \$0.7 million from \$3.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 to \$3.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006. Refined products terminalled in our facilities for the comparable quarters rose to 166.2 mbpd in the 2006 first quarter from 144.5 mbpd in the 2005 first quarter, due to the incremental volumes from the terminals acquired from Alon and small volume gains at our existing terminals.

Commenting on the results for the 2006 first quarter, Matt Clifton, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer stated "our EBITDA for the 2006 first quarter was \$13.9 million, an increase of 43% from the amount reported for the 2005 first quarter, due principally to the 2005 acquisitions of the intermediate pipelines from Holly and the pipeline and terminal assets from Alon. However, for the 2006 first quarter, our volumes were reduced from expected levels as Holly shipments were lower due to a refinery power outage at Holly's Navajo Refinery in February 2006. We remain quite satisfied with the excellent operation of our assets and will continue to look for organic and third-party growth opportunities for the Partnership."

Today we announced our cash distribution for the first quarter of 2006 of \$0.64 per unit, an increase of 2.4% over the amount of \$0.625 distributed per unit for the fourth quarter of 2005. The aggregate distribution will be \$10.8 million. Our distributable cash flow for the quarter was \$11.2 million, resulting from EBITDA of \$13.9 million, a \$0.5 million increase in deferred revenue, \$2.7 million of net interest expense, and maintenance capital expenditures of \$0.5 million.

The Partnership has scheduled a conference call today at 10:00 AM EDT to discuss financial results. Listeners may access this call by dialing (800) 858-5936. The ID# for this call is #8069063. Additionally,

listeners may access the call via the internet at: <http://audioevent.mshow.com/296424/>.

Holly Energy Partners, L.P., headquartered in Dallas, Texas, provides petroleum product transportation and terminal services to the petroleum industry, including Holly Corporation, which owns a 45% interest (including the general partner interest) in the Partnership. The Partnership owns and operates petroleum product pipelines and terminals primarily in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona, Washington, Idaho and Utah. In addition, the Partnership owns a 70% interest in Rio Grande Pipeline Company, a transporter of LPGs from West Texas to Northern Mexico.

Holly Corporation operates through its subsidiaries a 75,000 barrels-per-day ("bpd") refinery located in Artesia, New Mexico and a 26,000 bpd refinery in Woods Cross, Utah.

The following is a "safe harbor" statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The statements in this press release relating to matters that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These statements are based on management's beliefs and assumptions using currently available information and expectations as of the date hereof, are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks and uncertainties. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that our expectations will prove correct. Therefore, actual outcomes and results could differ materially from what is expressed, implied or forecast in these statements. Any differences could be caused by a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

- Risks and uncertainties with respect to the actual quantities of refined petroleum products shipped on our pipelines and/or terminalled in our terminals;
- The economic viability of Holly Corporation, Alon USA, Inc. and our other customers;
- The demand for refined petroleum products in markets we serve;
- Our ability to successfully purchase and integrate any future acquired operations;
- The availability and cost of our financing;
- The possibility of reductions in production or shutdowns at refineries utilizing our pipeline and terminal facilities;
- The effects of current and future government regulations and policies;
- Our operational efficiency in carrying out routine operations and capital construction projects;
- The possibility of terrorist attacks and the consequences of any such attacks;
- General economic conditions; and
- Other financial, operations and legal risks and uncertainties detailed from time to time in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made and, other than as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

Income, Distributable Cash Flow and Volumes

The following tables present income, distributable cash flow and volume information for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (In thousands, except per unit data) | |
| Revenues | | |
| Pipelines: | | |
| Affiliates – refined product pipelines | \$ 7,323 | \$ 7,068 |
| Affiliates – intermediate pipelines | 2,473 | - |
| Third parties | 8,777 | 6,272 |
| | <u>18,573</u> | <u>13,340</u> |
| Terminals & truck loading racks: | | |
| Affiliates | 2,686 | 2,362 |
| Third parties | 1,179 | 811 |
| | <u>3,865</u> | <u>3,173</u> |
| Total revenues | 22,438 | 16,513 |
| Operating costs and expenses | | |
| Operations | 7,109 | 5,388 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 3,793 | 2,363 |
| General and administrative | 1,224 | 977 |
| | <u>12,126</u> | <u>8,728</u> |
| Operating income | 10,312 | 7,785 |
| Interest income | 243 | 88 |
| Interest expense, including amortization | (3,175) | (1,118) |
| Minority interest in Rio Grande | (245) | (429) |
| | <u>7,135</u> | <u>6,326</u> |
| Net income | 7,135 | 6,326 |
| Less general partner interest in net income, including incentive distributions ⁽¹⁾ | 327 | 126 |
| | <u>\$ 6,808</u> | <u>\$ 6,200</u> |
| Limited partners' interest in net income | | |
| Net income per limited partner unit - basic and diluted ⁽¹⁾ | <u>\$ 0.42</u> | <u>\$ 0.43</u> |
| Weighted average limited partners' units outstanding | <u>16,108</u> | <u>14,333</u> |
| EBITDA ⁽²⁾ | <u>\$ 13,860</u> | <u>\$ 9,719</u> |
| Distributable cash flow ⁽³⁾ | <u>\$ 11,214</u> | <u>\$ 8,635</u> |
| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| Volumes (bpd) ⁽⁴⁾ | | |
| Pipelines: | | |
| Affiliates – refined product pipelines | 66,570 | 68,018 |
| Affiliates – intermediate pipelines | 61,052 | - |
| Third parties | 77,338 | 37,640 |
| | <u>204,960</u> | <u>105,658</u> |
| Terminals & truck loading racks: | | |
| Affiliates | 119,168 | 116,661 |
| Third parties | 47,056 | 27,800 |
| | <u>166,224</u> | <u>144,461</u> |
| Total for pipelines and terminal assets (bpd) | <u>371,184</u> | <u>250,119</u> |

(1) Net income is allocated between limited partners and the general partner interest in accordance with the provisions of the partnership agreement. Net income allocated to the general partner

includes any incentive distributions declared in the period. Incentive distributions of \$0.2 million were declared during the quarter ended March 31, 2006. No incentive distributions were declared during the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The net income applicable to the limited partners is divided by the weighted average limited partner units outstanding in computing the net income per unit applicable to limited partners.

- (2) Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”) is calculated as net income plus (i) interest expense net of interest income and (ii) depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not a calculation based upon U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”). However, the amounts included in the EBITDA calculation are derived from amounts included in our consolidated financial statements. EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income or operating income, as an indication of our operating performance or as an alternative to operating cash flow as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. EBITDA is presented here because it is a widely used financial indicator used by investors and analysts to measure performance. EBITDA is also used by our management for internal analysis and as a basis for compliance with financial covenants.

Set forth below is our calculation of EBITDA.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Net income | | |
| | \$ 7,135 | \$ 6,326 |
| Add interest expense | 2,933 | 1,005 |
| Add amortization of discount and deferred debt issuance costs | 242 | 113 |
| Subtract interest income | (243) | (88) |
| Add depreciation and amortization | 3,793 | 2,363 |
| EBITDA | \$ 13,860 | \$ 9,719 |

- (3) Distributable cash flow is not a calculation based upon U.S. GAAP. However, the amounts included in the calculation are derived from amounts separately presented in our consolidated financial statements, with the exception of maintenance capital expenditures. Distributable cash flow should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to net income or operating income, as an indication of our operating performance or as an alternative to operating cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Distributable cash flow is not necessarily comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Distributable cash flow is presented here because it is a widely accepted financial indicator used by investors to compare partnership performance. We believe that this measure provides investors an enhanced perspective of the operating performance of our assets and the cash our business is generating.

Set forth below is our calculation of distributable cash flow.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Net income | | |
| | \$ 7,135 | \$ 6,326 |
| Add depreciation and amortization | 3,793 | 2,363 |
| Add amortization of discount and deferred debt issuance costs | 242 | 113 |
| Add increase in deferred revenue | 484 | - |
| Subtract maintenance capital expenditures* | (440) | (167) |
| Distributable cash flow | \$ 11,214 | \$ 8,635 |

* Maintenance capital expenditures are capital expenditures made to replace partially or fully depreciated assets in order to maintain the existing operating capacity of our assets and to extend their useful lives.

(4) The amounts reported represent volumes from the initial assets contributed to HEP at inception in July 2004 and additional volumes from the assets acquired from Alon starting in March 2005 and the intermediate pipelines acquired from Holly starting in July 2005. The amounts reported in the 2005 periods include volumes on the acquired assets from their respective acquisition dates averaged over the full reported periods.

Balance Sheet Data

| | March 31, 2006 | December 31, 2005 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 17,267 | \$ 20,583 |
| Working capital | \$ 18,944 | \$ 19,454 |
| Total assets | \$ 248,723 | \$ 254,775 |
| Long-term debt | \$ 179,401 | \$ 180,737 |
| Partners' equity | \$ 48,877 | \$ 52,060 |

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