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(Mark One)

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

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 001-36239

CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 20-3536671

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

5 Concourse Parkway, Suite 2325, Atlanta, GA

Atlanta, GA 30328

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(855) 858-9794

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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.

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 such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files)

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 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

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 No

Number of shares outstanding of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of October 31, 2014:

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Class A Common Stock 33,031,646 shares

Class B-2 Common Stock 3,164,476 shares

Class B-3 Common Stock 3,164,476 shares

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries (“CatchMark Timber Trust,” “we,” “our,” or “us”) may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). In addition, CatchMark Timber Trust, or the executive officers on CatchMark Timber Trust’s behalf, may from time to time make forward-looking statements in reports and other documents CatchMark Timber Trust files with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) or in connection with oral statements made to the press, potential investors, or others. We intend for all such forward-looking statements to be covered by the applicable safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Securities Act and the Exchange Act. Such statements include, in particular, statements about our plans, strategies, and prospects and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, as well as known and unknown risks, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or anticipated. Therefore, such statements are not intended to be a guarantee of our performance in future periods.

Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by our use of forward-looking terminology such as “may,” “will,” “expect,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “believe,” “continue,” or other similar words. Readers are cautioned not to place reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date that this report is filed with the SEC. We make no representations or warranties (express or implied) about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-Q, and we do not intend to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Any such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors and are based on a number of assumptions involving judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, and market conditions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately. To the extent that our assumptions differ from actual results, our ability to meet such forward-looking statements, including our ability to generate positive cash flow from operations, make distributions to stockholders, and maintain the value of our timberland properties, may be significantly hindered. See Item 1A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 for a discussion of some, although not all, of the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those presented in our forward-looking statements.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The information furnished in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, stockholders' equity, and cash flows reflects all normal and recurring adjustments that are, in management's opinion, necessary for a fair and consistent presentation of the aforementioned financial statements.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the condensed notes to CatchMark Timber Trust's consolidated financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and with CatchMark Timber Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. CatchMark Timber Trust's results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results expected for the full year.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	(Unaudited)	
	September 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$45,963,291	\$8,613,907
Accounts receivable	767,605	593,546
Prepaid expenses and other assets	6,653,315	2,506,470
Deferred financing costs, less accumulated amortization of \$180,739 and \$9,633 as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	1,881,745	1,483,547
Timber assets, at cost (Note 3):		
Timber and timberlands, net	401,005,572	325,726,398
Intangible lease assets, less accumulated amortization of \$930,093 and \$927,451 as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	26,993	29,634
Total assets	\$456,298,521	\$338,953,502
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$3,305,451	\$3,127,857
Other liabilities	4,774,481	3,734,193
Note payable and line of credit (Note 4)	—	52,160,000
Total liabilities	8,079,932	59,022,050
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 6)	—	—
Stockholders' Equity:		
Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value; 889,500,000 shares authorized; 33,031,646 and 13,900,382 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	330,316	139,004
Class B-1 common stock, \$0.01 par value; 3,500,000 shares authorized; 0 and 3,164,483 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	—	31,645
Class B-2 common stock, \$0.01 par value; 3,500,000 shares authorized; 3,164,476 and 3,164,483 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	—	31,645
Class B-3 common stock, \$0.01 par value; 3,500,000 shares authorized; 3,164,476 and 3,164,483 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	—	31,644
Additional paid-in capital	612,428,979	432,117,205
Accumulated deficit and distributions	(164,603,995)	(152,688,059)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	—	268,368
Total stockholders' equity	448,218,589	279,931,452
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$456,298,521	\$338,953,502
See accompanying notes.		

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	(Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30, 2014		(Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014	
	2013	2013	2013	2013
Revenues:				
Timber sales	\$11,392,016	\$6,427,654	\$29,662,066	\$19,846,750
Timberland sales	485,630	645,436	1,575,419	2,498,757
Other revenues	775,704	784,156	2,186,551	2,151,949
	12,653,350	7,857,246	33,424,036	24,497,456
Expenses:				
Contract logging and hauling costs	4,472,042	3,153,943	12,425,591	10,198,051
Depletion	4,856,898	1,941,548	10,389,952	6,234,805
Cost of timberland sales	344,893	401,858	1,185,413	1,745,010
Forestry management expenses	857,346	567,444	2,363,281	1,713,306
General and administrative expenses	1,438,195	2,543,956	4,213,859	6,334,696
Land rent expense	210,635	242,301	616,428	810,253
Other operating expenses	749,590	585,445	2,075,640	1,854,919
	12,929,599	9,436,495	33,270,164	28,891,040
Operating income (loss)	(276,249)	(1,579,249)	153,872	(4,393,584)
Other income (expense):				
Interest income	175,234	669	176,861	2,668
Interest expense	(662,083)	(949,323)	(1,831,290)	(2,687,170)
Loss on interest rate swap	—	—	—	(474)
	(486,849)	(948,654)	(1,654,429)	(2,684,976)
Net loss	\$(763,098)	\$(2,527,903)	\$(1,500,557)	\$(7,078,560)
Dividends to preferred stockholder	—	(93,990)	—	(279,093)
Net loss available to common stockholders	\$(763,098)	\$(2,621,893)	\$(1,500,557)	\$(7,357,653)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding—basic and diluted	36,873,634	12,696,755	28,941,624	12,705,791
Per-share information—basic and diluted:				
Net loss available to common stockholders	\$(0.02)	\$(0.21)	\$(0.05)	\$(0.58)
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$—	\$—	\$0.235	\$—

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

	(Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30,		(Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss	\$(763,098	) \$(2,527,903)	\$(1,500,557)	\$(7,078,560)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Market value adjustment to interest rate swap	(88,477	) (423,280	) (268,368	) 1,126,174
Comprehensive loss	\$(851,575) \$(2,951,183)	\$(1,768,925)	\$(5,952,386)

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

	Class A Common Stock		Class B Common Stock		Preferred Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit and Distributions	Accumula Other Comprehe Income (Loss)
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount			
Balance, December 31, 2013	13,900,382	\$ 139,004	9,493,449	\$ 94,934	—	\$—	\$432,117,205	\$(152,688,059)	\$ 268,368
Common stock issued pursuant to:									
Listed Public Offerings	15,953,947	159,539	—	—			190,062,495		
Long-term incentive plan	12,848	128	—	—			290,658		
Redemptions of common stock	(7	) —	(21	) —			(370)	
Conversion to Class A Shares	3,164,476	31,645	(3,164,476)	(31,645)					
Dividends to common stockholders (\$0.345 per share)								(10,415,379))
Stock issuance cost							(10,041,009))	
Net loss								(1,500,557))
Market value adjustment to interest rate swap									(268,368)
Balance, September 30, 2014	33,031,646	\$ 330,316	6,328,952	\$ 63,289	—	\$—	\$612,428,979	\$(164,603,995)	\$—

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Balance, December 31, 2012	3,180,063	\$31,801	9,540,188	\$95,402	37,392	\$48,600,055	\$301,538,949	\$(139,491,344)	\$(687,674)
Common stock issued pursuant to: Long-term incentive plan	300	3	900	9			36,654		
Forfeiture of restricted stock award	(202	) (2	) (606	) (6	)		(197	) 205	
Redemptions of common stock	(7,707	) (77	) (23,122	) (231	)		(479,847)	
Dividends on preferred stock						279,093	(279,093)	
Net loss								(7,078,560)
Market value adjustment to interest rate swap									1,126,174
Balance, September 30, 2013	3,172,454	\$31,725	9,517,360	\$95,174	37,392	\$48,879,148	\$300,816,466	\$(146,569,699)	\$438,500

See accompanying notes.

CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	(Unaudited) Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net loss	\$(1,500,557	) \$(7,078,560
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depletion	10,389,952	6,234,805
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps	—	(128,934
Other amortization	68,044	136,142
Stock-based compensation expense	284,536	36,666
Noncash interest expense	586,452	182,848
Basis of timberland sold	1,042,623	1,569,543
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(174,059	) 63,794
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	830,421	200,586
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	177,594	1,735,091
Decrease in due to affiliates	—	(1,016,255
Increase in other liabilities	1,019,739	481,949
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,724,745	2,417,675

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Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Capital expenditures (excluding timberland acquisitions)	(590,148) (411,586)
Timberland acquisitions	(91,325,405	) (1,742,009)
Furniture and equipment	(100,983	) (1,537)
Funds released from escrow accounts	—	762,862)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(92,016,536	) (1,392,270)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

Proceeds from note payable	86,500,000	—)
Repayments of note payable	(138,660,000) —)
Financing costs paid	(964,101	) (43,653)
Issuance of common stock	190,222,034	—)
Dividends paid to common stockholders	(10,415,379) —)
Stock issuance costs	(10,041,009	) (542,846)
Redemptions of common stock	(370	) (480,155)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	116,641,175	(1,066,654)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	37,349,384	(41,249)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	8,613,907	11,221,092)
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$45,963,291	\$11,179,843)

See accompanying notes.

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CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 (unaudited)

1. Organization

CatchMark Timber Trust Inc. ("CatchMark Timber Trust"), formerly known as Wells Timberland REIT, Inc., primarily engages in the ownership, management, acquisition, and disposition of timberlands located in the southeastern United States and has elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") for federal income tax purposes. CatchMark Timber Trust was incorporated in Maryland in 2005 and commenced operations in 2007. CatchMark Timber Trust conducts substantially all of its business through CatchMark Timber Operating Partnership, L.P. ("CatchMark Timber OP"), a Delaware limited partnership formerly known as Wells Timberland Operating Partnership, L.P. CatchMark Timber Trust is the general partner of CatchMark Timber OP, possesses full legal control and authority over its operations, and owns 99.99% of its common partnership units. CatchMark LP Holder, LLC ("CatchMark LP Holder"), a wholly owned subsidiary of CatchMark Timber Trust, is the sole limited partner of CatchMark Timber OP. In addition, CatchMark Timber TRS, Inc. ("CatchMark TRS"), a Delaware corporation formerly known as Wells Timberland TRS, Inc., was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of CatchMark Timber OP on January 1, 2006. Unless otherwise noted, references herein to CatchMark Timber Trust shall include CatchMark Timber Trust and all of its subsidiaries, including CatchMark Timber OP, and the subsidiaries of CatchMark Timber OP, including CatchMark TRS.

CatchMark Timber Trust generates recurring income and cash flow from the harvest and sale of timber, as well as from non-timber related revenue sources, such as recreational leases. CatchMark Timber Trust also periodically generates income and cash flow from the sale of timberland properties that have a higher-value use beyond growing timber, such as properties that can be sold for development, conservation, recreational or other rural purposes at prices in excess of traditional timberland values. CatchMark Timber Trust expects to realize additional long-term returns from the potential appreciation in value of its timberlands as well as from the potential biological growth of its standing timber inventory in excess of its timber harvest.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of CatchMark Timber Trust have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") and shall include the accounts of any variable interest entity ("VIE") in which the Company or its subsidiaries is deemed the primary beneficiary. With respect to entities that are not VIEs, CatchMark Timber Trust's consolidated financial statements shall also include the accounts of any entity in which CatchMark Timber Trust or its subsidiaries owns a controlling financial interest and any limited partnership in which CatchMark Timber Trust or its subsidiaries owns a controlling general partnership interest. In determining whether a controlling interest exists, CatchMark Timber Trust considers, among other factors, the ownership of voting interests, protective rights, and participatory rights of the investors.

CatchMark Timber Trust owns a controlling financial interest in CatchMark Timber OP, CatchMark LP Holder and CatchMark TRS and, accordingly, includes the accounts of these entities in its consolidated financial statements. The financial statements of CatchMark Timber OP, CatchMark LP Holder and CatchMark TRS are prepared using accounting policies consistent with those used by CatchMark Timber Trust. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

For further information, refer to the audited financial statements and footnotes included in CatchMark Timber Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

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Fair Value Measurements

CatchMark Timber Trust estimates the fair value of its assets and liabilities (where currently required under GAAP) consistent with the provisions of the accounting standard for fair value measurements and disclosures. Under this guidance, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. While various techniques and assumptions can be used to estimate fair value depending on the nature of the asset or liability, the accounting standard for fair value measurements and disclosures provides the following fair value technique parameters and hierarchy, depending upon availability:

Level 1 — Assets or liabilities for which the identical term is traded on an active exchange, such as publicly-traded instruments or futures contracts.

Level 2 — Assets and liabilities valued based on observable market data for similar instruments.

Level 3 — Assets or liabilities for which significant valuation assumptions are not readily observable in the market. Such assets or liabilities are valued based on the best available data, some of which may be internally developed. Significant assumptions may include risk premiums that a market participant would require.

Interest Rate Swaps

CatchMark Timber Trust enters into interest rate swap contracts to mitigate its exposure to changing interest rates on variable rate debt instruments. CatchMark Timber Trust does not enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes; however, certain of its derivatives may not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. The fair values of interest rate swaps are recorded as either prepaid expenses and other assets or other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Changes in the fair value of the effective portion of interest rate swaps that are designated as hedges are recorded as other comprehensive income (loss), while changes in the fair value of the ineffective portion of hedges, if any, are recognized in current earnings. Changes in the fair value of interest rate swaps that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment are recorded as gain (loss) on interest rate swap in the consolidated statements of operations. Amounts received or paid under interest rate swaps are recorded as interest expense for contracts that qualify for hedge accounting treatment and as gain (loss) on interest rate swaps for contracts that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment.

CatchMark Timber Trust applied the provisions of the accounting standard for fair value measurements and disclosures in recording its interest rate swaps at fair value. The fair values of interest rate swaps, classified under Level 2, were determined using a third-party proprietary model that is based on prevailing market data for contracts with matching durations, current and anticipated London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") information, consideration of CatchMark Timber Trust's credit standing, credit risk of counterparties, and reasonable estimates about relevant future market conditions.

CatchMark Timber Trust had an interest rate swap that became effective on March 28, 2013. On July 18, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust terminated the interest rate swap agreement. As of September 30, 2014, there is no interest rate swap outstanding. For additional information about CatchMark Timber Trust's interest rate swaps see Note 5 – Interest Rate Swap Agreement.

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share available to common stockholders is calculated as net income (loss) available to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Weighted-average number of common shares information presented in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations is retroactively adjusted for all periods presented to reflect the impact of a recapitalization transaction (see Note 7 - Stockholders' Equity). Net income (loss) available to common stockholders is calculated as net income (loss)

less dividends payable to or accumulated to preferred stockholders. Diluted earnings (loss) per share available to common

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stockholders equals basic earnings per share available to common stockholders, adjusted to reflect the dilution that would occur if all outstanding securities convertible into common shares or contracts to issue common shares were converted or exercised and the related proceeds are then used to repurchase common shares. Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share were the same for all periods presented as the dilutive effect of outstanding securities was immaterial.

Income Taxes

CatchMark Timber Trust has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and has operated as such beginning with its taxable year ended December 31, 2009. To qualify to be taxed as a REIT, CatchMark Timber Trust must meet certain organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement to distribute at least 90% of its ordinary taxable income to its stockholders. As a REIT, CatchMark Timber Trust generally is not subject to federal income tax on taxable income it distributes to stockholders.

CatchMark Timber Trust is subject to certain state and local taxes related to the operations of timberland properties in certain locations, which have been provided for in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. CatchMark Timber Trust records interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as general and administrative expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

CatchMark Timber Trust has elected to treat CatchMark Timber Trust TRS as a taxable REIT subsidiary. CatchMark Timber Trust may perform certain non-customary services, including real estate or non-real-estate related services, through CatchMark Timber Trust TRS. Earnings from services performed through CatchMark Timber Trust TRS are subject to federal and state income taxes irrespective of the dividends paid deduction available to REITs for federal income tax purposes. In addition, for CatchMark Timber Trust to continue to qualify to be taxed as a REIT, CatchMark Timber Trust's investment in CatchMark Timber Trust TRS may not exceed 25% of the value of the total assets of CatchMark Timber Trust.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities represent temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of assets and liabilities based on the enacted rates expected to be in effect when the temporary differences reverse. Deferred tax expense or benefit is recognized in the financial statements according to the changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities between years. Valuation allowances are established to reduce deferred tax assets when it becomes more likely than not that such assets, or portions thereof, will not be realized.

No provision for federal income taxes has been made in the accompanying consolidated financial statements, other than the provision relating to CatchMark Timber Trust TRS, as CatchMark Timber Trust did not generate taxable income for the periods presented.

Reclassification

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current period's financial statement presentation. Advisor fees and expense reimbursements incurred in 2013 were previously included in a separate line item and are now included in general and administrative expenses for the respective periods in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update 2013-11, Income Taxes: Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists ("ASU 2013-11"). ASU 2013-11 requires an entity to present an unrecognized tax benefit in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss

carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward. To the extent a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward is not available at the reporting date or not intended to be used to settle any additional income taxes that would result in the dis-allowance of a tax position in which case the unrecognized tax benefit should be presented in the financial statements as a liability and should not be combined with deferred tax assets. ASU 2013-11

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became effective for CatchMark Timber Trust for the period beginning on January 1, 2014. The adoption of ASU 2013-11 did not have a material impact on CatchMark Timber Trust's financial statements or disclosures.

In May 2014, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("ASU 2014-09"). Under this guidance, an entity is required to recognize revenue upon the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the expected consideration for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 is effective beginning in fiscal 2017 and can be adopted either retrospectively or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. CatchMark Timber Trust is currently evaluating the effect that adopting this new accounting guidance will have on its financial statements or disclosures.

3. Timber Assets

As of September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, timber and timberlands consisted of the following, respectively:

	As of September 30, 2014		
	Gross	Accumulated Depletion or Amortization	Net
Timber	\$ 181,429,182	\$ 10,389,952	\$ 171,039,230
Timberlands	229,691,394	—	229,691,394
Mainline roads	570,396	295,448	274,948
Timber and timberlands	\$ 411,690,972	\$ 10,685,400	\$ 401,005,572
	As of December 31, 2013		
	Gross	Accumulated Depletion or Amortization	Net
Timber	\$ 149,859,173	\$ 8,505,024	\$ 141,354,149
Timberlands	184,114,333	—	184,114,333
Mainline roads	498,237	240,321	257,916
Timber and timberlands	\$ 334,471,743	\$ 8,745,345	\$ 325,726,398

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust acquired the following timberland properties:

Property Name	State(s)	Date of Acquisition	Acres	Purchase Price exclusive of closing costs (in millions)
Browder property	Georgia	February 20, 2014	202	\$0.2
Waycross - Panola properties	Georgia / Texas	April 11, 2014	36,320	73.7
Upton property	Georgia	April 29, 2014	958	1.6
Clinch property	Georgia	May 30, 2014	7,044	10.0
Total			44,524	\$85.5

During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust acquired a fee simple interest in approximately 1,800 acres of timberland located in Taylor County, Georgia, in which it previously held a leasehold interest, for \$1.4 million, exclusive of closing costs.

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During the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust sold approximately 210 and 300 acres of timberland, respectively, for \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. CatchMark Timber Trust's cost basis in the timberland sold was \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust sold approximately 780 and 1200 acres of timberland, respectively, for \$1.6 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. CatchMark Timber Trust's cost basis in the timberland sold was \$1.0 million and \$1.6 million, respectively.

As of September 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust owned interests in approximately 320,200 acres of timberlands in Georgia, Alabama, and Texas; 290,600 acres of which were held in fee-simple interests and 29,600 acres were held in leasehold interests.

4. Note Payable and Line of Credit

Credit Agreements

On December 19, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust entered into a third amended and restated credit agreement with a syndicate of banks with CoBank, ACB ("CoBank") serving as the administrative agent (the "Amended CoBank Agreement"). The Amended CoBank Agreement amended and restated in its entirety the existing senior credit agreement dated as of September 28, 2012.

The Amended CoBank Agreement provided for borrowing under credit facilities consisting of:

- a \$15.0 million revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility");
 - a \$150.0 million multi-draw term credit facility (the "Multi-Draw Term Facility"); and
- the remaining amount outstanding under the original CoBank term loan (the "Term Loan Facility", and together with the Revolving Credit Facility and the Multi-Draw Term Facility, the "CTT Credit Facilities"), which was \$52.2 million.

The Amended CoBank Agreement provided that the CTT Credit Facilities may be increased, upon the agreement of lenders willing to increase their loans, by up to \$75.0 million, consisting of up to a \$10.0 million increase in the Revolving Credit Facility and the remainder available under the Multi-Draw Term Facility.

Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility may be used for working capital, to support letters of credit and other general corporate purposes, but may not be used for timber acquisitions. The Revolving Credit Facility bears interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.50% and 1.75% or one-month LIBOR rate plus between 1.50% and 2.75%, in each case depending on CatchMark Timber Trust's loan-to-collateral-value ratio (the "LTV Ratio") and will terminate and all amounts under the facility will be due and payable on December 19, 2018.

The Multi-Draw Term Facility may be drawn upon up to five times during the period beginning on December 19, 2013 through December 19, 2016 and may be used to finance domestic timber acquisitions and associated expenses. Amounts repaid under the Multi-Draw Term Facility may be re-borrowed prior to the third anniversary of the closing date. The Multi-Draw Term Facility bears interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.75% and 2.00% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.75% and 3.00%, in each case depending on the LTV Ratio, and will terminate and all amounts under the Multi-Draw Term Facility will be due and payable on December 19, 2020. The Multi-Draw Term Facility is interest only until the maturity date; however, beginning on December 31, 2016, if CatchMark Timber Trust's LTV Ratio is equal to or in excess of 35%, then principal payments will be required to be made at a per annum rate of 7.50% of the principal amount outstanding under the Multi-Draw Term Facility.

The Term Loan Facility bears interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.50% and 1.75% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.50% and 2.75%, in each case depending on CatchMark Timber Trust's LTV Ratio, and will terminate and all amounts under the Term Loan Facility will be due and payable on December 19, 2018.

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CatchMark Timber Trust pays the lenders an unused commitment fee on the unused portion of the Multi-Draw Term Facility and Revolving Credit Facility, at an adjustable rate ranging from 0.20% to 0.35%, depending on the LTV Ratio.

The CTT Credit Facilities are secured by a first mortgage in the CatchMark Timber Trust's timberlands, a first priority security interest in most bank accounts held by CatchMark Timber Trust, and a first priority security interest on all other assets of CatchMark Timber Trust. In addition, CatchMark Timber Trust's obligations under the Amended CoBank Agreement are guaranteed by its subsidiaries.

On May 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust entered into a joinder and amendment agreement which modified and amended the Amended CoBank Agreement, by increasing the availability under the Revolving Credit Facility by \$10.0 million, from \$15.0 million to \$25.0 million, and the availability under the Multi-Draw Term Facility by \$65.0 million, from \$150.0 million to \$215.0 million ("the Amended Credit Agreement"). The Amended Credit Agreement also permits CatchMark Timber Trust to make six, rather than five, draws under the Multi-Draw Term Facility. In addition, the Amended Credit Agreement provides CatchMark Timber Trust with greater flexibility to use the proceeds from land sales for general working capital, acquisitions of additional timberland, or permitted distributions or other payments. CatchMark Timber Trust may use proceeds totaling up to 1.5% of the aggregate cost basis of its timberland if its LTV Ratio is between 30% and 40% and up to 2.0% of the aggregate cost basis if its LTV Ratio does not exceed 30%. Finally, the Amended Credit Agreement expanded the permitted uses of proceeds under the Revolving Credit Facility to include certain earnest money deposits and acquisitions of domestic timberland of up to \$3.0 million for a single transaction or \$4.0 million in aggregate.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains, among others, the following financial covenants:

• limits the LTV Ratio to 45% at the end of each fiscal quarter and upon the sale or acquisition of any property; and requires a minimum liquidity balance of \$10.0 million until the date that CatchMark Timber Trust has achieved a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.05:1.00, provided that this date is no earlier than September 30, 2014 and no later than June 30, 2015; after such date CatchMark Timber Trust must maintain a fixed coverage charge ratio of not less than 1.05:1.00.

CatchMark Timber Trust was in compliance with the financial covenants of the Amended Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2014.

Debt Proceeds and Repayments

On January 9, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust paid down its Term Loan Facility by \$18.2 million using proceeds from the initial listed public offering (see Note 7 - Stockholders' Equity).

On April 11, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust borrowed \$76.0 million under its Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the acquisition of the Waycross-Panola properties (see Note 3 - Timber Assets) and associated expenses. On April 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust paid down the Multi-Draw Term Facility by \$1.6 million.

On May 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust borrowed \$10.5 million under its Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the purchase of the Clinch property (see Note 3 - Timber Assets). On June 27, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust paid down the Multi-Draw Term Facility by \$0.4 million.

On July 16, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust paid off the remaining \$34.0 million under its Term Loan Facility and \$84.5 million under its Multi-Draw Term Facility with proceeds received from its follow-on listed public offering (see Note 7 - Stockholders' Equity). As a result of the debt payoff, CatchMark Timber Trust expensed the remaining \$0.4 million in deferred financing costs related to the Term Loan Facility. The amount was recorded as interest expense.

As of September 30, 2014, no amount was outstanding under the CTT Credit Facilities.

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Interest Paid

During the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust made interest payments of \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, on its borrowings. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, interest payments on its borrowings totaled \$1.1 million and \$2.3 million, respectively. Included in the interest payments for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2014 were unused commitment fees of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively.

5. Interest Rate Swap Agreement

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust used one interest rate swap agreement with a notional amount of \$33.0 million to hedge its exposure to changing interest rates on its variable rate debt (the "Rabobank Swap"). The Rabobank Swap became effective on March 28, 2013 and was maturing on September 30, 2017. Under the terms of the Rabobank Swap, CatchMark Timber Trust pays interest at a fixed rate of 0.9075% per annum to Rabobank and receives one-month LIBOR-based interest payments from Rabobank. The Rabobank Swap qualifies for hedge accounting treatment.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust recognized a change in fair value of the Rabobank Swap of approximately \$0.3 million as other comprehensive income. There was no hedge ineffectiveness on the Rabobank Swap required to be recognized in current earnings. Net payments of approximately \$0.1 million made under the Rabobank Swap by CatchMark Timber Trust during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was recorded as interest expense.

As a result of the payoff of its indebtedness under Amended Credit Agreement (see Note 4 - Notes Payable and Line of Credit), on July 18, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust terminated the RaboBank Swap and received a payment of approximately \$0.2 million from Rabobank, which was recorded as interest income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

6. Commitments and Contingencies

Timber Supply Agreements

CatchMark Timber Trust is party to a fiber supply agreement and a master stumpage agreement (collectively, the "Mahrt Timber Agreements") with a wholly owned subsidiary of MeadWestvaco Corporation ("MeadWestvaco"). The fiber supply agreement provides that MeadWestvaco will purchase specified tonnage of timber from CatchMark TRS at specified prices per ton, depending upon the type of timber. The fiber supply agreement is subject to quarterly market pricing adjustments based on an index published by Timber Mart-South, a quarterly trade publication that reports raw forest product prices in 11 southern states. The master stumpage agreement provides that CatchMark Timber Trust will sell specified amounts of timber and make available certain portions of its timberlands to CatchMark TRS for harvesting. The initial term of the Mahrt Timber Agreements is October 9, 2007 through December 31, 2032, subject to extension and early termination provisions. The Mahrt Timber Agreements ensure a long-term source of supply of wood fiber products for MeadWestvaco in order to meet its paperboard and lumber production requirements at specified mills and provide CatchMark Timber Trust with a reliable customer for the wood products from its timberlands.

In connection with the acquisition of the Waycross-Panola properties, CatchMark Timber Trust assumed a timber supply agreement which allows a third-party mill to harvest and purchase timber located on the Waycross properties (the "Waycross Supply Agreement"). The Waycross Supply Agreement established a minimum and maximum purchase amounts of pine pulpwood and is subject to quarterly price adjustments based on a index published by Timber Mart-South. The Waycross Supply Agreement is effective from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2020,

subject to early termination provisions.

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FRC Timberland Operating Agreement

CatchMark Timber Trust is party to certain timberland operating agreements with Forest Resource Consultants, Inc. (“FRC”). Pursuant to the terms of the timberland operating agreements, FRC manages and operates all of CatchMark Timber Trust’s timberlands and related timber operations in Georgia, Alabama, and Texas, including ensuring compliance with the timber supply agreements. In consideration for rendering the services described in the timberland operating agreements, CatchMark Timber Trust pays FRC (i) a monthly management fee based on the actual acreage FRC manages, which is payable monthly in advance, and (ii) an incentive fee based on timber harvest revenues generated by the timberlands, which is payable quarterly in arrears. The timberland operating agreements, as amended, are effective through March 31, 2017, with the option to extend for one-year periods and may be terminated by either party with mutual consent or by CatchMark Timber Trust with or without cause upon providing 120 days’ prior written notice.

Litigation

From time to time, CatchMark Timber Trust may be a party to legal proceedings, claims, and administrative proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of its business. Management makes assumptions and estimates concerning the likelihood and amount of any reasonably possible loss relating to these matters using the latest information available. CatchMark Timber Trust records a liability for litigation if an unfavorable outcome is probable and the amount of loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated. If an unfavorable outcome is probable and a reasonable estimate of the loss is a range, CatchMark Timber Trust accrues the best estimate within the range. If no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount, CatchMark Timber Trust accrues the minimum amount within the range. If an unfavorable outcome is probable but the amount of the loss cannot be reasonably estimated, CatchMark Timber Trust discloses the nature of the litigation and indicates that an estimate of the loss or range of loss cannot be made. If an unfavorable outcome is reasonably possible and the estimated loss is material, CatchMark Timber Trust discloses the nature and estimate of the possible loss of the litigation. CatchMark Timber Trust does not disclose information with respect to litigation where an unfavorable outcome is considered to be remote.

CatchMark Timber Trust is not currently involved in any legal proceedings of which the outcome is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the results of operations, financial condition, or cash flows of CatchMark Timber Trust. CatchMark Timber Trust is not aware of any such legal proceedings contemplated by governmental authorities.

7. Stockholders' Equity

Recapitalization

On October 24, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust effectuated a ten-to-one reverse stock split of its then-outstanding common stock (the “Reverse Stock Split”). Immediately following the Reverse Stock Split, CatchMark Timber Trust re-designated all of its then-authorized common stock as “Class A Common Stock”. A stock dividend was declared and paid on October 25, 2013 (the “Stock Dividend” and, together with the Reverse Stock Split, the “Recapitalization”) pursuant to which each share of common stock outstanding as of October 24, 2013, following the Reverse Stock Split, received one share of Class B-1 common stock; plus one share of Class B-2 common stock; plus one share of Class B-3 common stock. Any fractional shares of Class A common stock outstanding after the reverse stock split also received an equivalent fractional share of Class B-1, Class B-2 and Class B-3 common stock, which was then immediately converted into Class A common stock. All common stock share and per share data included in these consolidated financial statements give retroactive effect to the Recapitalization. CatchMark Timber Trust refers to Class B-1 common stock, Class B-2 common stock, and Class B-3 common stock collectively as “Class B common stock,” and Class A and Class B common stock collectively as “common stock.”

The combined effect of the ten-to-one reverse stock split and the stock dividend is equivalent to a 2.5-to-one reverse stock split. The Recapitalization decreased the total number of outstanding shares of CatchMark Timber Trust's common stock, but did not change the number of shares of common stock that are authorized for issuance under its charter. The

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Recapitalization was effected on a pro rata basis with respect to all stockholders. Accordingly, it did not affect any stockholder's proportionate ownership of CatchMark Timber Trust's outstanding shares.

CatchMark Timber Trust's Class B common stock is identical to its Class A common stock except that (1) CatchMark Timber Trust does not intend to list its Class B common stock on a national securities exchange and (2) shares of Class B common stock have converted or will convert automatically into shares of Class A common stock, pursuant to provisions of CatchMark Timber Trust's charter, on the following schedule:

- June 12, 2014, in the case of the Class B-1 common stock; and
- December 12, 2014, in the case of the Class B-2 common stock; and
- June 12, 2015, in the case of the Class B-3 common stock.

The board of directors has the authority to accelerate the conversion of the Class B-2 shares and the Class B-3 shares to dates not earlier than nine months and twelve months, respectively, following the listing with the consent of the underwriter of its initial listed public offering. On the 18-month anniversary of the listing, all shares of the Class B common stock will have converted into the Class A common stock.

On June 12, 2014, all 3,164,476 shares of CatchMark Timber Trust's Class B-1 common stock converted to its Class A common stock.

Listing and Initial Listed Public Offering

On September 23, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust filed a Registration Statement on Form S-11 with the SEC for a public offering of up to \$172.5 million of its Class A common stock, which was declared effective by the SEC on December 11, 2013. On December 12, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust listed its Class A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the ticker symbol "CTT" (the "Initial Listed Public Offering"). CatchMark Timber Trust completed the Initial Listed Public Offering on December 17, 2013, issuing 10.5 million shares of its Class A common stock and received gross proceeds of \$142.1 million. After deducting underwriter discounts and commissions of \$9.9 million and direct issuance costs of \$1.6 million, \$80.2 million of the net proceeds were used to repay the outstanding balance under its existing term loan, and \$49.0 million were used to redeem all of CatchMark Timber Trust's outstanding preferred shares and to pay the accrued but unpaid dividends.

On January 9, 2014, the underwriters for the Initial Listed Public Offering exercised their overallotment option to purchase approximately 1.6 million shares of CatchMark Timber Trust's Class A common stock in full. After deducting \$1.5 million of underwriter discounts and commissions, CatchMark Timber Trust received net proceeds of \$19.8 million, \$18.2 million of which was used to pay down the outstanding note payable.

Follow-on Listed Public Offering

On June 20, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3 with the SEC for future public offerings of up to \$600.0 million in an undefined combination of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, depositary shares, or warrants. The Form S-3 was declared effective by the SEC on July 2, 2014.

On July 11, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust entered into an underwriting agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc., as representative of the underwriters named therein (collectively, the "Underwriters"), pursuant to which CatchMark Timber Trust agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters 12.5 million shares of its Class A common stock and also agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters, at the option of the Underwriters, an aggregate of up to approximately 1.9 million additional shares of Class A common stock. The shares were priced at \$11.75 per share (the "Follow-on Listed Public Offering").

On July 16, 2014 and July 23, 2014 respectively, CTT issued 12.5 million and approximately 1.9 million shares, respectively, for \$11.75 per share, in the Follow-on Listed Public Offering. After deducting \$7.0 million and \$1.0

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million in underwriter discounts and commissions, respectively, CatchMark Timber Trust received net proceeds of \$139.9 million and \$21.0 million, before issuance costs, respectively. CatchMark Timber Trust used \$118.5 million of the net proceeds to pay off the Term Loan Facility and Multi-Draw Term Facility.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust included \$10.0 million of issuance costs in stockholders' equity which partially offset the proceeds from the Initial Listed Public Offering and the Follow-on Listen Public Offering.

Stock-based Compensation

On October 24, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust's board of directors approved the Amended and Restated 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"), effective from October 25, 2013 through October 25, 2023. Pursuant to the LTIP, the board of directors made available for issuance thereunder 1,150,000 shares of Class A common stock and 50,000 shares of each of the Class B-1, Class B-2 and Class B-3 common stock to the employees and independent directors.

On February 10, 2014, the board of directors approved an amended and restated independent directors' compensation plan (the "Independent Directors Plan"). The Independent Directors Plan is operated as a sub-plan of the LTIP and became effective as of January 1, 2014.

Pursuant to the Independent Directors Plan, on March 18, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust granted 2,175 shares of restricted stock having a value of \$30,000 on the grant date to each of its five independent directors as the directors' annual equity award. These restricted shares vest in thirds on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant, subject to the independent director's continued service on the board on each such date, or on the earlier occurrence of a change in control of the company or the independent director's death, disability, or termination with cause. As of September 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust had granted 20,475 shares of restricted stock to its current and former independent directors, 4,733 shares of which had vested and 1,467 shares of which were forfeited due to the resignations of two former independent directors.

One of the independent directors has elected to receive a portion of his compensation in CatchMark Timber Trust's common stock in lieu of cash. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust granted 589 and 1,973 shares, respectively, to the independent director pursuant to this election.

8. Supplemental Disclosures of Noncash Activities

Outlined below are significant noncash investing and financing transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively:

	2014	2013
Dividends accrued on preferred stock	\$—	\$279,073
Forfeiture of restricted stock award	\$—	\$205
Market value adjustment to interest rate swap that qualifies for hedge accounting treatment	\$268,368	\$1,126,174
Other liabilities assumed upon acquisition of timberland	\$—	\$125,163
Write-off of fully amortized deferred financing costs	\$394,797	\$—

9. Related-Party Transactions and Agreements

From its inception to October 24, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust operated as an externally advised REIT pursuant to an advisory agreement under which Wells Timberland Management Organization, LLC ("Wells TIMO"), a subsidiary

of Wells Real Estate Funds, Inc. (“Wells REF”), performed certain key functions on behalf of CatchMark Timber Trust, including, among others, managing the day-to-day operations, investing capital proceeds and arranging financing. On

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October 25, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust became a self-managed company by terminating the advisory agreement and hiring its own employees. Contemporaneous with this transaction, CatchMark Timber Trust entered into a series of service agreements and a sublease agreement with Wells REF and Wells TIMO (together with their respective affiliates, "Wells"). All of the agreements between CatchMark Timber Trust and Wells terminated on or before June 30, 2014. The following are descriptions of the agreements in place during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Advisory Agreement with Wells TIMO

Prior to its transition to self-management on October 25, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust was externally advised by Wells TIMO pursuant to an advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement"), where Wells TIMO performed certain key functions on behalf of CatchMark Timber Trust, including, among others, management of day-to-day operations and investment of capital proceeds. The advisory agreement terminated on October 25, 2013.

During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust incurred approximately \$0.9 million and \$3.3 million of advisory fees and expense reimbursements payable to Wells TIMO, respectively, which was included in general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Master Self-Management Transition Agreement and Termination of Advisory Agreement

On September 18, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust, CatchMark Timber OP, Wells REF and Wells TIMO entered into the Master Self-Management Transition Agreement (the "Master Agreement"), which sets forth the framework for CatchMark Timber Trust's separation from Wells and its transition to self-management. On October 24, 2013, the parties entered into the Amendment to the Master Agreement and terminated the Advisory Agreement effective October 25, 2013.

Pursuant to the Master Agreement, Wells agreed to facilitate and support CatchMark Timber Trust's efforts to hire up to eight employees of Wells identified by CatchMark Timber Trust who, as of the date of the Master Agreement, performed substantial services for CatchMark Timber Trust pursuant to the Advisory Agreement (collectively, the "Targeted Personnel"). On October 25, 2013, CatchMark Timber Trust hired the Targeted Personnel selected by CatchMark Timber Trust with such compensation and benefits as determined by CatchMark Timber Trust.

Transition Services Agreement

Pursuant to the Master Agreement, CatchMark Timber Trust and Wells REF entered into a Transition Services Agreement (the "TSA") on October 25, 2013, pursuant to which Wells provided certain consulting, support, and transitional services to CatchMark Timber Trust at the direction of CatchMark Timber Trust in order to facilitate CatchMark Timber Trust's successful transition to self-management.

In exchange for the services provided by Wells under the TSA, CatchMark Timber Trust paid Wells a monthly consulting fee of \$22,875 (the "Consulting Fee"). In addition to the Consulting Fee, CatchMark Timber Trust paid directly or reimbursed Wells for any third-party expenses paid or incurred by Wells on CatchMark Timber Trust's behalf in connection with the services provided pursuant to the TSA; provided, however, that (1) Wells obtained written approval from CatchMark Timber Trust prior to incurring any third-party expenses for the account of, or reimbursable by, CatchMark Timber Trust and (2) CatchMark Timber Trust was not required to reimburse Wells for any administrative service expenses, including Wells's overhead, personnel costs, and costs of goods used in the performance of services under the TSA. The TSA remained in effect until June 30, 2014.

Sublease Agreement

Pursuant to the Master Agreement, Wells REF and CatchMark Timber OP entered into the Sublease Agreement (the "Sublease") on October 25, 2013, pursuant to which CatchMark Timber OP sublet from Wells REF a portion of the

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office space used and occupied by Wells REF. The term of the Sublease commenced on October 25, 2013 and terminated on March 31, 2014.

Related-Party Costs

Pursuant to the terms of the agreements described above, CatchMark Timber Trust incurred the following related-party costs for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Advisor fees and expense reimbursements	\$—	\$930,000	\$—	\$3,311,608
Disposition fees	—	12,909	—	39,096
Consulting fees	—	—	137,250	—
Office rent	—	—	17,883	—
Total	\$—	\$942,909	\$155,133	\$3,350,704

All the related-party costs were included in general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

10. Subsequent Events

Acquisitions of Timberlands

On October 2, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust completed its purchase of 17,913 acres of timberland located in Southern Georgia and Northern Florida (the "Satilla River Timberlands") for a total purchase price of \$34.4 million, exclusive of closing costs (the "Satilla River Acquisition"). This property acquisition was funded with cash on hand.

Also on October 2, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust completed its purchase of 37,663 acres of timberland located primarily in Middle Georgia (the "Oglethorpe Timberlands") for a total purchase price of \$76.3 million, exclusive of closing costs (the "Oglethorpe Acquisition"). This property acquisition was funded with debt borrowing (see below).

Subsequently on October 30, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust completed its purchase of approximately 21,300 acres of timberland located in Louisiana (the "Beauregard Timberlands") for a total purchase price of \$38.5 million, exclusive of closing costs (the "Beauregard Acquisition"). This property acquisition was funded with debt borrowing (see below).

Debt Borrowings

On October 1, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust borrowed \$77.3 million under its Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the Oglethorpe Acquisition.

On October 28, 2014, CatchMark Timber trust borrowed \$39.0 million under its Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the Beauregard Acquisition.

Timberland Sales

On November 5, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust closed on a land sale of approximately 2,900 acres of land holdings in Georgia from Timberlands II, LLC for \$9.0 million, exclusive of closing costs. The buyer had exercised a previously existing purchase option on the property.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. See also "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" preceding Part I, as well as our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Overview

We primarily engage in the ownership, management, acquisition, and disposition of timberland properties located in the United States. As of September 30, 2014, we owned interests in approximately 320,200 acres of timberland within an attractive and competitive fiber basket encompassing a numerous and diverse group of pulp, paper and wood products manufacturing facilities, consisting of 74% pine stands and 26% hardwood stands. We believe that our timberlands are high-quality industrial forestlands that have been intensively managed for sustainable commercial timber production.

We generate recurring income and cash flow from the harvest and sale of timber, as well as from non-timber related revenue sources, such as recreational leases. When and where we believe it is appropriate, we also periodically generate income and cash flow from the sale of higher-and-better use ("HBU") timberland. We also expect to realize additional long-term returns from the potential appreciation in value of our timberlands as well as from the potential biological growth of our standing timber inventory in excess of our timber harvest. A substantial portion of our timber sales are derived from the Mahrt Timber Agreements under which we sell specified amounts of timber to MeadWestvaco subject to market pricing adjustments. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, approximately 34% of our net timber sales revenue was derived from the Mahrt Timber Agreements. See Note 6 – Commitments and Contingencies to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information regarding the material terms of the Mahrt Timber Agreements.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we acquired several timberland properties in Georgia and Texas totaling approximately 44,500 acres, for \$86.1 million before transaction costs. The acquisition of Waycross-Panola properties, the largest acquisition year-to-date, added approximately 36,300 acres and approximately 1.4 million tons of merchantable timber to our inventory and increased the share of higher value chip-n-saw and sawtimber in our product mix. Comprising 81% pine plantations by acreage and 58% sawtimber by tons, the Waycross-Panola properties are expected to add approximately 0.2 million tons to our annual harvest volumes over the next decade. In connection with the acquisition of the Waycross-Panola properties, we assumed a pulpwood supply agreement which allows a third-party mill to harvest and purchase timber located on the Waycross property and 39 recreational leases, nine related to the Waycross property and 30 related to the Panola property. Please refer to Note 6 – Commitments and Contingencies to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional detail on the Waycross Supply Agreement. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, approximately 2% of our net timber sales revenue was derived from the Waycross Supply Agreement. As of September 30, 2014, 38 of the 39 recreational leases have been renewed for the lease year from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. These leases cover approximately 33,800 acres and will provide approximately \$0.2 million in revenue annually.

As of September 30, 2014, our timber inventory consisted of approximately 11.0 million tons of merchantable timber inventory, including approximately 6.2 million tons of pulpwood, 2.7 million tons of chip-n-saw, and 2.1 million tons of sawtimber, before adding current year growth which should approximate current year harvest volumes (see Results of Operations for information on current year harvest volume).

The focus of our business is to invest in timberlands and to actively manage our assets to provide current income and attractive long-term returns to our stockholders. Our immediate emphasis is to grow through accretive acquisitions.

We continue to build our pipeline of potential acquisitions focused in the U.S. South, where we see the best value opportunities, and the increase in our available credit capacity (see discussions within Liquidity and Capital Resources)

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should facilitate closing on additional transactions expeditiously. Our most significant risks and challenges include our ability to access a sufficient amount of capital that will allow us to further grow and diversify our portfolio of timber assets.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Equity Capital

On December 12, 2013, we listed our Class A common stock on the NYSE under the symbol "CTT". We completed the Initial Listed Public Offering on December 17, 2013, issuing 10.5 million shares of our class A common stock and received gross proceeds of \$142.1 million. After deducting underwriter discounts and commissions of \$9.9 million and direct offering costs of \$1.6 million, \$80.2 million of the net proceeds were used to repay our outstanding debt balance, and \$49.0 million were used to redeem all of the outstanding shares of our preferred stock and to pay the accrued but unpaid dividends.

On January 9, 2014, the underwriters for the Initial Listed Public Offering exercised their overallotment option to purchase approximately 1.6 million shares of our Class A common stock in full. After deducting \$1.5 million of underwriter discounts and commissions, we received net proceeds of \$19.8 million, \$18.2 million of which was used to pay down the outstanding debt.

On June 20, 2014, we filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3 with the SEC for future public offerings of up to \$600.0 million in an undefined combination of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, depositary shares, or warrants. The Form S-3 was declared effective by the SEC on July 2, 2014.

On July 16, 2014, we completed the Follow-on Listed Public Offering, issuing 12.5 million shares at \$11.75 per share. After deducting underwriter discounts and commissions of \$7.0 million, we received net proceeds of \$139.9 million. \$118.5 million of the net proceeds was used to pay off the Term Loan Facility and Multi-Draw Term Facility.

On July 23, 2014, the underwriters for the Follow-on Listed Public Offering exercised their overallotment option to purchase approximately 1.9 million shares of our Class A common stock in full. After deducting underwriter discounts and commissions of \$1.0 million, we received net proceeds of \$21.0 million.

Debt Capital

On December 19, 2013, we entered into the Amended CoBank Agreement, which amended and restated the existing CoBank loan agreement in its entirety. The Amended CoBank Agreement provided for borrowing under credit facilities consisting of:

- \$15.0 million Revolving Credit Facility;
- \$150.0 million Multi-Draw Term Facility; and
- the remaining amount outstanding under the CoBank term loan, which was \$52.2 million.

The Amended CoBank Agreement provided that the CTT Credit Facilities may be increased, upon the agreement of lenders willing to increase their loans, by up to \$75.0 million, consisting of up to a \$10.0 million increase in the Revolving Credit Facility and the remainder available for incremental term loans.

Borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility may be used for working capital, to support letters of credit and other general corporate purposes, but may not be used for timber acquisitions. The Revolving Credit Facility bears interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.50% and 1.75% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.50% and 2.75%, in each case depending on our LTV Ratio, and will terminate and all amounts under the facility will be due

and payable on December 19, 2018.

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The Multi-Draw Term Facility may be drawn upon up to five times during the period beginning on December 19, 2013 through December 19, 2016 and may be used to finance domestic timber acquisitions and associated expenses. Amounts repaid under the Multi-Draw Term Facility may be re-borrowed prior to the third anniversary of the closing date. The Multi-Draw Term Facility bears interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.75% and 2.00% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.75% and 3.00%, in each case depending on the LTV Ratio, and will terminate and all amounts under the Multi-Draw Term Facility will be due and payable on December 19, 2020. The Multi-Draw Term Facility is interest only until the maturity date; however, beginning on December 31, 2016, if the LTV Ratio is equal to or in excess of 35%, then principal payments will be required to be made at a per annum rate of 7.5% of the principal amount outstanding under the Multi-Draw Term Facility.

The Term Loan Facility bears interest at an adjustable rate equal to a base rate plus between 0.50% and 1.75% or a LIBOR rate plus between 1.50% and 2.75%, in each case depending on the LTV Ratio, and will terminate and all amounts under the Term Loan Facility will be due and payable on December 19, 2018.

We pay the lenders an unused commitment fee on the unused portion of the Multi-Draw Term Facility and Revolving Credit Facility, at an adjustable rate ranging from 0.20% to 0.35%, depending on the LTV Ratio.

The CTT Credit Facilities are secured by a first mortgage in our timberlands, a first priority security interest in most bank accounts held by us and a first priority security interest on all of our other assets. In addition, our obligations under the Amended CoBank Agreement are guaranteed by our subsidiaries.

On May 30, 2014, we entered into a joinder and amendment agreement, which modified and amended the Amended CoBank Agreement, by increasing the availability under the Revolving Credit Facility by \$10.0 million, from \$15.0 million to \$25.0 million, and the availability under the Multi-Draw Term Facility by \$65.0 million, from \$150.0 million to \$215.0 million (the "Amended Credit Agreement"). The Amended Credit Agreement also permits us to make six, rather than five, draws under the Multi-Draw Term Facility. In addition, the Amended Credit Agreement provides us with greater flexibility to use the proceeds from land sales for general working capital, acquisitions of additional timberland or permitted distributions or other payments. We may use proceeds totaling up to 1.5% of the aggregate cost basis of our timberland if our LTV Ratio is in excess of 30% but less than 40% and up to 2.0% of the aggregate cost basis if our LTV Ratio does not exceed 30%. Finally, the Amended Credit Agreement expanded the permitted uses of proceeds under the Revolving Credit Facility to include certain earnest money deposits and acquisitions of domestic timberland of up to \$3.0 million for a single transaction, or \$4.0 million in aggregate.

We expect our primary sources of future capital to be (i) cash generated from operations, (ii) borrowings under our existing and future credit facilities, and (iii) proceeds from selective dispositions. The amount of cash available for distribution to stockholders and the level of discretionary distributions declared will depend primarily upon the amount of cash generated from our operating activities, our determination of funding needs for near-term capital and debt service requirements, and our expectations of future cash flows.

Short-Term Liquidity and Capital Resources

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was \$12.7 million, a \$10.3 million increase from the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily driven by an increase of \$7.6 million in net cash receipts from timber sales and a \$2.1 million net decrease in selling, general, and administrative expenses as result of lower legal fees and advisory fees as a result of our transition to self-management.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we used \$91.3 million to acquire timberland properties, including transaction costs and \$4.7 million deposited into escrow accounts for pending acquisitions. We also used \$0.1 million in purchasing fixed assets and \$0.6 million in reforestation and building roads.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 was \$116.6 million and represented proceeds from the Follow-on Listed Public Offering, the exercise of the overallotment option of the Initial

Listed Public Offering, and borrowings under the Multi-Draw Term Facility, offset by debt repayments, dividends payment to our common stockholders, and stock issuance costs for our listed public offerings.

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We believe that we have access to adequate liquidity and capital resources, including cash flow generated from operations, cash on-hand, and borrowing capacity, necessary to meet our current and future obligations that become due over the next 12 months.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains, among others, the following financial covenants:

• Limits the LTV Ratio to 45% at the end of each fiscal quarter and upon the sale or acquisition of any property; and requires a minimum liquidity balance of \$10.0 million until the date that we have achieved a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.05:1, provided that this date is no earlier than September 30, 2014 and no later than June 30, 2015; after such date we must maintain a fixed coverage charge ratio of not less than 1.05:1.

We were in compliance with the financial covenants of the Amended Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2014.

Long-Term Liquidity and Capital Resources

Over the long-term, we expect our primary sources of capital to include net cash flows from operations, including proceeds from strategic property sales, proceeds from secured or unsecured financings from banks and other lenders, and public offerings of our common stock. Our principal demands for capital include operating expenses, interest expense on any outstanding indebtedness, certain capital expenditures (other than timberland acquisitions), repayment of debt, timberland acquisitions, and stockholder distributions.

In determining how to allocate cash resources in the future, we will initially consider the source of the cash. We anticipate using a portion of cash generated from operations, after payments of periodic operating expenses and interest expense, to fund certain capital expenditures required for our timberlands. Any remaining cash generated from operations may be used to partially fund timberland acquisitions and pay distributions to stockholders. Therefore, to the extent that cash flows from operations are lower, timberland acquisitions and stockholder distributions are anticipated to be lower as well. Proceeds from future equity offerings and debt financings may be used to acquire timberlands, fund capital expenditures, and pay down existing and future borrowings.

Our bylaws preclude us from incurring debt in excess of 200% of our net assets. As of September 30, 2014, we had no debt outstanding. Our debt-to-net-assets ratio will vary based on our level of current and future borrowings, which will depend on the level of net cash flows from operations, our acquisition activities, and proceeds raised from public offerings of our common stock. Before additional borrowings and equity issuances, principal payments, and timberland acquisitions or dispositions, we expect our debt-to-net-assets ratio to remain relatively stable in the near future.

Contractual Obligations and Commitments

As of September 30, 2014, our contractual obligations are as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	2014	2015-2016	2017-2018	Thereafter
Debt obligations ⁽¹⁾	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Estimated interest on debt obligations ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	—	—
Operating lease obligations ⁽²⁾	4,933,129	89,295	1,351,855	1,324,342	2,167,637
Other liabilities ⁽³⁾	749,773	4,761	237,078	200,371	307,563
Total	\$5,682,902	\$94,056	\$1,588,933	\$1,524,713	\$2,475,200

⁽¹⁾ No amount was outstanding under the CTT Credit Facilities as of September 30, 2014.

- (2) Includes payment obligation on approximately 7,330 acres that are subleased to a third party.
- (3) Represents net present value of future payments to satisfy a liability assumed upon a timberland acquisition.

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As discussed within Subsequent Events, on October 1, 2014 and October 28, 2014, we borrowed \$77.3 million and \$39.0 million, respectively, under the Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund timberland acquisitions and associated expenses. Therefore, we expect to incur debt and interest payment obligations associated with debt borrowings.

Results of Operations

Overview

Our results of operations are materially impacted by the fluctuating nature of timber prices, changes in the levels and composition of our harvest volumes, the level of timberland acquisitions and sales, changes to associated depletion rates, and varying interest expense based on the amount and cost of outstanding borrowings. Timber prices, harvest volumes, and changes in the levels and composition of each for our timberlands for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 are shown in the following tables:

	Three Months Ended		Change	
	September 30, 2014	2013	%	
Timber sales volume (tons)				
Pulpwood	258,001	183,231	41	%
Sawtimber ⁽¹⁾	138,446	61,569	125	%
	396,447	244,800	62	%
Net timber sales price (per ton) ⁽²⁾				
Pulpwood	\$13	\$11	20	%
Sawtimber	\$25	\$20	26	%
Timberland sales				
Gross sales	\$485,630	\$645,436		
Sales volumes (acres)	206	290		
Sales price (per acre)	\$2,357	\$2,226		
	Nine Months Ended		Change	
	September 30, 2014	2013	%	
Timber sales volume (tons)				
Pulpwood	671,541	498,108	35	%
Sawtimber ⁽¹⁾	349,234	203,573	72	%
	1,020,775	701,681	45	%
Net timber sales price (per ton) ⁽²⁾				
Pulpwood	\$13	\$11	18	%
Sawtimber	\$24	\$20	20	%
Timberland sales				
Gross sales	\$1,575,419	\$2,498,757		
Sales volumes (acres)	782	1,167		
Sales price (per acre)	\$2,015	\$2,141		

⁽¹⁾ Includes sales of chip-n-saw and sawtimber.

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Prices per ton are rounded to the nearest dollar and shown on a stumpage basis (i.e., net of contract logging and (2) hauling costs) and, as such, the sum of these prices multiplied by the tons sold does not equal timber sales in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

Comparison of the three months ended September 30, 2014 versus the three months ended September 30, 2013

Revenues. Revenues increased to \$12.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from \$7.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 due to an increase in timber sales revenue of \$5.0 million, offset by a decrease in timberland sales revenue of \$0.2 million. Gross timber sales revenue increased by approximately 77%: approximately 37% of which came from revenue generated from the newly acquired properties, approximately 34% of which driven by increased harvest volume on the Mahrt Timberland resulting from our revised business strategy and approximately 6% of which was due to an increase in realized pricing on the Mahrt Timberland as a result of increases in demand. Timberland sales revenue decreased due to selling fewer acres in 2014. Details of timber sales by product for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 are shown in the following table:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2013	Changes attributable to:		Three Months Ended September 30, 2014
		Price	Volume	
Timber sales ⁽¹⁾				
Pulpwood	\$4,363,395	\$203,158	\$2,262,926	\$6,829,479
Sawtimber ⁽²⁾	2,064,259	187,509	2,310,769	4,562,537
	\$6,427,654	\$390,667	\$4,573,695	\$11,392,016

⁽¹⁾ Timber sales are presented on a gross basis.

⁽²⁾ Includes sales of chip-n-saw and sawtimber.

Operating expenses. Contract logging and hauling costs increased to \$4.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from \$3.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 as a result of an approximately 46% increase in delivered sales volume. Delivered sales as a percentage of our total harvest volume decreased from approximately 86% for the three months ended September 30, 2013 to approximately 73% for the three months ended September 30, 2014. Depletion expense increased by approximately one and a half times to \$4.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from \$1.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 primarily due to an approximately 62% increase in harvest volume and a significantly higher blended depletion rate. Our blended depletion rate was higher for the three months ended September 30, 2014, primarily because approximately 28% of our harvest came from newly acquired properties, which are depleting at a higher rate than our long-term fee timberlands. Cost of timberland sales decreased due to selling fewer acres.

Forestry management expenses increased to \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013. The increase is primarily due to incurring compensation costs related to our forest management staff, as a result of our transition to self-management, as well as incremental management fees to FRC as a result of additional acres under management from recent timberland acquisitions.

General and administrative expenses decreased \$1.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from the three months ended September 30, 2013. The termination of the Advisory Agreement (see Related Parties) eliminated advisory fees and expense reimbursements, which contributed to a \$0.9 million decrease in general and administrative expenses. Our legal costs decreased by \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from the three months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to costs incurred in the prior year in preparation for the Initial Listed Public Offering. The decreases were partially offset by increases in costs and expenses incurred as a self-managed company and a listed public company.

Interest income. Interest income increased to \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 due to receiving counter-party payment upon termination of our interest rate swap agreement.

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Interest expense. Interest expense decreased to \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from \$0.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 primarily due to more favorable interest rates and a lower average debt balance through the period, offset by incurring commitment fees to the lenders and writing off \$0.4 million in deferred financing costs as a result of the payoff of our indebtedness under the CTT Credit Facilities.

Net loss. Our net loss decreased to \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014 from \$2.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 as a result of a \$1.3 million decrease in our operating loss, a \$0.2 million increase in interest income, and a \$0.3 million decrease in our interest expense. We incurred an operating loss of \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, which is a decrease of \$1.3 million over our operating loss for the three months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to a \$0.7 million increase in timber sales revenue net of contract logging and hauling costs and depletion expense. We sustained a net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2014 primarily as a result of incurring interest expense of \$0.7 million. Our net loss per share available to common stockholders for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was \$0.02 and \$0.21, respectively. We anticipate future net losses to fluctuate with timber prices, harvest volumes, timberland sales, and interest expense based on our level of current and future borrowings.

Comparison of the nine months ended September 30, 2014 versus the nine months ended September 30, 2013

Revenues. Revenues increased to \$33.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$24.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 primarily due to an increase in timber sales revenue of \$9.8 million, offset by a decrease in timberland sales revenue of \$0.9 million. Gross timber sales revenue increased by approximately 49%: approximately 21% of which came from revenue generated from the newly acquired properties, approximately 22% driven by increased harvest volume on the Mahrt Timberland resulting from our revised business strategy and approximately 6% of which was due to an increase in realized pricing on the Mahrt Timberland resulting from increases in demand. Timberland sales revenue decreased due to selling fewer acres in 2014. Details of timber sales by product for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 are shown in the following table:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013	Changes attributable to:		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014
		Price	Volume	
Timber sales ⁽¹⁾				
Pulpwood	\$12,786,539	\$814,022	\$4,151,399	\$17,751,960
Sawtimber ⁽²⁾	7,060,211	442,037	4,407,858	11,910,106
	\$19,846,750	\$1,256,059	\$8,559,257	\$29,662,066

(1) Timber sales are presented on a gross basis.

(2) Includes sales of chip-n-saw and sawtimber.

Operating expenses. Contract logging and hauling costs increased to \$12.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$10.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 as a result of an approximately 24% increase in delivered sales volume. Delivered sales as a percentage of our total harvest volume decreased from approximately 90% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 to approximately 78% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Depletion expense increased by approximately 67% to \$10.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$6.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 due to a higher blended depletion rate and an approximately 45% increase in harvest volumes. Our blended depletion rate was higher in 2014 primarily because approximately 18% of our harvest came from our acquired timberlands, which are depleting at higher rates than our fee timberlands. Cost of timberland sales decreased due to selling fewer acres.

Forestry management fees increased to \$2.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$1.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The increase is primarily due to incurring compensation costs related

to our forest management staff, as a result of our transition to self-management, and incurring an additional \$0.3 million in fees to FRC due to more acres under management. Land rent expense decreased to \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$0.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2013 primarily due to expiration of leases.

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General and administrative expenses decreased by \$2.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The termination of the Advisory Agreement (see Related Parties) eliminated advisory fees and expense reimbursements, which contributed to a \$3.3 million decrease in general and administrative expenses. Legal fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 were \$1.1 million lower primarily due to costs incurred in the prior year in preparation for the Initial Listed Public Offering. Additionally, we incurred \$0.2 million of legal fees in the first quarter of 2014 related to the insurance recovery claim we filed in February 2014 under our director and officer insurance policy for costs and expenses incurred in connection with an SEC investigation into Wells Investment Securities, Inc. ("WIS"), a Wells affiliate and the dealer-manager of our two completed non-listed public offerings, and us before receiving the \$0.6 million reimbursement in the second quarter of 2014.

These decreases were partially offset by increases in costs and expenses incurred as a result of becoming a self-managed company and a listed public company. We also incurred \$0.1 million in shareholder communication expenses in response to a tender offer for our common stock during the first quarter of 2014 and approximately \$0.2 million in connection with the filing of the shelf registration and the Follow-on Listed Public Offering as described within Liquidity and Capital Resources.

Interest income. Interest income increased to \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 due to receiving counter-party payment upon termination of our interest rate swap agreement.

Interest expense. Interest expense decreased to \$1.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$2.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 primarily due to more favorable interest rates and a lower average debt balance through the period, offset by incurring commitment fees to the lenders and writing off \$0.4 million in deferred financing costs as a result of the payoff of our indebtedness under the CTT Credit Facilities.

Net loss. Our net loss decreased to \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 from \$7.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 as a result of a \$4.5 million increase in our operating income, a \$0.2 million increase in interest income, and a \$0.9 million decrease in our interest expense. We generated operating income of \$0.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, which is an increase of \$4.5 million over our operating loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to a \$3.4 million increase in timber sales revenue net of contract logging and hauling costs and depletion expense. We sustained a net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 primarily as a result of incurring interest expense of \$1.8 million. Our net loss per share available to common stockholders for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 was \$0.05 and \$0.58, respectively. We anticipate future net losses to fluctuate with timber prices, harvest volumes, timberland sales, and interest expense based on our level of current and future borrowings.

Adjusted EBITDA

The discussion below is intended to enhance the reader's understanding of our operating performance and our ability to satisfy lender requirements. Earnings from Continuing Operations before Interest, Taxes, Depletion, and Amortization ("EBITDA") is a non-GAAP measure of operating performance. EBITDA is defined by the SEC; however, we have excluded certain other expenses due to their non-cash nature, and we refer to this measure as Adjusted EBITDA. As such, our Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies and should not be viewed as an alternative to net income or cash from operations as measurements of our operating performance. Due to significant amount of timber assets subject to depletion and significant amount of financing subject to interest and amortization expense, management considers Adjusted EBITDA to be an important measure of our financial condition and performance. Our credit agreements contains a minimum debt service coverage ratio based, in part, on Adjusted EBITDA since this measure is representative of adjusted income available for interest

payments.

For the three months ended September 30, 2014, Adjusted EBITDA was \$5.2 million, an approximately \$4.4 million increase from the three months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to a \$3.6 million increase in net timber sales, a \$1.1 million decrease in general and administrative expenses, and a \$0.2 million increase in interest income resulting from the cancellation of the interest rate swap, offset by a \$0.2 million decrease in net revenue from timberland sales and a \$0.3 million increase in forestry management expenses.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, Adjusted EBITDA was approximately \$12.1 million, an approximately \$8.5 million increase from the nine months ended September 30, 2013, primarily due to a \$7.6 million increase in net timber sales, a \$2.1 million decrease in general and administrative expenses, and a \$0.2 million increase in interest income resulting from the cancellation of the interest rate swap, offset by a \$0.9 million decrease in net revenue from timberland sales and a \$0.6 million increase in forestry management expenses.

Our reconciliation of net loss to Adjusted EBITDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss	\$(763,098)	\$(2,527,903)	\$(1,500,557)	\$(7,078,560)
Add:				
Depletion	4,856,898	1,941,548	10,389,952	6,234,805
Basis of timberland sold	298,298	355,900	1,042,623	1,569,543
Amortization ⁽¹⁾	428,824	80,728	654,496	318,990
Stock-based compensation expense	105,262	36,667	284,536	36,667
Unrealized gain on interest rate swaps that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment	—	—	—	(128,934)
Interest expense ⁽¹⁾	257,752	890,965	1,244,838	2,633,731
Adjusted EBITDA	\$5,183,936	\$777,905	\$12,115,888	\$3,586,242

For the purpose of the above reconciliation, amortization includes amortization of deferred financing costs,

⁽¹⁾amortization of intangible lease assets, and amortization of mainline road costs, which are included in either interest expense, land rent expense, or other operating expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Election as a REIT

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and have operated as such beginning with our taxable year ended December 31, 2009. To qualify to be taxed as a REIT, we must meet certain organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement to distribute at least 90% of our adjusted taxable income, as defined in the Code, to our stockholders, computed without regard to the dividends-paid deduction and by excluding our net capital gain. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on taxable income that we distribute to our stockholders. If we fail to qualify to be taxed as a REIT in any taxable year, we will then be subject to federal income taxes on our taxable income at regular corporate rates and will not be permitted to qualify for treatment as a REIT for federal income tax purposes for that year and for the four years following the year during which qualification is lost, unless the Internal Revenue Service grants us relief under certain statutory provisions. Such an event could materially adversely affect our net income and net cash available for distribution to our stockholders. However, we believe that we are organized and operate in such a manner as to qualify for treatment as a REIT for federal income tax purposes.

Inflation

In connection with the acquisition of the Mahrt Timberland, we entered into the Timber Agreements with MeadWestvaco. The Timber Agreements provide that we will sell to MeadWestvaco specified amounts of timber subject to quarterly market pricing adjustments and monthly fuel pricing adjustments, which are intended to protect us from, and mitigate the risk of, the impact of inflation. The price of timber has generally increased with increases in inflation; however, we have not noticed a significant impact from inflation on our revenues, net sales, or income from continuing operations.

Application of Critical Accounting Policies

Our accounting policies have been established to conform to GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to use judgment in the application of accounting policies, including making estimates and assumptions. These judgments affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. If management's judgment or interpretation of the facts and circumstances relating to various transactions had been different, it is possible that different accounting policies would have been

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applied or different amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses would have been recorded, thus resulting in a different presentation of the financial statements or different amounts reported in the financial statements.

Additionally, other companies may utilize different estimates that may impact comparability of our results of operations to those of companies in similar businesses.

A discussion of the accounting policies that management deems critical because they may require complex judgment in their application or otherwise require estimates about matters that are inherently uncertain, is provided below.

Timber Assets

Timber and timberlands, including logging roads, are stated at cost less accumulated depletion for timber harvested and accumulated amortization. We capitalize timber and timberland purchases. Reforestation costs, including all costs associated with stand establishment, such as site preparation, costs of seeds or seedlings, planting, fertilization and herbicide application, are capitalized. Timber carrying costs, such as real estate taxes, insect control, wildlife control, leases of timberlands and forestry management personnel salaries and fringe benefits, are expensed as incurred. Costs of major roads are capitalized and amortized over their estimated useful lives. Costs of roads built to access multiple logging sites over numerous years are capitalized and amortized over seven years. Costs of roads built to access a single logging site are expensed as incurred.

Depletion

Depletion, or costs attributed to timber harvested, is charged against income as trees are harvested. Fee-simple timber tracts owned longer than one year and similarly managed are pooled together for depletion calculation purposes.

Depletion rates are determined at least annually by dividing (a) the sum of (i) net carrying value of the timber, which equals the original cost of the timber less previously recorded depletion, and (ii) capitalized silviculture costs incurred and the projected silviculture costs, net of inflation, to be capitalized over the harvest cycle, by (b) the total timber volume estimated to be available over the harvest cycle. The harvest cycle for our current southern timberland properties is 30 years. See "Overview" above for additional information regarding estimations of both our current timber inventory and the timber inventory that will be available over the harvest cycle. The capitalized silviculture cost is limited to the expenditures that relate to establishing stands of timber. For each fee-simple timber tract owned less than one year, depletion rates are determined by dividing the acquisition cost attributable to its timber by the volume of timber acquired. Depletion rates for lease tracts, which are generally limited to one harvest, are calculated by dividing the acquisition cost attributable to its timber by the volume of timber acquired. Net carrying value of the timber and timberlands is used to compute the gain or loss in connection with timberland sales. No book basis is allocated to the sale of conservation easements.

Evaluating the Recoverability of Timber Assets

We continually monitor events and changes in circumstances that could indicate that the carrying amounts of our timber assets may not be recoverable. When indicators of potential impairment are present that suggest that the carrying amounts of timber assets may not be recoverable, we assess the recoverability of these assets by determining whether the carrying value will be recovered through the undiscounted future operating cash flows expected from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. Impairment losses would be recognized for (i) long-lived assets used in our operations when the carrying value of such assets exceeds the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated from the future operations of those assets, and (ii) long-lived assets held for sale when the carrying value of such assets exceeds an amount equal to their fair value less selling costs. Estimated fair values are calculated based on the following information in order of preference, dependent upon availability: (i) recently quoted market prices, (ii) market prices for comparable properties, or (iii) the present value of undiscounted cash flows, including estimated salvage value. We intend to use one harvest cycle for the purpose of evaluating the recoverability of timber and timberlands used in our operations. Future cash flow estimates are based on probability-weighted projections for a range of possible outcomes and are discounted at risk-free rates of interest. We consider assets to be held for sale at the point at which a sale contract is executed and the buyer has made a nonrefundable earnest money deposit against the contracted purchase price. We have determined that there has been no impairment of our long-lived assets to date.

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Allocation of Purchase Price of Acquired Assets

Upon the acquisition of timberland properties, we allocate the purchase price to tangible assets, consisting of timberland and timber, and identified intangible assets and liabilities, which may include values associated with in-place leases or supply agreements, based in each case on our estimate of their fair values. The fair values of timberland and timber are determined based on available market information and estimated cash flow projections that utilize appropriate discount factors and capitalization rates. Estimates of future cash flows are based on a number of factors including the historical operating results, known and anticipated trends, and market and economic conditions. The values are then allocated to timberland and timber based on our determination of the relative fair value of these assets.

Intangible Lease Assets

In-place ground leases with us as the lessee have value associated with effective contractual rental rates that are below market rates. Such values are calculated based on the present value (using a discount rate that reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place lease and (ii) our estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place lease, measured over a period equal to the remaining term of the lease. The capitalized below-market in-place lease values are recorded as intangible lease assets and are amortized as adjustments to land rent expense over the weighted-average remaining term of the respective leases.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the sale of timber is recognized when the following criteria are met: (i) persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, (ii) legal ownership and the risk of loss are transferred to the purchaser, (iii) price and quantity are determinable, and (iv) collectability is reasonably assured. Our primary sources of revenue are recognized as follows:

- (1) For delivered sales contracts, which include amounts sufficient to cover costs of logging and hauling of timber, revenues are recognized upon delivery to the customer.
For pay-as-cut contracts, the purchaser acquires the right to harvest specified timber on a tract, at an agreed-upon
- (2) price per unit. Payments and contract advances are recognized as revenue as the timber is harvested based on the contracted sale rate per unit.
Revenues from the sale of higher-and-better use timberland and nonstrategic timberlands are recognized when title
- (3) passes and full payment or a minimum down payment is received and full collectability is assured. If a down payment of less than the minimum down payment is received at closing, we will record revenue based on the installment method.
For recreational leases, rental income collected in advance is recorded as other liabilities in the accompanying
- (4) consolidated balance sheets until earned over the term of the respective recreational lease and recognized as other revenue.

In addition to the sources of revenue noted above, we also may enter into lump-sum sale contracts, whereby the purchaser generally pays the purchase price upon execution of the contract. Title to the timber and risk of loss transfers to the buyer at the time the contract is consummated. Revenues are recognized upon receipt of the purchase price. When the contract expires, ownership of the remaining standing timber reverts to us; however, adjustments are not made to the revenues previously recognized. Any extensions of time will be negotiated under a new or amended contract.

Related-Party Transactions and Agreements

From our inception through October 24, 2013, we operated as an externally advised REIT pursuant to the Advisory Agreement under which Wells TIMO, a subsidiary of Wells REF, performed certain key functions on our behalf, including, among others, the investment of our capital proceeds and management of our day-to-day operations.

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On October 25, 2013, we became self-managed by terminating the Advisory Agreement. We also hired certain individuals to serve as our management team, including individuals who were previously employed by Wells REF, such as Brian M. Davis, our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Davis also served as our Chief Financial Officer prior to our transition to self-management. Until our transition to self-management, Leo F. Wells served as our Chairman of the Board and President and Douglas P. Williams served as our Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and one of our directors. Messrs. Wells and Williams also resigned as directors of our company on December 11, 2013, the effective date of the registration statement for the Initial Listed Public Offering. They continue to serve as officers and directors of other affiliates of Wells REF, which is owned by Mr. Wells.

We entered into the Master Agreement with Wells REF and Wells TIMO, which provided the framework for our separation from Wells REF and its affiliates and our transition to self-management. On October 24, 2013, we, our operating partnership, Wells REF and Wells TIMO agreed to amend the Master Agreement to advance the date of our self-management transition to October 25, 2013. As a result, we and our operating partnership entered into two agreements with these entities to provide services to us on a temporary and non-exclusive basis. These agreements included a transition services agreement that terminated on June 30, 2014 and a month-to-month office sublease for our corporate headquarters for up to five months. Pursuant to the transition services agreement, we were obligated to pay Wells REF a consulting fee equal to \$22,875 per month, and Wells REF received a prorated amount equal to \$4,428 for the period from October 25, 2013 through October 31, 2013. We also reimbursed Wells REF for expenses it incurred in connection with the services provided, excluding its administrative services expenses such as personnel and overhead costs. From October 2013 to March 2014, our operating partnership subleased approximated 5,723 square feet of office space from Wells REF. The office sublease provided for monthly base rent of \$5,961, which was not payable for the months of October, November and December 2013, plus additional costs for various space-related services. The sublease expired on March 31, 2014.

Pursuant to the Master Agreement, upon the termination of the Advisory Agreement, the special partnership units of our operating partnership owned by Wells TIMO were automatically redeemed for no consideration. The 200 common partnership units of our operating partnership previously held by Wells TIMO were purchased by CatchMark LP Holder, LLC, our newly formed subsidiary, on October 25, 2013, for \$1,312, based on our estimated per share value as of September 30, 2012.

On January 31, 2014, we entered into an agreement with Wells REF related to transfer agency services fees, pursuant to which Wells REF would pay transfer agency fees directly to DST System, Inc. ("DST"), our former transfer agent, from December 2013 to February 2014, when we discontinued use of DST for our transfer agency services.

All related person transactions must be approved or ratified by a majority of the disinterested directors on our board of directors. For more information about our relationship with Wells REF and its affiliates, see Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transaction, And Director Independence in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Regulatory Matters

In February 2013, the SEC started a non-public, formal, fact finding investigation regarding WIS, a Wells affiliate and former dealer-manager of our two completed non-listed public offerings, and us. The investigation relates to whether there have been violations of certain provisions of the federal securities laws regarding valuation, potential distributions, marketing, and suitability.

We have not been accused of any wrongdoing by the SEC. We also have been informed by the SEC that the existence of this investigation does not mean that the SEC has concluded that anyone has violated any laws or regulations or that the SEC has a negative opinion of any person, entity or security. We have received a formal subpoena for

documents and information and we have been cooperating fully with the SEC. We cannot reasonably estimate the timing of the conclusion of the investigation, nor can we predict whether or not the SEC will take any action against us as a result of the investigation and, if they do, what the ultimate outcome will be.

Commitments and Contingencies

We are subject to certain commitments and contingencies with regard to certain transactions. Refer to Note 6 -Commitments and Contingencies to our accompanying consolidated financial statements for further explanation.

Examples of such commitments and contingencies include:

- Timber Supply Agreements;
- FRC Timberland Operating Agreements;
- Obligations under Operating Leases; and
- Litigation.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

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We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that are reasonably likely to have a current or future material effect on our financial condition or changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, or capital resources.

Subsequent Events

Acquisitions of Timberlands

On October 2, 2014, we completed the purchase of 17,913 acres of timberland located in Southern Georgia and Northern Florida (the "Satilla River Timberlands") from the Satilla River Seller for a total purchase price of \$34.4 million, exclusive of closing costs (the "Satilla River Acquisition"). The Satilla River Timberlands are located in strong pine pulpwood markets with approximately one-third located off Interstates 95 and 16. Based on current estimates, the Satilla River Timberlands contain approximately 0.9 million tons of merchantable timber, comprising 67% pine plantations by acreage and 47% sawtimber by tons. The Satilla River Acquisition was funded with cash on hand.

Also on October 2, 2014, we completed the purchase of 37,663 acres of timberland located primarily in Middle Georgia (the "Oglethorpe Timberlands") from the Oglethorpe Seller for a total purchase price of \$76.3 million, exclusive of closing costs (the "Oglethorpe Acquisition"). The Oglethorpe Timberlands are expected to increase our supply options and reduce haul distances to some of our current mill customers. Based on current estimates, the Oglethorpe Timberlands contain approximately 1.8 million tons of merchantable timber, comprising 77% pine plantations by acreage and 50% sawtimber by tons. The Oglethorpe Acquisition was funded with debt borrowing (see below).

Subsequently on October 30, 2014, we completed the purchase of approximately 21,300 acres of timberland located in Southwest Louisiana (the "Beauregard Timberlands") for approximately \$38.5 million, exclusive of closing costs (the "Beauregard Acquisition"). The Beauregard Timberlands contain approximately 0.9 million tons of merchantable timber, comprising of 76% pine plantations by acreage and 60% sawtimber by tons. The Beauregard Acquisition was funded with debt borrowing (see below).

Debt Borrowings

On October 2, 2014, we borrowed \$77.3 million under our Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the Oglethorpe Acquisition.

On October 28, 2014, we borrowed \$39.0 million under our Multi-Draw Term Facility to fund the Beauregard Acquisition.

Timberland Sales

On November 5, 2014, CatchMark Timber Trust closed on a land sale of approximately 2,900 acres of land holdings in Georgia from Timberlands II, LLC for \$9.0 million, exclusive of closing costs. The buyer had exercised a previously existing purchase option on the property.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

As a result of entering into our credit agreements, we are exposed to interest rate changes. Our interest rate risk management objectives are to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, we may enter into interest rate swap agreements from time to time, and may enter into interest rate caps or other arrangements in order to mitigate our interest rate risk on a related financial instrument. We do not enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes; however, certain of our derivatives may not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. All of our debt was entered into for other than trading purposes. We manage our ratio of fixed-to-floating-rate debt with the objective of achieving a mix that

we believe is appropriate in light of anticipated changes in interest rates. We closely monitor interest rates and will continue to consider the sources and terms of our borrowing facilities to determine whether we have appropriately guarded ourselves against the risk of increasing interest rates in future periods.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Management's Conclusions Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Management, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer), has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based

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upon that evaluation, the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report in providing a reasonable level of assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods in SEC rules and forms, including providing a reasonable level of assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

On May 14, 2013, the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") issued an updated version of its Internal Control - Integrated Framework ("2013 Framework"). Originally issued in 1992 ("1992 Framework"), the framework helps organizations design, implement and evaluate the effectiveness of internal control concepts and simplify their use and application. The 1992 Framework remains available during the transition period, which extends to December 15, 2014, after which time COSO will consider it as superseded by the 2013 Framework. As of September 30, 2014, we continue to utilize the 1992 Framework during our transition to the 2013 Framework by the end of 2014. There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we are party to legal proceedings, which arise in the ordinary course of our business. We are not currently involved in any legal proceedings of which the outcome is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. Nor are we aware of any such legal proceedings contemplated by governmental authorities.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in the "Risk Factors" section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

- (a) There have been no defaults with respect to any of our indebtedness.
- (b) Not applicable.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

- (a) During the third quarter of 2014, there was no information that was required to be disclosed in a report on Form 8-K that was not disclosed in a report on Form 8-K.
- (b) There are no material changes to the procedures by which stockholders may recommend nominees to our board of directors since the filing of our Schedule 14A.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The exhibits required to be filed with this report are set forth on the Exhibit Index hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

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.

CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: November 13, 2014

By: /s/ Brian M. Davis
Brian M. Davis
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX TO THIRD QUARTER 2014 FORM 10-Q
CATCHMARK TIMBER TRUST, INC.

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Sixth Articles of Amendment and Restatement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013 filed on August 9, 2013)
3.2	First Articles of Amendment to the Sixth Articles of Amendment and Restatement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-191322) filed on September 23, 2013)
3.3	Articles of Amendment (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2013 (the "October 25 Form 8-K"))
3.4	Articles of Amendment (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the October 25 Form 8-K)
3.5	Articles Supplementary (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the October 25 Form 8-K)
3.6	Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.6 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-191916) filed on October 25, 2013)
10.1*	Purchase and Sale Agreement dated July 7, 2014 between Wildwood Timberlands, LLC, as seller, and CatchMark Timber Trust, Inc., as buyer
31.1*	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer of the Company, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14 and 15d-14 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2*	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer of the Company, pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1*	Statement of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Company, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
*	Filed herewith.