#### **UNITED STATES**

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 22, 2008

#### **NUSTAR ENERGY L.P.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-16417

Delaware

74-2956831

(State or other jurisdiction of	tate or other jurisdiction of (Commission (IRS Employer						
Incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)					
2330 North Loop 1604 West							
San Antonio, Texas	San Antonio, Texas 78248						
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)					
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (210) 918-2000							
	NOT APPLICABLE						
(Former nar	ne or former address, if changed sin	ce last report.)					
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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 22, 2008, senior management of NuStar Energy L.P. (the "Company") will participate at the 2008 Master Limited Partnership Investor Conference (the "Conference"). The slides attached to this report were prepared in connection with management's participation at the Conference. The slides are included in Exhibit 99.1 to this report and are incorporated herein by reference. The slides will be available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.nustarenergy.com">www.nustarenergy.com</a>.

The information in this report is being furnished, not filed, pursuant to Regulation FD. Accordingly, the information in Items 7.01 and 9.01 of this report will not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement filed by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference. The furnishing of the information in this report is not intended to, and does not, constitute a determination or admission by the Company that the information in this report is material or complete, or that investors should consider this information before making an investment decision with respect to any security of the Company or any of its affiliates.

#### Safe Harbor Statement

Statements contained in the exhibit to this report state the Company's or its management's expectations or predictions of the future and are forward-looking statements intended to be covered by the safe harbor provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. It is important to note that the Company's actual results could differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could affect those results include those mentioned in the documents that the Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Slides from presentation to be used on May 22, 2008.

#### **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 hereunto duly authorized.

NuStar Energy L.P.

By: Riverwalk Logistics, L.P.

Its general partner

By: NuStar GP, LLC

Its general partner

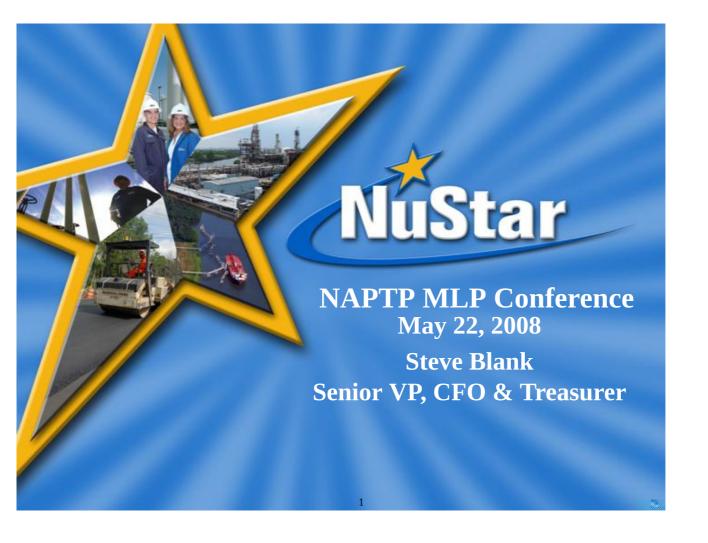
Date: May 22, 2008 By: /s/Amy L. Perry

Amy L. Perry Assistant Secretary

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Number <u>Exhibit</u>

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### Forward Looking Statements

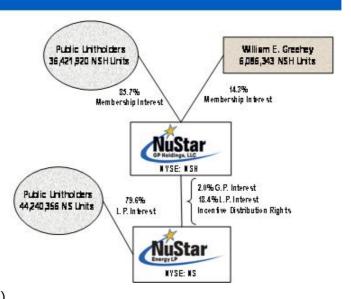
This presentation contains certain estimates, predictions, projections, assumptions and other forward-looking statements that involve various risks and uncertainties. While these forward-looking statements, and any assumptions upon which they are based, are made in good faith and reflect our current judgment regarding the direction of our business, actual results will almost always vary, sometimes materially, from any estimates, predictions, projections, assumptions or other future performance suggested in this report. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the words "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "plans," "intends," "estimates," "forecasts," "budgets," "projects," "will," "could," "should," "may" and similar expressions. These statements reflect our current views with regard to future events and are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions. For a discussion of certain of those risks, please read "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of NuStar Energy L.P's and NuStar GP Holdings, LLC's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and subsequent quarterly reports as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



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### **NuStar Overview**

- A leading publicly traded growthoriented partnership (NYSE: NS)
  - One of the largest independent petroleum pipeline and terminal operators in the U.S.
  - One of the largest asphalt refiners and marketers in the U.S.
  - Total unitholder return of approximately
     230% since IPO in April 2001
  - Recently reported record 1Q08 earnings
  - Public owns approximately 80% of NuStar Energy L.P.'s common units
  - NuStar GP Holdings, LLC (NYSE: NSH) holds remaining ownership of NuStar Energy L.P. including 2% general partner interest, around 18% of NuStar Energy L.P.'s common units and all of the incentive distribution rights





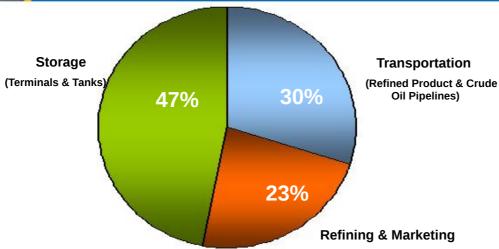
## Well-Diversified Asset Base







### **Primarily Fee-Based Assets**



- Nearly 80% of segment assets at NuStar Energy generate stable, fee-based income
  - Includes refined product terminals, refined product and crude oil pipelines and crude oil storage tanks

Note: Percentages are based on March 31, 2008 asset values, including a preliminary purchase price allocation for the CITGO Asphalt Refining acquisition. Recently combined business segments into three primary segments instead of five segments.

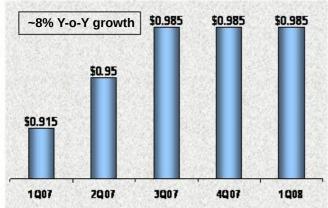


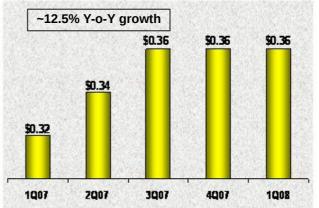


### **Good Distribution Growth**

#### NuStar Energy L.P. Quarterly Distribution Increases

#### NuStar GP Holdings, LLC Quarterly Distribution Increases





- NuStar Energy L.P. declared a 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2008 distribution of \$0.985 per unit, or \$3.94 per unit, on an annual basis
  - Healthy coverage ratio of 1.36 times applicable to the limited partners for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2008
  - Cost of capital lower as incentive distribution rights are capped at 25%
- NuStar GP Holdings, LLC declared a 1st quarter 2008 distribution to \$0.36 per unit, or \$1.44 per unit, on an annual basis





### Strategic Project Update

(Dollars in Millions)	Total Capital	In-Service Dates			
<u>Major Projects</u>	Investment	1Q08 2Q08	3Q08	4Q08	2009-2011
Major Projects Completed in Late 2006 & 200	7 ~\$90.0				
Amsterdam Expansion – Partial P1	50.0	Completed			
St. Eustatius Expansion – P3	19.5	Completed			
Amsterdam Expansion – Partial P1 & P2	30.0	*			
Linden, NJ Optimization	7.9	*			
Texas City, TX Expansion	33.1	<b>₩</b>			
St. James, LA Expansion	52.1	***	*		
Amsterdam Expansion – P3	28.5		*		
Jacksonville Expansion	21.0		*		
Texas City, TX Expansion	12.8			*	
New Pipeline and Terminal Construction				10000	
Program*	500				*
Total	~\$845				

- Majority of projects under \$400 million construction program expected to be complete by the end of 2008
- Recently announced \$500 million of new pipeline and terminal projects to help fuel partnership's growth beyond 2008
  - Does not include other potential projects from acquisition of CITGO Asphalt Refining Company
- Expect IRRs to be in the range of 15% to 20% for all projects



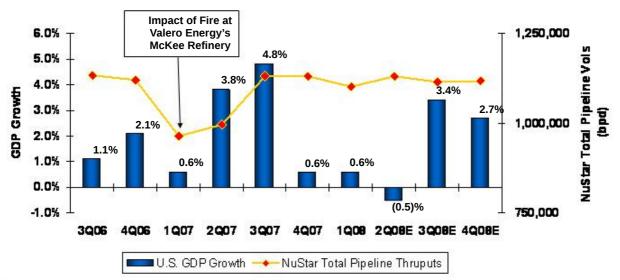
P = Phase

\* Projects still under evaluation



### Slower Economic Growth Not Expected to Materially Impact NuStar's Throughputs

**GDP Growth vs. NuStar Total Pipeline Throughputs** 



- Majority of NuStar's terminalling business supported by customer contracts
  - Approximately 90% of new terminal expansions supported by contracts ranging from 5 to 10 years

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce – Bureau of Economic Analysis: Historical GDP figures
Global Insight – Estimated 2008 Quarterly GDP Figures

Notes: Graph starts from 3Q06 to reflect last pipeline deal done at NuStar Energy L.P.





## New Asphalt Business





### Asphalt Asset Overview

- Business comprised of two refineries, three owned terminals, and leases on 14 third-party terminals
  - Paulsboro, NJ Refinery: 74 mbpd
    - Asphalt production is shipped to the Northeast
    - Total storage capacity of 3.4 million barrels
  - Savannah, GA Refinery: 30 mbpd
    - Asphalt production shipped to the Southeast
    - Sole refinery and asphalt producer on the Southeast seaboard
    - Total storage capacity of 1.2 million barrels
  - Wilmington, North Carolina Terminal
    - Total storage capacity of 240,000 barrels
  - 14 third-party leased terminals with total asphalt storage capacity of 1.7 million barrels
- Commitment by PDVSA to supply NuStar an annual average of 75,000 bpd of crude oil
- Right of first offer to purchase nearly 11,000 bpd of paving grade asphalt and over 13,000 bpd of roofing flux asphalt each year to the extent exported by PDVSA







### Strategic Rationale

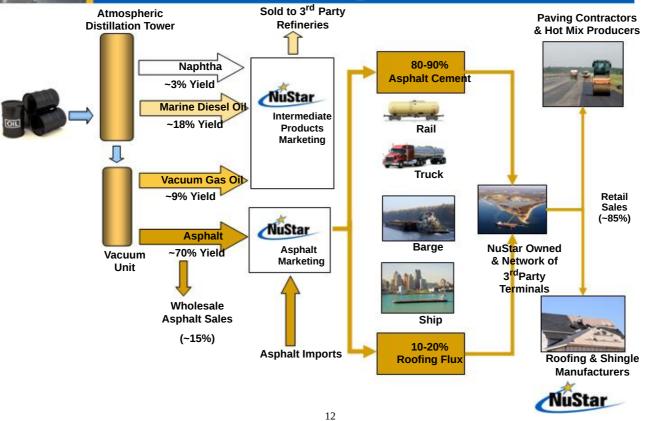
- Compelling opportunity to buy assets at 50% of replacement value
- Over the long-term expect to benefit from higher asphalt margins due to a tightening market
- Provides exposure to one of the best asphalt markets in the U.S.
- Continues to diversify NuStar's customer base and expands geographic presence
- Complements our existing asphalt marketing and terminals business
- Additional strategic projects expected to benefit results from asphalt business







### Asphalt Refining -A Simple Process

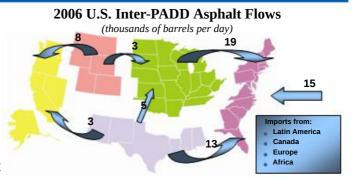




### **Asphalt Supply Drivers**

- East Coast and West Coast are currently net short asphalt
  - Excess production in Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast used to meet current demand
  - East Coast is also supplemented by imports
- New coker projects in Gulf Coast and Mid-Continent expected to reduce asphalt supply
  - Resulting imbalance expected to result in higher call on imports and/or cutting back on coker capacity
  - Level of coker projects has remained constant despite recent weak gasoline margins
- Shifting trade flows expected to drive asphalt margins higher

Sources: Poten & Partners; PIRA Refinery Database, Energy Information Agency



#### **Projected 2012 U.S. Inter-PADD Asphalt Flows**

(thousands of barrels per day)

63

Imports from:
Latin America
Canada
Europe
Africa

Note: Assumes no reduction in coker utilization rates
and fuel oil production



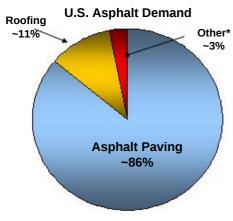
### **Asphalt Demand Drivers**

#### Paving

- Aging highway system, increased focus on preventative road maintenance and increases in total highway miles driven
- Residential and commercial construction
- Federal, state and local funding for highway projects

#### Roofing

 Re-roofing projects account for majority of asphalt demand versus new builds



 Consists of coating and sealer markets and asphalt consumed in industrial applications such as paint, paper and steel manufacturing

### Significant Infrastructure Needs in the U.S.

- Only spending a fraction of what we should to maintain roads
- Approximately 33% of roads are in fair to poor condition\*\*
- Currently spending around \$70 billion annually on highways\*\*\*
- Estimated \$185 billion required each year to maintain roads in current condition\*\*\*
- Estimated \$200 billion required to upgrade roads to good condition\*\*\*

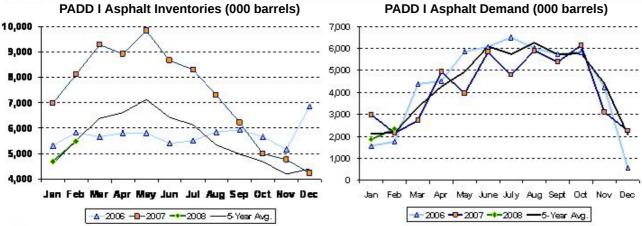
\*\* Source: TRIP

\*\*\* Source: National Surface Transportation 14 Policy & Revenue Commission





## PADD I Asphalt Current Supply & Demand Fundamentals

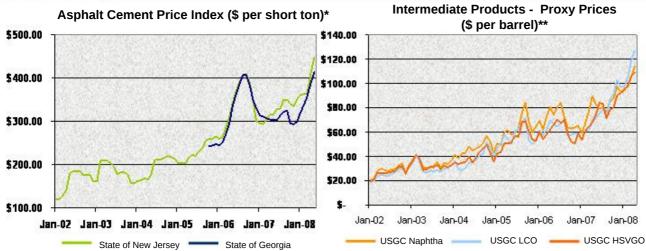


- Expect PADD I (i.e. East Coast) asphalt margins to recover from the first part of 2008 and fourth quarter 2007 levels due to:
  - Seasonal asphalt demand ramping up during the second quarter
  - Low inventory levels on the U.S. East Coast compared to last year
  - Level of asphalt imports to PADD I has declined over the past six months
- Expect a decrease in asphalt demand due to higher asphalt prices in PADD I
- Continue to be bullish on long-term fundamentals given the coker projects coming on-stream over the next few years

Source of data for graphs: Energy Information Administration



### **Increasing Product Prices**



- Asphalt and intermediate product prices have been generally increasing although have lagged the rapid run-up in crude oil prices
- Expect asphalt prices of \$430 to \$475 per short ton for the second and third quarters of 2008 reflective of seasonal demand
- Prices for intermediate products continue to strengthen providing valuable contribution to NuStar's results
- \* Source: State of New Jersey Dept. of Transportation and State of Georgia Dept. of Transportation

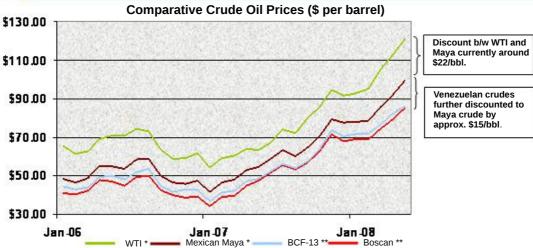
Note: Prices for intermediate products above are shown as proxies only for NuStar's intermediate products



<sup>\*\*</sup> Source: OPIS



# Buying Crude Oil Feedstocks at Deep Discounts



- Despite recent run-up in crude oil prices, NuStar is paying significant discounts for the crude oil it is buying from Venezuela (i.e. BCF-13 and Boscan crude oils)
  - BCF-13 and Boscan crude oils are very low-quality crudes purchased at a deep-discount to sweet crudes (i.e. WTI) and to other heavy-sour crudes (i.e. Mexican Maya)
- Crude feedstocks are ideal to run at NuStar's refineries since they produce a high yield of asphalt

\* Source: Platts

\*\* Source: Company





### **Business Strategies**

- Complete existing \$400 million construction program on time and on budget
- Quickly integrate recently acquired asphalt business
- Prioritize and execute projects on recently acquired asphalt business
- Continue to focus on pipeline, transportation, storage and terminalling operations
  - Continue to expand terminals and storage in key hub locations and pipelines through internal growth projects and acquisitions
  - Recently announced \$500 million construction program beyond 2008 (excluding CITGO Asphalt Refining Company)
- Continue to expand opportunities for marketing business
- Maintain financial strength, flexibility and investment grade debt rating
- We believe this strategy will allow NuStar to continue to provide further distribution growth

