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# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549** 

# **POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2**

ON

FORM S-3

TO

# **REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4**

**UNDER** 

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CalAtlantic Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 33-0475989 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant s principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. "

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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 the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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### **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

		Proposed Proposed				
	Amount	Maximum	Maximum			
Title of	to be	Offering Price	Aggregate	Amount of		
Securities to be Registered Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	Registered(1)(2)	per Share	<b>Offering Price</b>	<b>Registration Fee(2)</b>		
(3)	49,257 shares	N/A	N/A	N/A		

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of additional shares of CalAtlantic Group, Inc. securities as may be issuable as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) This Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form S-3 covers shares of the Registrant's Common Stock originally registered on the Registration Statement on Form S-4 to which this is an amendment. The registration fees in respect of such shares of Common Stock were paid at the time of the original filing of the Registration Statement on Form S-4 relating to such Common Stock.
- (3) Each share of CalAtlantic Group, Inc. s common stock includes a right to purchase one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, pursuant to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of December 20, 2011, between CalAtlantic Group, Inc. (f/k/a Standard Pacific Corp.) and Computershare Inc. (as successor in interest to Mellon Investor Services LLC), as Rights Agent, as the same may be amended from time to time.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

CalAtlantic Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (formerly known as Standard Pacific Corp., CalAtlantic or the Registrant ), hereby amends its Registration Statement on Form S-4, Registration No. 333-205452, as amended by pre-effective amendment Nos. 1 and 2 (the Form S-4) and post-effective amendment No. 1 on Form S-8, by filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form S-3 (the Post-Effective Amendment ). The Form S-4, as amended by this Post-Effective Amendment, is referred to as the Registration Statement. CalAtlantic filed the Form S-4 in connection with the merger (the Merger ) of The Ryland Group, Inc. (Ryland ) with and into CalAtlantic on October 1, 2015. In connection with the filing of the Form S-4, CalAtlantic registered 66,598,146 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and the applicable filing fee was paid. This number of shares represents those shares which were expected to be distributed to the holders of the common stock of Ryland at the time of the Merger, shares reserved for issuance under various existing Ryland equity plans, shares reserved for issuance upon conversion of various convertible securities, shares reserved for issuance of outstanding Ryland options and certain other equity-based awards. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger, each outstanding option to purchase shares of Ryland common stock granted under any of Ryland s equity plans was converted into an option to acquire shares of CalAtlantic after the effective time of the Merger, based on a formula described in the Form S-4. The purpose of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form S-3 is to allocate 49,257 shares of common stock covered by the Form S-4 to The Ryland Group, Inc. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan and the The Ryland Group, Inc. 2011 Equity and Incentive Plan that are reserved for issuance upon the exercise of stock options granted under the plans that are held by former employees of Ryland.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. CalAtlantic Group, Inc. may not issue these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission becomes effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED OCTOBER 6, 2015

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### Common Stock

We are offering a total of up to 49,257 shares of CalAtlantic Group, Inc. common stock that are issuable to certain former employees of The Ryland Group, Inc. upon the exercise or settlement of outstanding stock options issued under (i) The Ryland Group, Inc. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2008 Plan ) and (ii) The Ryland Group, Inc. 2011 Equity and Incentive Plan (the 2011 Plan and, together with the 2008 Plan, the Plans ). We will receive the exercise price of the options if and when such options are exercised. See Description of the Plans.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See <u>Risk Factors</u> on page 3 of this prospectus, in our periodic filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the applicable prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is October , 2015

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Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, the terms we, us and our refer to CalAtlantic Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its predecessors and consolidated subsidiaries.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain of the matters discussed in this prospectus or incorporated herein constitute 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 general, forward-looking statements can be identified by use of words such as expect, believe, estimate, project, forecast, anticipate, plan and similar of Our forward-looking statements represent our current expectations or beliefs regarding future events or circumstances. Important factors currently known to management that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those factors described under the caption Risk Factors in our periodic filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and any prospectus supplement to this prospectus.

All forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain as they are based on various expectations and assumptions concerning future events and circumstances, and they are subject to numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties many of which are out of our control and difficult to forecast that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those projected or implied. Our past performance or past or present economic conditions are not indicative of future performance or conditions. Due to these inherent uncertainties, current or potential investors in our securities are urged not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. In addition, except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or changes to projections over time.

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### THE COMPANY

CalAtlantic, a combination of Standard Pacific Corp. (Standard Pacific) and The Ryland Group, Inc. (Ryland), two of the nation s largest and most respected homebuilders, offers homes in communities that meet the desires of customers across the homebuilding spectrum, from entry level to luxury, in 41 Metropolitan Statistical Areas spanning 17 states.

CalAtlantic was incorporated in the State of Delaware in 1991 under the name Standard Pacific Corp. Our principal executive offices are located at 15360 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, California 92618, and our telephone number is (949) 789-1600. Our internet website address is *www.calatlantichomes.com*. Information on or connected to our Internet website is not part of or incorporated into this prospectus.

### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

On October 1, 2015, Ryland merged with and into Standard Pacific, with Standard Pacific continuing as the surviving corporation (the merger). Effective at such time, Standard Pacific changed its name to CalAtlantic and effected a reverse stock split such that each five shares of common stock of Standard Pacific issued and outstanding immediately prior to the merger were combined and converted into one issued and outstanding share of CalAtlantic common stock. In connection with the merger, all outstanding shares of Standard Pacific preferred stock were converted into CalAtlantic common stock. The following data has been restated for all periods to retroactively reflect the five-for-one reverse stock split that was effective on October 1, 2015.

	Six Months Ended June 30, Year Ended December 31,													
	2015		2014		2014		2013		2012	2011			2010	
Basic income (loss) per common share	\$ 1.2	2 \$	1.29	\$	2.94	\$	2.59	\$		\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.23)	
Diluted income (loss) per common share	\$ 1.1	2 \$	1.17	\$	2.68	\$	2.36	\$	7.21	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.23)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic	54,914,43	5	55,702,998	5	5,737,548	4	50,623,649	4	40,390,760		38,781,943	4	21,040,571	
Diluted	62,081,53	1	63,290,386	6	3,257,082	4	58,234,791	4	44,103,779	3	38,781,943	4	21,040,571	
Weighted average additional common shares outstanding if preferred shares	17,562,55	7	17,562,557	1	7,562,557	2	22,165,311	•	29,562,557		29,562,557		29,562,557	

converted to common shares:

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The selected financial data in the table above for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2014 and 2015 were derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements. The data for the five years ended December 31, 2014 were derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. Financial information incorporated by reference into this prospectus from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended June 30, 2015 and March 31, 2015, has not been adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split. The foregoing selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 and Form 10-Q for the six-months ended June 30, 2015.

### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock involves risks. Our business and operations are influenced by many factors and are subject to various risks and uncertainties to which we are or may become subject many of which are out of our control and difficult to forecast. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, strategies or prospects in a material and adverse manner. You should carefully consider the risks that could affect us and our business described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and any amendments thereto, as well as the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus before making an investment decision. Please note that additional risks not presently foreseen by us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business and operations. The market or trading price of our securities could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. In addition, please read Forward-Looking Statements in this prospectus where we describe additional uncertainties associated with our business and the forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to use the net proceeds we receive from our sales of the common stock offered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes, which may include the acquisition, development and construction of new residential properties, the acquisition of companies or operations in homebuilding and related businesses, or the repayment of existing indebtedness.

### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Our authorized capital stock consists of 600,000,000 shares of common stock, \$.01 par value, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$.01 par value. Our certificate of incorporation, as amended to date, does not authorize any other classes of capital stock.

### Common Stock

We have one existing class of common stock. Holders of shares of our existing common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by our stockholders and may not cumulate votes for the election of directors.

The holders of shares of our existing common stock are entitled to receive ratably dividends as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors out of funds legally available for dividend payments, subject to any dividend preferences of any holders of any other series of common stock and preferred stock. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, after payment or provision for payment of all liabilities and payment of all liquidation preferences of any other series of common stock and any preferred stock, the holders of shares of our existing common stock are entitled to share ratably in all remaining assets with any other series of common stock and any preferred stock so entitled. Our existing common stock has no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the shares of our existing common stock.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to issue new series of common stock without stockholder approval. Subject to the Delaware corporation law, our board of directors may:

fix or alter the designations, powers and preferences, and relative, participating, optional or other rights, if any, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions of any new series of common stock, including, without limitation:

dividend rights (and whether dividends are cumulative);

conversion rights, if any;

voting rights (including the number of votes, if any, per share, as well as the number of members, if any, of the board of directors or the percentage of members, if any, of the board each series of common stock may be entitled to elect); and

rights and terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions, if any), redemption price and liquidation preferences of any wholly unissued series of common stock;

fix the number of shares constituting any series of common stock and the designation of each such series; and

increase or decrease the number of shares of any series of common stock subsequent to the issuance of shares of such series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding.

Our board of directors has no power to alter the rights of any outstanding shares of our common stock. Although we currently do not intend to do so, our board of directors, without stockholder approval, may issue a new series of common stock with rights that could negatively affect the voting power or other rights of our existing common stockholders.

Our common stock is listed under the symbol CAA on the New York Stock Exchange. Computershare is the Transfer Agent and Registrar for our common stock.

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## **Preferred Stock**

As of the date of this prospectus, 1,000,000 shares of our preferred stock are designated as Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock. No shares of Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock are outstanding. In certain circumstances, the shares of Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock are issuable upon exercise of our stockholder rights, subject to the terms of such rights and our Stockholder Rights Agreement. See Stockholder Rights Agreement below.

Our board of directors may, without stockholder approval, issue, in addition to the authorized but unissued shares of Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, up to 9,000,000 shares of our preferred stock in one or more series and, subject to Delaware corporation law, may:

fix or alter the designations, powers and preferences, and relative, participating, optional or other rights, if any, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions of any series of preferred stock, including without limitation:

dividend rights (and whether dividends are cumulative);

conversion rights, if any;

voting rights (including the number of votes, if any, per share, as well as the number of members, if any, of the board of directors or the percentage of members, if any, of the board each class or series of preferred stock may be entitled to elect); and

rights and terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions, if any), redemption price and liquidation preferences of any wholly unissued series of preferred stock;

fix the number of shares constituting any series of preferred stock and the designations of each such series; and

increase or decrease the number of shares of any series of preferred stock subsequent to the issuance of such series, but not below the number of shares of the series then outstanding.

Our board of directors has no power to alter the rights of any outstanding shares of our preferred stock. Although we currently do not intend to do so, our board of directors may issue shares of preferred stock with voting and conversion rights which could negatively affect the voting power or other rights of our common stockholders, and the board could take that action without stockholder approval.

### Effect of New Issuance

If our board of directors were to approve the issuance of a new series of common stock or preferred stock, the issuance of such shares could:

decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to our existing common stockholders;

make removal of the present management more difficult;

result in restrictions upon the payment of dividends and other distributions to our existing common stockholders;

delay or prevent a change in control of the company; and

limit the price that investors are willing to pay in the future for our existing common stock.

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### MatlinPatterson Stockholders Agreement

On June 14, 2015, we and MatlinPatterson entered into an Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement (the Stockholders Agreement ), which amended and restated a Stockholders Agreement we entered into with MatlinPatterson on June 28, 2008, as amended. The Stockholders Agreement provides, among other matters, as follows:

for so long as MatlinPatterson owns at least 20% of our voting power, it will have the right to designate two directors to serve on our board of directors. If MatlinPatterson owns less than 20% but at least 10% of our voting power, MatlinPatterson will have the right to designate one director to serve on our board of directors. To the extent MatlinPatterson decreases its holdings of our voting stock to less than any of the aforementioned thresholds, we will have the right to request the resignation of directors designated by MatlinPatterson so that the number of directors designated by MatlinPatterson equals the numbers of directors MatlinPatterson is entitled to designate;

until October 1, 2018, MatlinPatterson will vote:

in favor of the governance matters set forth in our bylaws, and

against any proposal, amendment or action that could reasonably be expected to alter or amend such governance matters;

MatlinPatterson and its affiliates are subject to certain standstill provisions and restrictions on their ability to transfer our common stock, including a prohibition providing that prior April 1, 2016, no transfers may be made without approval of our board of directors except for certain transfers to MatlinPatterson s permitted affiliates that agree to be bound by the Stockholders Agreement. After the expiration of such period, transfers may be made in certain limited instances, including pursuant to Rule 144 of the Securities Act, so long as, to MatlinPatterson s knowledge, such transfer is not to any party that would together with its affiliates have a resulting ownership of 15% or more of our voting stock following such transfer;

MatlinPatterson and its affiliates are generally prohibited from acquiring any additional capital stock of ours without the consent of the board of directors and, in certain circumstances, the affirmative vote of a majority of our voting stock not held by MatlinPatterson; and

MatlinPatterson may sell our capital stock under a shelf registration statement and pursuant to customary demand and piggy-back registration rights. In the event MatlinPatterson makes a demand registration in accordance with the terms of the Stockholders Agreement, the securities will be included in the following order of priority:

registrable securities of any holder on whose behalf MatlinPatterson has submitted a registration request;

registrable securities of any other holder who has delivered a request for registration; and

any other securities of ours that are requested to be included.

A copy of the Stockholders Agreement has been filed with and is publicly available at or from the SEC as described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

### Stockholders Rights Agreement

Effective December 20, 2011, we entered into an Amended and Restated Rights Agreement with Mellon Investor Services LLC, as rights agent (as amended, the Rights Agreement). The December 20, 2011 rights agreement amended and restated in its entirety our then effective rights agreement, a form of which had been in effect since December 31, 2001. On October 30, 2014, our board of directors further amended the Rights Agreement to, among other things, change the rights agent to Computershare Inc., as successor in interest to

Mellon Investor Services LLC, revise the definition of beneficial ownership to capture ownership through derivative contracts and extend the expiration date of the rights and the Rights Agreement to December 31, 2017. Each share of our common stock issued by us (prior to the expiration of the Rights Agreement or redemption or distribution of the rights) will have attached a right. In this prospectus, unless the context requires otherwise, all references to our common stock include the accompanying rights.

Currently, the rights are not exercisable and trade with our common stock. If the rights become exercisable, each right, unless held by a person or group that beneficially owns (as defined in the Rights Agreement) more than 15% of our outstanding voting stock or certain transferees of such beneficial owners, will initially entitle the holder to purchase one one-hundredth of one share of our Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, at an exercise price of \$100.00, subject to adjustment. The rights will become exercisable only after a person or group has acquired, or publicly announced an intention to acquire through a tender offer or exchange offer, 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock. Under some circumstances, including the existence of a 15% acquiring person or group, each holder of a right, other than the acquiring person or group or certain transferees thereof, will be entitled to purchase at the right s then current exercise price, shares of our common stock having a market value equal to two times the exercise price. If we are acquired by another entity after a person or group acquires 15% or more of our voting stock, each holder of a right, other than the acquiring person or group or certain transferees thereof, will be entitled to purchase shares of common stock of the acquiring entity having a market value of two times the right s then current exercise price. The rights may be redeemed at a price of \$0.005 per right until the tenth business day after a person or group acquires 15% or more of our voting stock unless we have merged or been acquired or the rights have expired prior to such date. The rights will expire on December 31, 2017, unless earlier redeemed, exchanged or exercised. The rights do not have voting or dividend rights, and until they become exercisable, do not have a dilutive effect on our earnings.

MatlinPatterson and its affiliates are defined as Exempt Persons under the Rights Agreement, and therefore will not be deemed an acquiring person, provided that MatlinPatterson and its affiliates will immediately cease to be an Exempt Person if a majority of the members of our board of directors who were not designated by MatlinPatterson pursuant to the Stockholders Agreement, whether or not such members constitute a quorum of the board, determine, in good faith, that (i) MatlinPatterson or its affiliates are in material breach of the Stockholders Agreement, or that the Stockholders Agreement is no longer in full force and effect, and (ii) that MatlinPatterson and its affiliates shall be deemed no longer to be an Exempt Person under the Rights Agreement.

The terms of the rights are fully described in the Rights Agreement between Computershare Inc., as rights agent, and us. You should refer to the Rights Agreement for a more detailed description of the terms and provisions of the rights. A copy of the Rights Agreement, including all amendments, has been filed with and is publicly available at or from the SEC as described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

Our rights may make more difficult or discourage an acquisition of the company that is deemed undesirable by our board of directors by causing substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire us on terms or in a manner not approved by our board of directors, except for an acquisition offer conditioned upon the purchase or redemption of our rights.

### Forum Selection

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws each include a forum selection provision providing that, unless the company consents in writing, a state (or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, federal) court in Delaware will be the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder to bring any derivative action, any action asserting a claim of breach of fiduciary duties, any action asserting a claim arising from a provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

# Certain Governance Matters Until October 1, 2018

As of the date hereof, our board of directors consists of ten members, of whom two are executive directors and eight are non-executive directors. In connection with the merger, five members of our board were designated by Ryland from the Ryland board of directors as of immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, including Mr. Larry Nicholson, our President and Chief Executive, and Mr. William Jews, the lead independent director of our board, and five members were designated by Standard Pacific from the Standard Pacific board of directors as of immediately prior to the effective time of the merger, including Mr. Scott Stowell, our Executive Chairman.

Under our amended and restated bylaws, until October 1, 2018, which is the third anniversary of the effective time of the merger, our board may only remove the lead independent director from his role by an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the our entire board (excluding the lead independent director) and a vacancy resulting from his cessation of service can only be filled by a Continuing Ryland Director (as such term is defined in our amended and restated bylaws).

Vacancies on our board resulting from cessation of service, including removal, prior to October 1, 2018, by an appointed or designated Continuing Ryland Director or an appointed or designated Continuing Standard Pacific Director (as such term is defined in our amended and restated bylaws) will be filled only by an individual whose appointment or election is endorsed by at least a majority of the Continuing Ryland Directors or by at least a majority of the Continuing Standard Pacific Directors, respectively, then in office (even if less than a quorum), or by a sole remaining Continuing Ryland Director or Continuing Standard Pacific Director, as applicable. Each such nomination shall be subject to approval by at least a majority of our board (even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director), which approval shall not be withheld if the candidate is qualified and such approval is otherwise consistent with the board s fiduciary duties.

Until October 1, 2018, in the case of a vacancy, a Continuing Ryland Director, who meets the qualifications set forth in the applicable committee charter, will be appointed as an alternate for a committee member or chair who is a Continuing Ryland Director, and a Continuing Standard Pacific Director, who meets the qualifications set forth in the applicable committee charter, will be appointed as an alternate for a committee member or chair who is a Continuing Standard Pacific Director.

Until October 1, 2018, these governance provisions may be modified, amended or repealed, and any provision or other resolution inconsistent with these governance provisions may be adopted, or such modification, amendment repeal or adoption may be recommended to our stockholders, only by the affirmative vote of the 75% of our entire board (or, if there are no Continuing Ryland Directors or Continuing Standard Pacific Directors to fill a vacancy as described above, the remaining directors (even if less than a quorum) or a sole remaining director).

# Possible Effects of Delaware Law and Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws and Certain Contracts on Takeovers and Proxy Contests

In addition to our Rights Agreement, provisions of Delaware law, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws and certain contracts to which we are a party may discourage the acquisition of the company or a proxy contest that our stockholders may otherwise consider to be in the best interests of the company, or make them more difficult. For example:

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law prohibits certain publicly-held Delaware corporations from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years following the time such person became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a

specified manner. Generally, an interested stockholder is a person who, together with its affiliates and associates, owns 15% or more of the corporation s voting stock, or is affiliated with the corporation and owns or owned 15% of the corporation s voting stock within three years before the business combination.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that stockholder action can be taken only (i) at an annual or special meeting of stockholders; or (ii) without a meeting by unanimous written consent of each stockholder entitled to vote on the matter in question. This provision may make it difficult for stockholders to take action that our board opposes.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that special meetings of our stockholders may only be called by a majority of our board, a committee of our board that has been granted the authority to call such meetings or our Secretary upon a written request by record holders of a majority of our outstanding voting stock. This provision may make it difficult for stockholders to call a special meeting that our board opposes.

As discussed above, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation permits our board of directors to issue a new series of common stock or preferred stock with terms that may make an acquisition by a third person more difficult or less attractive.

Our amended and restated bylaws provide time limitations and information requirements on stockholders who desire to present nominations for election to our board of directors or propose matters that can be acted upon at stockholders meetings. If it is determined that business or a nomination were not properly brought before a meeting in accordance with our bylaws, such nomination shall be disregarded or such business shall not be transacted at the meeting.

As discussed in Certain Governance Matters Until October 1, 2018 above, until October 1, 2018, our amended and restated bylaws provide that our board will be comprised of Continuing Ryland Directors and Continuing Standard Pacific Directors, and amendment of the governance provisions with respect to our board (including the role of lead independent director) and committee compositions and filling of vacancies on our board (including the role of a lead independent director) and committees shall require the vote of the 75% of our entire board (or, if there are no Continuing Ryland Directors or Continuing Standard Pacific Directors to fill a vacancy as described above, the remaining directors (even if less than a quorum) or a sole remaining director. In addition, we have entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Nicholson, our president and chief executive, that provides, for a period of three years from the effective date of the merger, that he may not be terminated without cause without the affirmative vote of at least 75% of our board of directors (excluding Mr. Nicholson), and we have entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Stowell, our executive chairman, that also provides, for a period of three years after the effective time of the merger, that he may not be terminated without cause without the affirmative vote of at least 75% of our entire board of directors (excluding Mr. Stowell). These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in management during the integration period after the merger, but may also have the effect of delaying changes in management that stockholders may otherwise consider to be in the best interests of the company.

As discussed in MatlinPatterson Stockholders Agreement above, under the Stockholder Agreement, MatlinPatterson currently has the right to designate two directors to serve on our board of directors.

Copies of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, including the Certificate of Designation for the Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, and amended and restated bylaws, each as amended, have been filed with and are publicly available at or from the SEC as described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANS**

### Introduction

This prospectus contains an overview of eligible individuals rights under Plans (together, The Ryland Group, Inc. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan and The Ryland Group, Inc. 2011 Equity and Incentive Plan), which were assumed by CalAtlantic (formerly known as Standard Pacific Corp.) upon completion of the merger of Ryland with and into Standard Pacific. As a result of that merger, certain awards granted under that Plans relate to shares of CalAtlantic common stock instead of shares of Ryland common stock.

The description of the Plans in this prospectus is merely a summary of key terms and conditions of the Plans. This prospectus does not contain all of the terms and conditions of the official plan documents for the Plans, and is expressly qualified by reference to the plan documents for the Plans and the terms and conditions of a specific grant or award. In the event of any inconsistency between this prospectus, any plan documents or the terms and conditions of a grant or award, the plan documents and the terms and conditions of the grant or award will govern. See Where You Can Find More Information on page 17 for instructions on how to obtain copies of the official plan documents.

### **Background Information About the Merger**

On June 14, 2015, Standard Pacific and Ryland entered into a Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger. The merger agreement provided Ryland would merge with and into Standard Pacific, with Standard Pacific being the surviving corporation and continuing under the name CalAtlantic Group, Inc. Upon completion of the merger, each option to purchase shares of Ryland common stock granted under any of the Ryland equity plans (including the Plans) was converted pursuant to the merger agreement and applicable award agreements into an option to acquire shares of CalAtlantic common stock on the same terms and conditions (including any vesting or forfeiture provisions or repurchase rights, but taking into account any acceleration thereof pursuant to the existing terms of the relevant Ryland equity plans or applicable award agreement thereunder by reason of the transactions contemplated thereby) as were applicable under such option as of immediately prior to the merger. The number of shares of CalAtlantic common stock underlying each converted Ryland stock option was determined by multiplying the number of shares of Ryland common stock subject to such stock option immediately prior to the completion of the merger by the exchange ratio, and rounding down to the nearest whole share. As defined in the merger agreement, the exchange ratio was 1.0191 shares of CalAtlantic common stock for each share of Ryland common stock. The exercise price per share of each converted option was determined by dividing the per share exercise price of such stock option by the exchange ratio, and rounding up to the nearest whole cent.

# Administration of the Plan

Since the merger, the Plans are being administered by the Compensation Committee of CalAtlantic s Board of Directors. Subject to the terms of the Plans, the Compensation Committee has the authority to interpret the terms of the Plans and make all decisions related to the operation of the Plans.

The Compensation Committee has authority to grant awards under the Plans, prescribe grant agreements evidencing the awards and establish programs for granting awards. In exercising this authority, the Compensation Committee has full and sole power to:

select eligible persons to participate in the Plans;

determine the sizes and types of awards;

determine the terms and conditions of awards;

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modify or amend outstanding awards, or substitute new awards for surrendered awards, except that (a) award-holder consent will be needed for a modification to an outstanding award if the modification would adversely affect the award, and (b) unless approved by shareholders, the exercise price for any outstanding option may not be decreased after the grant date nor may any outstanding option be surrendered to CalAtlantic for a grant of a new option with a lower exercise price or in exchange for a buyout in cash;

in the case of death, disability, retirement or a Change of Control (as defined below), accelerate or otherwise change the time in which an award may be exercised or become payable;

administer and interpret the Plans;

adopt and interpret rules, regulations, agreements, guidelines and instruments for the administration of the Plans; and

make all other determinations that may be necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plans. Except in connection with a corporate transaction involving CalAtlantic (including, without limitation, any stock dividend, stock split, extraordinary cash dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, or exchange of shares), the terms of outstanding awards may not be amended to reduce the exercise price of outstanding stock options or cancel outstanding stock options in exchange for cash, other awards or stock options with an exercise price that is less than the exercise price of the original stock options without stockholder approval.

The Compensation Committee may delegate the power to grant awards and make all determinations under the Plans with respect to those awards to one or more executive officers of the CalAtlantic to the extent permitted by law. The Compensation Committee will set a maximum amount of individual and group awards that may be granted in this manner.

The Compensation Committee s determinations under the Plans need not be uniform. All determinations and decisions that the Compensation Committee makes pursuant to the provisions of the Plans are final, conclusive and binding on all parties.

### **Duration of the Plans**

The 2008 Plan became effective on April 23, 2008 and the 2011 Plan become effective on April 27, 2011. The 2011 Plan replaced the 2008 Plan. The 2011 Plan is unlimited in duration. Both Plans will remain in effect as long as any awards under them are outstanding. However, no award will be granted under the 2011 Plan after the close of business on February 20, 2021.

# Governing Law

The plans and the terms of all awards will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.

### Non-Qualified and Unfunded Status of the Plans

The Plans are unfunded and do not give the participants any rights that are superior to those of CalAtlantic s general creditors. The Plans are not subject to the provisions of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and are not qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the IRS Code).

# Available Shares for the Plans

CalAtlantic has reserved a total of 1,093,265 shares of its common stock for issuance pursuant to outstanding awards under the Plans.

Upon a stock dividend of, or stock split or reverse stock split affecting, the shares, (A) the maximum number of shares reserved for issuance or with respect to which awards may be granted under the Plans, and (B) the number of shares covered by and the exercise price and other terms of outstanding awards, shall, without further action of the Board of Directors of CalAtlantic, be adjusted to reflect such event unless the Board of Directors determines, at the time it approves such stock dividend, stock split or reverse stock split, that no such adjustment will be made. The Compensation Committee may make adjustments, in its discretion, to address the treatment of fractional shares and fractional cents that arise with respect to outstanding awards as a result of the stock dividend, stock split or reverse stock split.

Shares issued pursuant to the Plans may be from authorized and unissued shares or may be shares purchased on the open market. No fees, commissions or charges will be payable with respect to the issuance of any such shares.

## Types of Awards Outstanding

The Plans permit various types of awards. Outstanding under the Plans include stock options, including incentive stock options ( ISOs ) and non-qualified options ( NSOs ), restricted stock, and performance share awards. Each award is evidenced by an award agreement that specifies the number of shares subject to the award, the date of grant of the award, the vesting period and conditions to vesting, and the other terms and conditions of the award prescribed by the compensation committee approving the award.

This prospectus relates only to the offering of common stock relating to outstanding NSOs held by former Ryland employees.

# **Option Awards**

In general, an option is a contractual right granted to an individual to purchase up to a specified number of shares of common stock at a specified exercise price within a specified period of time, subject to certain conditions.

The award agreement for an option provides the type of Option (ISO or NSO) awarded, the number of shares subject to the option, the exercise price of those shares, the term of the option, and other terms and conditions as the Compensation Committee may determine. To the extent that the award agreement is inconsistent with the respective Plan, the Plan will govern.

Options will have a term of seven years or less.

The shares subject to an option may be purchased (referred to generally as the exercise of the option) as allowed by the vesting and exercisability rules set forth in the award agreement. The award agreement will provide that the option is exercisable in accordance with a vesting schedule. In addition, the right to exercise might terminate when certain events occur, such as termination of employment, as specified in the award agreement. An option holder is not required to exercise an option when it first becomes exercisable. The option holder may exercise the option (or the exercisable portion of the option, as the case may be) at any time within the remaining term of the option, subject to the rules in the award agreement.

To exercise an option, the option holder must give written notice to the Secretary of CalAtlantic or such other person designated by the Compensation Committee specifying the intention to purchase shares, the number of shares to be purchased and the date, before the expiration or other termination of the option, that the purchase is to occur.

Shares purchased upon exercise of an option must be paid in full at the time of purchase in accordance with the terms of the award agreement evidencing the option. No shares will be issued pursuant to any option until full payment of the exercise price has been made to CalAtlantic. An option holder will have none of the rights of a stockholder of

CalAtlantic until the shares are issued.

An award agreement might provide that the purchase price is to be paid (i) in cash or cash-equivalents, (ii) by a broker-assisted cashless exercise procedure, (iii) by a combination of the foregoing methods, or (iv) by any other means that the Compensation Committee approves.

### Material Federal Income Tax Consequences of Nonqualified Stock Option Awards

The following is a brief summary of the principal United States federal income tax consequences to recipients of NSO awards made under the Plans and CalAtlantic. The summary is based on the provisions of the IRS Code and interpretations thereof as in effect on the date of this Prospectus, all of which are subject to change. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and, among other things, does not describe state, local or foreign tax consequences. *Each participant is urged to consult his or her tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of participation in the Plans.* 

An option holder generally will not recognize income for federal income tax purposes at the time an NSO is granted.

An option holder will recognize ordinary income upon exercise of an NSO in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the common stock on the exercise date over the exercise price.

When shares acquired upon exercise of an NSO are sold or otherwise disposed of, the option holder generally will recognize gain (or loss) equal to the difference between the amount realized and the option holder s tax basis in the shares. An option holder s tax basis in shares received upon exercise of an NSO generally is the sum of the exercise price paid and the ordinary income recognized as a result of exercising the NSO. Special rules regarding the tax basis of shares apply where shares are tendered as payment for the exercise price and are described in the following paragraph.

In the Compensation Committee s discretion, options may be exercised and paid for by tendering shares with a fair market value equal to part or all of the exercise price. As a general rule, an exchange of common shares for common shares of the same corporation is a nontaxable exchange. For purposes of determining capital gain or loss treatment upon subsequent dispositions of the shares, the shares received upon exercise of the option that are equal in number to the shares tendered (the shares tendered are referred to in this Prospectus as Payment Shares ) will have a carryover holding period, however, the holding period of any additional shares received will begin on the date that the option is exercised. Upon exercise of an NSO via the tendering of Payment Shares, regardless of whether the Payment Shares may have been acquired under an ISO for which the minimum holding period requirements have not been satisfied, the option holder will (i) recognize as compensation income the fair market value of the shares received that exceed the number of Payment Shares tendered, less cash, if any, paid on the exercise; (ii) not recognize compensation income with respect to the shares received equal in number to the Payment Shares tendered; and (iii) have a carryover basis with respect to those shares received that are equal in number to the Payment Shares tendered, and a basis in any additional shares received equal to the difference between the fair market value of the Shares received pursuant to the NSO and the exercise price of the NSO, plus any cash actually paid.

Ordinarily, the gain (or loss) recognized on a sale or other disposition will be a long-term capital gain (or loss) if more than one year has elapsed between the date on which ordinary income was recognized and the date of the sale, or short-term capital gain (or loss) if a lesser period has elapsed.

CalAtlantic generally will be entitled to a deduction for federal income tax purposes with respect to the exercise of an NSO in the same taxable year and in the same amount as ordinary income is recognized by the option holder.

As indicated above, the foregoing discussion does not cover all income or other tax effects involved in an individual sparticipation in the Plans. Accordingly, each individual should consult his or her own tax

advisor concerning any matters relating to the particular tax consequences of participation in the Plans. If the individual is subject to a state or local income tax or to the income tax of a country other than the United States, he or she should seek advice as to the tax laws in those jurisdictions. CalAtlantic does not warrant any particular tax treatment of any award granted under the Plans.

### Modification or Termination of Awards

In the event of changes affecting CalAtlantic, CalAtlantic s capitalization, or the common stock by reason of any spin-off, split-up, dividend, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, business combination or exchange of shares and the like, the Compensation Committee may, in its discretion and without the consent of holders of awards, (a) make appropriate adjustments to the number, kind and price of shares covered by outstanding awards, and (b) make any other adjustments in outstanding awards, including but not limited to reducing the number of shares subject to awards or providing or mandating alternative settlement methods such as settlement of the awards in cash or in shares or other securities of CalAtlantic or of any other entity, or in any other matters which relate to awards as the Compensation Committee determines to be necessary or appropriate.

The Compensation Committee may make adjustments to the terms and conditions of awards, without the consent of award holders, as a result of unusual or nonrecurring events affecting CalAtlantic or the financial statements of CalAtlantic or any affiliate, or changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Compensation Committee determines that adjustments are appropriate to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plans and outstanding awards.

In the event of a Change in Control, as that term is defined below, all awards under the Plans are automatically and fully vested and immediately exercisable or payable in whole or in part. CalAtlantic s obligations under the Plans and performance with respect to rights of award holders under the Plans are to be assumed by any participant, successor-in-interest or beneficiary of or interested party in the Change in Control and such individual or entity will cause the awards to be assumed, or new rights substituted therefor, by another entity. Upon the effective date of the merger of Ryland with and into Standard Pacific, all outstanding Ryland awards under the Plans were automatically and fully vested and immediately exercisable.

Under the Plans, *Change in Control* means: (i) the acquisition by any person, other than CalAtlantic or any employee benefit plans of CalAtlantic, of beneficial ownership of 20 percent or more of the combined voting power of CalAtlantic s then outstanding voting securities; (ii) the purchase of at least 20 percent or more of the combined voting power of CalAtlantic s then outstanding voting securities under a tender offer or exchange offer, other than an offer by CalAtlantic or any employee benefit plans of Atlantic, pursuant to which shares have been purchased; (iii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or the nomination for the election by stockholders of CalAtlantic of each new director was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period; or (iv) consummation of a merger, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution of CalAtlantic, or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of CalAtlantic; provided, however, that for purposes of any Award or subplan that constitutes a nonqualified deferred compensation plan, within the meaning of IRS Code section 409A, the Administrator, in its discretion, may specify a different definition of Change in Control in order to comply with the provisions of IRS Code section 409A.

### Modification or Termination of the Plans

The Compensation Committee, without further approval of the stockholders, may terminate, amend or modify the Plans or any portion thereof at any time, except stockholder approval will be needed for any amendment: (i) related to option repricing, (ii) that materially increase the benefits accruing to any participants under the Plans, (iii) that materially increase the aggregate number of shares that may be issued under the Plans, or (iv) that materially modify

the requirements as to eligibility for participation.

# Transfer of Awards

Except as otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, no award granted under the Plans is transferable by an award recipient otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee in accord with the provisions of the immediately preceding sentence, an award may be exercised during the lifetime of the recipient, only by the recipient or, during the period the recipient is under a legal disability, by the recipient s guardian or legal representative.

The Award recipient may designate a death beneficiary with respect to amounts due to or exercise rights of the award recipient in the manner and to the extent provided by the Compensation Committee. Amounts or certificates due an award recipient under an award after his or her death will be paid or delivered to the award recipient s designated beneficiary in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award, unless the award agreement provides otherwise. If the award recipient does not have an effective beneficiary designation, the award recipient s designated beneficiary will be his or her estate.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

This prospectus covers the shares of our common stock that are reserved for issuance upon exercise of stock options issued under the Plans to former employees of Ryland and assumed by us in connection with the merger of Ryland with and into Standard Pacific. We are offering these shares of our common stock directly to the holders of these stock options according to the terms of the agreements governing their stock options issued under the Plans. We are not using an underwriter in connection with this offering. These shares are expected to be listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

### RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE

If you are an affiliate (as defined in the Securities Act) of ours, any shares acquired pursuant to the Plans may be resold only pursuant to the registration requirements of the Securities Act, or an applicable exemption such as Rule 144, if available.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC registering the securities that may be offered and sold hereunder. The registration statement, including exhibits thereto, contains additional relevant information about us and these securities that, as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC, we have not included in this prospectus. A copy of the registration statement can be obtained at the address set forth below. You should read the registration statement for further information about us and these securities.

CalAtlantic Group, Inc. files annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC under the Exchange Act. You may read and copy this information at the following SEC location:

Public Reference Room

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

You can also obtain copies of these documents at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Room of the SEC. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, like CalAtlantic Group, Inc., who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is www.sec.gov. Unless specifically listed under Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference below, the information contained on the SEC website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and you should not consider that information a part of this prospectus.

In addition, CalAtlantic Group, Inc. s common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and similar information concerning us can be inspected and copied at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2015, June 15, 2015, July 2, 2015, September 8, 2015, October 1, 2015 and October 5, 2015;

the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-B (File No. 1-10959), filed December 17, 1991, and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description; and

the description of our preferred stock purchase rights contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 1-10959), filed December 28, 2001, and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings made with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this prospectus and prior to the sale of all securities registered hereunder or termination of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Nothing in this prospectus shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished but not filed with the SEC.

Any statement contained in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

Each person to whom this prospectus is delivered, including any beneficial owner, may request a copy of the filings incorporated herein by reference, including exhibits to such documents that are specifically incorporated by reference, at no cost, by writing or calling at the following address or telephone number:

John P. Babel, Secretary

CalAtlantic Group, Inc.

15360 Barranca Parkway

Irvine, California 92618

Telephone: (949) 789-1600

Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other documents are not necessarily complete, and in each instance investors are referred to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference and the exhibits and schedules thereto.

### **EXPERTS**

#### CalAtlantic Group, Inc. (f/k/a Standard Pacific Corp.)

The consolidated financial statements of CalAtlantic Group, Inc (formerly known as Standard Pacific Corp.) appearing in CalAtlantic Group, Inc. s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the effectiveness of CalAtlantic Group, Inc. s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

### The Ryland Group, Inc.

The consolidated financial statements of The Ryland Group, Inc. appearing in The Ryland Group, Inc. s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the effectiveness of The Ryland Group, Inc. s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered hereby was passed on for us by Ropes & Gray LLP, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10026.

#### **PART II**

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS

### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth all expenses payable by us in connection with the offering of our securities being registered hereby.

SEC Registration Fee	\$ *
Legal Fees and Expenses	5,000
Accounting Fees and Expenses	3,500
Printing and Miscellaneous	2,000
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Total	\$ 10,500

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

CalAtlantic is a Delaware corporation. Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law ( DGCL ) provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Further subsections of DGCL Section 145 provide that:

<sup>\*</sup> Previously paid in connection with the original filing of this Registration Statement on Form S-4.

- to the extent a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections
   (a) and (b) of Section 145 or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith;
- (2) the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for pursuant to Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise; and

(3) the corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person s status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 145.

Section 145 of the DGCL makes provision for the indemnification of officers and directors in terms sufficiently broad to indemnify officers and directors of CalAtlantic under certain circumstances from liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act. CalAtlantic s Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws provide, in effect, that, to the fullest extent and under the circumstances permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL, CalAtlantic will indemnify any person (and the estate of any person) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of CalAtlantic or is or was serving at the request of CalAtlantic as a director or officer of another corporation or enterprise. CalAtlantic may, in its discretion, similarly indemnify its employees and agents.

CalAtlantic has entered into indemnification agreements with its officers and directors.

CalAtlantic s Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation relieves its directors from monetary damages to CalAtlantic or its stockholders for breach of such director s fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Under Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, a corporation may relieve its directors from personal liability to such corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of their fiduciary duty as directors except (i) for a breach of the duty of loyalty, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith, or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for willful or negligent violations of certain provisions in the DGCL imposing certain requirements with respect to stock repurchases, redemptions and dividends, or (iv) for any transactions from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

CalAtlantic currently maintains an insurance policy which, within the limits and subject to the terms and conditions thereof, covers certain expenses and liabilities that may be incurred by directors and officers in connection with proceedings that may be brought against them as a result of an act or omission committed or suffered while acting as a director or officer of CalAtlantic.

#### Item 16. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index attached to this registration statement and incorporated by reference herein.

### Item 17. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
  - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrants pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for purposes of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
  - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) That, for purposes of determining liability of the registrants under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrants relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants or used or referred to by the undersigned registrants;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrants or their securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrants; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrants to the purchaser.

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- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of CalAtlantic Group, Inc. s annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan s annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions described in Item 15, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrants of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of any registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Form S-3 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Irvine, State of California on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.

## CALATLANTIC GROUP, INC.

By /s/ John P Babel, Esq.
John P. Babel, Esq.
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Larry T. Nicholson, Jeff J. McCall and John P. Babel his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution for him in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments or post-effective amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto such attorneys and agents full power and authority to do any and all acts and things necessary or advisable in connection with such matters, and hereby ratifying and confirming all that the attorneys and agents, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date(s) indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Larry T. Nicholson	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive	October 1, 2015
Larry T. Nicholson	Officer)	
/s/ Scott D. Stowell	Executive Chairman and Director	October 1, 2015
Scott D. Stowell		
/s/ Jeff J. McCall	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial	October 1, 2015
Jeff J. McCall	and Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Bruce A. Choate	Director	October 1, 2015
Bruce A. Choate		
/s/ Douglas C. Jacobs	Director	October 1, 2015

Douglas C. Jacobs		
/s/ William L. Jews	Director	October 1, 2015
William L. Jews		
/s/ David J. Matlin	Director	October 1, 2015
David J. Matlin		
/s/ Robert E. Mellor	Director	October 1, 2015
Robert E. Mellor		
/s/ Norman J. Metcalfe	Director	October 1, 2015
Norman J. Metcalfe		
/s/ Peter Schoels	Director	October 1, 2015
Peter Schoels		
/s/ Charlotte St. Martin	Director	October 1, 2015

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**Charlotte St. Martin** 

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit	
2.1	Third Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger among Standard Pacific Corp. and The Ryland Group, Inc.	Previously filed and included as Annex A to the joint proxy statement included on the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by the Registrant on July 2, 2015 (333-205452) to which this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 relates
4.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of CalAtlantic Group, Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 5, 2015
4.2	Amended and Resated Bylaws of  CalAtlantic Group, Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 5, 2015
4.3	Certificate of Designations of CalAtlantic Group, Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 5, 2015
4.4	Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 23, 2011
	of December 20, 2011, between the Registrant and	
	Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent	
4.5	Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2014, by and between the Registrant and Computershare, Inc. (as successor in interest to Mellor Investor Services LLC) as Rights Agent	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 31, 2014
4.6	Form of specimen of sock certificate	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-# filed on October 5, 2015
4.7	Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement, dated June 14, 2015, between the Registrant and MP CA Homes, LLC	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant s Form 8-K filed on June 15, 2015
4.8	Amendment and Restatement of The Ryland	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the
	Group, Inc. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan	Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 filed by The Ryland Group, Inc. (File No. 001-08029)
4.9	The Ryland Group, Inc. 2011 Equity and Incentive Plan	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by The Ryland Group, Inc. on March 24, 2011 (File No. 001-08029)

5.1 Opinion of Ropes & Gary LLP, as to the validity of the shares of CalAtlantic Group, Inc. common stock

Previously filed as Exhibit 5.1 to the Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 on Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed on August 25, 2015 (333-205452) to which this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 relates

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23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent	Filed herewith
23.2	Registered Public Accounting Firm (Irvine, CA)  Consent of Ernst & Young, LLP, Independent	Filed herewith
	Registered Public Accounting Firm  (Los Angeles, CA)	
23.3	Consent of Ropes & Gray LLP	See Exhibit 5.1
24.1	Power of Attorney	See Signature Page