| HARDIE D<br>Form 4<br>September 2<br><b>FORN</b><br>Check th<br>if no lor                                                                          | 29, 2009<br><b>A A</b> UNITED<br>his box                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                          | Wa                    | shington                                         | , D.C. 205                                                | 49     |                                                                               | COMMISSION<br>NERSHIP OF                                                                                           | OMB<br>Number:<br>Expires:                                                 | APPROVAL<br>3235-0287<br>January 31,<br>2005                      |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Section<br>Form 4<br>Form 5<br>obligation<br>may cor                                                                                               | subject to       STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF       Estimated average         Section 16.       SECURITIES       Estimated average         Form 4 or       Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,       Estimated average         obligations       Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,       0.         Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section       30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 |                                                                                          |                       |                                                  |                                                           |        |                                                                               |                                                                                                                    | ours per                                                                   |                                                                   |  |
| (Print or Type                                                                                                                                     | Responses)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |                       |                                                  |                                                           |        |                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                                                   |  |
| HARDIE DAVID C Sy<br>HA                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>HALLADOR PETROLEUM CO<br>[HPCO] |                       |                                                  |                                                           |        | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                                                   |  |
| (Last)                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Middle)                                                                                  | 3. Date o<br>(Month/I | of Earliest Transaction<br>Day/Year)             |                                                           |        |                                                                               | X DirectorX 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below)                                     |                                                                            |                                                                   |  |
| 555 DALE                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          | 09/25/2               |                                                  |                                                           |        |                                                                               |                                                                                                                    | man of the B                                                               |                                                                   |  |
| (Street)       4. If Amendment, Date Original       6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check         Filed(Month/Day/Year)       Applicable Line) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |                       |                                                  |                                                           | Person |                                                                               |                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                                                   |  |
| (City)                                                                                                                                             | (State)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | (Zip)                                                                                    | Tab                   | le I - Non-l                                     | Derivative S                                              | ecurit | ies Acc                                                                       | uired, Disposed o                                                                                                  | of, or Benefic                                                             | ially Owned                                                       |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                                                                                               | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2A. Deem<br>Execution<br>any<br>(Month/Da                                                | Date, if              | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)<br>Code V | 4. Securitie<br>on(A) or Disp<br>(Instr. 3, 4 a<br>Amount | osed c | of (D)                                                                        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
| Common<br>Stock                                                                                                                                    | 09/25/2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |                       | S                                                | 252,413                                                   | D      | \$ 6                                                                          | 3,174,188                                                                                                          | I                                                                          | By Hallador<br>Alternative<br>Assets Fund<br>LLC (1)              |  |
| Common<br>Stock                                                                                                                                    | 09/25/2009                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |                       | S                                                | 25,000                                                    | D      | \$6                                                                           | 273,315                                                                                                            | I                                                                          | By<br>Hallador,<br>Inc. <u>(2)</u>                                |  |
| Common<br>Stock                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                          |                       |                                                  |                                                           |        |                                                                               | 823,041                                                                                                            | I                                                                          | By Robert C. Hardie, L.P. $(3)$                                   |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and        | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber   | Expiration D  | ate         | Amou     | nt of        | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)       | Under    | lying        | Security    | Secu   |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e             |             | Securi   | ties         | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |               |             | (Instr.  | 3 and 4)     |             | Owne   |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |               |             |          |              |             | Follo  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |               |             |          |              |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |               |             |          |              |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |               |             |          |              |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |               |             |          |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |               |             |          |              |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             |          | Amount       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |             |          | Amount       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date          | Expiration  |          | 0ľ<br>Number |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable   | Date        |          | Number       |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Cala V     | (A) (D)    |               |             |          | of           |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |               |             |          | Shares       |             |        |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Addre                                | SS        | Relationships |                       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| reporting o their tante ( reade                             | Director  | 10% Owner     | Officer               | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| HARDIE DAVID C<br>555 DALE DRIVE<br>INCLINE VILLAGE, NV 894 | X<br>451  | Х             | Chairman of the Board |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Signatures                                                  |           |               |                       |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| /s/ David C.                                                | 9/28/2009 |               |                       |       |  |  |  |  |  |

| Hardie                                     |      |
|--------------------------------------------|------|
| <u>**</u> Signature of<br>Reporting Person | Date |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Hallador Investment Advisors, Inc. ("HIA") is the investment advisor to Hallador Alternative Assets Fund LLC ("HAAF"). HIA may be deemed to be the indirect beneficial owner of the securities by reason of its influence or control over HAAF's voting and disposition decisions in connection with its advisory services to HAAF. Further, Silvertip Management LLC ("Silvertip") is a Managing Member and

(1) decisions in connection with its advisory services to HAAP. Further, silverup Management ELC (Silverup ) is a Managing Memoer and General Partner of HAAF and may be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of the securities by reason of its influence on or control over HAAF's voting and disposition decisions. The Reporting Person is the President of HIA and a managing member of both HAAF and Silvertip. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) The Reporting Person is an executive officer of the holder of the securities and disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(3) The securities are held by a limited partnership, to which the Reporting Person is an executive officer of its General Partner, Browns Valley, Inc. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number. TH="100%"> our failure to pay the principal or premium of any debt security of such series when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption or otherwise;

our failure or the failure of any restricted subsidiary to comply with any of its agreements or covenants in, or provisions of, the debt securities of such series or the indenture (as they relate thereto) and such failure continues for a period of 60 days after our receipt of notice of the default from the trustee or from the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of that series (except in the case of a default with respect to the provisions of the indenture regarding the consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of us (or any other provision specified in the applicable supplemental indenture or authorizing resolution), which will constitute an event of default with notice but without passage of time);

default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness (other than non-recourse indebtedness, as defined in the indenture) for money borrowed by us or any of our restricted subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by us or any of our restricted subsidiaries), whether such indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the date we issue debt securities, if that default:

- (a) is caused by a failure to pay at final stated maturity the principal amount of such indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such indebtedness on the date of such default (a Payment Default ); or
- (b) results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its express maturity without such indebtedness having been discharged or such acceleration having been cured, waived, rescinded or annulled for the period and after the notice had been provided, and, in each case, the principal amount of any such indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$50 million or more; or

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur with respect to us or any restricted subsidiary that is a significant subsidiary (as defined in the indenture).

The indenture will provide that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any series of debt securities of any default, except a default in payment of principal or interest, if any, with respect to such series of debt securities, if the trustee considers it in the interest of the holders of such series of debt securities to do so.

The indenture will provide that if any event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of such series of debt securities then outstanding may declare the principal of all the debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately. However, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding by notice to the trustee may waive any existing default and its consequences with respect to such series of debt securities, other than any event of default in payment of principal or interest. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of any series may rescind an acceleration with respect to such series and its consequences, except an acceleration due to nonpayment of principal or interest on such series, if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing events of default with respect to such series have been cured or waived.

The holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the trustee with respect

to such series, subject to limitations specified in the indenture.

#### Defeasance

The indenture will permit us to terminate all our respective obligations under the indenture as they relate to any particular series of debt securities, other than the obligation to pay interest, if any, on and the principal of the debt securities of such series and certain other obligations, at any time by:

depositing in trust with the trustee, under an irrevocable trust agreement, money or government obligations in an amount sufficient to pay principal of and interest, if any, on the debt securities of such series to their maturity or redemption; and

complying with other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel to the effect that holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of our exercise of such right and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case otherwise.

The indenture will also permit us to terminate all of our respective obligations under the indenture as they relate to any particular series of debt securities, including the obligations to pay interest, if any, on and the principal of the debt securities of such series and certain other obligations, at any time by:

depositing in trust with the trustee, under an irrevocable trust agreement, money or government obligations in an amount sufficient to pay principal and interest, if any, on the debt securities of such series to their maturity or redemption; and

complying with other conditions, including delivery to the trustee of an opinion of counsel to the effect that (A) we have received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (B) since the date such series of debt securities were originally issued, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion of counsel shall state that, holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of our exercise of such right and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case otherwise.

In addition, the indenture will permit us to terminate substantially all our respective obligations under the indenture as they relate to a particular series of debt securities by depositing with the trustee money or government obligations sufficient to pay all principal and interest on such series at its maturity or redemption date if the debt securities of such series will become due and payable at maturity within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year of the deposit.

#### Transfer and Exchange

A holder will be able to transfer or exchange debt securities only in accordance with the indenture. The registrar may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents, and to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the indenture.

Amendment, Supplement and Waiver

Table of Contents

Without notice to or the consent of any holder, we and the trustee may amend or supplement the indenture or the debt securities of a series to:

cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;

comply with the provisions of the indenture regarding the consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our assets;

provide that specific provisions of the indenture shall not apply to a series of debt securities not previously issued or to make a change to specific provisions of the indenture that only applies to any series of debt securities not previously issued or to additional debt securities of a series not previously issued;

create a series and establish its terms;

provide for uncertificated debt securities in addition to or in place of certificated debt securities;

add a guarantor subsidiary in respect of any series of debt securities;

secure any series of debt securities;

comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;

make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder; or

conform the provisions of the indenture to the final offering document in respect of any series of debt securities.

With the exceptions discussed below, we and the trustee may amend or supplement the indenture or the debt securities of a particular series with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding. In addition, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding may waive any existing default under, or compliance with, any provision of the debt securities of a particular series or of the indenture relating to a particular series of debt securities, other than any event of default in payment of interest or principal. These consents and waivers may be obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, debt securities.

Without the consent of each holder affected, we and the trustee may not:

reduce the amount of debt securities of such series whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest, including defaulted interest;

reduce the principal of or extend the fixed maturity of any debt security or alter the provisions with respect to redemptions or mandatory offers to repurchase debt securities;

make any change that adversely affects any right of a holder to convert or exchange any debt security into or for shares of our common stock or other securities, cash or other property in accordance with the terms of such security;

modify the ranking or priority of the debt securities;

make any change to any provision of the indenture relating to the waiver of existing defaults, the rights of holders to receive payment of principal and interest on the debt securities, or to the provisions regarding amending or supplementing the indenture or the debt securities of a particular series with the written consent of the holders of such series;

waive a continuing default or event of default in the payment of principal of or interest on the debt securities; or

make any debt security payable at a place or in money other than that stated in the debt security, or impair the right of any holder of a debt security to bring suit as permitted by the indenture.

The right of any holder to participate in any consent required or sought pursuant to any provision of the indenture, and our obligation to obtain any such consent otherwise required from such holder, may be subject to the requirement that such holder shall have been the holder of record of debt securities with respect to which such consent is required or sought as of a record date fixed by us in accordance with the indenture.

#### Concerning the Trustee

The indenture will contain limitations on the rights of the trustee, should it become our creditor, to obtain payment of claims in specified cases or to realize on property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The indenture will permit the trustee to engage in other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest, it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

The indenture will provide that in case an event of default occurs and is not cured, the trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent person in similar circumstances in the conduct of such person s own affairs. The trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders pursuant to the Indenture, unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to the trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

#### No Recourse against Others

The indenture will provide that a director, officer, employee or stockholder, as such, of the Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the debt securities or the indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of, such obligations or their creation.

#### Governing Law

The laws of the State of New York will govern the indenture and the debt securities.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities covered by this prospectus from time to time in any manner permitted under the Securities Act. Registration of the securities covered by this prospectus does not mean, however, that those securities will necessarily be offered or sold.

We may sell the securities separately or together:

through one or more underwriters or dealers in a public offering and sale by them;

directly to investors;

to dealers; or

through agents.

We may also make direct sales through subscription rights distributed to our stockholders on a pro rata basis, which may or may not be transferable. In any distribution of subscription rights to stockholders, if all of the underlying securities are not subscribed for, we may then sell the unsubscribed securities directly to third parties or may engage the services of one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, including standby underwriters, to sell the unsubscribed securities to third parties.

We may sell the securities from time to time:

in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed from time to time;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

Any of the prices may represent a discount from prevailing market prices. We will describe the method of distribution of the securities and the terms of the offering in the prospectus supplement. Any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

If underwriters are used in the sale of any securities, the securities will be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more of the transactions described above. Any underwritten offering may be on a best efforts or firm commitment basis. The securities may be either offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters, or directly by underwriters. Generally, the

underwriters obligations to purchase the securities will be subject to conditions precedent and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities if they purchase any of the securities. We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe in the prospectus supplement, naming the underwriter, the nature of any such relationship.

In any sale of the securities, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of the securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act, and any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profit on the resale of securities they realize may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Each time we sell securities, we will describe the method of distribution of the securities in the prospectus supplement relating to such transaction. The applicable prospectus supplement will, where applicable:

identify any such underwriter or agent;

describe any compensation in the form of discounts, concessions, commissions or otherwise received from us by each such underwriter or agent and in the aggregate to all underwriters and agents;

identify the amounts underwritten or to be sold through the agent; and

identify the nature of the underwriter s or agent s obligation to take the securities. We may authorize underwriters, dealers or agents to solicit offers by certain purchasers to purchase the securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the prospectus supplement will set forth any commissions we pay for solicitation of these contracts.

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement or in a post-effective amendment.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments made by the underwriters, dealers or agents, under agreements between us and the underwriters, dealers and agents.

We may grant underwriters who participate in the distribution of securities an option to purchase additional securities to cover over-allotments, if any, in connection with the distribution.

Unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, all securities we offer, other than common stock, will be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters may make a market in these securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed for trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market or other principal market for our common stock. We may apply to list any series of preferred stock, debt securities or warrants on an exchange, but we are not obligated to do so. Therefore, there may not be liquidity or a trading market for any series of securities.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment transactions, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the

offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Short covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution is completed to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time. We make no representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that such transactions may have on the price of the securities. For a description of these activities, see the information under the heading Underwriting or Plan of Distribution in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Underwriters, broker-dealers or agents who may become involved in the sale of the common stock may engage in transactions with and perform other services for us in the ordinary course of their business for which they receive compensation.

To comply with applicable state securities laws, the securities offered by this prospectus will be sold, if necessary, in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, securities may not be sold in some states unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2015 and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 have been audited by Squar Milner LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports thereon, incorporated herein by reference, and have been incorporated in this Prospectus and Registration Statement in reliance upon such reports and upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters, including the validity of the securities offered pursuant to this registration statement, will be passed upon for us by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, San Francisco, California.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We must comply with the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and we are required to file reports and proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies at the prescribed rates from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at its principal office in Washington, D.C. You may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the public reference room. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers like us that file electronically with the SEC. You may access the SEC s web site at http://www.sec.gov. We maintain a website at www.lajollapharmaceuticals.com. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference herein and is not part of this prospectus.

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

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference in this prospectus the information that we file with them. Incorporation by reference means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents that are legally considered to be part of this prospectus. Later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus, any supplement and the documents listed below. Our SEC file number is 001-36282. We incorporate by reference the specific documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until all of the shares of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and warrant shares covered by this prospectus are sold:

The Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed on February 25, 2016 (as amended April 29, 2016);

The Company s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2016, June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2016, filed on May 6, 2016, August 8, 2016 and November 3, 2016;

The Company s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 11, 2016, August 26, 2016, September 8, 2016 and September 19, 2016;

The description of the Company s Common Stock contained in its registration statement on Form 8-A (Registration No. 001-36282), filed on January 28, 2014, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, after the filing date of the original Registration Statement and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, provided that all documents furnished by the Company to the SEC and not filed are not deemed incorporated by reference herein.

We will furnish without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any document incorporated by reference. Requests should be addressed to Corporate Secretary, 10182 Telesis Court, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Diego, California 92121 or via telephone at (858) 207-4264.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

Nothing in this prospectus shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished but not filed with the SEC pursuant to Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K.

\$100,000,000

**Common Stock** 

### **PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

Joint Book-Running Managers

J.P. Morgan

**Cowen and Company** 

, 2017