

TEXAS PACIFIC LAND TRUST  
Form 10-Q  
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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT  
OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934.

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 1-737

**Texas Pacific Land Trust**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**NOT APPLICABLE**

**75-0279735**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation (I.R.S. Employer  
or Organization) Identification No.)

**1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 2770, Dallas, Texas 75201**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(214) 969-5530**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

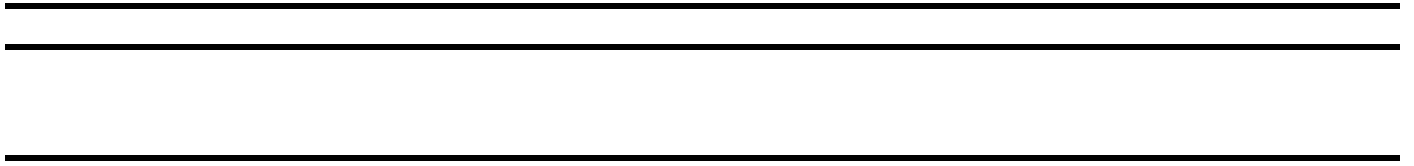
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  
No



### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

*Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including statements regarding management's expectations, hopes, intentions or strategies regarding the future. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding the Trust's future operations and prospects, the markets for real estate in the areas in which the Trust owns real estate, applicable zoning regulations, the markets for oil and gas, production limits on prorated oil and gas wells authorized by the Railroad Commission of Texas, expected competition, management's intent, beliefs or current expectations with respect to the Trust's future financial performance and other matters. All forward-looking statements in this Report are based on information available to us as of the date this Report is filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and we assume no responsibility to update any such forward-looking statements, except as required by law. All forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results, performance, prospects or opportunities to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, but are not limited to, the factors discussed in Item 1A "Risk Factors" of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, and in Part I, Item 2 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Part II, Item 1A "Risk Factors" of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.*

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****TEXAS PACIFIC LAND TRUST****BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>September 30, 2014 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2013</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$26,124,226	\$13,239,211
Accrued receivables	4,594,007	3,725,535
Other assets	227,201	298,105
Notes receivable for land sales	923,116	3,887,906
Water wells, vehicles, furniture, and equipment – at cost less accumulated depreciation	89,357	81,132
Real estate acquired: (10,125 acres at September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013)	1,125,059	1,125,059
Real estate and royalty interests assigned through the 1888 Declaration of Trust, no value assigned:		
Land (surface rights) situated in eighteen counties in Texas – 899,579 acres in 2014 and 901,092 acres in 2013	–	–
Town lots in Morita – 0 lots in 2014 and 310 lots in 2013	–	–
1/16 nonparticipating perpetual royalty interest in 373,777 acres in 2014 and 2013	–	–
1/128 nonparticipating perpetual royalty interest in 85,414 acres in 2014 and 2013	–	–
	<b>\$33,082,966</b>	<b>\$22,356,948</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$1,028,858	\$862,364
Income taxes payable	1,117,219	354,687
Other taxes payable	271,736	158,779
Unearned revenue	1,772,024	1,377,577
Deferred taxes	645,594	1,673,875
Total liabilities	4,835,431	4,427,282
Capital:		
Certificates of Proprietary Interest, par value \$100 each; outstanding 0 certificates	–	–
	–	–

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Sub-share Certificates in Certificates of Proprietary Interest, par value \$.03 1/3 each;  
outstanding: 8,382,112 Sub-shares in 2014 and 8,473,202 Sub-shares in 2013

Other comprehensive loss	(596,788 )	(622,012 )
Net proceeds from all sources	28,844,323	18,551,678
Total capital	28,247,535	17,929,666
	\$33,082,966	\$22,356,948

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**TEXAS PACIFIC LAND TRUST****STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Income:</b>				
Rentals, royalties and sundry income	\$14,410,639	\$9,608,435	\$39,794,229	\$25,664,004
Land sales	323,125	5,201,600	1,993,730	5,533,188
Interest income from notes receivable	18,955	123,831	123,253	411,281
	14,752,719	14,933,866	41,911,212	31,608,473
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Taxes, other than income taxes	433,748	339,356	1,308,128	965,059
General and administrative expenses	444,173	493,338	1,382,550	1,655,034
	877,921	832,694	2,690,678	2,620,093
Operating income	13,874,798	14,101,172	39,220,534	28,988,380
Interest income earned from investments	3,749	2,743	10,473	8,923
Income before income taxes	13,878,547	14,103,915	39,231,007	28,997,303
Income taxes	4,512,504	4,672,797	12,700,879	9,297,901
Net income	\$9,366,043	\$9,431,118	\$26,530,128	\$19,699,402
Other comprehensive income – periodic pension costs, net of income taxes of \$4,527, \$9,773, \$13,582, and \$29,320 respectively	8,408	18,150	25,224	54,451
Total comprehensive income	\$9,374,451	\$9,449,268	\$26,555,352	\$19,753,853
Average number of sub-share certificates and equivalent sub-share certificates outstanding	8,406,403	8,602,550	8,425,346	8,657,125
Basic and dilutive earnings per sub-share certificate on net income	\$1.11	\$1.10	\$3.15	\$2.28
Cash dividends per sub-share certificate	\$–	\$–	\$.27	\$–

See accompanying notes to financial statements.





**TEXAS PACIFIC LAND TRUST****STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$26,530,128	\$19,699,402
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Deferred taxes	(1,028,281 )	(1,299,020 )
Depreciation and amortization	17,593	13,321
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	5,083	2,795
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accrued receivables and other assets	(797,568 )	(638,855 )
Prepaid income taxes	-	416,882
Notes receivable for land sales	2,964,790	4,138,671
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	699,122	(71,731 )
Income taxes payable	762,532	3,006,046
Net cash provided by operating activities	29,153,399	25,267,511
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	21,000	20,500
Purchase of fixed assets	(51,901 )	(34,233 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(30,901 )	(13,733 )
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Purchase of Sub-share Certificates in Certificates of Proprietary Interest	(13,957,183)	(18,056,596)
Dividends paid	(2,280,300 )	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(16,237,483)	(18,056,596)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,885,015	7,197,182
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	13,239,211	8,424,907
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$26,124,226	\$15,622,089

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



**TEXAS PACIFIC LAND TRUST**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly the financial position of Texas Pacific Land Trust (the "Trust") as of September 30, 2014 and the results of its operations for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and its cash flows for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The financial statements and footnotes included herein should be read in conjunction with the Trust's annual financial statements as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2013 included in the Trust's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

We evaluate events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are, or are available to be, issued to determine if a material event requires our amending the financial statements or disclosing the event. We evaluated subsequent events through November 6, 2014, the date we issued these financial statements.

No value has been assigned to the land held by the Trust other than parcels which have been acquired through foreclosure and a limited number of parcels which have been acquired because they were offered for sale and were contiguous to parcels already owned by the Trust. Consequently, no allowance for depletion is computed, and no charge to income is made, with respect thereto, and no cost is deducted from the proceeds of the land sales in computing gain or loss thereon.

The Sub-shares and the Certificates of Proprietary Interest are freely interchangeable in the ratio of one Certificate of Proprietary Interest for 3,000 Sub-shares or 3,000 Sub-shares for one Certificate of Proprietary Interest.

The Trust's effective Federal income tax rate is less than the 35% statutory rate because taxable income is reduced by statutory percentage depletion allowed on mineral royalty income.

The results of operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The Trust invests cash in excess of daily requirements primarily in bank deposit and savings accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of ninety days or less. Such investments are deemed to be highly liquid debt

instruments and classified as cash equivalents for purposes of the statements of cash flows.

Supplemental cash flow information for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 is summarized as follows:

	2014	2013
Income taxes paid	\$12,980,210	\$7,203,312

ASC 280, “*Segment Reporting*,” establishes standards for the way public business enterprises are to report information about operating segments. In accordance with ASC 280, the Trust utilizes the management approach as a basis for identifying reportable segments. The management approach is based on the way that management organizes the segments within the enterprise for making operating decisions and assessing performance. The Trust’s (8) management views its operations as one segment and believes the only significant activity is managing the land which was conveyed to the Trust in 1888. The Trust’s management makes decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment based on the same financial information presented in these financial statements. Managing the land includes sales and leases of such land, and the retention of oil and gas royalties.

## **Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*The following discussion and analysis should be read together with (i) the factors discussed in Item 1A "Risk Factors" of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, (ii) the factors discussed in Part II, Item 1A "Risk Factors," if any, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and (iii) the Financial Statements, including the Notes thereto, and the other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Report. Period-to-period comparisons of financial data are not necessarily indicative, and therefore should not be relied upon as indicators, of the Trust's future performance. Words or phrases such as "does not believe" and "believes", or similar expressions, when used in this Form 10-Q or other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are intended to identify "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.*

### **Results of Operations for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to the Quarter Ended September 30, 2013**

Earnings per Sub-share certificate were \$1.11 for the third quarter of 2014, compared to \$1.10 for the third quarter of 2013. Total operating and investing revenues were \$14,756,468 for the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$14,936,609 for the third quarter of 2013, a decrease of 1.2%. This decrease in revenue was due primarily to a decrease in land sales, and to a lesser extent, a decrease in interest income from notes receivable. These decreases were offset by an increase in easement and sundry income, and oil and gas royalty revenue.

In the third quarter of 2014, the Trust sold approximately 117.25 acres for a total of \$323,125, or approximately \$2,756 per acre. In the third quarter of 2013, the Trust sold approximately 10,180 acres for a total of \$5,201,600, or approximately \$511 per acre.

Rentals, royalties and sundry income were \$14,410,639 during the third quarter of 2014, compared to \$9,608,435 for the third quarter of 2013, an increase of 50.0%. This increase resulted primarily from increases in easement and sundry income, and oil and gas royalty revenue.

Oil and gas royalty revenue was \$7,707,981 for the third quarter of 2014, compared to \$5,853,309 for the third quarter of 2013, an increase of 31.7%. Oil royalty revenue was \$6,356,459 for the third quarter of 2014, an increase of 30.2% from the third quarter of 2013 when oil royalty revenue was \$4,884,118. Crude oil production subject to the Trust's royalty interest increased 50.9% in the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013. This increase in production was partially offset by a 13.8% decrease in the average price per royalty barrel of crude oil during the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013. Gas royalty revenue was \$1,351,522 for the third quarter of 2014, an increase of 39.5% from the third quarter of 2013 when gas royalty revenue was \$969,191. This increase in gas royalty revenue resulted from a volume increase of 43.5% in the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third

quarter of 2013, which more than offset a price decrease of 2.8%.

Easement and sundry income was \$6,581,105 for the third quarter of 2014, an increase of 81.0% compared to the third quarter of 2013 when easement and sundry income was \$3,635,615. This increase resulted primarily from increases in pipeline easement income, seismic permit income, and sundry income caused by an increase in drilling and exploration activity on land owned by the Trust. This category of income is unpredictable and may vary significantly from quarter to quarter.

Interest income, including interest on investments, was \$22,704 for the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$126,574 for the third quarter of 2013, a decrease of 82.1%. Interest on notes receivable for the third quarter of 2014 was \$18,955, a decrease of 84.7% compared to the third quarter of 2013 when interest on notes receivable was \$123,831. This decrease resulted primarily from the early payoff of several notes due to the Trust. As of September 30, 2014, notes receivable for land sales were \$923,116 compared to \$4,232,313 at September 30, 2013, a decrease of 78.2%. Interest income earned from investments was \$3,749 for the third quarter of 2014, an increase of 36.7% from the third quarter of 2013. Interest on investments is affected by such variables as cash on hand for investment and the rate of interest on short-term investments.

Taxes, other than income taxes, were \$433,748 for the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$339,356 for the third quarter of 2013, an increase of 27.8%. This increase is attributable to an increase in oil and gas production taxes which resulted from the increase in oil and gas royalty revenue discussed above.

General and administrative expenses were \$444,173 for the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$493,338 for the third quarter of 2013, a decrease of 10.0%. This decrease was primarily due to decreases in employment expenses and legal expenses.

### **Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013**

Earnings per Sub-share certificate were \$3.15 for the first nine months of 2014, compared to \$2.28 for the first nine months of 2013. Total operating and investing revenues were \$41,921,685 for the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$31,617,396 for the first nine months of 2013, an increase of 32.6%. This increase in revenue and earnings was primarily due to increases in oil and gas royalty revenue and easement and sundry income, which were partially offset by decreases in land sales and interest income from notes receivable.

During the first nine months of 2014, the Trust sold approximately 1,512 acres for a total of \$1,993,730, or approximately \$1,319 per acre. In the first nine months of 2013, the Trust sold approximately 10,280 acres for a total of \$5,533,188, or approximately \$538 per acre.

Rentals, royalties, and sundry income were \$39,794,229 for the first nine months of 2014, compared to \$25,664,004 for the first nine months of 2013, an increase of 55.1%. This increase resulted primarily from increases in oil and gas royalty revenue and easement and sundry income.

Oil and gas royalty revenue was \$22,813,548 for the first nine months of 2014, compared to \$16,205,783 for the first nine months of 2013, an increase of 40.8%. Oil royalty revenue was \$18,053,132 for the first nine months of 2014, an increase of 35.8% from the first nine months of 2013 when oil royalty revenue was \$13,289,630. The average price per royalty barrel of crude oil during the first nine months of 2014 was 1.5% higher than the average price prevailing during the first nine months of 2013. In addition, crude oil production subject to the Trust's royalty interest increased 33.8% in the first nine months of 2014 compared to the first nine months of 2013. Gas royalty revenue was \$4,760,416 for the first nine months of 2014, an increase of 63.2% from the first nine months of 2013 when gas royalty revenue was \$2,916,153. This increase in gas royalty revenue resulted from both volume and price increases of 42.9% and 14.4%, respectively, in the first nine months of 2014 compared to the first nine months of 2013.

Easement and sundry income was \$16,612,578 for the first nine months of 2014, an increase of 83.1% compared to the first nine months of 2013 when easement and sundry income was \$9,070,832. This increase resulted primarily from increases in pipeline easement income, sundry income, and seismic permit income caused by an increase in drilling and exploration activity on land owned by the Trust. This category of income is unpredictable and may vary significantly from quarter to quarter.



Interest income, including interest on investments, was \$133,726 for the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$420,204 for the first nine months of 2013, a decrease of 68.2%. Interest on notes receivable for the first nine months of 2014 was \$123,253, a decrease of 70.0% compared to the first nine months of 2013 when interest on notes receivable was \$411,281. This decrease resulted primarily from the early payoff of several notes due to the Trust. As of September 30, 2014, notes receivable for land sales were \$923,116 compared to \$4,232,313 at September 30, 2013, a decrease of 78.2%. Interest income earned from investments was \$10,473 for the first nine months of 2014, an increase of 17.4% from the first nine months of 2013. Interest on investments is affected by such variables as cash on hand for investment and the rate of interest on short-term investments.

Taxes, other than income taxes, were \$1,308,128 for the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$965,059 for the first nine months of 2013, an increase of 35.5%. This increase is attributable to an increase in oil and gas production taxes which resulted from the increase in oil and gas royalty revenue discussed above.

General and administrative expenses were \$1,382,550 for the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$1,655,034 for the first nine months of 2013, a decrease of 16.5%. This decrease was primarily due to decreases in employment expenses and legal expenses.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Trust's principal sources of liquidity are revenues from oil and gas royalties, easement and sundry income, and receipts of interest and principal payments on the notes receivable arising from land sales. In the past, those sources have generated more than adequate amounts of cash to meet the Trust's needs and, in the opinion of management, should continue to do so in the foreseeable future.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

There have been no material changes in the information related to market risk of the Trust since December 31, 2013.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Pursuant to Rule 13a-15, management of the Trust under the supervision and with the participation of David M. Peterson, the Trust's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness

of the design and operation of the Trust's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the Trust's fiscal quarter covered by this Report on Form 10-Q. Based upon that evaluation, Mr. Peterson concluded that the Trust's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting him to material information relating to the Trust required to be included in the Trust's periodic SEC filings.

There have been no changes in the Trust's internal control over financial reporting during the Trust's most recently completed fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Trust's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II****OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes in the risk factors previously disclosed in response to Item 1A “Risk Factors” of Part I of the Trust’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

(c) During the third quarter of 2014, the Trust repurchased Sub-share certificates as follows:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Total Number of Sub-shares Purchased</b>	<b>Average Price Paid per Sub-share</b>	<b>Total Number of Sub-shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Sub-shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b>
July 1, through July 31, 2014	9,825	\$165.14	–	–
August 1, through August 31, 2014	11,655	\$185.38	–	–
September 1, through September 30, 2014	16,826	\$205.34	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,306*</b>	<b>\$188.96</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

\* The Trust purchased and retired 38,306 Sub-shares in the open market.

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**Item 6. Exhibits**

31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer furnished pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101.INSXBRL Instance

101.SCHXBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema

101.CALXBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation

101.DEFBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition

101.LABXBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels

101.PREXBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

TEXAS PACIFIC LAND TRUST  
(Registrant)

Date: November 6, 2014 By: /s/ David M. Peterson

David M. Peterson, General Agent,  
Authorized Signatory and Chief Executive  
Officer and Chief Financial Officer

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

**EXHIBIT**

**DESCRIPTION**

**NUMBER**

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101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation