

CONSTELLATION BRANDS, INC.

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**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 29, 2018**

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus Dated May 2, 2017)

\$

**% Senior Notes due 20**

**% Senior Notes due 20**

**% Senior Notes due 20**

**The Company:**

We are an international producer and marketer of beer, wine and spirits with operations in the United States (the U.S.), Mexico, New Zealand, Italy and Canada and more than 100 brands in our portfolio. In the U.S., we are the largest multi-category supplier (beer, wine and spirits) of beverage alcohol. We are the third-largest beer company in the U.S. market and the world's leading premium wine company.

**The Offering:**

We are offering \$ aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 20 (the notes), \$ aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 20 (the notes), and \$ aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 20 (the notes and together with the notes and notes, the notes). The notes, the notes and

the notes are sometimes each referred to as a series of notes.

Use of Proceeds: We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to redeem prior to maturity our outstanding 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022 in the aggregate principal amount of \$600 million and for general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.

**The Notes:**

Issuer: Constellation Brands, Inc.

Maturity: The notes will mature on , 20 , the notes will mature on , 20 and the notes will mature on , 20 .

Interest Payments: The notes of each series will pay interest semi-annually in cash in arrears on and of each year, commencing , 20 .

Guarantees: Certain of our existing and future subsidiaries will guarantee the notes of each series on a senior unsecured basis to the extent and for so long as such entities guarantee indebtedness under our senior credit agreement (as amended, amended and restated, refinanced, increased, extended, substituted, replaced or renewed from time to time, collectively, our senior credit facility ).

Ranking: The notes of each series will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness, senior in right of payment to any indebtedness that is expressly subordinated to the notes, and effectively subordinated in right of payment to our secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. Each guarantee will be effectively subordinated to any secured obligations of the applicable subsidiary guarantor to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. Holders of the notes will not have a direct claim on assets of subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes and the notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.

Optional Redemption: We may, at our option, redeem notes of any series or of each series, in whole or in part (as to any series), from time to time at the applicable redemption prices and the applicable dates described in this prospectus supplement under Description of the Notes and Guarantees Optional Redemption.

No Established Market: The notes of each series are a new issue of securities with no established market.

Change of Control: If we experience a change of control triggering event (as described herein), we may be required to offer to repurchase all of the notes of each series at 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the repurchase date.

**This investment involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-7.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the notes or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	<b>Per Note</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Per Note</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Per Note</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Public Offering Price (1)</b>	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
<b>Underwriting Discount</b>	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
<b>Proceeds to Constellation Brands (before expenses)</b>	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$

(1) The public offering prices set forth above do not include accrued interest, if any. Interest on the notes will accrue from \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company (including for the account of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme) against payment in New York, New York on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

*Joint Book Running Managers*

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

, 2018

**J.P. Morgan**

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or documents to which we otherwise refer you. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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In the sections of this prospectus supplement other than those entitled "Prospectus Supplement Summary," "The Offering" and "Description of the Notes and the Guarantees," references to "we," "us," "our" and "the Company" refer collectively to Constellation Brands, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise. In the sections entitled "Prospectus Supplement Summary," "The Offering" and "Description of the Notes and the Guarantees," such terms refer only to Constellation Brands, Inc. and not any of its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise.

## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Our class A and class B common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and you may inspect our SEC filings at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to previously filed documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement, unless we update or supersede that information by the information contained in this prospectus supplement or by information that we file subsequently that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the following documents or information filed with the SEC (other than, in each case and unless expressly stated otherwise, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2017 filed on April 27, 2017;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2017 filed on June 29, 2017, the fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2017 filed on October 5, 2017, and the fiscal quarter ended November 30, 2017 filed on January 5, 2018;

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on April 6, 2017 (excluding Item 2.02 and Item 7.01 and the related exhibits), April 7, 2017, April 25, 2017, May 4, 2017, May 9, 2017, July 19, 2017, July 20, 2017 (excluding Item 7.01 and the related exhibit), September 25, 2017, October 10, 2017 (excluding Item 7.01 and the related exhibit), October 30, 2017 (excluding Item 7.01 and the related exhibit), October 31, 2017, November 3, 2017, November 7, 2017, January 5, 2018 (excluding Item 2.02 and Item 7.01 and the related exhibit), January 8, 2018, and January 19, 2018;

The information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 28, 2017 from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for our 2017 Annual

Meeting of Stockholders held on July 18, 2017, filed with the SEC on June 2, 2017; and

All documents filed by the Company under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, on or after the date of this prospectus supplement and before the termination of this offering.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement we have filed with the SEC relating to the notes offered by this prospectus supplement and other securities. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the

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information included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits and schedules we file with the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement, the exhibits and schedules for more information about us and our debt securities. The registration statement, exhibits and schedules are also available at the SEC's Public Reference Room or through its website. In addition, we post the periodic reports that we file with the SEC on our website at <http://www.cbrands.com>. You may also obtain a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing to or telephoning us at the following address:

Constellation Brands, Inc.

207 High Point Drive, Building 100

Victor, New York 14564

585-678-7100

Attention: James O. Bourdeau, Secretary

**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein contain 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. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, are forward-looking statements. When used in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, the words anticipate, intend, expect, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of the document in which such statements appear. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. In addition to the risks and uncertainties of ordinary business operations and conditions in the general economy and markets in which we compete, our forward-looking statements are also subject to the risk and uncertainty that (i) the actual balance of supply and demand for our products will vary from current expectations due to, among other reasons, actual raw material supply, actual shipments to distributors and actual consumer demand, (ii) the actual demand for our products will vary from current expectations due to, among other reasons, actual shipments to distributors and actual consumer demand, (iii) the amount, manner, timing and source of funds for any share repurchases may vary due to market conditions, our cash and debt position, the impact of the beer operations expansion, construction and optimization activities, and other factors as determined by management from time to time, (iv) the amount and timing of future dividends may differ from our current expectations if our ability to use cash flow to fund dividends is affected by unanticipated increases in total net debt, we are unable to generate cash flow at anticipated levels, or we fail to generate expected earnings, and (v) the timeframe and actual costs associated with the beer operations expansion, construction and optimization activities may vary from management's current expectations due to market conditions, our cash and debt position, receipt of all required regulatory approvals by the expected dates and on the expected terms, and other factors as determined by management. Additional important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by our forward-looking statements contained, or incorporated by



reference, in this prospectus supplement are those described under the caption Risk Factors and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY**

This summary highlights selected information about the Company and this offering. It does not contain all of the information that may be important to you in deciding whether to purchase the notes. We encourage you to read the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents that we have filed with the SEC that are incorporated by reference herein prior to deciding whether to purchase the notes.

**Constellation Brands, Inc.**

We are an international producer and marketer of beer, wine and spirits with operations in the U.S., Mexico, New Zealand, Italy and Canada and more than 100 brands in our portfolio. In the U.S., we are the largest multi-category supplier (beer, wine and spirits) of beverage alcohol. We are the third-largest beer company in the U.S. market and the world's leading premium wine company.

Since our founding in 1945 as a producer and marketer of wine products, we have grown through a combination of internal growth and acquisitions. Our internal growth has been driven by leveraging our existing portfolio of leading brands, developing new products, new packaging and line extensions, and focusing on the faster growing sectors of the beverage alcohol industry. We conduct our business through entities we wholly own as well as a variety of joint ventures with various other entities, both within and outside the United States.

Our principal executive offices are located at 207 High Point Drive, Building 100, Victor, New York 14564 and our telephone number is 585-678-7100. We maintain a website at <http://www.cbrands.com>. Our website and the information contained on that site, or connected to that site, are not incorporated into this prospectus supplement, and you should not rely on any such information in making your decision whether to purchase the notes.

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The following summary of the terms of the notes of each series is not complete. For a more detailed description of the notes, see Description of the Notes and the Guarantees. We define capitalized terms used in this summary in Description of the Notes and the Guarantees Certain Definitions.

Issuer	Constellation Brands, Inc.
Subsidiary Guarantors	The notes of each series will be guaranteed by our subsidiaries that are guarantors under our senior credit facility. The guarantee of a subsidiary guarantor will be released to the extent such subsidiary guarantor is released as a guarantor under our senior credit facility or our senior credit facility (or a successor thereto) is amended, amended and restated, refinanced, increased, extended, substituted, replaced or renewed without such subsidiary guarantor being a guarantor of the indebtedness thereunder, or if our senior credit facility is otherwise terminated or the requirements for legal or covenant defeasance or to discharge the indenture have been met.
Securities Offered	<p>\$      aggregate principal amount of    % Senior Notes due 20    .</p> <p>\$      aggregate principal amount of    % Senior Notes due 20    .</p> <p>\$      aggregate principal amount of    % Senior Notes due 20    .</p>
Maturity	The            notes will mature on            , 20    , the            notes will mature on            , 20    , and the            notes will mature on            , 20    .
Interest	The            notes will bear interest at a rate of    % per annum, the            notes will bear interest at a rate of    % per annum and the            notes will bear interest at a rate of    % per annum. Interest on the notes of each series will accrue from            , 2018 and will be payable on            and            of each year, beginning            , 20    .
Ranking	The notes of each series will be our senior unsecured obligations, will rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness, and will be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness outstanding under any

secured debt we may incur to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, including borrowings under our accounts receivable securitization facilities. The notes of each series will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis, jointly and severally, by the subsidiaries that are guarantors under our senior credit facility. Each guarantee will be effectively subordinated to any secured obligations of the applicable subsidiary guarantor to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. Holders of the notes of each series will not have a direct claim on assets of subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes and the notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes, including borrowings under European and other credit facilities in favor of one or more indirect wholly-owned Luxembourg or other subsidiaries of the Company.

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As of November 30, 2017, we (together with certain of our subsidiaries) had approximately (i) \$9.4 billion aggregate principal amount of senior indebtedness outstanding, of which approximately \$405.7 million was secured, (ii) \$679.3 million of available undrawn revolving commitments under the revolving portion of our senior credit facility, none of which would be secured, and (iii) \$34.3 million available for borrowing under our accounts receivable securitization facilities, all of which would be secured. As of November 30, 2017, our non-guarantor subsidiaries had approximately \$2.2 billion of liabilities. For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2017 and the nine months ended November 30, 2017, approximately \$634.9 million and \$238.9 million of our net sales, respectively, were from our subsidiaries that are not guarantors of the notes. See Capitalization.

## Optional Redemption

We may redeem any or all series of the notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes we redeem, together with accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date, plus a make-whole premium, at any time prior to (i) with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes), (ii) with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes), and (iii) with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes).

On or after (i) with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, (ii) with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and (iii) with respect to the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, we may redeem any or all series of the notes, in whole or in part, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes we redeem, together with accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date. See Description of the Notes and the Guarantees Optional Redemption.

## Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon a Change of Control

If we experience a change of control triggering event (as defined herein), with respect to a series of notes, we must offer to repurchase all the notes of that series at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the repurchase date. We might not be able to pay you the required price for notes you present to us at the time of a change of control because our senior credit facility or other indebtedness may prohibit payment or we might not have enough funds at that time. See Description of the Notes and the Guarantees Repurchase at the Option of Holders upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

## Sinking Fund

None.

Covenants

The indenture under which we will issue the notes of each series contains covenants that, among other things, limit our ability under certain circumstances to create liens, enter into sale-leaseback

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transactions and engage in mergers, consolidations and sales of all or substantially all of our assets. See Description of the Notes and the Guarantees.

Use of Proceeds

We intend to use approximately \$674.4 million of the net proceeds from this offering to redeem prior to maturity our outstanding 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022 and use the remaining net proceeds for general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.

Risk Factors

An investment in the notes involves a high degree of risk. Potential investors should carefully consider the risk factors set forth under the heading Risk Factors and in the documents incorporated by reference herein prior to making a decision to invest in the notes.

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**RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider the risks described below and in our documents filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein, as well as other information included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before buying any of the notes.

**Risks Relating to the Company**

You should carefully consider the risk factors and other cautionary statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2017 and in other documents filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein.

**Risks Relating to the Notes**

*The notes are unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to our secured debt to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt.*

The notes will not be secured by any of our assets. As of November 30, 2017, we had approximately \$405.7 million of secured debt. In addition, \$34.3 million was available for borrowing under our accounts receivable securitization facilities, all of which would be secured. Our obligations under our senior credit facility are currently not secured. In addition, the indenture governing the notes will permit us and our subsidiaries to incur certain additional debt that is secured by liens on our assets without equally and ratably securing the notes. If the Company becomes insolvent or is liquidated, or if payment under our secured debt is accelerated, the holders of our secured debt would be entitled to exercise the remedies available to a secured lender under applicable law and pursuant to the agreement governing such debt. In any such event, because the notes will not be secured by any of our assets, it is possible that there would be no assets remaining from which claims of the holders of the notes could be satisfied following repayment of our secured debt or, if any such assets remained, such assets might be insufficient to satisfy such claims fully.

*Our ability to make payments on the notes depends on our ability to receive dividends from our subsidiaries, and not all of our subsidiaries are guarantors of the notes. The notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.*

We are a holding company and conduct almost all of our operations through our subsidiaries. As of November 30, 2017, approximately 95.3% of our tangible assets were held by our subsidiaries. The ownership interests of our subsidiaries represent substantially all the assets of the holding company. Accordingly, we are dependent on the cash flows of our subsidiaries to meet our obligations, including the payment of the principal and interest on the notes.

The notes of each series will be guaranteed, jointly and severally, by our subsidiaries that guarantee our senior credit facility. Holders of the notes of each series will not have a direct claim on assets of subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes and the notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes, including any borrowings under our European and other credit facilities in favor of one or more indirect wholly-owned Luxembourg or other subsidiaries of the Company. For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2017 and the nine months ended November 30, 2017, approximately \$634.9 million and \$238.9 million of our net sales, respectively, were from our subsidiaries that are not guarantors of the notes. As of November 30, 2017, our non-guarantor subsidiaries had approximately \$2.2 billion of liabilities.

*The subsidiary guarantees may be subject to challenge under fraudulent transfer laws.*



Under U.S. bankruptcy law and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer laws, a court could subordinate or void any guarantee if it found that the guarantee was incurred with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors or the guarantor did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for the

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guarantee and the guarantor was any of the following: (i) insolvent or was rendered insolvent because of the guarantee; (ii) engaged in a business or transaction for which its remaining assets constituted unreasonably small capital; or (iii) intending to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay at maturity. To the extent any guarantee were to be voided as a fraudulent conveyance or held unenforceable for any other reason, holders of the notes would cease to have any claim in respect of such guarantor and would be creditors solely of us and any guarantor whose guarantee was not voided or held unenforceable. In such event, the claims of the holders of the notes against the issuer of an invalid guarantee would be subject to the prior payment of all liabilities of such guarantor. There can be no assurance that, after providing for all prior claims, there would be sufficient assets to satisfy the claims of the holders of the notes relating to any voided guarantee.

***The subsidiary guarantees may be limited in duration.***

Each subsidiary guarantor will guarantee our obligations under the notes only for so long as each subsidiary guarantor is a guarantor under our senior credit facility. If any or all of the subsidiary guarantees are released or terminated or no longer required under our senior credit facility, such subsidiary guarantee(s) will be released under the indenture. The indenture does not contain any covenants that materially restrict our ability to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of our assets, including the ownership interests of our subsidiaries, or the assets of any of our subsidiaries, except as described under the caption Description of Debt Securities Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Conveyance in the accompanying prospectus.

***We may not be able to repurchase the notes of any series upon a change of control triggering event.***

We may be required to offer to repurchase all of the notes upon the occurrence of a change of control repurchase event. Our senior credit facility currently also provides that certain change of control events constitute a default. If we experience a change of control that triggers a default under our senior credit facility, such default could result in amounts outstanding under our senior credit facility being declared due and payable. We would be prohibited from purchasing the notes of any series unless, and until, such time as our indebtedness under our senior credit facility was repaid in full. There can be no assurance that either we or our subsidiary guarantors would have sufficient financial resources available to satisfy all of our or their obligations under our senior credit facility and these notes in the event of a change of control. Our failure to purchase the notes as required under the indenture governing the notes would result in a default under the indenture, which could have material adverse consequences for us and the holders of the notes. See Description of the Notes and the Guarantees Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the aggregate net proceeds from the sale of the notes will be approximately \$      million (after deducting underwriter discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses). We intend to use approximately \$674.4 million of the net proceeds from this offering to redeem prior to maturity our outstanding 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022 in the aggregate principal amount of \$600.0 million, plus a make-whole premium of approximately \$74.4 million, and use the remaining net proceeds for general corporate purposes. Pending any such uses we will invest the net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing instruments. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates may hold positions in our outstanding 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022 and thus may receive a portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the notes through the redemption of our 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022. See Underwriting.

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We have paid cash dividends on our common stock since May 2015. We currently expect to continue to pay a regular quarterly cash dividend to stockholders of our common stock in the future, but such payments are subject to approval of our Board of Directors and are dependent upon our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and other factors, including those set forth under Item 1A Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2017. In addition, the terms of our senior credit facility may restrict the payment of cash dividends on our common stock under certain circumstances. Any indentures for debt securities issued in the future, the terms of any preferred stock issued in the future and any credit agreements entered into in the future may also restrict or prohibit the payment of cash dividends on our common stock.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated. For the purpose of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent income before income taxes (adjusted, as appropriate, for equity in earnings of equity method investees) plus fixed charges less interest capitalized. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized, amortization of debt issuance costs, amortization of discount on debt, and the portion of rental expense which management believes is representative of the interest component of lease expense.

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended</b>		<b>For the Fiscal Years Ended</b>				
	<b>November 30, 2017</b>	<b>November 30, 2016</b>	<b>February 28, 2017</b>	<b>February 29, 2016</b>	<b>February 28, 2015</b>	<b>February 28, 2014</b>	<b>February 28, 2013</b>
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	7.6x	6.4x	6.8x	5.5x	4.3x	7.5x	3.2x

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The following table sets forth, as of November 30, 2017, our consolidated cash and cash equivalents and total capitalization on (i) an actual basis and (ii) as adjusted to give effect to the sale of the notes, the redemption prior to maturity of our 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022 and the investment of the balance of the net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing instruments pending use for other general corporate purposes.

(in millions)	November 30, 2017	
	(Unaudited)	
	Actual	As Adjusted
Cash and Cash Equivalents <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 154.5	\$
Total Debt (including current portion):		
Revolving Credit Facility <sup>(b)</sup>	\$ 336.3	\$
U.S. Term A-1 Loan <sup>(c)</sup>	498.8	
Commercial Paper <sup>(c)</sup>	470.4	
Accounts Receivable Securitization Facilities <sup>(d)</sup>	405.7	
Subsidiary Credit Facilities	0.4	
\$ Million % Senior Notes due offered hereby <sup>(e)</sup>		
\$ Million % Senior Notes due offered hereby <sup>(f)</sup>		
\$ Million % Senior Notes due offered hereby <sup>(g)</sup>		
\$400.0 Million 3.875% Senior Notes due 2019 <sup>(c)</sup>	397.6	
\$600.0 Million 2.000% Senior Notes due 2019 <sup>(c)</sup>	596.2	
\$700.0 Million 2.250% Senior Notes due 2020 <sup>(c)</sup>	694.5	
\$500.0 Million 3.750% Senior Notes due 2021 <sup>(c)</sup>	497.8	
\$500.0 Million 2.700% Senior Notes due 2022 <sup>(c)</sup>	495.6	
\$600.0 Million 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022 <sup>(c)(h)</sup>	595.6	
\$700.0 Million 2.650% Senior Notes due 2022 <sup>(c)</sup>	691.9	
\$1.05 Billion 4.250% Senior Notes due 2023 <sup>(c)</sup>	1,044.2	
\$400.0 Million 4.750% Senior Notes due 2024 <sup>(c)</sup>	395.7	
\$400.0 Million 4.750% Senior Notes due 2025 <sup>(c)</sup>	395.1	
\$600.0 Million 3.700% Senior Notes due 2026 <sup>(c)</sup>	594.8	
\$500.0 Million 3.500% Senior Notes due 2027 <sup>(c)</sup>	495.1	
\$500.0 Million 4.500% Senior Notes due 2047 <sup>(c)</sup>	492.7	
Other Senior Debt	251.8	
Total Debt	9,350.2	
Total Stockholders Equity:		
Total CBI Stockholders Equity <sup>(g)(h)</sup>	7,993.9	
Noncontrolling Interests	15.2	
Total Stockholders Equity	8,009.1	

Total Capitalization \$ 17,359.3 \$

- (a) As adjusted reflects the payment and expensing of the make-whole premium of \$74.4 million associated with the redemption prior to maturity of the 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022, excluding income tax impact.
- (b) As of November 30, 2017, we had \$679.3 million of available undrawn revolving commitments under the revolving portion of our senior credit facility.
- (c) Net of unamortized debt issuance costs and unamortized discounts in the aggregate of \$54.5 million and \$10.2 million, respectively, as of November 30, 2017.
- (d) As of November 30, 2017, we had \$34.3 million available for borrowing under our accounts receivable securitization facilities.
- (e) Net of estimated unamortized debt issuance costs of \$       million and estimated unamortized discount of \$       million.
- (f) Net of estimated unamortized debt issuance costs of \$       million and estimated unamortized discount of \$       million.

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- (g) Net of estimated unamortized debt issuance costs of \$        million and estimated unamortized discount of \$        million.
- (h) As adjusted reflects the write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$4.4 million associated with the redemption prior to maturity of the 6.000% Senior Notes due 2022, excluding income tax impact.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES AND THE GUARANTEES**

The following discussion of the terms of the notes of each series supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities contained in the accompanying prospectus and identifies any general terms and provisions described in the accompanying prospectus that will not apply to the notes.

Unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise, references in this section to we, us, our and the Company refer to Constellation Brands, Inc. only and not to its subsidiaries. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in the description below have the definitions given to them under Certain Definitions below.

**General**

The notes of each series will be issued under an indenture and a supplemental indenture thereto (together, the indenture), among us, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as trustee, and the guarantors named therein. You should read the accompanying prospectus for a general discussion of the terms and provisions of the indenture.

The indenture does not limit the amount of notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness that we may issue thereunder and provides that notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness may be issued from time to time thereunder in one or more series. We are initially offering the notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$ . At any time following the issuance of the notes, we may, without the consent of the holders, issue additional notes (which are referred to as such below) and thereby increase that principal amount in the future, on the same terms and conditions and with the same CUSIP number as the notes we offer by this prospectus supplement.

The notes will mature on , 20 and will bear interest at a rate of % per year. The notes will mature on , 20 and will bear interest at a rate of % per year. The notes will mature on , 20 and will bear interest at a rate of % per year. Interest on the notes of each series will accrue from , 2018 or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for. We will pay interest on the notes of each series semi-annually on and of each year, beginning , 20 . In each case, we:

will pay interest to the person in whose name a note is registered at the close of business on the or preceding the interest payment date;

will compute interest on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months;

will make payments on the notes at the offices of the trustee; and

may make payments by wire transfer for notes held in book-entry form or by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to the payment as it appears in the note register.

If any interest payment date or maturity or redemption date falls on a day that is not a business day, the required payment shall be made on the next business day as if it were made on the date such payment was due and no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable from and after such interest payment date or maturity or redemption date, as the case may be, to such next business day. Business day means any day that is not a day on which banking institutions in



The City of New York are authorized or required by law or by executive order issued by a governmental authority or agency regulating such banking institutions, to close.

We will issue the notes only in fully registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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### **Subsidiary Guarantees**

Our obligations under the indenture and the notes, including the payment of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the notes, will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the subsidiaries of the Company that are guarantors of the Company's obligations under our senior credit facility, provided that the guarantee of a subsidiary guarantor will be released to the extent such subsidiary guarantor is released as a guarantor under our senior credit facility or our senior credit facility (or a successor thereto) is amended, amended and restated, refinanced, increased, extended, substituted, replaced or renewed without such subsidiary guarantor being a guarantor of the indebtedness thereunder, or if our senior credit facility is otherwise terminated or the requirements for legal or covenant defeasance or to discharge the indenture have been met.

The subsidiary guarantors' guarantees will be joint and several obligations.

The guarantees will be senior unsecured obligations of each subsidiary guarantor and will rank equally with all of the other senior unsecured obligations of the subsidiary guarantor. Each guarantee will be effectively subordinated to any secured obligations of the applicable subsidiary guarantor to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. The obligations of each subsidiary guarantor under its guarantee will provide that it be limited as necessary to prevent that guarantee from constituting a fraudulent conveyance under applicable law.

If a guarantee were rendered voidable, it could be subordinated by a court to all other liabilities and obligations (including guarantees and other contingent liabilities) of the applicable subsidiary guarantor, and depending on the amount of such liabilities and obligations, a subsidiary guarantor's liability on its guarantee could be reduced to zero.

The indenture does not contain any restrictions on the ability of any subsidiary guarantor to (i) pay dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of that subsidiary guarantor's ownership interests, (ii) make any payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of that subsidiary guarantor or (iii) consolidate with, merge with or into, or transfer all or substantially all of its assets to another person or entity. If a subsidiary guarantor is merged or consolidated with or into another person that is the surviving company in that merger or consolidation and (a) the surviving company becomes a guarantor under our senior credit facility, then the indenture will require that the surviving company expressly assume the obligations of the subsidiary guarantor under its guarantee or (b) the surviving company is not a guarantor under our senior credit facility and we deliver an officer's certificate to the trustee to that effect, then the surviving company will be released from any obligations under the guarantee of the subsidiary that was so merged or consolidated.

### **Ranking**

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness and will be effectively subordinated to the indebtedness outstanding under any secured debt we may incur to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including borrowings under our accounts receivable securitization facilities. The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis, jointly and severally, by the subsidiaries that are guarantors under our senior credit facility, subject to the release provisions described above. Each guarantee will be effectively subordinated to any secured obligations of the applicable subsidiary guarantor to the extent of the value of the assets securing such obligations. The notes will also be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.

We are a holding company and conduct almost all of our operations through our subsidiaries. Consequently, our ability to pay our obligations, including our obligation to pay interest on the notes and to repay the principal amount of

the notes at maturity, upon redemption, upon acceleration or otherwise, will depend upon

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our subsidiaries' earnings and advances or loans made by them to us (and potentially dividends or distributions made by them to us). Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and, except for the subsidiary guarantors' obligations under the subsidiary guarantees, have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due on the notes or to make funds available to us to do so. Our subsidiaries' ability to make advances or loans to us or to pay dividends or make other distributions to us will depend upon their operating results and will be subject to applicable laws and contractual restrictions, if any. The indenture will not limit our subsidiaries' ability to enter into other agreements that prohibit or restrict dividends or other payments or advances to us. Except with respect to the covenants described below under "Limitation upon Liens" and "Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions," the indenture does not restrict or limit the ability of any subsidiary to incur, create, assume or guarantee indebtedness or encumber its assets or properties. As of November 30, 2017, we (together with certain of our subsidiaries) had approximately (i) \$9.4 billion aggregate principal amount of senior indebtedness outstanding, of which approximately \$405.7 million was secured, (ii) \$679.3 million of unused commitments (taking into account issued and outstanding commercial paper borrowings of approximately \$470.7 million (excluding unamortized discount) and revolving letters of credit of approximately \$13.7 million) under our revolving credit facility, none of which would be secured, and (iii) \$34.3 million available for borrowing under our accounts receivable securitization facilities, all of which would be secured. As of November 30, 2017, our non-guarantor subsidiaries had approximately \$2.2 billion of liabilities. See "Capitalization."

**Optional Redemption**

At any time prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes), we may redeem the \_\_\_\_\_ notes in whole or in part at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes to be redeemed; and

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (excluding interest accrued to the redemption date) on the \_\_\_\_\_ notes (assuming for this purpose, that the \_\_\_\_\_ notes matured on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes)) discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Rate plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the principal amount being redeemed to the redemption date.

On or after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, we may redeem the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, in whole or in part at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes to be redeemed, together with accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date.

At any time prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes), we may redeem the \_\_\_\_\_ notes in whole or in part at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes to be redeemed; and

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (excluding interest accrued to the redemption date) on the \_\_\_\_\_ notes (assuming for this purpose, that the \_\_\_\_\_ notes matured on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 ( \_\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes)) discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Rate plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points,

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plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the principal amount being redeemed to the redemption date.

On or after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, we may redeem the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, in whole or in part at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes to be redeemed, together with accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date.

At any time prior to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes), we may redeem the \_\_\_\_\_ notes in whole or in part at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes to be redeemed; and

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (excluding interest accrued to the redemption date) on the \_\_\_\_\_ notes (assuming for this purpose, that the \_\_\_\_\_ notes matured on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ months prior to the maturity date of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes)) discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Rate plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the principal amount being redeemed to the redemption date.

On or after \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, we may redeem the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, in whole or in part at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes to be redeemed, together with accrued and unpaid interest to but excluding the redemption date.

Applicable defined terms are as follows:

*Treasury Rate* means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of the yields in each statistical release for the immediately preceding week designated H.15 or any successor publication which is published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under U.S. government securities Treasury constant maturities nominal, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the remaining term of the notes to be redeemed, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month) or (2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield-to-maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date. The Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

*Comparable Treasury Issue* means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term until (i) in the case of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, (ii) in the case of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and (iii) in the case of the \_\_\_\_\_ notes, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

*Comparable Treasury Price* means (1) the average of four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Independent

Investment Banker obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

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*Independent Investment Banker* means a Reference Treasury Dealer selected by us.

*Reference Treasury Dealer* means any of (1) Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC or their affiliates; provided, however, that if Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC or one of their affiliates cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City, which we refer to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, we will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker after consultation with us.

*Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations* means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

We are required to notify the trustee of an optional redemption at least 30 and not more than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption. Holders of notes to be redeemed will be sent a redemption notice by the trustee by first-class mail at least 10 and not more than 60 days before the date fixed for redemption. If fewer than all of the notes are to be redeemed, the trustee will select, not more than 60 days and not less than 30 days before the redemption date, the particular notes or portions of the notes for redemption from the outstanding notes not previously called substantially pro rata or by lot in such manner as it shall deem appropriate and fair. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes or portions of the notes called for redemption.

## **Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon a Change of Control Triggering Event**

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event with respect to a series of notes, unless we have provided a notice of redemption to redeem the applicable series of notes as described above, each holder of notes of such series will have the right to require us to repurchase all or any part of such holder's notes of such series (except that no note will be purchased in part if the remaining principal amount of such note would be less than \$2,000) pursuant to the offer described below (the Change of Control Offer) at a purchase price (the Change of Control Purchase Price) equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the repurchase date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event with respect to a series of notes, we will:

- (a) cause a notice of the Change of Control Offer to be sent at least once to the Dow Jones News Service or similar business news service in the United States; and
- (b) send, by first-class mail, with a copy to the trustee, to each holder of notes of such series, at such holder's address appearing in the security register, a notice stating:
  - (1) that a Change of Control Triggering Event has occurred and a Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to the covenant entitled Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon a Change of



Control and that all notes of such series timely tendered will be accepted for payment;

- (2) the Change of Control Purchase Price and the repurchase date, which will be, subject to any contrary requirements of applicable law, a business day no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date the notice is mailed;

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- (3) the circumstances and relevant facts regarding the Change of Control Triggering Event (including information with respect to our *pro forma* consolidated historical income, cash flow and capitalization after giving effect to the Change of Control Triggering Event); and
- (4) the procedures that holders of notes of such series must follow in order to tender their notes (or portions thereof) for payment, and the procedures that holders of notes of such series must follow in order to withdraw an election to tender notes (or portions thereof) for payment.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by us and purchases all notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

We will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the *Exchange Act*), and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the repurchase of notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of the indenture or the notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the indenture or the notes by virtue of this compliance.

We have no present intention to engage in a transaction involving a Change of Control Triggering Event, although it is possible that we would decide to do so in the future. We could, in the future, enter into certain transactions, including acquisitions, refinancings or other recapitalizations, that would not constitute a Change of Control Triggering Event, but that could increase the amount of debt outstanding at such time or otherwise affect our capital structure or credit ratings.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the sale, transfer, assignment, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our property. Although there is a developing body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, if we and our subsidiaries, considered as a whole, dispose of less than all of our property by any of the means described above, the ability of a holder of notes to require us to repurchase its notes may be uncertain. In such a case, holders of the notes may not be able to resolve this uncertainty without resorting to legal action.

## **Sinking Fund**

The notes will not have the benefit of any sinking fund.

## **Reports to the Trustee**

We are required to provide the trustee with an officers' certificate each fiscal year stating that we reviewed our activities during the preceding fiscal year and that, after reasonable investigation and inquiry by the certifying officers, we are in compliance with the requirements of the indenture.

## **Limitation Upon Liens**

The indenture provides that, so long as any of the notes remain outstanding, we will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to issue, assume or guarantee any Funded Debt that is secured by a mortgage, pledge, security interest or other lien or encumbrance (a *lien*) upon or with respect to any Principal Property or on the Capital Stock of any

Subsidiary that owns a Principal Property unless:

we secure the notes equally and ratably with (or prior to) any and all Funded Debt secured by that lien, or

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in the case of Funded Debt other than Capital Markets Debt, immediately after giving effect to the granting of any such lien and the incurrence of any Funded Debt in connection therewith, the Company's Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio would be greater than 2.0 to 1.0.

The above limitations will not apply to some types of permitted liens. These permitted liens include:

liens existing as of the date of the issuance of the notes (excluding any liens securing our senior credit facility);

liens on property or assets of, or any shares of stock securing Funded Debt of, any corporation or other Person existing at the time such corporation or other Person becomes a Subsidiary;

liens on property, assets or shares of stock securing Funded Debt existing at the time of an acquisition, including an acquisition through merger or consolidation, and liens to secure Funded Debt incurred prior to, at the time of or within 180 days after the later of the completion of the acquisition, or the completion of the construction and commencement of the operation of any such property, for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or construction cost of that property;

liens to secure specified types of development, operation, construction, alteration, repair or improvement costs;

liens in favor of, or which secure Funded Debt owing to, the Company or a Subsidiary;

liens in connection with government contracts, including the assignment of moneys due or to come due on those contracts;

certain types of liens in connection with legal proceedings;

certain types of liens arising in the ordinary course of business and not in connection with the borrowing of money such as mechanics', materialmen's, carriers' or other similar liens;

liens on property securing obligations issued by a domestic governmental issuer to finance the cost of an acquisition or construction of that property; and

extensions, substitutions, replacements, refinancings or renewals (or successive extensions, substitutions, replacements, refinancings or renewals), in whole or in part, of the foregoing or of Funded Debt secured in reliance on the second bullet point under the first paragraph above, in each case, if the principal amount of the Funded Debt secured thereby is not increased and is not secured by any additional assets.

**Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions**

The indenture provides that, so long as any of the notes remain outstanding, neither we nor any Subsidiary may enter into any arrangement with any Person (other than ourselves or any Subsidiary) where we or a Subsidiary agree to lease any Principal Property which has been or is to be sold or transferred more than 120 days after the later of (i) such Principal Property having been acquired by us or a Subsidiary and (ii) completion of construction and commencement of full operation thereof, by us or a Subsidiary to that person (a *Sale and Leaseback Transaction* ). Sale and Leaseback Transactions with respect to facilities financed with specified tax exempt securities are excepted from the definition. This covenant does not apply to leases of a Principal Property for a term of less than three years.

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This limitation also does not apply to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction if:

the net proceeds to the Company or a Subsidiary from the sale or transfer equal or exceed the fair value, as determined by our Board of Directors, of the Principal Property so leased,

immediately after giving effect to such Sale and Leaseback Transaction, the Company's Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio would be greater than 2.0 to 1.0, or

we, within 120 days after the effective date of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction, apply an amount equal to the fair value as determined by the Company's Board of Directors of the Principal Property so leased to:

the prepayment or retirement of our Funded Debt, which may include the notes; or

the acquisition of additional real property.

**Events of Default and Remedies**

The events of default applicable to the notes of any series will consist of the following:

failure to pay the principal of, or premium, if any, on any of the notes of such series when due and payable (whether at maturity, by call for redemption, by declaration of acceleration or otherwise);

failure to make a payment of any interest on any note of such series when due and payable, which failure shall have continued for a period of 30 days;

our, or any subsidiary guarantor's, failure to perform or observe any other covenants or agreements in the indenture, with respect to the notes of such series or in the notes of such series which failure shall have continued for a period of at least 90 days after written notice to us or the guarantors, as the case may be, by the trustee or to us and the trustee from the holders of not less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes of such series provided, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall an event of default with respect to any failure by us to comply with the reporting provisions of the indenture or any failure by us to comply with the requirements of Section 314(a)(1) of the Trust Indenture Act (which relates to the provision of reports) be deemed to have occurred unless (x) such report is past due hereunder by at least 180 days and (y) such failure to comply has not been cured or waived prior to the 90th day after written notice to us by the trustee or to us and the trustee from the holders of not less than 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes of such series;

failure to make any payment after the maturity of any indebtedness of ours with an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$150.0 million or the acceleration of indebtedness of ours with an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$150.0 million as a result of a default with respect to such indebtedness, and such indebtedness, in either case, is not discharged or such acceleration is not cured, waived, rescinded or annulled within a period of 30 days after we receive written notice;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of us; or

any guarantee of the notes of a subsidiary guarantor that is a significant subsidiary shall for any reason cease to be, or be asserted in writing by any subsidiary guarantor thereof or us not to be, in full force and effect, and enforceable in accordance with its terms except as provided in the indenture.

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If an event of default (other than a bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization event of default with respect to us) shall occur and be continuing, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes of such series may declare the principal amount of all notes of such series, to be due and payable immediately. If an event of default occurs as result of a bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization event with respect to us, the outstanding notes of such series will automatically become due and payable immediately without any action on part of the holders.

At any time after such acceleration has occurred but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the trustee, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of such series, by written notice to us and the trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

- (a) we have paid or deposited with the trustee a sum sufficient to pay
  - (i) all sums paid or advanced by the trustee under the indenture and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the trustee, its agents and counsel,
  - (ii) to the extent payment of such interest is lawful, if interest on overdue installments of interest and overdue principal, which has become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration, has been paid, and
  - (iii) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon over-due interest at the rate borne by the notes;
- (b) all events of default, other than the non-payment of principal of the notes which have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture; and
- (c) the rescission will not conflict with any judgment or decree.

## **Modification of the Indenture**

The indenture contains provisions permitting us, the subsidiary guarantors and the trustee to amend or supplement the indenture with respect to the notes of any series with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of such series of notes then outstanding; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the indenture may be amended or supplemented without the consent of holders in order to (a) evidence the succession of another person to us or any obligor on such series of notes or any guarantee and assumption of the covenants and obligations thereunder, pursuant to the merger covenant, (b) add covenants for the benefit of the holders of such series of notes or surrender rights conferred upon us under the indenture, such series of notes or any guarantee, (c) cure any ambiguity or correct any provisions that are defective or inconsistent with any other provision of the indenture, such series of notes or any guarantee or make any other change that does not materially affect the interests of the holders of such series of notes in any material respect, (d) comply with the requirements of the Commission to effect or maintain the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act, (e) evidence and provide acceptance of the appointment of a successor trustee under the indenture, (f) mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in favor of the trustee for the benefit of the



holders for payment of such series of notes, in any property or assets of us, (g) add a guarantor or release a guarantor in accordance with the terms of the indenture and (h) add or change any provisions of the indenture with respect to appointing a new trustee thereunder. If any additional notes of such series are issued under the indenture, such notes would constitute part of the same series of debt securities as the notes offered hereby and would be included in determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of notes of such series had provided any instruction or consented to any amendment.

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However, any debt securities (other than additional notes of a series) that may be issued under the indenture will not vote together with the notes of any series and any additional notes that we issue. In any event, no amendment or supplement may, among other things, (a) extend the final maturity of any note, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of any interest on any note, or reduce the principal amount of any note, premium on any note, or reduce any amount payable upon any redemption of any note, (b) reduce the percentage of principal amount of the notes that is required to approve an amendment or supplement to the indenture, (c) following the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, amend, change or modify the obligation of us to make and consummate a Change of Control Offer in the event of a Change of Control Triggering Event, including amending, changing or modifying any definitions with respect thereto, (d) modify any of the provisions related to this paragraph, the waiver of certain covenants, or the enforcement of the trustee's rights during an event of default, (e) except as otherwise permitted under the merger covenant, consent to the assignment or transfer by us of any of our rights and obligations under the indenture, or (f) change the currency of payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest on the notes, in each case, without the consent of the holder of each note so affected.

## **Legal Defeasance**

We may be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the notes of any series (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of such notes, to replace stolen, destroyed, lost or mutilated notes, to maintain paying agencies, to compensate and indemnify the trustee and to furnish the trustee with the names and addresses of holders of notes), which we refer to as defeasance, if:

we irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, cash and/or securities of the United States government, or securities of agencies of the United States government backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government, in an amount certified by a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the notes of such series on the applicable due dates for those payments in accordance with the terms of such notes;

we deliver to the trustee either (i) an opinion of counsel, based on a ruling of the United States Internal Revenue Service (unless there has been a change in the applicable United States federal income tax law), to the effect that the holders of the notes of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the defeasance had not occurred or (ii) a ruling of the United States Internal Revenue Service directed to the trustee to the same effect as set forth in clause (i) above;

immediately after giving effect to the deposit specified in the first bullet point, on a pro forma basis, no event of default with respect to the notes of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of deposit or, with respect to defaults occurring upon certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization relating to us, at any time during the period ending on the 91st day after the date of the deposit; and

we deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that we have complied with all of the above requirements.



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### **Defeasance of Certain Obligations**

We may omit to comply with certain covenants with respect to the notes of any series, and any such omission will not constitute an event of default with respect to the notes of such series, which we refer to as *covenant defeasance*, if:

we irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, cash and/or securities of the United States government, or securities of agencies of the United States government backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government, in an amount certified by a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the notes of such series on the applicable due dates for those payments in accordance with the terms of such notes;

we deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the notes of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of such covenant defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the covenant defeasance had not occurred;

immediately after giving effect to the deposit specified in the first bullet point, on a pro forma basis, no event of default with respect to the notes shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of the deposit or, with respect to defaults occurring upon certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization relating to us, at any time during the period ending on the 91st day after the date of the deposit;

if the notes of such series are then listed on a national securities exchange, we deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the notes of such series will not be delisted as a result of such covenant defeasance; and

we deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that we have complied with all of the above requirements.

If we exercise our option to effect a defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to the notes of any series, as described above, and the trustee or paying agent is unable to apply any money or securities that we have deposited because of any legal proceeding or any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority, in each case our obligations under the indenture with respect to the notes of such series will be revived and reinstated.

### **Certain Definitions**

The terms set forth below are defined in the indenture as follows:

*Board of Directors* means our board of directors, the executive committee of our board of directors, any other duly authorized committee of our board of directors, or any of our officers duly authorized by our board of directors or by any duly authorized committee of our board of directors to act under the indenture.

*Capital Lease Obligation* means any obligations of us and our Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis under any capital lease of real or personal property which, in accordance with GAAP, has been recorded as a capitalized lease obligation.

*Capital Markets Debt* means any debt securities or debt financing issued pursuant to an indenture, notes purchase agreement or similar financing arrangement (but excluding any credit agreement) whether offered pursuant to a registration statement under the Securities Act or under an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

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*Capital Stock* means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) in the equity of such Person, including, without limitation, all common stock and preferred stock.

*Change of Control* means the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) any person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), other than Permitted Holders, is or becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that a Person shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all shares that such Person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the voting power of our total outstanding Voting Stock voting as one class, provided that the Permitted Holders beneficially own (as so defined) a percentage of Voting Stock having a lesser percentage of the voting power than such other Person and do not have the right or ability by voting power, contract or otherwise to elect or designate for election a majority of our Board of Directors; (ii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constituted our Board of Directors (together with any new directors whose election to such Board or whose nomination for election by the shareholders was approved by a vote of 66 2/3% of the directors then still in office who were either directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of such Board of Directors then in office; (iii) we consolidate with or merge with or into any Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of our assets to any Person, or any corporation consolidates with or merges into or with us, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which our outstanding Voting Stock is changed into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where our outstanding Voting Stock is not changed or exchanged at all (except to the extent necessary to reflect a change in our jurisdiction of incorporation) or where (A) our outstanding Voting Stock is changed into or exchanged for (x) Voting Stock of the surviving corporation or (y) cash, securities and other property (other than Capital Stock of the surviving corporation) and (B) no person or group other than Permitted Holders owns immediately after such transaction, directly or indirectly, more than the greater of (1) 35% of the voting power of the total outstanding Voting Stock of the surviving corporation voting as one class and (2) the percentage of such voting power of the surviving corporation held, directly or indirectly, by Permitted Holders immediately after such transaction; or (iv) we are liquidated or dissolved or adopt a plan of liquidation or dissolution other than in a transaction which complies with the provisions described in the accompanying prospectus under the heading Description of Debt Securities Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Conveyance.

*Change of Control Triggering Event* means, (1) the ratings of the notes of the particular series are downgraded by at least two of the Ratings Agencies during the 60-day period (the Trigger Period) commencing on the earlier of (i) the occurrence of a Change of Control or (ii) the first public announcement of the occurrence of a Change of Control or our intention to effect a Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended so long as the ratings of the notes of such series are under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the Ratings Agencies) and (2) the notes of the particular series are rated below an Investment Grade Rating by at least two of the Ratings Agencies on any date during the Trigger Period; provided that if such notes are not rated by three Ratings Agencies during any Trigger Period, such notes will be deemed to have been downgraded to below an Investment Grade Rating by each Ratings Agency that does not provide a rating of such notes during the Trigger Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a ratings decline by a Rating Agency will not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control if such Rating Agency making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply does not publicly announce or confirm or inform the trustee in writing at our or the trustee's request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, such Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control has occurred at the time of such decline).

*Commission* means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Exchange Act, or if at any time after the date of this prospectus supplement such Commission is not existing and

performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties at such time.

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*Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio* of us means, for any period, the ratio of (a) the sum of Consolidated Net Income (Loss), Consolidated Interest Expense, Consolidated Income Tax Expense and Consolidated Non-cash Charges deducted in computing Consolidated Net Income (Loss) in each case, for such period, of us and our Subsidiaries on a Consolidated basis, all determined in accordance with GAAP and on a pro forma basis for any acquisition or disposition of a Subsidiary or line of business following the first day of such period and on or prior to the date of determination as if all such acquisitions and dispositions had occurred on the first day of such period to (b) the sum of Consolidated Interest Expense for such period and cash dividends paid on any of our preferred stock and that of our Subsidiaries during such period; provided that (i) in making such computation, the Consolidated Interest Expense attributable to interest on any Funded Debt shall be computed on a pro forma basis for any incurrence or repayment of Funded Debt (other than Funded Debt under a revolving credit facility) following the first day of the applicable period and on or prior to the date of determination as if such incurrence or repayment had occurred on the first day of such period and Funded Debt (A) bearing a floating interest rate, shall be computed as if the rate in effect on the date of computation had been the applicable rate for the entire period and (B) which was not outstanding during the period for which the computation is being made but which bears, at our option, a fixed or floating rate of interest, shall be computed by applying at our option, either the fixed or floating rate and (ii) in making such computation, the Consolidated Interest Expense of the Company attributable to interest on any Funded Debt under a revolving credit facility computed on a pro forma basis shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Funded Debt during the applicable period.

*Consolidated Income Tax Expense* means for any period, as applied to us, the provision for federal, state, local and foreign income taxes of us and our Subsidiaries for such period as determined in accordance with GAAP on a Consolidated basis.

*Consolidated Interest Expense* of us means, without duplication, for any period, the sum of (a) our interest expense and that of our Subsidiaries for such period, on a Consolidated basis, including, without limitation, (i) amortization of debt discount, (ii) the net cost under interest rate contracts (including amortization of discounts), (iii) the interest portion of any deferred payment obligation and (iv) accrued interest, plus (b) (i) the interest component of the Capital Lease Obligations paid, accrued and/or scheduled to be paid or accrued by us and our Subsidiaries during such period and (ii) all our capitalized interest and that of our Subsidiaries, in each case as determined in accordance with GAAP on a Consolidated basis. Whenever pro forma effect is to be given to an acquisition or disposition of assets for the purpose of calculating the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, the amount of Consolidated Interest Expense associated with any Funded Debt incurred in connection with such acquisition or disposition of assets shall be calculated on a pro forma basis in accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act, as in effect on the date of such calculation.

*Consolidated Net Income (Loss)* of us means, for any period, the Consolidated net income (or loss) of us and our Subsidiaries for such period as determined in accordance with GAAP on a Consolidated basis, adjusted, to the extent included in calculating such net income (loss), by excluding, without duplication: (i) all extraordinary gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto); (ii) the portion of net income (or loss) of us and our Subsidiaries allocable to minority interests in unconsolidated Persons to the extent that cash dividends or distributions have not actually been received by us or one of our Subsidiaries; (iii) any gain or loss, net of taxes, realized upon the termination of any employee pension benefit plan; (iv) net gains (but not losses) (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) in respect of dispositions of assets other than in the ordinary course of business; or (v) the net income of any Subsidiary to the extent that the declaration of dividends or similar distributions by that Subsidiary of that income is not at the time permitted, directly or indirectly, by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulations applicable to that Subsidiary or its stockholders. Whenever pro forma effect is to be given to an acquisition or disposition of assets for the purpose of calculating the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, the amount of income or earnings related to such assets shall be calculated on a pro



forma basis in accordance with Regulation S-X under the Securities Act, as in effect on the date of such calculation.

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*Consolidated Net Tangible Assets* means the aggregate amount of assets, reduced by applicable reserves and other properly deductible items, after deducting:

all current liabilities, excluding the current portion of any Funded Debt and any other current liabilities constituting Funded Debt because it is extendible or renewable, and

all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other similar intangibles, all as set forth on our books and records and those of our Subsidiaries and computed in accordance with GAAP.

*Consolidated Non-cash Charges* of us means, for any period, the aggregate depreciation, amortization and other non-cash charges of us and our Subsidiaries for such period, as determined in accordance with GAAP on a Consolidated basis (excluding any non-cash charge which requires an accrual or reserve for cash charges for any future period).

*Consolidation* means, with respect to any Person, the consolidation of the accounts of such Person and each of its Subsidiaries if and to the extent the accounts of such Person and each of its Subsidiaries would normally be consolidated with those of such Person, all in accordance with GAAP. The term *Consolidated* shall have a similar meaning.

*Fitch* means Fitch Ratings Inc., and its successors.

*Funded Debt* means all indebtedness for the repayment of money borrowed, whether or not evidenced by a bond, debenture, note or similar instrument or agreement, having a final maturity of more than 12 months after the date of its creation or having a final maturity of less than 12 months after the date of its creation but by its terms being renewable or extendible beyond 12 months after such date at the option of the borrower. When determining *Funded Debt*, indebtedness will not be included if, on or prior to the final maturity of that indebtedness, we have deposited the necessary funds for the payment, redemption or satisfaction of that indebtedness in trust with the proper depository.

*GAAP* means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, consistently applied, which are in effect on the date of the issuance of the notes. At any time after the date of issuance of the notes, we may elect to apply International Financial Reporting Standards ( *IFRS* ) accounting principles, consistently applied, as in effect at the time of such election, in lieu of GAAP and, from and after any such election, references herein to GAAP shall thereafter be construed to mean IFRS; provided that any such election, once made, shall be irrevocable; provided, further that any calculation or determination under the indenture that requires the application of GAAP for periods that include fiscal quarters ended prior to our election to apply IFRS shall remain as previously calculated or determined in accordance with GAAP. We must give notice of any election made in accordance with this definition to the trustee and the holders of notes.

*Investment Grade Rating* means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody's), a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P), a rating of BBB- or better by Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Fitch) or the equivalent Investment Grade credit rating from any additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by the issuer, as applicable.

*Moody's* means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and its successors.

*Permitted Holders* means (a) Marilyn Sands, her descendants (whether by blood or adoption), her descendants spouses, her siblings, the descendants of her siblings (whether by blood or adoption), Hudson Ansley, Lindsay Caleo, William Caleo, Courtney Winslow, or Andrew Stern, or the estate of any of the foregoing Persons, or The Sands Family Foundation, Inc., (b) trusts which are for the benefit of any combination

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of the Persons described in clause (a), or any trust for the benefit of any such trust, or (c) partnerships, limited liability companies or any other entities which are controlled by any combination of the Persons described in clause (a), the estate of any such Persons, a trust referred to in the foregoing clause (b), or an entity that satisfies the conditions of this clause (c).

*Person* means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, any other company or entity or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

*Principal Property* means, as of any date, any building, structure or other facility, together with the land upon which it is erected and any fixtures which are a part of the building, structure or other facility, used primarily for manufacturing, processing or production, in each case located in the United States, and owned or leased or to be owned or leased by us or any Subsidiary, and in each case the net book value of which as of that date exceeds 2% of our Consolidated Net Tangible Assets as shown on the consolidated balance sheet contained in our latest filing with the Commission, other than any such land, building, structure or other facility or portion thereof which is a pollution control facility, or which, in the opinion of our Board of Directors, is not of material importance to the total business conducted by us and our Subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise.

*Property* means any asset, revenue or any other property, whether tangible or intangible, real or personal, including, without limitation, any right to receive income.

*Rating Agency* means S&P, Moody's and Fitch or, if S&P, Moody's or Fitch or any or all of them shall not make a rating on the notes publicly available, a nationally recognized statistical rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, selected by the Company (as certified by a resolution of the Board of Directors) which shall be substituted for S&P, Moody's or Fitch or any or all of them, as the case may be.

*S&P* means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and its successors.

*Securities Act* means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

*Subsidiary* means any Person a majority of the equity ownership or the Voting Stock of which is at the time owned, directly or indirectly, by us or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by us and one or more other Subsidiaries.

*Voting Stock* means, with respect to any Person, Capital Stock of any class or kind the holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person, even if the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

## **Global Notes; Book-Entry System**

### ***Global Notes***

The notes will be issued initially in book-entry form and will be represented by one or more global notes in fully registered form without interest coupons which will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for The Depository Trust Company ( *DTC* ) and registered in the name of Cede & Co. (*DTC*'s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of *DTC*. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of the notes exceeds \$500.0 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500.0 million of principal amount of notes, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of notes. The deposit of securities with *DTC* and their registration in the name of

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Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the securities; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. Direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers. Except as set forth below, the global notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to DTC or another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee. Beneficial interests in the global notes may not be exchanged for certificated notes except in the limited circumstances described below.

All interests in the global notes will be subject to the rules and procedures of DTC, Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ( *Euroclear* ) and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ( *Clearstream* ).

### *Certain Book-Entry Procedures for the Global Notes*

The descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream set forth below are provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of the respective settlement system and are subject to change by them from time to time. Neither we nor the underwriters take any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and investors are urged to contact the appropriate system or its participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC has advised us that it is:

a limited-purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York;

a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, as amended; and

a clearing agency registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical transfer and delivery of securities certificates. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers (including one or more of the underwriters), banks and trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Indirect access to DTC's system is also available to other entities such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies, which we refer to collectively as the indirect participants, that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant either directly or indirectly. Investors who are not participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through participants or indirect participants. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ( *DTCC* ). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing

corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with participants or indirect participants.

We expect that, pursuant to procedures established by DTC:

upon deposit of each global note, DTC will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the accounts of participants designated by the underwriters with an interest in the global note; and

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ownership of beneficial interests in the global notes will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership of beneficial interests in the global notes will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to the interests of participants) and the participants and the indirect participants (with respect to the interests of persons other than participants).

Investors may hold their interests in a global note directly through Euroclear or Clearstream, if they are participants in those systems, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in those systems. Investors may also hold their interests in a global note through organizations other than Euroclear or Clearstream that are DTC participants. Each of Euroclear and Clearstream will appoint a DTC participant to act as its depository for the interests in a global note that are held within DTC for the account of each settlement system on behalf of its participants.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of those securities in definitive form. Accordingly, the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes represented by a global note to those persons may be limited. In addition, because DTC can act only on behalf of its participants, who in turn act on behalf of persons who hold interests through participants, the ability of a person holding a beneficial interest in a global note to pledge or transfer that interest to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC's system, or to otherwise take actions in respect of that interest, may be affected by the lack of a physical security in respect of that interest.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global note, DTC or that nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole legal owner or holder of the notes represented by that global note for all purposes of the notes and the indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global note will not be entitled to have the notes represented by that global note registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes and will not be considered the owners or holders of the notes represented by that beneficial interest under the indenture for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the trustee. Owners of beneficial interests in a global note will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Owners of beneficial interests in a global note are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participant through which the owner of beneficial interests in a global note entered into the transaction. Accordingly, each holder owning a beneficial interest in a global note must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if that holder is not a participant or an indirect participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that holder owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder of notes under the indenture or that global note. We understand that under existing industry practice, in the event that we request any action of holders of notes, or a holder that is an owner of a beneficial interest in a global note desires to take any action that DTC, as the holder of that global note, is entitled to take, DTC would authorize the participants to take that action and the participants would authorize holders owning through those participants to take that action or would otherwise act upon the instruction of those holders. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of notes by DTC or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to the notes.

Payments with respect to the principal of and interest on a global note will be payable by the trustee to or at the direction of DTC or its nominee in its capacity as the registered holder of the global note under the indenture. Under the terms of the indenture, we and the trustee shall treat the persons in whose names the notes, including the global notes, are registered as the owners thereof for the purpose of receiving payment thereon and for any and all other purposes whatsoever. Accordingly, neither we nor the trustee has or will have any responsibility or liability for the payment of those amounts to owners of beneficial interests in a global note. Payments by the participants and the indirect participants to the owners of beneficial interests in a global note will be governed by standing instructions and customary industry practice and will be the responsibility of the participants and indirect participants and not of DTC.



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Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures and will be settled in same-day funds. Transfers between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream will be effected in the ordinary way under the rules and operating procedures of those systems.

Cross-market transfers between DTC participants, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be effected within DTC through the DTC participants that are acting as depositaries for Euroclear and Clearstream. To deliver or receive an interest in a global note held in a Euroclear or Clearstream account, an investor must send transfer instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, under the rules and procedures of that system and within the established deadlines of that system. If the transaction meets its settlement requirements, Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will send instructions to its DTC depository to take action to effect final settlement by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant global notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment under normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to the DTC depositaries that are acting for Euroclear or Clearstream.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream participant that purchases an interest in a global note from a DTC participant will be credited on the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream immediately following the DTC settlement date. Cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream from the sale of an interest in a global note to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream cash account as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream following the DTC settlement date.

DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream have agreed to the above procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the global notes among participants in those settlement systems. However, the settlement systems are not obligated to perform these procedures and may discontinue or change these procedures at any time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their participants or indirect participants of their obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

We obtained the information in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement concerning DTC and its book-entry system from sources that we believe are reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of any of this information.

## **Certificated Notes**

We will issue certificated notes to each person that DTC identifies as the beneficial owner of the notes represented by a global note upon surrender by DTC of the global note only if:

DTC notifies us that it is no longer willing or able to act as a depository for the global note, and we have not appointed a successor depository within 90 days of that notice;

we decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository); or

an event of default has occurred and is continuing and DTC so requests.

Neither we nor the trustee will be liable for any delay by DTC, its nominee or any direct or indirect participant in identifying the beneficial owners of the related notes. We and the trustee may conclusively rely on, and will be protected in relying on, instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes, including with respect to the registration and delivery, and the respective principal amounts, of the notes to be issued in certificated form.

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**Information Concerning the Trustee**

Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company is the trustee under the indenture. From time to time, we (and certain of our affiliates) borrow from, maintain deposit accounts with and conduct other transactions with Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. In particular, Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company is currently a lender under our senior credit facility. Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company is also the trustee with respect to our outstanding 3.875% senior notes due 2019, 2.000% senior notes due 2019, 2.250% senior notes due 2020, 3.750% senior notes due 2021, 6.000% senior notes due 2022, 2.700% senior notes due 2022, 2.650% senior notes due 2022, 4.250% senior notes due 2023, 4.750% senior notes due 2024, 4.750% senior notes due 2025, 3.700% senior notes due 2026, 3.500% senior notes due 2027, and 4.500% senior notes due 2047.

Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company is a lender under a credit facility with a Sands family investment vehicle that, because of its relationship with members of the Sands family, is an affiliate of the Company. Such credit facility is secured by pledges of shares of our class B common stock and personal guarantees of certain members of the Sands family, including Richard Sands and Robert Sands.

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**MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following discussion is a summary of material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes and is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, the applicable Treasury Regulations promulgated and proposed thereunder, judicial authority and current administrative rulings and practice, all in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. The discussion does not purport to deal with all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that might be relevant to particular holders in light of their personal investment circumstances or status, nor does it discuss the U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws (for example, financial institutions, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, dealers in securities, tax-exempt entities, U.S. expatriates, a person required to accelerate the recognition of any item of gross income with respect to the notes as a result of such income being recognized on an applicable financial statement, U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, U.S. Holders who hold notes through a non-U.S. broker or other non-U.S. intermediary, persons subject to alternative minimum tax or taxpayers holding the notes through a partnership or similar pass-through entity or as part of a straddle, hedge or conversion transaction ). Moreover, the effect of any applicable state, local or foreign tax laws and other U.S. federal tax laws (such as estate and gift tax and Medicare contribution tax laws) is not discussed.

This discussion assumes that the notes are held as capital assets (as defined in Section 1221 of the Code) by the holders thereof. The discussion is limited to the U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders acquiring notes at original issue for cash at their issue price (i.e., the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes is sold to the public for cash other than to bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers).

If an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds notes, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner of the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner in a partnership considering an investment in the notes, you are urged to consult your own tax advisor.

**PROSPECTIVE HOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES.**

**U.S. Holders**

For purposes of the following discussion, the term U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of a note who or which is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or if the trust has made a valid election to be treated as a United States person.

***Interest on Notes***

Interest on the notes generally will be included in income by a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income when received or accrued in accordance with the U.S. Holder's regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

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***Sale, Exchange, Redemption, Retirement or Other Taxable Disposition of Notes***

Upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note, a U.S. Holder will generally recognize gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between:

the amount of cash plus the fair market value of any property received (except to the