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Preliminary Prospectus Supplement Dated May 8, 2014

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated May 8, 2014)

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Hasbro, Inc.

\$ % Notes due 2021

\$ % Notes due 2044

We are offering \$ million aggregate principal amount of % notes due 2021 (the 2021 notes) and \$ million aggregate principal amount of % notes due 2044 (the 2044 notes and, together with the 2021 notes, the notes). We will pay interest on the notes semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, beginning , 2014. The 2021 notes will mature on , 2021 and the 2044 notes will mature on , 2044. We may redeem the notes in whole or in part at any time at the applicable redemption prices set forth under Description of the Notes Optional Redemption. If we experience a change of control repurchase event (as defined herein), we may be required to offer to repurchase the notes from holders. See Description of the Notes Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event.

The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of our company and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The notes will be issued only in registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Investing in the notes involves risks that are described under Risk Factors beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement.

	Per 2021 Note	Per 2044 Note	Total
Public offering price(1)	%	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us(1)	%	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from May , 2014.

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

The notes will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, on or about May , 2014.

Joint Book-Running Managers

**BofA Merrill Lynch
Morgan Stanley**

**Citigroup
RBS**

The date of this prospectus supplement is May , 2014.

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No person has been authorized by us to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any related free writing prospectus that we deliver to you and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. You should carefully evaluate the information provided by us in light of the total mix of information available to you, recognizing that we can provide no assurance as to the reliability of any information not contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any related free writing prospectus that we deliver to you. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. Unless otherwise indicated, you should assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of the date on the front of this prospectus supplement only. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which contains the terms of this offering of notes. The second part is the accompanying prospectus dated May 8, 2014, which is part of our Registration Statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC.

This prospectus supplement may add to, update or change the information in the accompanying prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with information in the accompanying prospectus, this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede that information in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus filed by us with the SEC in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in Incorporation by Reference in the accompanying prospectus.

In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, unless otherwise stated, references to we, us and our refer to Hasbro, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Capitalized names of brands and products are service marks, trademarks or trade names of Hasbro, Inc. or other persons.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) (collectively, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). These forward-looking statements may relate to such matters as our product and entertainment plans, anticipated product and entertainment performance, business opportunities, plans and strategies, financial goals, cost savings and efficiency enhancing initiatives, business and marketing strategies, anticipated financial performance or business prospects in future periods, including with respect to our planned cost savings initiatives, expected technological and product developments, the expected content of and timing for scheduled new product introductions or our expectations concerning the future acceptance of products by customers, the content and timing of planned entertainment releases including motion pictures, television and digital products; and marketing and promotional efforts, research and development activities, liquidity, and similar matters. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements. These statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking words or phrases such as anticipate, believe, could, expect, intend, looking forward, may, potential, should, will and would or any variations of words with similar meanings. We note that a variety of factors could cause our actual results and experience to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed or anticipated in our forward-looking statements, including those detailed in the section of this prospectus supplement entitled Risk Factors, as well as the documents we file from time to time with the SEC, our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. You are cautioned that these forward-looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks and uncertainties. You should carefully review these risk factors and cautionary statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by law.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

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

Hasbro, Inc.

We are a branded-play company dedicated to fulfilling the fundamental need for play for children and families through creative expression of the Company's world class brand portfolio. From toys and games to television programming, motion pictures, digital gaming and a comprehensive licensing program, Hasbro executes its brand blueprint in all of its operations. At the center of its brand blueprint, Hasbro re-imagines, re-invents and re-ignites its owned and controlled brands, and imagines, invents and ignites new brands, through toy and game innovation, immersive entertainment offerings, including television programming and motion pictures, and a broad range of licensed products, ranging from traditional to high-tech and digital, under well-known brand names structured within the Company's brand architecture.

The Company's brand architecture identifies franchise brands, challenger brands, gaming mega brands, key partner brands and new brands. The Company's franchise and challenger brands represent Company-owned brands which if not entirely owned, are broadly controlled by the Company, and which have been successful over the long term. Franchise brands are the Company's most significant owned or controlled brands which it believes have the ability to deliver significant revenue over the long-term. Challenger brands are brands which have not yet achieved franchise brand status, but which the Company believes have the potential to do so with investment and time. The Company's franchise brands are LITTLEST PET SHOP, MAGIC: THE GATHERING, MONOPOLY, MY LITTLE PONY, NERF, PLAY-DOH and TRANSFORMERS, while challenger brands include BABY ALIVE, DUEL MASTERS, FURBY, FURREAL FRIENDS and PLAYSKOOL. The Company's gaming mega brands are BOP IT!, CONNECT 4, ELEFUN & FRIENDS, JENGA, LIFE, OPERATION and TWISTER. Hasbro also seeks to imagine, invent and ignite new or archived brands offering engaging branded play experiences. In addition to product offerings under Hasbro-owned brands, or brands which if not entirely owned are broadly controlled by the Company, offerings may also include products which are branded and developed under key licenses. Significant partner brands include BEYBLADE, MARVEL characters including SPIDER-MAN and THE AVENGERS, ROVIO, SESAME STREET and STAR WARS product offerings. Both MARVEL and STAR WARS are owned by the Walt Disney Company.

Our innovative product offerings encompass a broad variety of toys including boys' action figures, vehicles and playsets, girls' toys, electronic toys, plush products, preschool toys and infant products, electronic interactive products, creative play and toy-related specialty products. Games offerings include action battling, board, off-the-board, digital, card, electronic, trading card and role-playing games.

As part of our brand blueprint, we seek to expand our brands through entertainment, including television and movies, digital gaming and out-licensing. Hasbro Studios LLC (Hasbro Studios), our wholly-owned production studio, produces television programming primarily based on our brands and distributes such programming globally. Domestically, Hasbro Studios distributes television programming to Hub Television Network, LLC, a joint venture between the Company and Discovery Communications, Inc., which operates a cable television network in the United States dedicated to high-quality children's and family entertainment. Hasbro Studios also distributes television programming internationally to broadcasters and cable networks as well as on various digital platforms like iTunes and Netflix. In July 2013, the Company acquired a 70% majority stake in Backflip Studios, LLC (Backflip), a mobile game developer, which allows us to leverage Backflip's

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existing and new intellectual properties while also extending our own brands through mobile digital gaming. Lastly, we license certain of our trademarks, characters and other property rights to third parties for use in connection with digital gaming, consumer promotions, and for the sale of non-competing toys and games and lifestyle products, or in certain situations, to utilize them for toy products where we consider the out-licensing of brands to be more effective.

Corporate Information

Hasbro, Inc. is a Rhode Island corporation organized on January 8, 1926. Our principal executive offices are located at 1027 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861 and our telephone number is (401) 431-8697.

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Prior to _____, 2044 (six months prior to their maturity date), we may redeem the 2044 notes at our option, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the 2044 notes being redeemed; and

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the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption), discounted to the date of redemption on semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined in Description of the Notes Optional Redemption), plus basis points.

In addition, on and after _____, 2044 (six months prior to their maturity date), we may redeem the 2044 notes at our option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2044 notes to be redeemed.

We will also pay the accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date on any notes that we redeem. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

Repurchase at the Option of Holders Upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event If we experience a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in Description of the Notes Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event), we will be required, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes, to offer to repurchase the notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Ranking The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to our other senior unsecured debt from time to time outstanding. The notes will be structurally subordinated to all obligations of our subsidiaries, including claims with respect to trade payables. At March 30, 2014, we had approximately \$1.385 billion in principal amount of indebtedness (excluding short-term borrowings, accounts payable and current and noncurrent accrued liabilities) outstanding on a consolidated basis, all of which would rank equal in right of payment to the notes, as well as approximately \$12.9 million of subsidiary indebtedness that would be structurally senior to the notes. We did not have any secured indebtedness at March 30, 2014.

Use of Proceeds We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay approximately \$425 million aggregate principal amount of our 6.125% Notes due 2014 upon their maturity plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. We plan to use the remaining net proceeds for general corporate and working capital purposes, which may include (but are not limited to) repayment of indebtedness, capital expenditures, acquisitions and repurchases of shares of our common stock.

Additional Issues

We may from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the holders of the notes of either series, create and issue additional debt securities having the same terms (except for the issue date, the public offering price and the first interest payment date) as the notes of

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either series offered hereby. Additional notes issued in this manner will form a single series of debt securities under the indenture with the applicable outstanding series of notes.

Denomination and Form

We will issue the notes in the form of one or more fully registered global notes registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company (DTC). Beneficial interests in the notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, will hold interests on behalf of their participants through their respective U.S. depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in accounts as participants of DTC. Except in the limited circumstances described in this prospectus supplement, owners of beneficial interests in the notes will not be entitled to have notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive notes in definitive form and will not be considered holders of notes under the indenture. The notes will be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Risk Factors

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors for a description of certain risks you should consider before investing in the notes.

Governing Law

The notes and the indenture will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

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The following table sets forth our summary consolidated financial information at the end of and for the periods presented. Our fiscal year ends on the last Sunday in December. The fiscal year ended December 30, 2012 was a fifty-three week period, while the other fiscal years presented below were fifty-two week periods. The quarters ended March 30, 2014 and March 31, 2013 are each 13-week periods. The annual financial information has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The interim financial information has been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements, and include, in the opinion of our management, all normal and recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial information. The results of the three-month period ended March 30, 2014 do not necessarily indicate the results to be expected for the full year. You should read the following information in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and the other financial and statistical information that we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

	Three Months Ended March 30, 2014	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Fiscal Year Ended December,				
			2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(in thousands)						
Statement of Operations Data:							
Net revenues	\$ 679,453	\$ 663,694	\$ 4,082,157	\$ 4,088,983	\$ 4,285,589	\$ 4,002,161	\$ 4,067,947
Cost of sales	258,545	267,572	1,672,901	1,671,980	1,836,263	1,690,057	1,676,336
Total operating expenses	377,460	385,495	1,942,163	1,865,218	1,855,345	1,724,245	1,803,013
Operating profit	43,448	10,627	467,093	551,785	593,981	587,859	588,898
Total non-operating expense, net	17,453	27,120	115,271	98,383	107,588	80,139	58,901
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	25,995	(16,493)	351,822	453,402	486,393	507,720	529,697
Income taxes	(5,519)	(9,822)	67,894	117,403	101,026	109,968	154,767
Net earnings (loss)	31,514	(6,671)	283,928	335,999	385,367	397,752	374,930
Net loss attributable to non-controlling interests	(573)		(2,270)				
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Hasbro, Inc.	\$ 32,087	\$ (6,671)	\$ 286,198	\$ 335,999	\$ 385,367	\$ 397,752	\$ 374,930
Balance Sheet Data (end of period):							
Property, plant and equipment,	\$ 236,898	\$ 232,902	\$ 236,263	\$ 230,414	\$ 218,021	\$ 233,580	\$ 220,706

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Total assets	4,029,437	4,060,645	4,402,267	4,325,387	4,130,774	4,093,226	3,896,892
Total long-term debt (1)	1,386,251	1,394,387	1,388,285	1,396,421	1,400,872	1,397,681	1,131,998
Redeemable non-controlling interests	44,180		45,445				
Total shareholders equity	1,594,422	1,463,088	\$ 1,682,343	\$ 1,507,379	\$ 1,417,515	\$ 1,615,420	\$ 1,594,772

(1) Includes amount reported as current portion of long-term debt.

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making an investment decision. The following is not intended as, and should not be construed as, an exhaustive list of relevant risk factors. There may be other risks that a prospective investor should consider that are relevant to its own particular circumstances or generally.

Risks Related to the Notes

The notes are effectively subordinated to our secured debt and the existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The notes are our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to our other senior unsecured debt from time to time outstanding. The notes are not secured by any of our assets. Any future claims of secured lenders with respect to assets securing their loans will be prior to any claim of the holders of the notes with respect to those assets.

Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities from us. Our subsidiaries have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes or to provide us with funds to meet our payment obligations on the notes, whether in the form of dividends, distributions, loans or other payments. In addition, any payment of dividends, loans or advances by our subsidiaries could be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions. Payments to us by our subsidiaries will also be contingent upon the subsidiaries' earnings and business considerations. Our right to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries upon their bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, and therefore the right of the holders of the notes to participate in those assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including trade creditors. In addition, even if we are a creditor of any of our subsidiaries, our rights as a creditor would be subordinate to any security interest in the assets of our subsidiaries and any indebtedness of our subsidiaries senior to that held by us.

At March 30, 2014, we had approximately \$1.385 billion in principal amount of indebtedness (excluding short-term borrowings, accounts payable and current and noncurrent accrued liabilities) outstanding on a consolidated basis, all of which would rank equal in right of payment to the notes, as well as approximately \$12.9 million of subsidiary indebtedness that would be structurally senior to the notes. At March 30, 2014, we did not have any secured indebtedness.

The indenture does not restrict the amount of additional debt that we may incur.

The notes and indenture under which the notes will be issued do not place any limitation on the amount of unsecured debt that may be incurred by us. Our incurrence of additional debt may have important consequences for you as a holder of the notes, including making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes, a loss in the trading value of your notes, if any, and a risk that the credit rating of the notes is lowered or withdrawn.

The terms of the indenture and the notes provide only limited protection against significant corporate events that could adversely impact your investment in the notes.

While the indenture and the notes contain terms intended to provide protection to the holders of the notes upon the occurrence of certain events involving significant corporate transactions, such terms are limited and may not be sufficient to protect your investment in the notes.

The definition of the term "Change of Control Repurchase Event" as described under "Description of the Notes Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event" does not cover a variety of transactions (such

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as acquisitions by us or recapitalizations) that could negatively affect the value of your notes. If we were to enter into a significant corporate transaction that would negatively affect the value of the notes but would not constitute a Change of Control Repurchase Event, we would not be required to offer to repurchase your notes prior to their maturity.

Furthermore, the indenture for the notes does not:

require us to maintain any financial ratios or specific levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow or liquidity;

limit our ability to incur indebtedness that is equal in right of payment to the notes;

restrict our subsidiaries' ability to issue securities or otherwise incur indebtedness that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank effectively senior to the notes;

restrict our ability to repurchase or prepay any other of our securities or other indebtedness; or

restrict our ability to make investments or to repurchase or pay dividends or make other payments in respect of our common stock or other securities ranking junior to the notes.

As a result of the foregoing, when evaluating the terms of the notes, you should be aware that the terms of the indenture and the notes do not restrict our ability to engage in, or to otherwise be a party to, a variety of corporate transactions, circumstances and events that could have an adverse impact on your investment in the notes.

Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of your investments in the notes.

Our credit ratings are an assessment by rating agencies of our ability to pay our debts when due. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the notes. These credit ratings may not reflect the potential impact of risks relating to the structure or marketing of the notes. Agency ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency's rating.

If an active trading market does not develop for the notes, you may be unable to sell your notes or to sell your notes at a price that you deem sufficient.

The notes of each series are new issues of securities for which there currently is no established trading market. We do not intend to list the notes on a national securities exchange. While the underwriters of the notes have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes, the underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may stop their market-making at any time. No assurance can be given:

that a market for the notes will develop or continue;

as to the liquidity of any market that does develop; or

as to your ability to sell any notes you may own or the price at which you may be able to sell your notes.

We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control.

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control events, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes, each holder of notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or any part of such holder's notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. If we experience a Change of Control Repurchase Event, there can be no assurance that we would have sufficient financial resources available to satisfy our obligations to repurchase the notes. In addition,

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our ability to repurchase the notes may be limited by law or by the terms of other agreements relating to our indebtedness outstanding at that time. Our failure to repurchase 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 Repurchase Upon Change of Control Repurchase Event.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds to us from the sale of the notes will be approximately \$ million, after deducting underwriting discounts and our offering expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay the approximately \$425 million aggregate principal amount of our 6.125 % Notes due 2014 upon their maturity plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon. We plan to use the remaining net proceeds for general corporate and working capital purposes, which may include (but are not limited to) repayment of indebtedness, capital expenditures, acquisitions and repurchases of shares of our common stock. Pending any such application of the net proceeds, such proceeds will be invested temporarily in short-term investments.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated. You should read this table in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	Three Months		Fiscal Year Ended in December			
	Ended March 30,	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Ratios of earnings to fixed charges (1)	1.95x	3.94x	5.31x	5.71x	6.38x	7.91x

- (1) For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, fixed charges include interest expense and one-third of rentals; earnings available for fixed charges represent earnings before income taxes less the Company's share of earnings (losses) from equity investees plus fixed charges.

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The following table sets forth, as of March 30, 2014, our cash and total capitalization (including short-term borrowings) on an actual basis and as adjusted to give effect to the sale of the notes and the application of approximately \$425 million of the net proceeds to the repayment of our 6.125% Notes due 2014, including accrued and unpaid interest. See Use of Proceeds. You should read this table in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto which are incorporated by reference.

	At March 30, 2014	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(in thousands)	
Cash	\$ 792,249	
Short-term debt:		
6.125% Notes due 2014	\$ 425,000	\$
Fair value adjustment related to interest rate swaps	1,356	1,356
Short-term borrowings	12,858	12,858
Total short-term debt	439,214	
Long-term debt:		
6.60% Debentures due 2028	109,895	109,895
6.30% Notes due 2017	350,000	350,000
6.35% Notes due 2040	500,000	500,000
2021 notes offered hereby		
2044 notes offered hereby		
Total long-term debt	959,895	
Redeemable non-controlling interests	\$ 44,180	\$ 44,180
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock	104,847	104,847
Additional paid-in capital	753,143	753,143
Retained earnings	3,408,259	3,408,259
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(48,565)	(48,565)
Treasury stock, at cost	(2,623,262)	(2,623,262)
Total shareholders' equity	1,594,422	1,594,422
Total capitalization	\$ 3,037,711	\$

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The following description of the particular terms of the notes supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus, to which reference is made. The following description is a summary, and does not describe every aspect of the notes and the indenture. The following description is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, all of the provisions of the indenture, including definitions of certain terms used in the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture and the notes because they define your rights as a holder of the notes. References to we, us and our in this section are only to Hasbro, Inc., the issuer of the notes, and not to its subsidiaries.

General

We will issue \$ initial aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2021 and \$ initial aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2044. The 2021 notes and the 2044 notes will be issued as separate series under an indenture dated as of March 15, 2000, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association as successor trustee to The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company of New York, as amended by a fourth supplemental indenture between us and the trustee. In this section, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, references to the indenture refer to the indenture, as supplemented by the fourth supplemental indenture.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to our other senior unsecured debt from time to time outstanding and will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to our future secured indebtedness to the extent of the assets securing such indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries, including trade payables. We conduct many of our operations through our subsidiaries. Our right as an equity holder to participate in any distribution of the assets of a subsidiary when it winds up its business is subject to the prior claims of the creditors of the subsidiary. This means that your right as a holder of our notes will also be subject to the prior claims of these creditors if a subsidiary liquidates or reorganizes or otherwise winds up its business. Unless we are considered a creditor of the subsidiary, your claims will be recognized behind these creditors, and our claims as a creditor may nonetheless be junior to the claims of these other creditors. See Risk Factors The notes are effectively subordinated to our secured debt and the existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. At March 30, 2014, we had approximately \$1.385 billion in principal amount of indebtedness (excluding short-term borrowings, accounts payable and current and noncurrent accrued liabilities) outstanding on a consolidated basis, all of which would rank equal in right of payment to the notes, as well as approximately \$12.9 million of subsidiary indebtedness that would be structurally senior to the notes. We did not have any secured indebtedness at March 30, 2014.

The indenture does not limit the amount of notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness that we may issue under the indenture and provides that notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness may be issued from time to time in one or more series. We may from time to time, without giving notice to or seeking the consent of the holders of the notes of either series, create and issue debt securities having the same terms (except for the issue date, the public offering price and the first interest payment date) as the notes of either series offered hereby. Additional notes issued in this manner will form a single series of debt securities under the indenture with the applicable outstanding series of notes.

The notes will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$2,000 or any whole multiple of \$1,000 above that amount.

Principal and interest will be payable, and the notes will be transferable or exchangeable, at the office or offices or agency maintained by us for these purposes. Payment of interest on the notes may be made at our option by check

mailed to the registered holders.

No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of the notes, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with a transfer or exchange.

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The notes will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. Except as described under Book-Entry Delivery and Settlement, the notes will not be issuable in certificated form.

Principal Amount; Maturity and Interest

The 2021 notes will initially be limited to \$ _____ in aggregate principal amount and will mature on _____, 2021. The 2044 notes will initially be limited to \$ _____ in aggregate principal amount and will mature on _____, 2044. The 2021 notes will bear interest at the rate of _____ % per annum and the 2044 notes will bear interest at the rate of _____ % per annum, in each case from the date of original issuance, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for.

We will make interest payments on the notes semi-annually in arrears on _____ and _____ of each year, commencing _____, 2014, to the holders of record at the close of business on the preceding _____ and _____, respectively. Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

If an interest payment date or the maturity date with respect to the fixed rate falls on a day that is not a business day, the payment will be made on the next business day as if it were made on the date the payment was due, and no interest will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after that interest payment date or the maturity date, as the case may be, to the date the payment is made.

Optional Redemption

Prior to _____, 2021, (two months prior to their maturity date), the 2021 notes will be redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (i) 100% of the principal amount of the 2021 notes to be redeemed; and
- (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption), 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 (as defined below), plus _____ basis points,

plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

In addition, on and after _____, 2021 (two months prior to their maturity date), the 2021 notes will be redeemable, in whole 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 2021 notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

Prior to _____, 2044, (six months prior to their maturity date), the 2044 notes will be redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (i) 100% of the principal amount of the 2044 notes to be redeemed; and
- (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption), 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 (as defined below), plus _____ basis points,

plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

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In addition, on and after _____, 2044 (six months prior to their maturity date), the 2044 notes will be redeemable, in whole 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 2044 notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, installments of interest on notes that are due and payable on interest payment dates falling on or prior to a redemption date will be payable on the interest payment date to the registered holders as of the close of business on the relevant record date according to the notes and the indenture.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (as measured from the date of redemption) of the series of the notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than four of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations, or (iii) if only one Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation is received, such quotation.

Quotation Agent means any Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer means (i) each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (or their respective affiliates that are Primary Treasury Dealers) and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a Primary Treasury Dealer), we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer, and (ii) at least two other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Quotation Agent, 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 Quotation Agent by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming 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.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed (or with respect to global notes, to the extent permitted or required by applicable DTC procedures or regulations, sent electronically) at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of the notes to be redeemed by us or by the trustee on our behalf; provided that notice of redemption may be mailed or sent more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the notes or a satisfaction and discharge of the notes. 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 thereof called for redemption. If less than all of the notes are to be redeemed, the notes to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by DTC, in the case of notes represented by a global security, or by the trustee by a method the trustee deems to be fair and appropriate, in the case of notes that are not represented by a global security. Calculation of the redemption price will be made by us or on our behalf by such Person as the Company shall designate; *provided* that such calculation or the correctness thereof shall not be a duty or obligation of the Trustee.

Sinking Fund

The notes will not be entitled to any sinking fund.

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Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined below) occurs, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes as described above, we will make an offer to each holder of notes to repurchase all or any part (in integral multiples of \$1,000) of that holder's notes at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the notes repurchased to the date of repurchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below), but after the public announcement of an impending Change of Control, we will mail (or with respect to global notes, to the extent permitted or required by applicable DTC procedures or regulations, send electronically) a notice to each holder, with a copy to the trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to repurchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder, to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the notes by virtue of such conflict.

On the Change of Control Repurchase Event payment date, we will, to the extent lawful:

accept for payment all notes or portions of notes (in integral multiples of \$1,000) properly tendered pursuant to our offer;

deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered; and

deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes properly accepted, together with an officers' certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes being purchased by us.

The paying agent will promptly mail to each holder of notes properly tendered the purchase price for the notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any notes surrendered; provided, that each new note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 above that amount.

We will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and such third party purchases all notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

We have no present intention to engage in a transaction involving a Change of Control, 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, but that could increase the amount of debt outstanding at such time or otherwise affect our capital structure or credit ratings.

Definitions

Below Investment Grade Rating Event means the notes are rated below Investment Grade by all the Rating Agencies on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that could result in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control

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(which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies); *provided* that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event) if any of the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating that would otherwise be recognized by this definition does not announce or publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its 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, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and those of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to any person or group (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than us or one of our subsidiaries;
- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to our liquidation or dissolution;
- (3) the first day on which a majority of the members of our Board of Directors are not Continuing Directors; or
- (4) the consummation of any transaction or series of related transactions (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person or group (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than us or one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries, becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the then outstanding number of shares of our Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; *provided* that a merger shall not constitute a change of control under this definition if (i) the sole purpose of the merger is our reincorporation in another state and (ii) our shareholders and the number of shares of our Voting Stock, measured by voting power and number of shares, owned by each of them immediately before and immediately following such merger are identical.

Change of Control Repurchase Event means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

Continuing Directors means, as of any date of determination, any member of our Board of Directors who (1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of the issuance of the notes; or (2) was nominated for election or elected to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination or election (either by a specific vote or by approval of our proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director).

Fitch means Fitch Inc., a subsidiary of Fimalac, S.A., and its successors.

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

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody's Corporation, and its successors.

Rating Agency means (1) any of Fitch, Moody's and S&P; and (2) if any of Fitch, Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the notes or fails to make a rating of the notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control,

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a nationally recognized statistical rating organization as defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act, selected by us as a replacement agency for Fitch, Moody's or S&P, as the case may be.

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

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.

Events of Default

The following are events of default with respect to the notes of each series:

we fail to pay the principal on any of the notes of such series when due;

we fail to pay interest on any of the notes of such series when due and our failure continues for 30 days;

we fail to observe or perform any other covenant under the indenture and our failure continues for 90 days after receipt of written notice as provided in the indenture;

events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us or a Significant Subsidiary;

acceleration of indebtedness of us or a Significant Subsidiary aggregating more than \$75 million; and

final and non-appealable judgments or orders to pay against us or a Significant Subsidiary, in the aggregate at any one time, of more than \$75 million, rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction, continued for 90 days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed or bonded, without discharge or reduction to \$75 million or less.

As used above, the term *Significant Subsidiary* has the meaning ascribed to it in Regulation S-X under the Securities Act. Generally, a *Significant Subsidiary* is a subsidiary, together with its subsidiaries, that satisfies any of the following conditions:

we and our other subsidiaries' investments in and advances to the subsidiary exceed 10% of our total consolidated assets;

we and our other subsidiaries' proportionate share of the total assets of the subsidiary exceeds 10% of our total consolidated assets; or

we and our other subsidiaries equity in the income from continuing operations before income taxes, extraordinary items and cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of the subsidiary exceeds 10% of our consolidated income.

Waiver, Modifications and Amendment

In addition to the waiver, modification and amendment provisions described under Description of Debt Securities Waiver, Modifications and Amendment in the accompanying prospectus, the indenture provides that we and the trustee may, without the consent of the holders for the following purposes:

to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939; or

to conform the provisions of the indenture to any provision of the Description of Notes section in this prospectus supplement, as set forth in an officers certificate.

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Book-Entry Delivery and Settlement

Global Notes

We will issue the notes in the form of one or more global notes in definitive, fully registered, book-entry form in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The global notes will be deposited with or on behalf of DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear

Beneficial interests in the global notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may hold interests in the global notes through DTC (in the United States), Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg, which we refer to as Clearstream, or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, which we refer to as Euroclear, in Europe, either directly if they are participants in such systems or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their U.S. depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the U.S. depositaries' names on the books of DTC. All interests in a global note, including those held through Euroclear or Clearstream, may be subject to the procedures and requirements of DTC. Those interests held through Euroclear or Clearstream may also be subject to the procedures and requirements of such systems.

We have provided the descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear in this prospectus supplement solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of those organizations and are subject to change by them from time to time. None of us, the underwriters nor the trustee takes any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and you are urged to contact DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC has advised us as follows:

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company formed for the purpose of holding securities for its participating organizations and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between participants through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants' accounts.

Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations.

Access to the DTC system is also available to other entities such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly.

Persons who are not participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through DTC participants.

The rules applicable to DTC and its direct and indirect participants are on file with the SEC. We expect that under procedures established by DTC:

upon deposit of the global notes with DTC or its custodian, DTC will credit the accounts of direct participants designated by the underwriters with portions of the principal amounts of the global notes; and

ownership of these interests in the notes will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC, with respect to interests of direct participants, or by direct and indirect participants, with respect to interests of persons other than participants.

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

Except as described above, owners of beneficial interests in a global note will not have notes registered in their names, will not receive physical delivery of notes in certificated form and will not be considered the registered owners or Holders thereof under the indenture for any purpose.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global note, DTC or that nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by that global note for all purposes under the indenture and under the notes, including for receiving payments and notices. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global note will not be entitled to have 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 thereof under the indenture or under the notes for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the trustee. 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 DTC 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 a global note.

Neither we nor the trustee nor any of our or the trustee's agents has or will have any responsibility or liability for

any aspect of DTC's records or any DTC participant's records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the global notes, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of DTC's or any DTC participant's records relating to the beneficial ownership interests in the global notes; or

any other matter relating to the actions and practices of DTC or any of DTC's participants.

Payments in respect of the principal of, and interest and premium, if any, on a global note registered in the name of DTC or its nominee will be payable to DTC in its capacity as the registered holder of the notes under the indenture. DTC has advised us that its current practice, upon receipt of any payment in respect of securities, such as the notes, is to credit the accounts of the relevant participants with the payment on the payment date unless DTC has reason to believe it will not receive payment on such payment date. Each relevant participant is credited with an amount proportionate to its beneficial ownership of an interest in the principal amount of the relevant security as shown on the records of DTC. Payments by participants to the beneficial owners of notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of the DTC participants and will not be our responsibility or the responsibility of DTC or the trustee. Neither we nor the trustee will be liable for any delay by DTC or any DTC participant in identifying the beneficial owners of the notes, and we and the trustee may conclusively rely on and will be protected in relying on instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes.

Clearance and Settlement Procedures

Initial settlement for the notes will be made in immediately available funds. Transfers between DTC participants will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures and will be settled in same-day funds. Transfers between

Clearstream or Euroclear participants will be effected in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

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Cross-market transfers between DTC participants, on the one hand, and Clearstream or Euroclear participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Clearstream or Euroclear, as the case may be; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Clearstream or Euroclear, as the case may be, by the counterparty in such system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time) of such system. Clearstream or Euroclear, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositories of Clearstream or Euroclear. DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of notes only at the direction of one or more DTC participants to whose account DTC has credited the interests in the global notes and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the notes as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an event of default under the notes, DTC reserves the right to exchange the global notes for certificated notes, and to distribute such notes to the DTC participants.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of the notes received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions in the notes settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear participants on such business day. Cash received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of the notes by or through a Clearstream customer or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of the notes among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and such procedures may be changed or discontinued at any time.

Certificated Notes

We will issue certificated notes in registered form and approved denominations to each person that DTC identifies as the beneficial owner of the notes of a series represented by a global note upon surrender by DTC of the global note if:

DTC notifies us that it is no longer willing or able to act as a depository for such global note or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and we have not appointed a successor depository within 90 days of that notice or becoming aware that DTC is no longer so registered or willing or able to act as depository;

an event of default has occurred and is continuing and DTC requests the issuance of certificated notes; or

we determine not to have the notes of such series represented by a global note.

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 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 certificated notes to be issued.

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MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax considerations related to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes. This summary is based upon provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), the U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (the U.S. Treasury Regulations), administrative rulings and judicial decisions in effect as of the date of this prospectus supplement, any of which may subsequently be changed, possibly retroactively, or interpreted differently by the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS), so as to result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below. Except where noted, this summary deals only with notes held as capital assets (generally for investment purposes) by a beneficial owner who purchases notes on original issuance at the initial offering price at which a substantial amount of the notes are sold for cash to persons other than bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers, which we refer to as the issue price. This summary does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income tax related to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes and does not address all tax consequences that may be relevant to holders in light of their personal circumstances or particular situations, such as:

tax consequences to holders who may be subject to special tax treatment, including dealers in securities or currencies, banks and other financial institutions, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies and traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities;

tax consequences to persons holding notes as a part of a hedging, integrated, conversion or constructive sale transaction or a straddle;

tax consequences to U.S. holders (as defined below) of notes whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;

tax consequences to partnerships or other pass-through entities and their members;

tax consequences to certain former citizens or residents of the United States;

U.S. federal alternative minimum tax consequences, if any;

the potential application of the Medicare tax on net investment income;

any state, local or foreign tax consequences; and

U.S. federal estate or gift taxes, if any.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds notes, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A beneficial owner that is a partnership and partners in such a partnership should consult their own tax advisors.

This summary of material U.S. federal income tax considerations is for general information only and is not tax advice for any particular investor. This summary does not address the tax considerations arising under the laws of any foreign, state, or local jurisdiction. If you are considering the purchase of notes, you should consult your own tax advisors concerning the U.S. federal income and estate tax consequences to you in light of your own specific situation, as well as consequences arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

In this discussion, we use the term "U.S. holder" to refer to a beneficial owner of notes, that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or any other entity or arrangement treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

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

a trust, if it (i) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the U.S. and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

We use the term *non-U.S. holder* to describe a beneficial owner (other than a partnership or other pass-through entity) of notes that is not a U.S. holder. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors to determine the U.S. federal, foreign, state, local and any other tax consequences that may be relevant to them.

Consequences to U.S. Holders

Payments of interest

It is anticipated, and this discussion assumes, that the issue price of the notes will be equal to the stated principal amount or if the issue price is less than the stated principal amount, the difference will be a de minimis amount (as set forth in the applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations). In such case (subject to the discussion below under *Additional payments*), interest on a note generally will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary income at the time it is received or accrued in accordance with the U.S. holder's usual method of accounting for tax purposes. If, however, the issue price of the notes is less than the stated principal amount and the difference is more than a de minimis amount (as set forth in the applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations), a U.S. holder will be required to include the difference in income as original issue discount as it accrues in accordance with a constant yield method (as set forth in the applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations).

Additional payments

In certain circumstances, we may be obligated to pay amounts in excess of stated interest or principal on the notes. For example, if we are required to repurchase the notes in connection with a Change of Control Triggering Event as described in *Description of the Notes Repurchase upon Change of Control Repurchase Event*, we must pay a 1% premium. The possibility of such payments may implicate special rules under U.S. Treasury Regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments. According to those regulations, the possibility that additional payments will be made will not cause the notes to be contingent payment debt instruments if, as of the date the notes are issued, there is only a remote chance that such payments will be made or certain other exceptions apply. We have determined, and intend to take the position, that the likelihood that we will be obligated to repurchase the notes upon a change of control is remote under the applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations. Therefore, we do not intend to treat the possibility of such events occurring as subjecting the notes to the contingent payment debt rules.

We have determined (and the remainder of this discussion assumes) that the notes are not contingent payment debt instruments. Our determination is binding on a U.S. holder unless the holder discloses a contrary position to the IRS in the manner required by applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations. Our determination that the notes are not contingent payment debt instruments is not, however, binding on the IRS. If the IRS were to successfully challenge our determination and the notes were treated as contingent payment debt instruments, U.S. holders would be required, among other things, to (i) accrue interest income based on a projected payment schedule and comparable yield, which may be a higher rate than the stated interest rate on the notes, regardless of their method of tax accounting and (ii) treat as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, any gain recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of a note. In the event that any of the above contingencies were to occur, it would affect the amount and timing of the income recognized by a U.S. holder. If any additional payments are in fact made, U.S. holders generally will be required to recognize such amounts as income.

Sale, redemption or other taxable disposition of notes

A U.S. holder generally will recognize gain or loss upon the sale, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note equal to the difference between the amount realized and such U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the note.

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The amount realized will equal the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received in exchange for the note (other than amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest, which amounts will be taxable as ordinary interest income for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent not previously included in income). A U.S. holder's tax basis in a note will generally be equal to the amount that such U.S. holder paid for the note. Any gain or loss recognized on a taxable disposition of the note will generally be capital gain or loss. If, at the time of the sale, redemption or other taxable disposition of the note, a U.S. holder is treated as holding the note for more than one year, such capital gain or loss will be a long-term capital gain or loss. Otherwise, such capital gain or loss will be a short-term capital gain or loss. In the case of certain non-corporate U.S. holders (including individuals), long-term capital gain generally is subject to U.S. federal income tax at a lower rate than short-term capital gain, which is taxed at ordinary income rates. A U.S. holder's ability to deduct capital losses is subject to significant limitations under the Code.

Information reporting and backup withholding

Information reporting requirements generally will apply to payments of interest on the notes and to the proceeds of a sale of a note paid to a U.S. holder unless the U.S. holder is an exempt recipient. Backup withholding at the applicable rate (currently 28%) will apply to those payments if the U.S. holder fails to provide its correct taxpayer identification number, or certification of its exempt status, (generally by providing an IRS Form W-9 or an approved substitute), or if the U.S. holder is notified by the IRS that the U.S. holder has failed to report in full payments of interest and dividend income. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders

Payments of interest

In general, payments of interest on the notes to a non-U.S. holder will be considered portfolio interest and, subject to the discussions below of income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business and backup withholding, will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax, provided that:

the non-U.S. holder does not directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) of the Code;

the non-U.S. holder is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us (actually or constructively) through stock ownership;

the non-U.S. holder is not a bank whose receipt of interest on a note is described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code; and

(a) the non-U.S. holder provides its name, address, and taxpayer identification number, if any, and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person (which certification may be made on an IRS Form

W-8BEN or other applicable form) or (b) the non-U.S. holder holds the notes through certain foreign intermediaries or certain foreign partnerships, and the non-U.S. holder and the foreign intermediary or foreign partnership satisfy the certification requirements of applicable Treasury Regulations. Special certification rules apply to non-U.S. holders that are pass-through entities.

If a non-U.S. holder cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest generally will be subject to the 30% U.S. federal withholding tax, unless the non-U.S. holder provides us with a properly executed (i) IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) claiming an exemption from or reduction in withholding under an applicable income tax treaty or (ii) IRS Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) stating that interest paid on the notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States and includable in the non-U.S. holder's gross income.

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If (i) a non-U.S. holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States, (ii) interest on the notes is effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business and (iii) if required by an applicable income tax treaty, such interest is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment or fixed base, then, although the non-U.S. holder will be exempt from the 30% withholding tax (provided the certification requirements discussed above are satisfied), the non-U.S. holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on that interest on a net income basis at regular graduated U.S. federal income tax rates, generally in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a U.S. holder. In addition, if a non-U.S. holder is a foreign corporation, it may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or a lesser rate under an applicable income tax treaty) of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments.

Sale, redemption or other taxable disposition of notes

Gain realized by a non-U.S. holder on the sale, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note will not be subject to U.S. income tax unless:

that gain is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment or fixed base); or

the non-U.S. holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of that disposition and certain other conditions are met.

If a non-U.S. holder is described in the first bullet point above, it will be subject to tax on the net gain derived from the sale, redemption, or other taxable disposition of the notes, generally in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a U.S. holder. In addition, if a non-U.S. holder is a foreign corporation, it may be subject to the branch profits tax equal to 30% (or a lesser rate under an applicable income tax treaty) of its effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments. If a non-U.S. holder is an individual described in the second bullet point above, such holder will be subject to a flat 30% tax (or a lesser rate under an applicable income tax treaty) on the gain derived from the sale, redemption, or other taxable disposition, which may be offset by certain U.S. source capital losses, even though such holder is not considered a resident of the United States.

Information reporting and backup withholding

Generally, we must report annually to the IRS and to non-U.S. holders the amount of interest paid to non-U.S. holders and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to those payments. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which a non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty. A non-U.S. holder will not be subject to information reporting with respect to the proceeds of the sale of a note if the certification described above in the last bullet point under *Consequences to non-U.S. holders Payments of interest* has been received and we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code.

In general, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to backup withholding with respect to payments of interest that we make and the proceeds of the sale of a note, provided that the certification described above in the last bullet point under *Consequences to non-U.S. holders Payments of interest* has been received and we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, who is not an exempt recipient, or the non-U.S. holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Backup withholding is not an additional tax.

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Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is furnished timely to the IRS. The backup withholding and information reporting rules are complex, and non-U.S. holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding application of these rules to their particular circumstances.

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Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (or FATCA), enacted in 2010, generally imposes a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax on certain types of payments, such as U.S.-source interest income on debt obligations and the gross proceeds from the disposition of debt obligations that can give rise to U.S.-source interest income, paid after specified dates to foreign financial institutions (whether as a beneficial owner or an intermediary) and certain other non-financial foreign entities unless the entity meets certain requirements or is otherwise exempt. Under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations and IRS Notice 2013-43 released on July 12, 2013, this legislation will generally not apply to debt obligations outstanding on July 1, 2014, unless the debt obligation undergoes a significant modification (within the meaning of the U.S. Treasury Regulations) on or after that date. Accordingly, this legislation will not apply to the notes unless the notes are significantly modified (within the meaning of the U.S. Treasury Regulations) on or after July 1, 2014. You are encouraged to consult your tax advisor regarding the possible implications of this legislation with respect to your investment in the notes.

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Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are acting as representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter named below has agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the principal amount of notes set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

Underwriter	Principal Amount of 2021 Notes	Principal Amount of 2044 Notes
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$	\$
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated		
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC		
RBS Securities Inc.		
Total	\$	\$

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the notes if they purchase any of the notes.

The underwriters propose to offer some of the notes directly to the public at the public offering prices set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and some of the notes to certain dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the 2021 notes and % of the principal amount of the 2044 notes. The underwriters may allow, and dealers may reallow, a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the 2021 notes % of the principal amount of the 2044 notes on sales to other dealers. After the initial offering of the notes to the public, the representatives may change the public offering prices and concessions.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the notes).

	Paid by Us
Per 2021 note	%
Per 2044 note	%
Total	\$

The notes of each series are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or quoted on any automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters may make a market in the notes after completion of the offering but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading markets for either series of notes or that active public markets for the notes will develop. If active public markets for the notes do not develop, the market prices and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected.

In connection with the offering, the representatives, on behalf of the underwriters, may purchase and sell notes in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales of notes in excess of the principal amount of notes to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases of notes

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made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market prices of the notes while the offering is in progress. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market prices of the notes above independent market levels, but no representation is made hereby of the magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the market prices of the notes. The representatives will not be required to engage in these activities, and may engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities, at any time without notice.

The representatives also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions. Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market prices of the notes. They may also cause the prices of the notes to be higher than the prices that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions in the over-the-counter-market or otherwise. If underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

We estimate that our total expenses for this offering will be \$ million, excluding underwriters' discounts.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. Some of the underwriters and their affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. Bank of America, N.A., an affiliate of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, is the administrative agent, swing line lender and L/C issuer under our Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of October 25, 2012 ("Credit Agreement") and also a lender thereunder. Citibank, N.A., an affiliate of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. is co-syndication agent under our Credit Agreement and also a lender thereunder. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated is sole lead arranger and sole book manager.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments, including acting as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements, and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

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Selling Restrictions

Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) no offer of notes may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of notes shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for us or any of the underwriters to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither we nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Company or the underwriters to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purpose of the above provisions, the expression an offer to the public in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the notes, as the same may be varied in the Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in the Relevant Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member States) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented, warranted and agreed that:

it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the FSMA)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus

supplement and the accompanying prospectus in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and

it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

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Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The notes may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

The contents of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in Hong Kong. You are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offering of the notes. If you are in any doubt about any of the contents of this document, you should obtain independent professional advice.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any of the notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been registered as prospectuses with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any related free writing prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1 A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust will not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1 A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no

consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters relating to the notes will be passed upon for us by Tarrant Sibley, Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel of the Company and by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr, LLP and for the underwriters by Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, Illinois. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, Mr. Sibley beneficially owns or has the right to acquire less than one percent of our outstanding common stock.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedule of Hasbro, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of December 29, 2013 and December 30, 2012, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 29, 2013, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 29, 2013, have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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PROSPECTUS

Hasbro, Inc.

Debt Securities

Common Stock

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Warrants

We may offer and sell securities from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which these securities will be offered. We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the specific manner in which these securities will be offered and may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this document. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement before you invest.

We may offer these securities in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of offering. The securities may be sold directly to you, through agents, or through underwriters and dealers. If agents, underwriters or dealers are used to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol HAS.

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. See **Risk Factors included in any accompanying prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus for a discussion of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to purchase these securities.**

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

The date of this prospectus is May 8, 2014

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may from time to time sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide one or more prospectus supplements that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information** beginning on page 2 of this prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or in any related free writing prospectus authorized by us. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus or such accompanying prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference and any related free writing prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since those dates.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, references in this prospectus to the **Company**, **we**, **our** and **us** refer, collectively, to Hasbro, Inc., a Rhode Island corporation, and its subsidiaries.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of certain information filed by us with the SEC are also available on our website at <http://www.hasbro.com>. Our website is not a part of this prospectus and is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC. This prospectus omits some information contained in the registration statement in accordance with SEC rules and regulations. You should review the information and exhibits in the registration statement for further information about us and our consolidated subsidiaries and the securities we are offering. Statements in this prospectus concerning any document we filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or that we otherwise filed with the SEC are not intended to be comprehensive and are qualified by reference to these filings. You should review the complete document to evaluate these statements.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference much of the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus is considered to be part of this prospectus. Because we are incorporating by reference future filings with the SEC, this prospectus is continually updated and those future filings may modify or supersede some of the information included or incorporated in this prospectus. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus or in any document previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below (File No. 001-06682) and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act (in each case, other than those documents or the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed) until the offering of the securities under the registration statement is terminated or completed:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2013, including the information specifically incorporated by reference into the Annual Report on Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement for the 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 30, 2014;

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed February 10, 2014 (only as to item 8.01) and March 27, 2014; and

The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on December 20, 2010, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description. You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act (collectively, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). These forward-looking statements may relate to such matters as our product and entertainment plans, anticipated product and entertainment performance, business opportunities, plans and strategies, financial goals, cost savings and efficiency enhancing initiatives and expectations for achieving the Company's financial goals and other objectives, business and marketing strategies, anticipated financial performance or business prospects in future periods, including with respect to our planned cost savings initiatives, expected technological and product developments, the expected content of and timing for scheduled new product introductions or our expectations concerning the future acceptance of products by customers, the content and timing of planned entertainment releases including motion pictures, television and digital products; and marketing and promotional efforts, research and development activities, liquidity, and similar matters. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements. These statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking words or phrases such as anticipate, believe, could, expect, intend, looking forward, may, potential, should, will and would or any variations of words with similar meanings. We note that a variety of factors could cause our actual results and experience to differ materially from the anticipated results or other expectations expressed or anticipated in our forward-looking statements, including those detailed in the section of any accompanying prospectus supplement entitled Risk Factors, as well as the documents we file from time to time with the SEC, our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. You are cautioned that these forward looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks and uncertainties. You should carefully review these risk factors and cautionary statements. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by law.

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HASBRO, INC.

We are a branded-play company dedicated to fulfilling the fundamental need for play for children and families through creative expression of the Company's world class brand portfolio. From toys and games to television programming, motion pictures, digital gaming and a comprehensive licensing program, Hasbro executes its brand blueprint in all of its operations. At the center of this brand blueprint, Hasbro re-imagines, re-invents and re-ignites its owned and controlled brands, and imagines, invents and ignites new brands, through toy and game innovation, immersive entertainment offerings, including television programming and motion pictures, and a broad range of licensed products, ranging from traditional to high-tech and digital, under well-known brand names structured within the Company's brand architecture and offering consumers the ability to experience these brands in all areas of their lives.

To accomplish these objectives, we offer consumers the ability to experience our branded play through innovative toys and games, digital media, lifestyle licensing, publishing and entertainment, including television programming and motion pictures.

We sell a broad variety of toy and game products and distribution of television programming based on the Company's properties, as well as through the out-licensing of rights for use of its properties in connection with complementary products, including digital media and games and lifestyle products, offered by third parties, or in certain situations, toy products where we consider the out-licensing of brands to be more effective. The Company's brand architecture includes franchise brands, key partner brands, challenger brands, gaming mega brands and new brands. The Company's franchise and challenger brands represent Company-owned brands or brands which if not entirely owned, are broadly controlled by the Company, and have been successful over the long term. Franchise brands are the Company's most significant owned or controlled brands which it believes have the ability to deliver significant revenue over the long-term. Challenger brands are brands which have not yet achieved franchise brand status, but have the potential to do so with investment and time. Hasbro's franchise brands are LITTLEST PET SHOP, MAGIC: THE GATHERING, MONOPOLY, MY LITTLE PONY, NERF, PLAY-DOH and TRANSFORMERS, while challenger brands include BABY ALIVE, FURBY, FURREAL FRIENDS and PLAYSKOOL. We have a large portfolio of owned and controlled brands, which can be introduced in new forms and formats over time. These brands may also be further extended by pairing a licensed concept with an owned or controlled brand.

Our innovative product offerings encompass a broad variety of toys including boys' action figures, vehicles and play sets, girls' toys, electronic toys, plush products, preschool toys and infant products, electronic interactive products, creative play and toy-related specialty products. Games offerings include action battling, board, off-the-board, digital, card, electronic, trading card and role-playing games.

We enter into or leverage existing strategic licenses which complement our brands and key strengths and allow us to offer innovative products based on movie, television, music and other entertainment properties owned by third parties. The Company's primary licenses include agreements with Marvel Characters B.V. (Marvel) for characters in the Marvel Universe, including SPIDER-MAN and the AVENGERS; Lucas Licensing Ltd. (Lucas), related to the STAR WARS brand; Sesame Workshop, related to the SESAME STREET characters; and Rovio Entertainment Ltd. related to the ANGRY BIRDS brand. Both Marvel and Lucas are owned by The Walt Disney Company (Disney).

In addition to offering products based on licensed entertainment properties, we offer products which are licensed from outside inventors. The Company seeks to build all-encompassing brand experiences and drive product-related revenues by increasing the visibility of its brands through entertainment such as motion pictures and television programming. Since 2007, the Company has had a number of motion pictures based on its brands released by major motion picture studios, including three motion pictures based on its TRANSFORMERS brand, two motion pictures

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based on its G.I. JOE brand, including G.I. JOE: RETALIATION released in March 2013, and a major motion picture based on its gaming mega brand, BATTLESHIP. In addition to using motion pictures

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to provide entertainment experiences for its brands, the Company has an internal wholly-owned production studio, Hasbro Studios, which is responsible for the creation and development of television programming based primarily on Hasbro's brands. This programming is currently aired in markets throughout the world. We are also a 50% partner in a joint venture with Discovery Communications, Inc. (Discovery) which runs Hub Television Network, LLC (Hub Network), a cable television network in the United States dedicated to high-quality children's and family entertainment and educational programming. Programming on Hub Network includes content based on Hasbro's brands as well as programming developed by third parties. Hasbro Studios programming is distributed domestically to Hub Network, internationally to broadcasters and cable networks, and on various digital platforms including Netflix and iTunes. Our television initiatives support our strategy of growing our brands well beyond traditional toys and games and providing entertainment experiences for consumers of all ages in many forms or formats.

Hasbro's strategic blueprint and brand architecture also focus on extending its brands further into digital media and gaming, including through the licensing of the Company's properties to a number of partners who develop and offer digital games and other gaming experiences based on those brands. One example of these digital gaming relationships is the Company's agreement with Electronic Arts Inc. (EA) under which EA has the rights to develop eight of Hasbro's best-selling gaming brands for mobile platforms globally. Similarly, we have an agreement with Activision under which Activision offers digital games based on the TRANSFORMERS brand, as well as agreements with other third-party digital gaming companies, including DeNA and GameLoft.

In 2013, the Company acquired a 70% majority stake in Backflip Studios, LLC (Backflip), a mobile game developer based in Boulder, Colorado. Backflip's product offerings include games for tablets and mobile devices including DRAGONVALE, NINJUMP and PAPER TOSS.

The Company also seeks to express its brands through its lifestyle licensing business. Under its lifestyle licensing programs, the Company enters into relationships with a broad spectrum of apparel, food, bedding, publishing and other lifestyle products companies for the global marketing and distribution of licensed products based on the Company's brands. These relationships further broaden and amplify the consumer's ability to experience the Company's brands.

The Company sells its products both within the United States and in a number of international markets. The Company's business is separated into three principal business segments: U.S. and Canada, International and Entertainment and Licensing. The U.S. and Canada segment markets and sells both toy and game products primarily in the United States and Canada. The International segment consists of the Company's European, Asia Pacific and Latin American toy and game marketing and sales operations. The Company's Entertainment and Licensing segment includes the Company's lifestyle licensing, digital licensing and gaming, movie and television entertainment operations. In addition to these three primary segments, the Company's world-wide manufacturing and product sourcing operations are managed through its Global Operations segment.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1027 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861, and our telephone number is (401) 431-8697.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated. You should read this table in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Three Months Ended March 30, 2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Ratios of earnings to fixed charges (1)	1.95x	3.94x	5.31x	5.71x	6.38x	7.91x

- (1) For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, fixed charges include interest expense and one-third of rentals; earnings available for fixed charges represent earnings before income taxes less the Company's share of earnings (losses) from equity investees plus fixed charges.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of any securities offered under this prospectus for general corporate purposes unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. General corporate purposes may include the acquisition of companies or businesses, repayment and refinancing of debt, repurchases of our common stock, working capital and capital expenditures. We have not determined the amount of net proceeds to be used specifically for such purposes. As a result, management will retain broad discretion over the allocation of net proceeds.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

We may offer debt securities that may be senior or subordinated. We refer to the senior debt securities and the subordinated debt securities collectively as debt securities. The following description summarizes the general terms and provisions of the debt securities. We will describe the specific terms of the debt securities and the extent, if any, to which the general provisions summarized below apply to any series of debt securities in the prospectus supplement relating to the series and any applicable free writing prospectus that we authorize to be delivered. When we refer to the Company, we, our, and us in this section, we mean Hasbro, Inc. excluding, unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise expressly stated, our subsidiaries.

We may issue senior debt securities from time to time, in one or more series under an indenture, dated as of March 15, 2000, as supplemented and amended, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association, as successor trustee to The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company of New York, which we refer to as the senior trustee. We may issue subordinated debt securities from time to time, in one or more series under a subordinated indenture to be entered into between us and a subordinated trustee to be named in a prospectus supplement, which we refer to as the subordinated trustee. The senior indenture and the form of the subordinated indenture are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Together, the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture are referred to as the indentures and, together, the senior trustee and the subordinated trustee are referred to as the trustees. This prospectus briefly outlines some of the provisions of the indentures. The following summary of the material provisions of the indentures is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the indentures, including definitions of certain terms used in the indentures. Wherever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the indentures, those sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement. You should review the indentures that are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part for additional information.

The indentures will not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue. The applicable indenture will provide that debt securities may be issued up to an aggregate principal amount authorized from time to time by us and may be payable in any currency or currency unit designated by us or in amounts determined by reference to an index.

General

The debt securities will be our unsecured obligations. Any secured debt or other secured obligations will be effectively senior to the debt securities to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt or other obligations.

The senior debt securities will be our unsecured senior obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior indebtedness from time to time outstanding.

The subordinated debt securities will constitute our unsecured and subordinated general obligations and will be junior in right of payment to our senior indebtedness (including senior debt securities), as described under the heading Certain Terms of the Subordinated Debt Securities – Subordination.

A prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. Under the indenture, the specific terms of a particular series of debt securities will include the following:

the title of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities will be senior or subordinated debt securities, and, with respect to debt securities issued under the subordinated indenture, the terms on which they are subordinated;

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any limit on the amount(s) that may be issued;

the maturity date(s) or the method by which this date or these dates will be determined;

the interest rate, if any, or the method of computing the interest rate;

the date or dates from which interest will accrue, or how this date or these dates will be determined, and the interest payment date or dates, if any, and any related record dates;

any mandatory or optional sinking fund or similar provisions;

if other than the principal amount, the portion of the principal amount, or the method by which the portion will be determined, of the debt securities that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity of the debt securities;

the terms and conditions on which we may redeem the debt securities;

the terms and conditions on which we may be required to redeem the debt securities;

any conversion or exchange features of the debt securities;

the place(s) where payments, if any, will be made on the debt securities and the place(s) where debt securities may be presented for transfer;

if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000, the denominations in which any debt securities to be issued in registered form will be issuable;

whether the debt securities are issuable as registered securities, bearer securities or both, and the terms upon which bearer securities may be exchanged for registered securities;

special provisions relating to the issuance of any bearer securities of any series;

whether the debt securities are to be issued in the form of one or more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depositary for the global security or securities;

the currency in which payments may be payable;

whether and upon what terms the debt securities may be defeased;

any changes to or additional events of default or covenants;

the form of debt securities and coupons, if any; and

any other terms of the debt securities.

We will have the ability under the indentures to reopen a previously issued series of debt securities and issue additional debt securities of that series or establish additional terms of that series.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the covenants contained in the indenture may not protect holders of the debt securities in the event of a highly leveraged or other transaction involving us or our subsidiaries that may adversely affect the holders of the debt securities.

Debt securities may be issued under the indentures as original issue discount securities. An original issue discount security is a security, including any zero-coupon security, which:

is issued at a price lower than the amount payable upon its stated maturity and

provides that upon redemption or acceleration of the maturity, an amount less than the amount payable upon the stated maturity shall become due and payable.

If a series of debt securities is issued as original issue discount securities, the special U.S. federal income tax, accounting and other considerations applicable to original issue discount securities will be discussed in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Form, Exchange and Transfer

The debt securities will be issuable as registered securities, as bearer securities or both. Ownership and transfer of debt securities which are issued as bearer securities will be based upon possession or delivery of the actual certificate; that is, the owner of a debt security issued as a bearer security will presumptively be the bearer of the security. By contrast, the ownership or transfer of debt securities issued as registered securities will be listed in the security register described in the indenture. If the debt securities are issued in bearer form, any restrictions and considerations, including offering restrictions and U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to these debt securities, and to payment on and transfer and exchange of, these debt securities, will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The indenture provides that debt securities may be issuable in global form which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository, identified in an applicable prospectus supplement. If debt securities are issued in global form, one certificate will represent a large number of outstanding debt securities which may be held by separate persons, rather than each debt security being represented by a separate certificate.

If the purchase price, or the principal of, or any premium or interest on any debt securities is payable in, or if any debt securities are denominated in, one or more foreign currencies, the restrictions, elections, U.S. federal income tax considerations, specific terms and other information will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, registered securities denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued only in denominations of \$1,000 and whole multiples of \$1,000 and bearer securities denominated in U.S. dollars will be issued only in denominations of \$5,000 and whole multiples of \$5,000.

Debt securities may be presented for exchange, and registered securities other than book-entry securities, may be presented for registration of transfer with the applicable form of transfer duly executed, at the office of any transfer agent or at the office of the Security Registrar, as defined in the indenture, without service charge and upon payments of any taxes and other governmental charges as described in the indenture. This registration of transfer or exchange will be effected upon the transfer agent or the Security Registrar, as the case may be, being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. Bearer securities will be transferable by delivery.

A debt security in global form may not be transferred except as a whole by or between the depository for the debt security and any of its nominees or successors. If any debt security of a series is issuable in global form, the applicable prospectus supplement will describe:

any circumstances under which beneficial owners of interests in that global debt security may exchange their interests for definitive debt securities of that series of like tenor and principal amount in any authorized form and denomination;

the manner of payment of principal, premium and interest, if any, on that global debt security; and

the specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to that global debt security.

Payment and Paying Agents

Unless otherwise specified in an applicable prospectus supplement, we will pay principal, any premium and interest on registered securities at the office of the paying agents we have designated, except that we may pay interest by check mailed to, or wire transfer to the account of, the holder. Unless otherwise specified in any applicable prospectus supplement, payment of any installment of interest on registered securities will be made to the person in whose name the registered security is registered at the close of business on the record date for this interest payment.

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We will pay principal, any premium and interest on bearer securities in the currency and in the manner specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, subject to any applicable laws and regulations, at the paying agencies outside the United States we have designated. The paying agents outside the United States initially appointed by us for a series of debt securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition:

if debt securities of a series are issuable as registered securities, we will be required to maintain at least one paying agent in each place of payment for the series;

if debt securities of a series are issuable as bearer securities, we will be required to maintain a paying agent in a place of payment outside the United States where debt securities of the series and any coupons appertaining thereto may be presented and surrendered for payment; and

if the debt securities of a series are listed on any stock exchange located outside the United States and any such stock exchange requires us to maintain a paying agent in a city located outside the United States, we will comply with these requirements.

Certain Terms of the Senior Debt Securities

Covenants

Certain Definitions

For purposes of the following discussion, the following definitions are applicable.

Attributable Debt in respect of a Sale and Leaseback Transaction means, as of any particular time, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for rental payments (excluding certain amounts described in the indenture) during the remaining term of the lease (including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessor, be extended). The present value will be discounted at the rate of interest implicit in the terms of the lease involved in this Sale and Leaseback Transaction, as determined in good faith by our Board of Directors.

Consolidated Net Tangible Assets means, as determined at any time, the aggregate amount of assets included on our consolidated balance sheet, less applicable reserves, after deducting therefrom:

all current liabilities of us and our Subsidiaries, which includes current maturities of long-term indebtedness and

the total of the net book values of all assets of us and our Subsidiaries properly classified as intangible assets under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, in each case as of the end of the last fiscal quarter for which financial information is available at the time of this calculation.

Funded Debt means all indebtedness which by its terms matures more than 12 months after the time of the computation of this amount or which is extendible or renewable at the option of the obligor on this indebtedness to a

time more than 12 months after the time of the computation of this amount or which is classified, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, on our balance sheet as long-term debt.

Principal Property means any real property, manufacturing plant, warehouse, office building or other physical facility or other like depreciable physical asset of us or of any Subsidiary, whether owned at or acquired after the date of the senior indenture, having a net book value at the time of the determination in excess of the greater of 5% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets or \$50 million. This definition excludes, in each case, any of the above which in the good faith opinion of our Board of Directors is not of material importance to the total business conducted by us and our Subsidiaries as a whole. As of the date of this prospectus none of our assets constitute Principal Property as defined above.

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Sale and Leaseback Transaction means any arrangement with any person providing for the leasing or use by us or any Subsidiary of any Principal Property, whether owned at the date of the senior indenture or thereafter acquired, excluding temporary leases of a term, including any renewal period, of not more than three years, which Principal Property has been or is to be sold or transferred by us or a Subsidiary to a person with an intention of taking back a lease of this property.

Secured Debt means indebtedness, other than indebtedness among us and our Subsidiaries, for money borrowed by us or a Subsidiary which is secured by a mortgage, security interest, pledge, lien or other encumbrance on:

any Principal Property, or

any shares of stock or evidences of indebtedness of a Subsidiary.

If any amount of indebtedness among us and our Subsidiaries that is secured by any of these assets is transferred in any manner to any person other than us or a Subsidiary, this amount shall be deemed to be Secured Debt issued on the date of transfer.

Subsidiary means any corporation of which we, or we and one or more Subsidiaries, or any one or more Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly own a majority of the outstanding voting securities having voting power, under ordinary circumstances, to elect the directors of the corporation.

Restrictions on Secured Debt

If we or our Subsidiaries create, incur, assume or guarantee any Secured Debt, we must secure the senior debt securities (and any other indebtedness of us or our Subsidiaries also entitled to such security) equally and ratably with or, at our option, prior to, the incurrence, assumption or guarantee of that Secured Debt. The foregoing restrictions are not applicable to:

any security interest on any property acquired by us or a Subsidiary and created within 180 days after the acquisition to secure or provide for the payment of all or any part of the purchase price of the property;

any security interest on any property improved or constructed by us or a Subsidiary and created within 180 days after the completion and commencement of commercial operation of the property to secure or provide for the payment of all or any part of the construction price of the property;

any security interest existing on property at the time of acquisition by us or a Subsidiary;

any security interest existing on the property or on the outstanding shares or indebtedness of a corporation at the time it becomes a Subsidiary, but not created in anticipation of the transaction in which the corporation becomes a Subsidiary;

any security interest on the property, shares or indebtedness of a corporation existing at the time the corporation is merged or consolidated with us or a Subsidiary or at the time of a sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties of a corporation or firm to us or a Subsidiary, but not created in anticipation of any such transaction;

any security interest in favor of any U.S. or foreign government or governmental body to secure payments of any amounts owed under contract or statute or to secure indebtedness incurred for the purpose of financing the purchase price or cost of construction; or

any extensions, renewals or replacements of any of the security interests referred to above provided that the amount of Secured Debt to be secured in such extension, renewal or replacement shall not exceed the then outstanding principal amount at the time of such extension, renewal or replacement and the extension, renewal or replacement of such security interest shall be limited to the property which secured the security interest so extended, renewed or replaced.

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Notwithstanding the above restriction, we and any one or more Subsidiaries may create, incur, assume or guarantee Secured Debt, including, for purposes of this paragraph, pursuant to a transaction to which the covenants described in the last item under the covenants described in Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Conveyance applies, without equally and ratably securing the senior debt securities to the extent that the sum of:

the amount of all Secured Debt then outstanding, other than Secured Debt referred to in the bullet points in the immediately preceding paragraph and Secured Debt deemed outstanding under the last item under the covenants described in Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Conveyance in connection with which we secure obligations on the senior debt securities then outstanding in accordance with the provisions of that item, plus

the amount of Attributable Debt in respect of Sale and Leaseback Transactions, other than (a) Sale and Leaseback Transactions in respect of which amounts equal to the Attributable Debt relating to the transactions shall have been applied, within 180 days after the effective date of such Sale and Leaseback Transaction, to the repayment or retirement of senior debt securities under the senior indenture or other indebtedness for borrowed money which was recorded as Funded Debt, as of the date of its creation, of us or a Subsidiary and which, in the case of such indebtedness of the Company, is not subordinate and junior in right of payment to the senior debt securities under the senior indenture and (b) Sale and Leaseback Transactions permitted under the bullet points in the immediately succeeding paragraph,

does not at the time exceed the greater of 10% of our Consolidated Net Tangible Assets or \$100 million.

Restrictions on Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Sale and Leaseback Transactions by us or any Subsidiary of any Principal Property are prohibited unless at the effective time of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction:

we or the Subsidiary would be entitled, without equally and ratably securing the senior debt securities, to incur Secured Debt secured by a mortgage or security interest on the Principal Property to be leased pursuant to the covenant described in Restrictions on Secured Debt above;

we or the Subsidiary would be entitled, without equally and ratably securing the senior debt securities, to incur Secured Debt in an amount at least equal to the Attributable Debt in respect of such Sale or Leaseback Transaction; or

we shall apply an amount equal to the Attributable Debt, within 180 days after the effective date of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction, (a) to the prepayment or retirement of senior debt securities or other indebtedness for borrowed money which was recorded as Funded Debt of us and our Subsidiaries as of the date of its creation and which, in the case of such indebtedness of the Company, is not subordinate and junior in right of payment to the prior payment of the senior debt securities under the senior indenture, or (b) to the prepayment or retirement of any mortgage, lien or other security interest in the Principal Property existing prior to the Sale and Leaseback Transaction. The aggregate principal amount of the senior debt securities under the senior indenture or other senior indebtedness required to be so retired will be reduced by the aggregate principal amount of:

any senior debt securities delivered within 180 days after the effective date of any the Sale and Leaseback Transaction to the trustee for retirement, and

other indebtedness other than senior debt securities issued under the senior indenture retired by us or a Subsidiary within 180 days after the effective date of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction.

Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Conveyance

We have the ability to merge or consolidate with, or sell, convey or lease all or substantially all of our property, to another corporation, provided that:

the corporation (if other than us) is incorporated in the United States;

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the corporation assumes all of our obligations under the indenture and the debt securities;

no event of default would occur; and

prior to any transaction or any acquisition by us of the properties of any other person, which would result in any Principal Property or any shares of capital stock or indebtedness of any Subsidiary owned by us or any Subsidiary prior to such transaction becoming subject to any lien or other security interest securing indebtedness of the other person not permitted by the covenant described under Restrictions on Secured Debt, we, by supplemental indenture, secure the payment of the principal and any premium and interest, on the senior debt securities then outstanding, equally and ratably with any other senior indebtedness also entitled to security immediately following the transaction.

Events of Default

The following are events of default with respect to any series of senior debt securities issued:

we fail to pay the principal or any premium on the senior debt securities when due;

we fail to deposit any sinking fund payment when due;

we fail to pay interest on the senior debt securities when due and our failure continues for 30 days;

we fail to observe or perform any other covenant in the senior indenture, other than a covenant specifically relating to another series of senior debt securities, and our failure continues for 90 days after receipt of written notice as provided in the indenture;

events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us or a Significant Subsidiary;

acceleration of indebtedness of us or a Significant Subsidiary aggregating more than \$75 million;

final and non-appealable judgments or orders to pay against us or a Significant Subsidiary, in the aggregate at any one time, of more than \$75 million, rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction, continued for 90 days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed or bonded, without discharge or reduction to \$75 million or less; and

any other events of default provided with respect to senior debt securities of that series.

As used above, the term Significant Subsidiary has the meaning ascribed to it in Regulation S-X under the Securities Act. Generally, a Significant Subsidiary is a subsidiary, together with its subsidiaries, that satisfies any of the

following conditions:

we and our other subsidiaries investments in and advances to the subsidiary exceed 10% of our total consolidated assets;

we and our other subsidiaries proportionate share of the total assets of the subsidiary exceeds 10% of our total consolidated assets; or

we and our other subsidiaries equity in the income from continuing operations before income taxes, extraordinary items and cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle of the subsidiary exceeds 10% of our consolidated income.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of that series may declare each senior debt security of that series due and payable immediately by a notice in writing to us, and to the applicable senior trustee if given by holders. No notice is required in the event of a bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us or a Significant Subsidiary.

A holder of the senior debt securities of any series will only have the right to institute a proceeding under the senior indenture or to seek other remedies if:

the holder has given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default;

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the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of that series have made written request;

these holders have offered reasonable indemnity to the trustee to institute proceedings as trustee;

the senior trustee does not institute a proceeding within 60 days; and

the senior trustee has not received written directions inconsistent with the request from the holders of a majority of the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series during that 60-day period.

We will annually file statements with the senior trustee regarding our compliance with the covenants in the senior indenture. The senior trustee will generally give the holders of senior debt securities notice within 90 days of the occurrence of an event of default known to the senior trustee.

Waiver, Modifications and Amendment

The holders of a majority of the principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of any particular series may waive past defaults with respect to that particular series, except for:

defaults on any required payments; or

defaults relating to any covenants of the senior indenture that cannot be changed without the consent of each holder of a debt security affected by the change.

The holders, voting as a single class and not by individual series, of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of each series affected may waive our compliance with some of the restrictive provisions of the indenture.

We and the senior trustee may amend the senior indenture with the consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities outstanding thereunder. In addition, the rights of holders of a series of senior debt securities may be changed by us and the senior trustee with the written consent of the holders of a majority of the principal amount of the outstanding senior debt securities of each series that is affected. However, the following changes may only be made with the consent of each affected holder:

changing the stated maturity of principal or of any installment of principal or interest;

reducing the principal amount or any premium;

reducing the rate of interest;

reducing any premium payable upon redemption;

reducing the principal amount of an original issue discount security due and payable upon an acceleration of maturity;

subject to certain exceptions, changing the currency of payment of, or deleting any country from places of payment on, the senior debt securities or changing the obligation to maintain paying agencies;

impairing the right to sue for any payment on a senior debt security;

changing the Company's obligation to maintain a paying office or agency;

making any change that adversely affects a holder's rights to convert a convertible senior debt security, decreasing the conversion rate on a convertible senior debt security or increasing the conversion price on a convertible senior debt security;

reducing the percentage of senior debt securities referred to above, the holders of which are required to consent to any waiver or amendment; or

modifying any of the above requirements.

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For purposes of computing the required consents referred to above, and for all other purposes under the indenture, the aggregate principal amount of any outstanding senior debt securities not payable in U.S. dollars is the amount of U.S. dollars that could be obtained for this principal amount based on the spot rate of exchange for the applicable foreign currency or currency unit as determined by us or by an authorized exchange rate agent.

Satisfaction and Discharge

The senior indenture will cease to be of further effect with respect to senior debt securities of any series and the trustee, upon our demand and at our expense, will execute appropriate instruments acknowledging the satisfaction and discharge of the senior indenture upon compliance with certain conditions, including:

either (a) our having delivered to the senior trustee for cancellation all senior debt securities of such series theretofore authenticated under the senior indenture or (b) all senior debt securities of such series outstanding under the senior indenture not theretofore delivered to the senior trustee for cancellation shall have become due and payable or are to become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year, and we shall have deposited with the senior trustee sufficient cash or U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to pay, at maturity or upon redemption, all such senior debt securities of any series outstanding under the senior indenture;

our having paid all sums payable by us under the senior indenture, as and when the same shall be due and payable; and

our having delivered to the senior trustee an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that these conditions have been satisfied.

Under current U.S. federal tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the senior debt securities would be treated as though we took back your senior debt securities and gave you your share of the cash and senior debt securities or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on the senior debt securities you give back to us. Purchasers of the senior debt securities should consult their own advisers with respect to the tax consequences to them of such deposit and discharge, including the applicability and effect of tax laws other than the U.S. income tax law.

Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

To the extent specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, subject to certain conditions, we may elect either:

defeasance, whereby we are discharged from any and all obligations with respect to the senior debt securities, except as may be otherwise provided in the indenture; or

covenant defeasance, whereby we are released from our obligations with respect to any of the senior debt securities described above under Covenants Restrictions on Secured Debt Covenants Restrictions on Sale and Leaseback Transactions and Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Conveyance.

We may do so by depositing with the senior trustee money, and/or certain government securities which through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay the principal and any premium and interest on the senior debt securities, and any mandatory sinking fund or analogous payments on their scheduled due dates. This type of a trust may only be established if, among other things, we have delivered to the senior trustee an opinion of counsel meeting the requirements set forth in the senior indenture. The applicable prospectus supplement may further describe the provisions, if any, permitting this type of defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to senior debt securities of a particular series.

Governing Law

The senior indenture and the senior debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

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Information Concerning the Trustee

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association is the senior trustee under the senior indenture. We may, from time to time, borrow from or maintain deposit accounts and conduct other banking transactions with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association, or its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

Certain Terms of the Subordinated Debt Securities

Other than the terms of the subordinated indenture and subordinated debt securities relating to subordination or otherwise as described in an applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of subordinated debt securities, the terms of the subordinated indenture and subordinated debt securities are identical in all material respects to the terms of the senior indenture and senior debt securities, except the subordinated indenture and subordinated debt securities will not include a limitation on Secured Debt or a limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

Additional or different subordination terms may be specified in the prospectus supplement applicable to a particular series.

Subordination. The indebtedness evidenced by the subordinated debt securities is subordinate to the prior payment in full of all of our senior indebtedness, as defined in the subordinated indenture. During the continuance beyond any applicable grace period of any default in the payment of principal, premium, interest or any other payment due on any of our senior indebtedness, we may not make any payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the subordinated debt securities, except under limited circumstances set forth in the subordinated indenture. In addition, upon any payment or distribution of our assets upon any dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, and interest on the subordinated debt securities will be subordinated to the extent provided in the subordinated indenture in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all our senior indebtedness. Because of this subordination, if we dissolve or otherwise liquidate, holders of our subordinated debt securities may receive less, ratably, than holders of our senior indebtedness. The subordination provisions do not prevent the occurrence of an event of default under the subordinated indenture.

The term *senior indebtedness* of a person means with respect to such person the principal of, premium, if any, interest on, and any other payment due pursuant to any of the following, whether outstanding on the date of the subordinated indenture or incurred by that person in the future:

all of the indebtedness of that person for money borrowed;

all of the indebtedness of that person evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other securities sold by that person for money;

all of the lease obligations which are capitalized on the books of that person in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

all indebtedness of others of the kinds described in the first two bullet points above and all lease obligations of others of the kind described in the third bullet point above that the person, in any manner, assumes or guarantees or that the person in effect guarantees through an agreement to purchase, whether that agreement is contingent or otherwise; and

all renewals, extensions or refundings of indebtedness of the kinds described in the first, second or fourth bullet point above and all renewals or extensions of leases of the kinds described in the third or fourth bullet point above;

unless, in the case of any particular indebtedness, renewal, extension or refunding, the instrument creating or evidencing it or the assumption or guarantee relating to it expressly provides that such indebtedness, renewal, extension or refunding is not superior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities. Our senior debt securities constitute senior indebtedness for purposes of the subordinated indenture.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of our capital stock is intended as a summary only and, therefore, is not a complete description of our capital stock. This description is based upon, and is qualified by reference to, our restated articles of incorporation, as amended, our amended and restated bylaws and applicable provisions of Rhode Island corporate law. You should read our articles of incorporation and bylaws, which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, for the provisions that are important to you.

Our authorized capital stock consists of 600,000,000 shares of common stock and 5,000,000 shares of preference stock. As of March 30, 2014, 130,228,933 shares of common stock were outstanding and no shares of preference stock were outstanding.

Common Stock

Voting Rights.

The holders of the common stock are entitled to voting rights for the election of directors and for other purposes, subject to any voting rights which may in the future be granted to subsequently created series of preference stock. Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted upon by shareholders of the Company.

Dividend Rights.

The holders of outstanding shares of the common stock are entitled to receive dividends when and if declared by our Board of Directors out of any funds legally available.

Liquidation Rights.

Subject to the prior rights of creditors and the holders of any outstanding shares of preference stock, the holders of the common stock are entitled to share ratably in our remaining assets in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

Other Provisions.

The common stock is fully paid and is not liable to any calls or assessments and is not convertible into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock, and there are no preemptive rights held by holders of the common stock.

Transfer Agent and Registrar.

Computershare is transfer agent and registrar for the common stock.

Preference Stock

We are authorized to issue blank check preference stock, which may be issued in one or more series upon authorization of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors is authorized to fix the serial designation of the series, the number of authorized shares of the series, dividend rates and terms, convertibility features, redemption rates and prices, liquidation preferences, voting rights and any other rights, limitations and qualifications applicable to each

series of preference stock. The authorized shares of our preference stock are available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless such action is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange on which our securities may be listed. If the approval of our stockholders is not required for the issuance of shares of our preference stock, our Board of Directors may determine not to seek stockholder

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approval. The specific terms of any series of preference stock offered pursuant to this prospectus will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series of preference stock.

A series of our preference stock could, depending on the terms of such series, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt. Our Board of Directors will make any determination to issue preference shares based upon its judgment as to the best interests of our stockholders. Our directors, in so acting, could issue preference stock having terms that could discourage, delay or defer an acquisition attempt through which an acquirer may be able to change the composition of our Board of Directors or its policies, including a tender offer or other transaction that some, or a majority, of our stockholders might believe to be in their best interests or in which stockholders might receive a premium for their common stock over its then-current market price.

The preference stock will have the terms described below unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of preference stock. You should read the prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of preference stock being offered for specific terms, including:

the serial designation of the preference stock and the number of shares offered;

the preferential amount or amounts which shall be paid to the holders thereof in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company, whether voluntary or involuntary, which shall be not less than the par value plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon;

the price at which the preference stock will be issued;

the rate or rates of preferential dividends, if any, payable in cash or in property, or in the shares of the same series or another series of preference stock, or in shares of our common stock or in any combination thereof;

the dates of payment of dividends and whether dividends shall be cumulative or noncumulative and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends will commence to accumulate;

the price or prices and the time at which the same may be redeemed, which shall not be less than the par value thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon;

the notice of redemption required;

the amount and terms of a sinking fund, if any, for the redemption thereof, provided such sinking fund is payable only out of funds legally available therefor;

the voting powers, if any, rights to participate in meetings of shareholders, or rights to have notice of meetings of shareholders;

if other than the currency of the United States, the currency or currencies including composite currencies in which the preference stock is denominated and/or in which payments will or may be payable;

the terms, conditions, rights, privileges and other provisions, if any, regarding the conversion of any or all series of preference stock into either preference stock of the same series or another series of preference stock, or into our common stock or into any other class of capital stock that we may then be authorized to issue, or into any combination thereof;

whether we have elected to offer depositary shares as described under Description of Depositary Shares; and

any other designations, preferences and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as are permitted by the provisions of Section 7-3-1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, and all amendments thereof and additions thereto.

The preference stock will, when issued, be fully paid and non-assessable. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, each series of preference stock will rank equally as to dividends and liquidation rights in

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all respects with each other series of preference stock. The rights of holders of shares of each series of preference stock will be subordinate to those of our general creditors.

As described under Description of Depositary Shares, we may, at our option, with respect to any series of preference stock, elect to offer fractional interests in shares of preference stock, and provide for the issuance of depositary receipts representing depositary shares, each of which will represent a fractional interest in a share of the series of preference stock. The fractional interest will be specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of preference stock.

Rank.

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the preference stock will, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, rank:

senior to our common stock and to all equity securities ranking junior to such preference stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, our dissolution or the winding up of our affairs;

on parity with all equity securities issued by us, the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank on parity with the preference stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, our dissolution or the winding up of our affairs; and

junior to all equity securities issued by us, the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank senior to the preference stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, our dissolution or the winding up of our affairs.

The term equity securities does not include convertible debt securities.

Dividends.

Holders of the preference stock of each series will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our Board of Directors, dividends, payable in cash or in property, or in the shares of the same series or another series of preference stock, or in shares of our common stock or in any combination thereof, at such rates and on such dates described in the prospectus supplement. Different series of preference stock may be entitled to dividends at different rates or based on different methods of calculation. The dividend rate may be fixed or variable or both. Dividends will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on our stock books on record dates fixed by our Board of Directors, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Dividends on any series of preference stock may be cumulative or noncumulative, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. If our Board of Directors does not declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any series of noncumulative preference stock, then the holders of that noncumulative preference stock will have no right to receive a dividend for that dividend payment date, and we will have no obligation to pay the dividend accrued for that period, whether or not dividends on that series are declared payable on any future dividend payment dates. Dividends on any series of cumulative preference stock will accrue from the date we initially issue shares of such series or such other date specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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No dividends may be declared or paid or funds set apart for the payment of any dividends on any parity securities unless full dividends have been paid or set apart for payment on the preference stock. If full dividends are not paid, the preference stock will share dividends pro rata with the parity securities.

No dividends may be declared or paid or funds set apart for the payment of dividends on any junior securities unless full dividends for all dividend periods terminating on or prior to the date of the declaration or payment will have been paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment set apart for payment on the preference stock.

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Liquidation Preference.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, then, before we make any distribution or payment to the holders of any common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock ranking junior to the preference stock in the distribution of assets upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, the holders of each series of preference stock shall be entitled to receive out of assets legally available for distribution to stockholders, liquidating distributions in the amount of the liquidation preference per share set forth in the prospectus supplement, which shall not be less than par value, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon. Such dividends will not include any accumulation in respect of unpaid noncumulative dividends for prior dividend periods. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, after payment of the full amount of their liquidating distributions, the holders of preference stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. Upon any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if our available assets are insufficient to pay the amount of the liquidating distributions on all outstanding preference stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all other classes or series of our capital stock ranking on parity with the preference stock and all other such classes or series of shares of capital stock ranking on parity with the preference stock in the distribution of assets, then the holders of the preference stock and all other such classes or series of capital stock will share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be entitled.

Upon any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up and if we have made liquidating distributions in full to all holders of preference stock, we will distribute our remaining assets among the holders of any other classes or series of capital stock ranking junior to the preference stock according to their respective rights and preferences and, in each case, according to their respective number of shares. For such purposes, our consolidation or merger with or into any other corporation, trust or entity, or the sale, lease or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or assets will not be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs.

Redemption.

If so provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the preference stock will be subject to mandatory redemption or redemption at our option, as a whole or in part, in each case upon the terms, at the times and at the redemption prices set forth in such prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to a series of preference stock that is subject to mandatory redemption will specify the number of shares of preference stock that shall be redeemed by us in each year commencing after a date to be specified, at a redemption price per share to be specified, together with an amount equal to all accrued and unpaid dividends thereon to the date of redemption. Unless the shares have a cumulative dividend, such accrued dividends will not include any accumulation in respect of unpaid dividends for prior dividend periods. We may pay the redemption price in cash or other property, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. If the redemption price for preference stock of any series is payable only from the net proceeds of the issuance of shares of our capital stock, the terms of such preference stock may provide that, if no such shares of our capital stock shall have been issued or to the extent the net proceeds from any issuance are insufficient to pay in full the aggregate redemption price then due, such preference stock shall automatically and mandatorily be converted into the applicable shares of our capital stock pursuant to conversion provisions specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we will not redeem any preference stock of a series unless:

if that series of preference stock has a cumulative dividend, we have declared and paid or contemporaneously declare and pay or set aside funds to pay full cumulative dividends on the preference stock for all past dividend

periods and the then current dividend period; or

if such series of preference stock does not have a cumulative dividend, we have declared and paid or contemporaneously declare and pay or set aside funds to pay full dividends for the then current dividend period.

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In addition, we will not acquire any preference stock of a series unless:

if that series of preference stock has a cumulative dividend, we have declared and paid or contemporaneously declare and pay or set aside funds to pay full cumulative dividends on all outstanding shares of such series of preference stock for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period; or

if that series of preference stock does not have a cumulative dividend, we have declared and paid or contemporaneously declare and pay or set aside funds to pay full dividends on the preference stock of such series for the then current dividend period.

However, at any time we may purchase or acquire preference stock of that series (1) pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding preference stock of such series or (2) by conversion into or exchange for shares of our capital stock ranking junior to the preference stock of such series as to dividends and upon liquidation.

If fewer than all of the outstanding shares of preference stock of any series are to be redeemed, we will determine the number of shares that may be redeemed pro rata from the holders of record of such shares in proportion to the number of such shares held or for which redemption is requested by such holder or by any other equitable manner that we determine. Such determination will reflect adjustments to avoid redemption of fractional shares.

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, we will mail notice of redemption at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of record of preference stock to be redeemed at the address shown on our stock transfer books. Each notice shall state:

the redemption date;

the number of shares and series of preference stock to be redeemed;

the redemption price, which shall not be less than the par value thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon;

the place or places where certificates for such preference stock are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price;

that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accrue on such redemption date;

the date on which the holder's conversion rights, if any, as to such shares shall terminate; and

the specific number of shares to be redeemed from each such holder if fewer than all the shares of any series are to be redeemed.

If notice of redemption has been given and we have set aside the funds necessary for such redemption in trust for the benefit of the holders of any shares called for redemption, then from and after the redemption date, dividends will cease to accrue on such shares, and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price.

Voting Rights.

Holders of preference stock will not have any voting rights, except as required by law or as indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise provided for under the terms of any series of preference stock, no consent or vote of the holders of shares of preference stock or any series thereof shall be required for any amendment to our restated articles of incorporation that would increase the number of authorized shares of preference stock or the number

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of authorized shares of any series thereof or decrease the number of authorized shares of preference stock or the number of authorized shares of any series thereof (but not below the number of authorized shares of preference stock or such series, as the case may be, then outstanding).

Conversion Rights.

The terms and conditions, if any, upon which any series of preference stock is convertible into either preference stock of the same series or another series of preference stock, or into our common stock or into any other class of capital stock which we may then be authorized to issue, or into any combination thereof, will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating thereto. Such terms will include the number of shares and class or series of capital stock into which the shares of preference stock are convertible, the conversion price, rate or manner of calculation thereof, the conversion period, provisions as to whether conversion will be at our option or at the option of the holders of the preference stock, the events requiring an adjustment of the conversion price and provisions affecting conversion in the event of the redemption.

Transfer Agent and Registrar.

The transfer agent and registrar for the preference stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Provisions of Our Restated Articles of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws and Rhode Island Law That May Have Anti-Takeover Effects

The provisions of our restated articles of incorporation summarized in the following paragraphs could have an impact on potential transactions involving a change in control of the Company or other extraordinary transaction. These provisions are intended to serve the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. They may, however, delay, defer or prevent a tender offer or other transaction that a shareholder might consider to be in his or her best interest.

Removal of Directors.

Our restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that, except as required by law, a director may be removed only for cause by a vote of at least a majority in number of our entire Board of Directors or by a vote of at least a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on the election of that director. If an Interested Person, as defined below, exists, our restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that such removal must be approved by (1) at least a majority in number of our entire Board of Directors, including a majority of the Continuing Directors, as defined below, or (2) by the holders of at least 80% of the outstanding shares then entitled to vote on the election of that director, including the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares then entitled to vote on the election of that director that are not beneficially owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Interested Person.

No Action By Written Consent.

Our restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by our shareholders may be effected only at an annual or special meeting of shareholders, or by the unanimous written consent of shareholders.

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Certain provisions of the restated articles of incorporation (such as those providing for approvals of extraordinary transactions when an Interested Person exists and those governing the calling of shareholder meetings and action by shareholder written consent) require a vote of 66 2/3% of our outstanding shares to be amended (80% of the outstanding shares if an Interested Person exists).

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The amended and restated bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, and new bylaws may be adopted, by the Board of Directors without shareholder approval. The shareholders of the Company may adopt, amend or repeal the bylaws upon the vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding shares, provided that such vote must be approved by at amended and restated least 80% of the outstanding shares if there is an Interested Person.

Business Combinations.

In order to approve a number of extraordinary corporate transactions, such as a merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all assets, with an Interested Person, as defined below, our restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws require:

an 80% vote of all outstanding shares entitled to vote, including a majority vote of all disinterested shareholders;

the approval of a majority of the entire Board of Directors, including the affirmative vote of a majority of the Continuing Directors, as defined in our restated articles of incorporation; and

the satisfaction of procedural requirements, which are intended to assure that shareholders are treated fairly under the circumstances.

Interested Person, as used in the preceding paragraph means:

any person together with its Affiliates and Associates, as defined in the Exchange Act, and any person acting in concert therewith who is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the votes held by the holders of the securities generally entitled to vote for directors (the Voting Stock),

any Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Person, including without limitation, a Person acting in concert therewith,

any person that at any time within the two year period immediately prior to the date in question was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the votes held by the holders of shares of Voting Stock, or

an assignee of, or successor to, any shares of Voting Stock which were at any time within the two year period prior to the date in question beneficially owned by any Interested Person, if such assignment or succession occurred in a transaction or series of transactions not involving a public offering as defined by the Securities Act. This definition of an Interested Person is subject to certain exceptions as contained within our restated articles of incorporation.

The 80% vote will not be required and, in accordance with the Rhode Island Business Corporation Act. Only a majority vote of shareholders will generally be required if this type of a transaction is approved by a majority of the entire Board of Directors, including the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Continuing Directors.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

General

We may, at our option, elect to offer fractional shares of preference stock, which we call depositary shares, rather than full shares of preference stock. If we do, we will issue to the public receipts, called depositary receipts, for depositary shares, each of which will represent a fraction, to be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, of a share of a particular series of preference stock. Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fractional interest in a share of preference stock represented by the depositary share, to all the rights and preferences of the preference stock represented by the depositary share. Those rights include dividend, voting, redemption, conversion and liquidation rights.

The shares of preference stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited with a bank or trust company selected by us to act as depositary under a deposit agreement between us, the depositary and the holders of the depositary receipts. The depositary will be the transfer agent, registrar and dividend disbursing agent for the depositary shares.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement. Holders of depositary receipts agree to be bound by the deposit agreement, which requires holders to take certain actions such as filing proof of residence and paying certain charges.

The summary of terms of the depositary shares contained in this prospectus is not a complete description of the terms of the depositary shares. You should refer to the form of the deposit agreement, our amended and restated articles of incorporation and the certificate of designations for the applicable series of preference stock that are, or will be, filed with the SEC.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions, if any, received in respect of the preference stock underlying the depositary shares to the record holders of depositary shares in proportion to the numbers of depositary shares owned by those holders on the relevant record date. The relevant record date for depositary shares will be the same date as the record date for the underlying preference stock.

If there is a distribution other than in cash, the depositary will distribute property (including securities) received by it to the record holders of depositary shares, unless the depositary determines that it is not feasible to make the distribution. If this occurs, the depositary may, with our approval, adopt another method for the distribution, including selling the property and distributing the net proceeds from the sale to the holders.

Liquidation Preference

If a series of preference stock underlying the depositary shares has a liquidation preference, in the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, holders of depositary shares will be entitled to receive the fraction of the liquidation preference accorded each share of the applicable series of preference stock, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Withdrawal of Stock

Unless the related depositary shares have been previously called for redemption, upon surrender of the depositary receipts at the office of the depositary, the holder of the depositary shares will be entitled to delivery, at the office of the depositary to or upon his or her order, of the number of whole shares of the preference stock

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and any money or other property represented by the depositary shares. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the number of depositary shares representing the number of whole shares of preference stock to be withdrawn, the depositary will deliver to the holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing the excess number of depositary shares. In no event will the depositary deliver fractional shares of preference stock upon surrender of depositary receipts. Holders of preference stock thus withdrawn may not thereafter deposit those shares under the deposit agreement or receive depositary receipts evidencing depositary shares therefor.

Redemption of Depositary Shares

Whenever we redeem shares of preference stock held by the depositary, the depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date the number of depositary shares representing shares of the preference stock so redeemed, so long as we have paid in full to the depositary the redemption price of the preference stock to be redeemed plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends on the preference stock to the date fixed for redemption. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the redemption price and any other amounts per share payable on the preference stock multiplied by the fraction of a share of preference stock represented by one depositary share. If less than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or pro rata or by any other equitable method as may be determined by the depositary.

After the date fixed for redemption, depositary shares called for redemption will no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights of the holders of depositary shares will cease, except the right to receive the monies payable upon redemption and any money or other property to which the holders of the depositary shares were entitled upon redemption upon surrender to the depositary of the depositary receipts evidencing the depositary shares.

Voting the Preference Stock

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of the preference stock are entitled to vote, the depositary will mail the information contained in the notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary receipts relating to that preference stock. The record date for the depositary receipts relating to the preference stock will be the same date as the record date for the preference stock. Each record holder of the depositary shares on the record date will be entitled to instruct the depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the number of shares of preference stock represented by that holder's depositary shares. The depositary will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote the number of shares of preference stock represented by the depositary shares in accordance with those instructions, and we will agree to take all action that may be deemed necessary by the depositary in order to enable the depositary to do so. The depositary will not vote any shares of preference stock except to the extent it receives specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares representing that number of shares of preference stock.

Charges of Depositary

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay charges of the depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the preference stock and any redemption of the preference stock. Holders of depositary receipts will pay transfer, income and other taxes and governmental charges and such other charges (including those in connection with the receipt and distribution of dividends, the sale or exercise of rights, the withdrawal of the preference stock and the transferring, splitting or grouping of depositary receipts) as are expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be for their accounts. If these charges have not been paid by the holders of depositary receipts, the depositary may refuse to transfer depositary shares, withhold dividends and distributions and sell the depositary shares evidenced by the depositary receipt.

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Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement

The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement may be amended by agreement between us and the depositary. However, any amendment that materially and adversely alters the rights of the holders of depositary shares, other than fee changes, will not be effective unless the amendment has been approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding depositary shares. The deposit agreement may be terminated by the depositary or us only if:

all outstanding depositary shares have been redeemed; or

there has been a final distribution of the preference stock in connection with our dissolution and such distribution has been made to all the holders of depositary shares.

Resignation and Removal of Depositary

The depositary may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so, and we may remove the depositary at any time. Any resignation or removal of the depositary will take effect upon our appointment of a successor depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. The successor depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having the requisite combined capital and surplus as set forth in the applicable agreement.

Notices

The depositary will forward to holders of depositary receipts all notices, reports and other communications, including proxy solicitation materials received from us, that are delivered to the depositary and that we are required to furnish to the holders of the preference stock. In addition, the depositary will make available for inspection by holders of depositary receipts at the principal office of the depositary, and at such other places as it may from time to time deem advisable, any reports and communications we deliver to the depositary as the holder of preference stock.

Limitation of Liability

Neither we nor the depositary will be liable if either we or it is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond its control in performing its obligations. Our obligations and those of the depositary will be limited to performance in good faith of our and their duties thereunder. We and the depositary will not be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or preference stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. We and the depositary may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants, on information provided by persons presenting preference stock for deposit, holders of depositary receipts or other persons believed to be competent to give such information and on documents believed to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

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DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE UNITS

We may issue purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from or sell to us, and obligating us to sell to or purchase from the holders, debt securities, shares of our common stock, shares of our preference stock or depositary shares at a future date or dates, which we refer to in this prospectus as purchase contracts. The price and amount of debt securities and price per share of common stock, preference stock or depositary share and the number of shares of each may be fixed at the time the purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the purchase contracts. The purchase contracts may be issued separately or as part of units, often known as purchase units, consisting of one or more purchase contracts and beneficial interests in debt securities or any other securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement or any combination of the foregoing, securing the holders' obligations to purchase the debt securities, common stock, preference stock or depositary shares under the purchase contracts.

The purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the purchase units or vice versa, and these payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations under those contracts in a specified manner, including pledging their interest in another purchase contract.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the purchase contracts and purchase units, including, if applicable, collateral or depositary arrangements.

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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase common stock, preference stock, depositary shares or debt securities. We may offer warrants separately or together with one or more additional warrants, common stock, preference stock, depositary shares or debt securities, or any combination of those securities in the form of units, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we issue warrants as part of a unit, the accompanying prospectus supplement will specify whether those warrants may be separated from the other securities in the unit prior to the expiration date of the warrants. The applicable prospectus supplement will also describe the following terms of any warrants:

the specific designation and aggregate number of, and the offering price at which we will issue, the warrants;

the currency or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and the exercise price are payable;

the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will begin and the date on which that right will expire or, if you may not continuously exercise the warrants throughout that period, the specific date or dates on which you may exercise the warrants;

whether the warrants are to be sold separately or with other securities as parts of units;

whether the warrants will be issued in definitive or global form or in any combination of these forms, although, in any case, the form of a warrant included in a unit will correspond to the form of the unit and of any security included in that unit;

any applicable material U.S. federal income tax consequences;

the identity of the warrant agent for the warrants and of any other depositaries, execution or paying agents, transfer agents, registrars or other agents;

the proposed listing, if any, of the warrants or any securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants on any securities exchange;

the designation and terms of any equity securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants;

the designation, aggregate principal amount, currency and terms of any debt securities that may be purchased upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the preference stock or depositary shares with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each security;

if applicable, the date from and after which any warrants issued as part of a unit and the related debt securities, preference stock, depositary shares or common stock will be separately transferable;

the number of shares of common stock, preference stock or depositary shares purchasable upon exercise of a warrant and the price at which those shares may be purchased;

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of the warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

the anti-dilution provisions of, and other provisions for changes to or adjustment in the exercise price of, the warrants, if any;

any redemption or call provisions; and

any additional terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange or exercise of the warrants.

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FORMS OF SECURITIES

Each debt security, depositary share, purchase contract, purchase unit and warrant will be represented either by a certificate issued in definitive form to a particular investor or by one or more global securities representing the entire issuance of securities. Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, certificated securities in definitive form and global securities will be issued in registered form. Definitive securities name you or your nominee as the owner of the security, and in order to transfer or exchange these securities or to receive payments other than interest or other interim payments, you or your nominee must physically deliver the securities to the trustee, registrar, paying agent or other agent, as applicable. Global securities name a depositary or its nominee as the owner of the debt securities, depositary shares, purchase contracts, purchase units or warrants represented by these global securities. The depositary maintains a computerized system that will reflect each investor's beneficial ownership of the securities through an account maintained by the investor with its broker/dealer, bank, trust company or other representative, as we explain more fully below.

Global Securities

We may issue the debt securities, depositary shares, purchase contracts, purchase units and warrants in the form of one or more fully registered global securities that will be deposited with a depositary or its nominee identified in the applicable prospectus supplement and registered in the name of that depositary or nominee. In those cases, one or more global securities will be issued in a denomination or aggregate denominations equal to the portion of the aggregate principal or face amount of the securities to be represented by global securities. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole for securities in definitive registered form, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by and among the depositary for the global security, the nominees of the depositary or any successors of the depositary or those nominees.

If not described below, any specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any securities to be represented by a global security will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to those securities. We anticipate that the following provisions will apply to all depositary arrangements.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to persons, called participants, that have accounts with the depositary or persons that may hold interests through participants. Upon the issuance of a global security, the depositary will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the participants' accounts with the respective principal or face amounts of the securities beneficially owned by the participants. Any dealers, underwriters or agents participating in the distribution of the securities will designate the accounts to be credited. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary, with respect to interests of participants, and on the records of participants, with respect to interests of persons holding through participants. The laws of some states may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of these securities in definitive form. These laws may impair your ability to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in global securities.

So long as the depositary, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a global security, that depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the securities represented by the global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture, deposit agreement, purchase contract, warrant agreement or purchase unit agreement. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have the securities represented by the global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of the securities under the applicable indenture, deposit agreement, purchase contract, purchase unit agreement or warrant agreement. Any notice required to be given to the holders of global securities will be given only to the depositary. Accordingly,

each person owning a beneficial interest in a global security must rely on the procedures of the depositary for that global security and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which the person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the applicable indenture, deposit agreement, purchase contract, purchase unit agreement or warrant agreement. We understand that under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders or if

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an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security desires to give or take any action that a holder is entitled to give or take under the applicable indenture, deposit agreement, purchase contract, purchase unit agreement or warrant agreement, the depository for the global security would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take that action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through them to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners holding through them.

Principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on debt securities, and any payments to holders with respect to depository shares, warrants, purchase agreements or purchase units, represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee will be made to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the global security. None of us, or any trustee, warrant agent, unit agent or other agent of ours, or any agent of any trustee, warrant agent or unit agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the depository for any of the securities represented by a global security, upon receipt of any payment to holders of principal, premium, interest or other distribution of underlying securities or other property on that registered global security, will immediately credit participants' accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in that global security as shown on the records of the depository. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a global security held through participants will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of those participants.

If the depository for any of the securities represented by a global security is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depository registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue securities in definitive form in exchange for the global security that had been held by the depository. Any securities issued in definitive form in exchange for a global security will be registered in the name or names that the depository gives to the relevant trustee, warrant agent, unit agent or other relevant agent of ours or theirs. It is expected that the depository's instructions will be based upon directions received by the depository from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global security that had been held by the depository.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell securities:

through underwriters;

through dealers;

through agents;

directly to purchasers; or

through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

In addition, we may issue the securities as a dividend or distribution or in a subscription rights offering to our existing security holders. This prospectus may be used in connection with any offering of our securities through any of these methods or other methods described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may directly solicit offers to purchase securities, or agents may be designated to solicit such offers. We will, in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering, name any agent that could be viewed as an underwriter under the Securities Act, and describe any commissions that we must pay. Any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment or, if indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, on a firm commitment basis.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price, or prices, which may be changed from time to time;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

Each prospectus supplement will describe the method of distribution of the securities and any applicable restrictions.

The prospectus supplement with respect to the securities of a particular series will describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including the following:

the name of the agent or any underwriters;

the public offering or purchase price and the proceeds we will receive from the sale of the securities;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or re-allowed or paid to the agent or underwriters;

all other items constituting underwriting compensation;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or re-allowed or paid to dealers; and

any exchanges on which the securities will be listed.

If any underwriters or agents are utilized in the sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will enter into an underwriting agreement or other agreement with them at the time of sale to them, and we will set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering the names of the underwriters or agents and the terms of the related agreement with them.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will sell such securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale.

If we offer securities in a subscription rights offering to our existing security holders, we may enter into a standby underwriting agreement with dealers, acting as standby underwriters. We may pay the standby

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underwriters a commitment fee for the securities they commit to purchase on a standby basis. If we do not enter into a standby underwriting arrangement, we may retain a dealer-manager to manage a subscription rights offering for us.

Remarketing firms, agents, underwriters, dealers and other persons may be entitled under agreements which they may enter into with us to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase securities from us pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date stated in the prospectus supplement. Each contract will be for an amount not less than, and the aggregate amount of securities sold pursuant to such contracts shall not be less nor more than, the respective amounts stated in the prospectus supplement. Institutions with whom the contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and other institutions, but shall in all cases be subject to our approval. Delayed delivery contracts will not be subject to any conditions except that:

the purchase by an institution of the securities covered under that contract shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which that institution is subject; and

if the securities are also being sold to underwriters acting as principals for their own account, the underwriters shall have purchased such securities not sold for delayed delivery. The underwriters and other persons acting as our agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of delayed delivery contracts. Certain agents, underwriters and dealers, and their associates and affiliates may be customers of, have borrowing relationships with, engage in other transactions with, and/or perform services, including investment banking services, for us or one or more of our respective affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

In order to facilitate the offering of the securities, any underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities or any other securities the prices of which may be used to determine payments on such securities. Specifically, any underwriters may overallocate in connection with the offering, creating a short position for their own accounts. In addition, to cover overallocations or to stabilize the price of the securities or of any such other securities, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, the securities or any such other securities in the open market. Finally, in any offering of the securities through a syndicate of underwriters, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the securities in the offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed securities in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities above independent market levels. Any such underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide that the original issue date for your securities may be more than three scheduled business days after the trade date for your securities. Accordingly, in such a case, if you wish to trade securities on any date prior to the third business day before the original issue date for your securities, you will be required, by virtue of the fact that your securities initially are expected to settle more than three scheduled business days after the trade date for your securities, to make alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

The securities may be new issues of securities and may have no established trading market. The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. We can make no assurance as to the liquidity of or the existence of trading markets for any of the securities.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement indicates otherwise, the validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP or Tarrant Sibley, our Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel. As of the date of this prospectus, Mr. Sibley beneficially owns or has the right to acquire less than one percent of our outstanding common stock.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedule of Hasbro, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of December 29, 2013 and December 30, 2012, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 29, 2013, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 29, 2013, have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

Joint Book-Running Managers

BofA Merrill Lynch

Citigroup

Morgan Stanley

RBS

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