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# Subject to Completion

# Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated August 3, 2016

# PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus Dated February 11, 2015)

# \$

# **Owens Corning**

# % Senior Notes due

We are offering \$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due , , , which we refer to in this prospectus supplement as the notes. Interest on the notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on and each year, beginning on , 2017. The notes will mature on . We may redeem the notes at any time and from time to time prior to maturity, in whole or in part, for cash at the applicable redemption price described in this prospectus supplement, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption. If we undergo a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined herein), holders may require us to repurchase the notes in whole or in part for cash at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date. See Description of the Notes Change of Control. Notes will be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes offered hereby for general corporate purposes, including to exercise the make-whole call to redeem all of our outstanding 6.50% senior notes due December 1, 2016, or 2016 Notes, and to repay outstanding debt, including but not limited to a portion of the borrowings under our Receivables Securitization Facility (as defined herein).

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured

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indebtedness to the extent of the assets securing that indebtedness. The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by each of our current and future domestic subsidiaries that is a borrower or guarantor under our Credit Agreement (as defined herein). The guarantees will be unsecured and will rank equally in right of payment with all other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of the guarantors. The guarantees will be effectively subordinated to existing and future secured debt of the guarantors to the extent of the assets securing that indebtedness.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange or include the notes in any automated quotation system.

Investing in the notes involves risks that are described or referred to in the section titled <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-12 of this prospectus supplement. You should consider carefully such risks before investing in the notes.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price(1)	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Owens Corning	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest from , 2016, if settlement occurs after that date.

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

We expect that the notes will be ready for delivery to investors in book-entry form through The Depository Trust Company and its participants (including Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, *societé anonyme*) on or about , 2016.

Joint Book-Running Managers

**BofA Merrill Lynch** 

Citigroup Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Wells Fargo Securities

The date of this prospectus supplement is , 2016.

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# ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We provide information to you about this offering in two separate documents. The accompanying prospectus provides general information about us and the securities we may offer from time to time, some of which may not apply to this offering. This prospectus supplement describes the specific details regarding this offering. Generally, when we refer to the prospectus, we are referring to both documents combined. Additional information is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus that we may provide to you. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any related free writing prospectus or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date mentioned on the respective cover page of these documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those respective dates. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making offers to sell the securities in any jurisdiction in which an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation.

References in this prospectus supplement to the terms Owens Corning, Company, we, our and us refer to Owens Corning, a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries, unless we state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise.

# CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Our disclosures and analysis in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the materials we have filed or will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, including documents incorporated by reference or deemed incorporated by reference herein or therein, as well as information included in our other written or oral statements, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements present our current forecasts and estimates of future events. These statements do not strictly relate to historical or current results and can be identified by words such as anticipate, appear. believ assume, estimate, expect, forecast, intend, likely, plan, project, seek. should, will and may, strategy, meaning or import in connection with any discussion of future operating, financial or other performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, without limitation: relationships with key customers; levels of residential and commercial construction activity; competitive and pricing factors; levels of global industrial production; demand for our products; industry and economic conditions that affect the market and operating conditions of our customers, suppliers or lenders; foreign exchange and commodity price fluctuations; our level of indebtedness; weather conditions; availability and cost of credit; availability and cost of energy and raw materials; issues involving implementation and protection of information technology systems; domestic and international economic and political conditions, including new legislation or other governmental actions; labor disputes; legal and regulatory proceedings, including litigation and environmental actions; our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards; research and development activities and intellectual property protection; interest rate movements; uninsured losses; issues related to acquisitions divestitures and joint ventures; achievement of expected synergies and cost reductions and/or productivity improvements; and defined benefit plan funding obligations.

All forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus (including documents incorporated by reference or deemed incorporated by reference herein or therein) should be considered in the context of the risks and other factors described above and in Item 1A Risk factors in Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement is made and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by the federal securities laws. It is not possible to identify all of the risks, uncertainties and other factors that may affect future results. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference herein and therein may not occur and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. Accordingly, users of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus (including documents incorporated by reference herein) are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available over the Internet at the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. You may read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by us at the SEC s Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. You may also inspect our SEC reports and other information at the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We make available free of charge on or through our website our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to, the SEC. You may access these documents on the Investor Relations page of our website at *www.owenscorning.com*. We do not intend for information contained on or accessible through our website to be part of this prospectus, other than the documents that we file with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

# INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the information in documents we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. Any statement contained in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in or omitted from this prospectus supplement, or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the completion of the offering of securities described in this prospectus supplement:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-33100) for the year ended December 31, 2015;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-33100) for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2016 and June 30, 2016; and

our Current Reports on Form 8-K (File No. 001-33100) filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016, February 24, 2016 and April 22, 2016.

We will not, however, incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement any documents or portions thereof that are not deemed filed with the SEC, including any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of our current reports on Form 8-K unless, and except to the extent, specified in such current reports.

You may obtain copies of these filings without charge by requesting the filings in writing or by telephone at the following address.

**Owens Corning** 

One Owens Corning Parkway

Toledo, Ohio 43659

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (419) 248-8000

# PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus supplement and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. You should read this summary together with the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, as well as the information in the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference or deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters discussed in the sections titled Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. In addition, certain statements include forward-looking information that involves risks and uncertainties. See Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements above.

### **Our Company**

Owens Corning is a world leader in composite and building materials systems, delivering a broad range of high-quality products and services. Our products range from glass fiber used to reinforce composite materials for transportation, electronics, marine, infrastructure, wind-energy and other high-performance markets to insulation and roofing for residential, commercial and industrial applications. The Company s business operations have been reported, as disclosed in our historical financial statements incorporated by reference herein, within three reportable segments: Composites, which includes our Reinforcements and Downstream businesses; Insulation; and Roofing, which includes the InterWrap (as defined herein) business. Through these lines of business, we manufacture and sell products worldwide. We maintain leading market positions in many of our major product categories.

Our principal executive offices are located at One Owens Corning Parkway, Toledo, Ohio 43659 and our telephone number is (419) 248-8000.



# The Offering

The following summary contains basic information about the notes. It does not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of the notes, please refer to the section of this prospectus supplement titled Description of the Notes and the section of the accompanying prospectus titled Description of Debt Securities.

Issuer	Owens Corning.
Notes Offered	<ul><li>\$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes</li><li>due .</li></ul>
Maturity	, .
Interest Payment Dates	and of each year, beginning , 2017.
Guarantees	All payments with respect to the notes (including principal and interest) will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by each of our current and future domestic subsidiaries that is a borrower or guarantor under our Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which we refer to as our Credit Agreement.
Ranking	The notes and the subsidiary guarantees will be our and the guarantors general senior unsecured obligations. They will rank equally in right of payment with our and the guarantors existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. The notes and the subsidiary guarantees will be effectively subordinated to any of our and the guarantors existing and future secured debt, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such debt, and will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future obligations of our subsidiaries that are not guarantors.
	The indenture does not restrict our ability or the ability of our subsidiaries to incur other unsecured indebtedness. At June 30, 2016:

our consolidated senior secured indebtedness, including capital leases, totaled approximately \$143 million;

our consolidated senior unsecured indebtedness totaled approximately \$2,124 million; and

our subsidiaries guaranteeing the notes had indebtedness, including subsidiary guarantees of the Company s indebtedness, of approximately \$2,148 million, of which approximately \$15 million was secured.

### **Optional Redemption**

### **Change of Control**

As of and for the six months ended June 30, 2016, and the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, including eliminations for investments in subsidiaries and intercompany transactions between and among our non-guarantor subsidiaries, our non-guarantor subsidiaries (i) had net sales of \$1,025 million and \$1,944 million and net earnings attributable to Owens Corning of \$147 million and \$224 million, respectively, (ii) had total assets of \$3,150 million and \$2,523 million, respectively, and (iii) had indebtedness of \$128 million and \$27 million, respectively. For a presentation of the financial information required by Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X for our subsidiaries guaranteeing the notes and our non-guarantor subsidiaries, see Note to Consolidated Financial Statements No. 19, Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements, in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-O for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016 and Note to Consolidated Financial Statements No. 21, Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

The notes will be redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option. If we elect to redeem the notes prior to \_\_\_\_\_\_, (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), the redemption price will include a make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. If we elect to redeem the notes on or after

, (three months prior to the maturity date of the notes), we will pay a redemption price of 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the redemption date. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption in this prospectus supplement.

If we experience a Change of Control Repurchase Event, we will be required to make an offer to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date. See Description of the Notes Change of Control in this prospectus supplement.

# **Certain Covenants**

The indenture governing the notes contains certain covenants that limit, among other things, our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to:

incur liens on certain properties to secure debt;

engage in sale-leaseback transactions; and

merge or consolidate with another entity or sell, lease
or transfer substantially all of our properties or assets
to another entity.

These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and limitations, which are described in the sections titled Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants and Description of Debt Securities Merger or Consolidation in the accompanying prospectus.

Sinking Fund

**Use of Proceeds** 

**Conflicts of Interest** 

None.

We estimate the net proceeds to us from the sale of the notes will be approximately \$ , after deducting the underwriting discount and other expenses of the offering payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes offered hereby for general corporate purposes, including to exercise the make-whole call to redeem all of our outstanding 2016 Notes and to repay outstanding debt, including but not limited to a portion of the borrowings under our Receivables Securitization Facility. See Use of Proceeds.

Certain affiliates of the underwriters hold some of our 2016 Notes, participate in our Amended and Restated Receivables Securitization Facility, which we refer to as our Receivables Securitization Facility, and are lenders under our Credit Agreement and our incremental term loan under our Credit Agreement, which we refer to as our Incremental Term Loan, and may receive some of the net proceeds from this offering. In the event that any of the underwriters, together with their respective affiliates, receives at least 5% of the net proceeds of this offering, such underwriter will be deemed to have a conflict of interest within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121. However, in accordance with FINRA Rule 5121, no qualified independent underwriter is required because

the notes are investment grade-rated by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating agencies. See

Underwriting Conflicts of Interest in this prospectus supplement.

# Denominations

Form of Note

The notes will be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

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,

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	or DTC, or its nominee. See Description of the Notes Book-Entry, Delivery and Form.
Trustee	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
Governing Law	The laws of the State of New York govern the indenture and the notes, without regard to conflicts of law principles thereof.
Risk Factors	An investment in the notes involves risks. Please refer to the risk factors in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus and the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

# **Summary Consolidated Financial Data**

The table below sets forth a summary of our consolidated financial data for the periods presented. We derived the financial data as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 from our audited financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, except where noted by footnote (a). We derived the financial data as of December 31, 2013 from our audited financial statements that are not incorporated herein by reference, except where noted by footnote (a). The consolidated financial data as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 are derived from our unaudited financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, except where noted by footnotes (a) and (b). The interim unaudited consolidated financial data have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation for such periods have been included. The results for the six months ended June 30, 2016 may not necessarily be indicative of full-year results. Prospective investors should read the summary of consolidated financial data in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, the related notes and other financial information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	Six Months Ended June 30,			Twelve Months Ende December 31,					
(in millions except per share data)		2016		2015		2015		2014	2013
Statement of Earnings (Loss) Data:									
NET SALES	\$	2,776	\$	2,606	\$	5,350	\$	5,260	\$ 5,295
COST OF SALES		2,088		2,089		4,197		4,284	4,329
Gross margin		688		517		1,153		976	966
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Marketing and administrative expenses		285		259		525		487	530
Science and technology expenses		40		35		73		76	77
Charges related to cost reduction actions						(6)		37	8
Other expenses (income), net		7		9		13		(16)	(34)
Total operating expenses		332		303		605		584	581
EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST									
AND TAXES		356		214		548		392	385
Interest expense, net		52		52		100		114	112
(Gain) loss on extinguishment of debt				(5)		(5)		46	
EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES		304		167		453		232	273
Income tax expense		107		57		120		5	68
Equity in net earnings of affiliates		1		1		1		1	
NET EARNINGS		198		111		334		228	205
Net earnings attributable to									
noncontrolling interests		3		2		4		2	1
NET EARNINGS ATTRIBUTABLE									
TO OWENS CORNING	\$	195	\$	109	\$	330	\$	226	\$ 204
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE									
ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWENS									
CORNING COMMON									
STOCKHOLDERS									

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Basic	\$ 1.69	\$ 0.93	\$ 2.82	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.73
Diluted	\$ 1.67	\$ 0.92	\$ 2.79	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.71
Dividend	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.64	\$
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON					
SHARES					
Basic	115.3	117.6	117.2	117.5	118.2
Diluted	116.5	118.3	118.2	118.3	119.1
Balance Sheet Data:					
Total assets(a)(b)	\$ 7,977	\$ 7,628	\$ 7,344	\$ 7,501	\$ 7,591
Long-term debt, net of current portion(b)	\$ 2,099	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,702	\$ 1,978	\$ 2,012
Total equity	\$ 3,905	\$ 3,748	\$ 3,779	\$ 3,730	\$ 3,830

- (a) In the first quarter of 2016, the Company discovered an error related to the gross vs. net presentation of certain Value Added Tax balances of its non-guarantor Subsidiaries. In our Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016, we revised the previously reported Total assets figure for December 31, 2015, as explained in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 7 of such Form 10-Q. Accordingly, we have revised the previously reported figures here by decreasing Total assets for June 30, 2015, December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 by \$38 million, \$41 million and \$44 million, respectively. These revisions were not material to any previously issued financial statements.
- (b) In the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standard Board Accounting Standards Update 2015-03. The retrospective adoption of this standard resulted in a re-classification of previously reported debt issuance costs. Accordingly, the Total assets and Long-term debt, net of current portion figures for June 30, 2015 have been decreased by \$13 million. Please refer to Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements on page 52 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 for additional information on this revision.

# **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in the notes involves risk. Prior to making a decision about investing in our securities, and in consultation with your own financial and legal advisors, you should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as the risk factors incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement from our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 under the heading Risk Factors and other filings we may make from time to time with the SEC. You should also refer to the other information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including our financial statements and the related notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. Additional risks and uncertainties that are not yet identified may also materially harm our business, operating results and financial condition and could result in a complete loss of your investment.

# **Risks Relating to the Notes**

# The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured debt, to the existing and future secured debt of our subsidiary guarantors, and to the existing and future debt of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.

The notes are not secured by any of our assets or the assets of our subsidiary guarantors. As a result, the indebtedness represented by the notes will effectively be subordinated to any secured indebtedness we or our subsidiary guarantors may incur, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The terms of the indenture permit us and the subsidiary guarantors to incur secured debt, subject to certain limitations. In the event of any distribution or payment of our assets in any dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, or bankruptcy proceeding, any secured creditors would have a superior claim to their collateral. In the event of the dissolution, winding up, liquidation or reorganization, or bankruptcy proceeding of a subsidiary that is not a guarantor, creditors of that subsidiary would generally have the right to be paid in full before any distribution is made to us or the holders of the notes. If any of the foregoing occur, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes.

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# The notes are obligations of Owens Corning and our operations are conducted through, and substantially all of our consolidated assets are held by, our subsidiaries.

The notes are obligations of Owens Corning and are jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally guaranteed by each of our existing and future domestic subsidiaries that is a borrower or a guarantor under our Credit Agreement, but are not otherwise guaranteed. Each of the guarantees may be released upon the occurrence of certain customary circumstances described in Description of the Notes The Subsidiary Guarantees. Our ability to service our debt, including the notes, depends on the results of operations of our subsidiaries and upon the ability of such subsidiaries to provide us with cash, whether in the form of dividends, loans or otherwise, to pay amounts due on our obligations, including the notes. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to make payments on the notes or to make any funds available for that purpose. In addition, dividends, loans or other distributions to us from such subsidiaries may be subject to contractual and other restrictions and are subject to other business considerations.

# Servicing our debt requires a significant amount of cash, and we may not have sufficient cash flow from our business to pay our substantial debt.

Our ability to make scheduled payments of the principal of, to pay interest on or to refinance our indebtedness, including the notes, depends on our future performance, which is subject to economic, financial, competitive and other factors beyond our control. Our business may not continue to generate cash flow from operations in the future sufficient to service our debt. If we are unable to generate such cash flow, we may be required to adopt one or more alternatives, such as selling assets, restructuring debt or obtaining additional equity capital on terms that may be onerous or unfavorable to us. Our ability to refinance our indebtedness will depend on the capital markets and our financial condition at such time and we may not be able to refinance any of our indebtedness or incur new indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms to us or at all.

# We may be unable to repurchase the notes if we experience a change of control and a related downgrade in the credit rating of the notes.

Under certain circumstances, we are required, under the terms of the notes, to offer to purchase all of the outstanding notes at 101% of their principal amount if we experience a change of control and a related downgrade in the credit rating of the notes. Our failure to repay holders tendering notes upon a change of control and related downgrade will result in an event of default under the notes. If a change in control and a related downgrade were to occur, we cannot assure you that we would have sufficient funds to purchase the notes, or any other securities that we would be required to offer to purchase, particularly if that change of control event triggers a similar repurchase requirement for, or results in the acceleration of, other indebtedness. All of our currently outstanding senior notes also are subject to similar change of control events will constitute a default and could result in the acceleration of our indebtedness. We may require additional financing from third parties to fund any such purchases, but we cannot assure you that we would be able to obtain such financing.

The change of control provision may not protect you in the event we consummate a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or other similar transaction, unless such transaction constitutes a change of control repurchase event. Such a transaction may not involve a change of the magnitude required under the definition of change of control or may not result in a ratings downgrade to trigger our obligation to repurchase the notes. Except as described under Description of the Notes Change of Control, the notes do not contain provisions that permit the holders of the notes to require us to repurchase or redeem the notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

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# You may not be able to sell your notes if a public market for the notes does not develop.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or to include the notes in any automated quotation system. We have been advised by the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the notes after completion

of the offering. However, they are under no obligation to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without any notice. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a trading market for the notes will develop or be maintained. If the notes are traded, they may trade at a discount from their offering price, depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our performance and other factors. To the extent that an active trading market does not develop, you may not be able to resell your notes at their fair market value or at all.

# A court may use fraudulent conveyance considerations to avoid or subordinate the subsidiary guarantees.

Various applicable fraudulent conveyance laws have been enacted for the protection of creditors. A court may use fraudulent conveyance laws to subordinate or avoid the subsidiary guarantees of the notes issued by any of our subsidiary guarantors. It is also possible that under certain circumstances a court could hold that the direct obligations of a subsidiary guaranteeing the notes could be superior to the obligations under that guarantee. A court could avoid or subordinate the guarantee of the notes by any of our subsidiaries in favor of that subsidiary is other debts or liabilities to the extent that the court determined either of the following were true at the time the subsidiary issued the guarantee:

that subsidiary incurred the guarantee with the intent to hinder, delay or defraud any of its present or future creditors or that subsidiary contemplated insolvency with a design to favor one or more creditors to the total or partial exclusion of others; or

that subsidiary did not receive fair consideration or reasonable equivalent value for issuing the guarantee and, at the time it issued the guarantee, that subsidiary:

was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of the issuance of the guarantee;

was engaged or about to engage in a business or transaction for which the remaining assets of that subsidiary constituted unreasonably small capital; or

intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they matured.

The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing will vary depending upon the law of the relevant jurisdiction. Generally, however, an entity would be considered insolvent for purposes of the foregoing if the sum of its debts, including contingent liabilities, were greater than the fair saleable value of all of its assets at a fair valuation, or if the present fair saleable value of its assets were less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and matured.

Among other things, a legal challenge of a subsidiary s guarantee of the notes on fraudulent conveyance grounds may focus on the benefits, if any, realized by that subsidiary as a result of our issuance of the notes. To the extent a subsidiary s guarantee of the notes is avoided as a result of fraudulent conveyance or held unenforceable for any other reason, the note holders would cease to have any claim in respect of that guarantee.

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

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As described under Description of the Notes Change of Control, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event, holders are entitled to require us to repurchase their notes. However, the definition of the term

Change of Control Repurchase Event is limited and does not cover a variety of transactions (such as acquisitions by us or recapitalizations) that could negatively impact the value of your notes. As such, if we were to enter into a significant corporate transaction that would negatively impact the value of the notes, but which would not constitute a Change of Control Repurchase Event, you would not have any rights to require us to repurchase the 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 or other obligations that are equal in right of payment to the notes or prohibit us from incurring secured debt to which the notes would be effectively subordinated and which could affect our credit ratings;

restrict our subsidiaries ability to issue securities or otherwise incur indebtedness or other obligations that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank effectively senior to the notes with respect to the assets of our subsidiaries;

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.

# Redemption may adversely affect your return on the notes.

The notes will be redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option. See Description of the Notes Optional Redemption. If prevailing interest rates are lower at the time of redemption, you may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an interest rate as high as the interest rate of the notes being redeemed.

# An increase in market interest rates could result in a decrease in the value of the notes.

In general, as market interest rates rise, notes bearing interest at a fixed rate decline in value because the premium, if any, over market interest rates will decline. Consequently, if you purchase the notes and market interest rates increase, the market value of your notes may decline. We cannot predict the future level of market interest rates.

# Changes in our credit ratings may adversely affect your investment in the notes, and may not reflect all risks of an investment in the notes.

The credit ratings of our indebtedness are an assessment by rating agencies of our ability to pay our debts when due. These ratings are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell the notes, inasmuch as the ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor, are limited in scope, and do not address all material risks relating to an investment in the notes, but rather reflect only the view of each rating agency at the time the rating is issued. The ratings are based on current information furnished to the ratings agencies by us and information obtained by the rating agency. There can be no assurance that such credit ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that such ratings will not be lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the rating agencies, if, in each rating agency s judgments, circumstances so warrant. Actual or anticipated changes or downgrades in our credit ratings, including any announcement that our ratings are under review for a downgrade, could affect the market value and liquidity of the notes and increase our borrowing costs.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate the net proceeds to us from the sale of the notes will be approximately \$ , after deducting the underwriting discount and other expenses of the offering payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes offered hereby for general corporate purposes, including to exercise the make-whole call to redeem all of our outstanding 2016 Notes and to repay outstanding debt, including but not limited to a portion of the borrowings under our Receivables Securitization Facility. Pending final use, we may invest the net proceeds from this offering in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

As of August 1, 2016, \$158 million aggregate principal amount of our 2016 Notes was outstanding. The 2016 Notes bear interest at 6.50% per annum and mature on December 1, 2016. As of August 1, 2016, we had \$82 million of borrowings outstanding under our Receivables Securitization Facility bearing interest at a weighted average interest rate of 1.0% per annum. We used approximately \$150 million of borrowings under the Receivables Securitization Facility to finance a portion of the purchase price of our acquisition of InterWrap Holdings, Inc., which we refer to as InterWrap, in April 2016. The Receivables Securitization Facility matures on January 13, 2018.

Certain affiliates of the underwriters hold some of our 2016 Notes, a portion of which we intend to redeem with net proceeds of the sale of the notes, participate in our Receivables Securitization Facility, a portion of the borrowings under which we intend to repay with net proceeds of the sale of the notes, and are lenders under our Credit Agreement and Incremental Term Loan. In the event that any of the underwriters, together with their respective affiliates, receives at least 5% of the net proceeds of this offering, such underwriters will be deemed to have a conflict of interest within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121. However, in accordance with FINRA Rule 5121, no qualified independent underwriter is required because the notes are investment grade-rated by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating agencies. See Underwriting Conflicts of Interest in this prospectus supplement.

# **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

	Six Months End June 30, 2016				Months Ended ember 31,			
		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011		
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	5.0	4.1	2.5	2.8	(a)	3.3		
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The computation of the ratio of earnings to fixed charges is as follows (in millions):

	Six Months End	ded						
	June 30, 2016	,		Twelve Months Ended December 31,				
		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011		
Earnings:								
Earnings from continuing operations before taxes	\$ 304	453	232	273	(40)	353		
Fixed charges (see below)	75	143	157	153	158	151		
Amortization of capitalized interest	5	9	8	7	6	4		
Capitalized interest	(9)	(14)	(10)	(8)	(13)	(13)		
Noncontrolling interest in pre-tax income of subsidiaries that have not								
incurred fixed charges								
Earnings, as adjusted	\$ 375	591	387	425	111	495		
Fixed charges:								
Portion of rents representative of interest expense(b)	\$ 13	29	30	28	26	24		
Interest on indebtedness, including amortization of deferred loan costs(c	c) 53	100	117	117	119	114		
Capitalized interest	9	14	10	8	13	13		
Total fixed charges	\$ 75	\$ 143	\$ 157	\$ 153	\$ 158	\$ 151		

- (a) In 2012, the ratio of earnings to fixed charges was less than 1.0. During 2012, the Company needed to generate an additional \$47 million of earnings from continuing operations before taxes to attain a 1.0 ratio of earnings to fixed charges.
- (b) The Company estimates that 33% of its rental costs represent interest expense. This factor has been applied to all periods presented in the table above.
- (c) Interest on indebtedness excludes interest income, gain or loss on extinguishment of debt, and interest associated with uncertain tax positions, which is included in Income tax expense in the Consolidated Statements of

Earnings.

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# CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our:

actual consolidated capitalization as of June 30, 2016; and

consolidated capitalization as of June 30, 2016, as adjusted to give effect to this offering and the use of the net proceeds therefrom as described under Use of Proceeds in this prospectus supplement.
You should read this table in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, the related notes and other financial information contained in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, as well as the other financial information incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	June 3 Actual	s of 30, 2016 Pro Forma, As Adjusted udited)
	(in millio	ons, except
	per shar	e amounts)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67	\$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	979	
Short-term debt		
Long-term debt:		
6.50% senior notes, due 2016	158	
9.00% senior notes, due 2019	143	143
4.20% senior notes, net of discount, due 2022	596	596
4.20% senior notes, net of discount, due 2024	391	391
7.00% senior notes, net of discount, due 2036	536	536
Notes offered hereby(a)		
Receivables Securitization Facility, maturing in 2018(b)	108	
Credit Agreement, maturing in 2020(c)	300	300
Various capital leases, due through and beyond 2050	35	35
Fair value adjustment to debt	9	
Total long-term debt	2,276	
Less current portion	177	

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Long-term debt, net of current portion	2,099	
Owens Corning Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share(d)		
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share(e)	1	1
Additional paid in capital	3,965	3,965
Accumulated earnings	1,208	
Accumulated other comprehensive deficit	(635)	(635)
Cost of common stock in treasury(f)	(675)	(675)
Total Owens Corning stockholders equity	3,864	
Noncontrolling interests	41	41
Total equity	3,905	
Total capitalization	\$ 6,181	\$

(a) Borrowings pursuant to this offering do not reflect the discount to the public of % and the underwriting discount of %.

- (b) As of June 30, 2016, we had \$108 million in borrowings outstanding under our Receivables Securitization Facility and we had \$2 million of outstanding letters of credit and \$140 million available under this facility. As of August 1, 2016, we had \$82 million in borrowings outstanding under our Receivables Securitization Facility, and we had \$2 million of outstanding letters of credit and \$166 million available under this facility.
- (c) As of June 30, 2016, we had fully utilized our commitment for \$300 million under our Incremental Term Loan provided by our Credit Agreement. Also as of June 30, 2016, no borrowings were outstanding under the revolving credit facility provided by our Credit Agreement and we had \$9 million of outstanding letters of credit and \$791 million available under this facility.
- (d) 10.0 million shares of preferred stock are authorized; none were issued or outstanding at June 30, 2016.
- (e) 400.0 million shares of common stock are authorized; 135.5 million were issued and 114.9 million were outstanding at June 30, 2016.
- (f) 20.4 million shares were held in treasury at June 30, 2016, and 19.6 million shares were held in treasury at December 31, 2015.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

The notes will be issued under an indenture dated as of June 2, 2009, among us, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, as amended and as supplemented to reflect the terms of the notes. We refer to such indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time, as the indenture. The following description of the particular terms of the notes supplements, and to the extent inconsistent therewith replaces, the section entitled Description of Debt Securities included in the accompanying prospectus. You should read the accompanying prospectus and this prospectus supplement together for a more complete description of the indenture and the notes. This description and the section entitled Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus are summaries and are not complete, and are subject to and are qualified in their entirety by, the provisions of the indenture. Capitalized terms used in this Description of the Notes have the meanings specified in the indenture and are generally summarized in this description or under Description of Debt Securities Certain Definitions in the accompanying prospectus. References to Owens Corning, we, us and our in this Description of the Notes refer only to Owens Corning and not any of its subsidiaries.

# General

### The Notes

The notes:

will be our general senior unsecured obligations;

will rank equal in right of payment with our existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness;

will be effectively subordinated to our senior secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness; and

will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantors (as defined below). *The Subsidiary Guarantees* 

The notes will be guaranteed by each of our current and future Domestic Subsidiaries that is a borrower or guarantor under our Credit Agreement (each a Guarantor and, collectively, the Guarantors ).

Each guarantee of the notes:

will be the Guarantors general senior unsecured obligations;

will rank equal in right of payment with the Guarantors existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness; and

will be effectively subordinated to the Guarantors secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

# **Principal, Maturity and Interest**

In this offering, we will issue \$ million in aggregate principal amount of our % Senior Notes due (the notes). The notes will mature on , . We may issue additional notes from time to time after this offering. See Issuance of Additional Notes.

Interest on the notes will accrue at a rate per annum of % from the issue date or from the most recent date on which interest has been paid or provided for, payable semi-annually in arrears to holders of record at the close of business on or immediately preceding the interest payment date on and of each year, beginning on , 2017. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date, maturity date or redemption date falls on a day that is not a business day, the payment will be made on the next business day with the same force and effect as if made on the relevant interest payment date, maturity date or redemption date. Unless we default on a payment, no interest will accrue for that period from and after the applicable interest payment date, maturity date or redemption date.

The notes will be issued in book-entry form only in denominations of \$2,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

# No Sinking Fund

The notes will not be entitled to any sinking fund.

# **Payment on the Notes**

If a holder of notes has given wire transfer instructions to us, we will, directly or through the paying agent, pay all principal, interest and premium, if any, on that holder s notes in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on the notes will be made at the office or agency of the paying agent and registrar unless we elect to make interest payments by check mailed to the note holders at their address set forth in the register of holders.

The trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar. We may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of the notes, and we or any of our Subsidiaries may act as paying agent or registrar.

# **Issuance of Additional Notes**

We may from time to time, without the consent of, or notice to, the holders of the notes, reopen the series of debt securities of which the notes are a part and issue additional notes having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes, except for the public offering price and the issue date and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date. Any additional notes having similar terms, together with the notes, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the indenture and will have the same CUSIP provided they are fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. No such additional notes may be issued if an event of default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the series of debt securities of which such notes are a part. Unless the context otherwise requires, for all purposes of the indenture and this Description of the Notes, references to the notes include any additional notes of the same series actually issued.

In addition, we may issue from time to time other series of debt securities under the indenture consisting of debentures, other series of notes or other evidences of indebtedness, but such other securities will be separate from and independent of the notes. The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities or any other debt (whether secured or unsecured or whether senior or subordinated) which we or our subsidiaries may incur.

# **Payment and Paying Agents**

We will maintain in the place of payment for the notes an office or agency where the notes may be presented or surrendered for payment or for registration of transfer or exchange and where holders may serve us with notices and demands in respect of the notes and the indenture.

We will give prompt written notice to the trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If we fail to maintain any required office or agency or fail to furnish the trustee with the address of such office or agency, presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the corporate trust office of the

trustee. We have appointed the trustee as our agent to receive all presentations, surrenders, notices and demands with respect to the notes.

### **Subsidiary Guarantees**

The notes will be guaranteed by each of our current and future Domestic Subsidiaries that is a borrower or a guarantor under the Credit Agreement. The Subsidiary Guarantees will be joint and several obligations of the Guarantors. The obligations of each Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee will be limited as necessary to prevent that guarantee from constituting a fraudulent conveyance under applicable law. See Risk Factors A court may use fraudulent conveyance to avoid or subordinate the subsidiary guarantees.

A Guarantor may not sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to, or consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person) another Person, other than Owens Corning or another Guarantor, unless immediately after giving effect to that transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists.

The guarantee of a Guarantor will be released:

- in connection with any sale or other disposition of all of the Capital Stock of such Guarantor to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) Owens Corning or a Subsidiary of Owens Corning;
- 2) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of such Guarantor (including by way of merger or consolidation) to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) Owens Corning or a Subsidiary of Owens Corning;
- 3) upon the release of such Guarantor s guarantee of the Credit Agreement; or
- 4) upon legal defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of the indenture as provided below under the section titled Discharge, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance.

We shall notify the trustee and the holders of the Subsidiary Guarantee of any Guarantor that is released. The trustee shall execute and deliver an appropriate instrument confirming the release of any such Guarantor upon our request as provided in the indenture.

### **Optional Redemption**

The notes will be redeemable, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option. If we elect to redeem the notes at any time prior to principal and the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, and (ii) as determined by the Quotation Agent (as defined below), the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the notes being redeemed (excluding any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the redemption date), discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate (as defined below), plus basis points, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. If the notes are redeemed on or after , (three months prior to their maturity), the redemption price will equal 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes being redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. Calculation of the redemption price will be made by us or on our behalf by such person as we shall designate; *provided* that such

calculation or the correctness thereof shall not be a duty or obligation of the trustee.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed by first class mail or otherwise delivered in accordance with applicable DTC procedures at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the redemption date to each registered holder of notes to be redeemed. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes or portion thereof called for redemption.

We are not required (i) to register, transfer or exchange notes during the period from the opening of business 15 days before the day a notice of redemption relating to the notes selected for redemption is sent to the

close of business on the day that notice is sent, or (ii) to register, transfer or exchange any such note so selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any note being redeemed in part.

### **Selection and Notice**

If less than all of the notes are to be redeemed at any time, and if the notes are global notes held by DTC, the applicable operational procedures of DTC for selection of notes for redemption will apply. If the notes are not global notes held by DTC, the trustee will select notes for redemption on a pro rata basis unless otherwise required by law or applicable stock exchange requirements.

No notes of \$2,000 can be redeemed in part. Notices of redemption will be mailed by first class mail or otherwise delivered in accordance with applicable DTC procedures at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices 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 indenture. Notices of redemption may not be conditional.

If any note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to that note will state the portion of the principal amount of that note that is to be redeemed. A new note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original note will be issued in the name of the holder of notes upon cancellation of the original note (or cause to be transferred by book entry). Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption.

### **Change of Control**

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs with respect to the notes, unless we have exercised our option to redeem the notes by giving notice of such redemption to the holders thereof, each holder of notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000) of that holder s notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. In the Change of Control Offer, we will offer a Change of Control Payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest on the notes repurchased to, but not including, the repurchase date, subject to the rights of holders of notes on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date (the Change of Control Payment ). Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event, we will mail or deliver in accordance with DTC procedures a notice to each holder and the trustee:

- 1) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event;
- 2) offering to repurchase notes on the date specified in the notice (the Change of Control Payment Date ), which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed or sent; and
- 3) stating the instructions determined by us, consistent with this covenant, that a holder must follow in order to have its notes purchased.

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

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regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the indenture, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the notes or the indenture by virtue of such compliance.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, we will, to the extent lawful:

- 1) accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- 2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered; and
- 3) 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 or portions of notes being purchased by us.

The paying agent will promptly mail to each holder of notes properly tendered the Change of Control Payment for such 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 the notes surrendered, if any. We will publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

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

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and our Subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of notes to require us to repurchase our notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of our assets and our Subsidiaries taken as a whole to another Person or group may be uncertain.

### **Covenant Modification**

The indenture contains a covenant (Section 4.10 of the indenture), which, subject to certain exceptions, requires that we preserve and keep in full force and effect (i) our corporate existence and the entity existence of each of our subsidiaries in accordance with our and our subsidiaries respective organizational documents and (ii) our and each of our subsidiaries rights, licenses and franchises; provided that we are not required to preserve any such right, license, franchise or entity existence if the Board of Directors (as defined in the indenture) shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of our and our subsidiaries business, taken as a whole, and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the holders of securities issued under the indenture.

The indenture also contains a covenant (Section 4.07 of the indenture), which requires that the Company and each Subsidiary Guarantor file with the Trustee copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents, and other reports which the Company and each Subsidiary Guarantor is required to file with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

In a previous supplement to the indenture, we have modified Section 4.10 of the indenture as it applies to the notes so that the determination regarding the preservation of any right, license, franchise or entity existence by us or any of our subsidiaries will need to be made by Owens Corning, but not specifically by our Board of Directors. In the supplement to the indenture which creates the terms of the notes offered hereby, we have also modified Section 4.07 of the indenture as it applies to the notes so that if the Company is not subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, so long as any notes are outstanding, the Company is required to furnish to the Trustee and the holders of the notes certain consolidated financial statements.

### Discharge, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

We may be discharged from all of our obligations with respect to the outstanding notes, be discharged from our obligations with respect to the notes (except as otherwise specified in the indenture) or be released from our obligation to comply with the provisions of the indenture with respect to the notes as described under Description of Debt Securities Discharge, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance in the accompanying prospectus.

### The Trustee Under the Indenture

We maintain ordinary banking relationships and, from time to time, obtain credit facilities and lines of credit with a number of banks, including the trustee, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, and its affiliates. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, acts as the administrative agent for our Credit Agreement. Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, one of the joint book-running managers in this offering, is an affiliate of the trustee. Neither the trustee nor any paying agent shall be responsible for monitoring our rating status, making any request upon any rating agency, or determining whether any Ratings Downgrade or Change of Control Repurchase Event has occurred.

# **Governing Law; Jury Trial Waiver**

The indenture is, and any notes will be, governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. The indenture provides that the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee, and each holder of a Note by its acceptance thereof, irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to the Indenture, the Notes, the Subsidiary Guarantees, or any transaction contemplated thereby.

# **Book-Entry, Delivery and Form**

### **Global** Notes

We will issue the notes in the form of one or more global notes in definitive, fully registered, book-entry form. The global notes will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC (including Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*).

# DTC

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.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, among its participants in such securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC s participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of which own DTC. Access to DTC s book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

We have provided the description of the operations and procedures of DTC in this prospectus supplement solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of DTC and are subject to change by DTC from time to time. None of us, the underwriters or the trustee takes any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and you are urged to contact DTC or its participants directly to discuss these matters.

We expect that under procedures established by DTC:

upon deposit of the global notes with DTC or its custodian, DTC will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the accounts of direct participants designated by the underwriters with portions of the principal amounts of the global notes; and

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

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. 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, or receive notices. 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 direct or indirect participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that holder owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder of notes under the indenture or a global note.

Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of notes by DTC or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to the notes. Neither we nor the Trustee has any responsibility or liability for any act or omission of DTC.

Payments on the notes represented by the global notes will be made to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner thereof. We expect that DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment on the notes represented by a global note, will credit participants accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the global note as shown in the records of DTC or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global note held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practice as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in the names of nominees for such customers. The participants will be responsible for those payments.

# **Certificated** Notes

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

DTC notifies us that it is no longer willing or able to act as a depositary for such global note or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and we have not appointed a

successor depositary within 90 days of that notice or becoming aware that DTC is no longer so registered;

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 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.

#### **Certain Definitions**

Beneficial Owner has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms Beneficially Owns and Beneficially Owned have a corresponding meaning.

Board of Directors means:

- 1) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any committee thereof duly authorized to act for the corporation;
- 2) with respect to a partnership, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the partnership;
- 3) with respect to a limited liability company, the managing member or members or any controlling committee of managing members thereof; and

4) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function. Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following:

1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, 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 the properties or assets of Owens Corning and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act);

- 2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Owens Corning;
- 3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation), the result of which is that any person (as defined above) becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of Owens Corning, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
- 4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the Board of Directors of Owens Corning are not Continuing Directors.

Change of Control Offer has the meaning assigned to that term in the indenture governing the notes.

Change of Control Repurchase Event means the occurrence of a Change of Control and a Ratings Downgrade.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term 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 notes of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the 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 such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Continuing Directors means, as of any date of determination, any member of the Board of Directors of Owens Corning who:

- 1) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date of the indenture; 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.

Credit Agreement means the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2015, as amended, among Owens Corning, the lending institutions party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced (whether upon termination or otherwise) or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

Officers Certificate means a certificate signed by two officers or by an officer and either an assistant treasurer or an assistant secretary of Owens Corning.

Quotation Agent means a Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by us.

Rating Agency means each of Moody s Investors Service Inc. and Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., or any of their successors.

Ratings Downgrade means when, at the time of a Change of Control, the notes carry:

1) an investment grade credit rating (BBB-/Baa3, or equivalent, or better) from both Rating Agencies, and such rating from both Rating Agencies is within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either Rating Agency) either downgraded to a non-investment grade credit rating (BB+/Ba1 or equivalent, or worse) or withdrawn and is not within such period subsequently (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded to an investment grade credit rating or (in the case of a withdrawal) replaced by an investment grade credit rating;

- 2) a non-investment grade credit rating (BB+/Ba1, or equivalent, or worse) from both Rating Agencies, and such rating from both Rating Agencies is within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either Rating Agency) downgraded by one or more notches (for illustration, Ba1 to Ba2 being one notch) and is not within such period subsequently upgraded to its earlier credit rating or better by both Rating Agencies;
- 3) both (A) an investment grade credit rating (BBB-/Baa3, or equivalent, or better) from one Rating Agency, and such rating is within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either Rating Agency) either downgraded to a non-investment grade credit rating (BB+/Ba1, or equivalent, or worse) or withdrawn and is not

within such period subsequently (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded to an investment grade credit rating by such Rating Agency or (in the case of a withdrawal) replaced by an investment grade credit rating from such Rating Agency and (B) a non-investment grade credit rating (BB+/Ba1, or equivalent, or worse) from one Rating Agency, and such rating is within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either Rating Agency) downgraded by one or more notches (for illustration, Ba1 to Ba2 being one notch) and is not within such period subsequently upgraded to its earlier credit rating or better by such Rating Agency;

- 4) both (A) an investment grade credit rating (BBB-/Baa3, or equivalent, or better) from one Rating Agency, and such rating is within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either Rating Agency) either downgraded to a non-investment grade credit rating (BB+/Ba1, or equivalent, or worse) or withdrawn and is not within such period subsequently (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded to an investment grade credit rating by such Rating Agency or (in the case of a withdrawal) replaced by an investment grade credit rating from such Rating Agency and (B) no credit rating from one Rating Agency, and such Rating Agency does not assign within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control an investment grade credit rating to the notes;
- 5) both (A) a non-investment grade credit rating (BB+/Ba1, or equivalent, or worse) from one Rating Agency, and such rating is within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by either Rating Agency) downgraded by one or more notches (for illustration, Ba1 to Ba2 being one notch) and is not within such period subsequently upgraded to its earlier credit rating or better by such Rating Agency and (B) no credit rating from one Rating Agency, and such Rating Agency does not assign within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control an investment grade credit rating to the notes; or
- 6) no credit rating from either Rating Agency and both Rating Agencies do not assign within 60 days of the occurrence of the Change of Control an investment grade credit rating to the notes; and in making the relevant decision(s) referred to above to downgrade or withdraw such ratings, as applicable, the relevant Rating Agency announces publicly or confirms in writing to Owens Corning that such decision(s) resulted, in whole or in part, from the occurrence of the Change of Control.

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

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by us, 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.

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### Subsidiary means, with respect to any specified Person:

1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders agreement that effectively

transfers voting power) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and

2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

Subsidiary Guarantee means the guarantee by each Guarantor of Owens Corning s obligations under the indenture and the notes, executed pursuant to the provisions of the indenture.

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.

Voting Stock of any specified Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors of such Person.

### MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the notes to beneficial owners of the notes. This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code ), the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions, all as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretation, possibly on a retroactive basis, which may result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those set forth below. No ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or opinion of counsel has been or will be sought with respect to the matters discussed below. There can be no assurance that the IRS will not take a different position concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership or disposition of the notes.

This discussion applies only to beneficial owners of notes that acquire the notes upon their initial issuance, at their initial offering price and hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of section 1221 of the Code (generally, property held for investment). This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that might be important to particular holders in light of their individual circumstances or the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to holders that may be subject to special tax rules, such as banks and other financial institutions, insurance companies, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, tax-exempt entities, plans, cooperatives, partnerships (or entities or arrangements classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes), S corporations or other pass-through entities or investors in such entities, brokers or dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting, persons liable for U.S. federal alternative minimum tax, U.S. holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, certain former citizens or residents of the United States, persons holding the notes as part of a hedging, conversion transaction, a straddle or other risk reduction transaction, persons deemed to sell the notes under the constructive sale provisions of the Code, controlled foreign corporations or passive investment companies. The discussion does not address any non-U.S., U.S. federal non-income, state or local tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership or disposition of the notes to beneficial owners of the notes.

As used in this prospectus supplement, the term U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of a note who is, or is treated as, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

a citizen or individual resident of the United States;

a corporation created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any State within the United States, or the District of Columbia;

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

a trust, if (i) it is subject to the supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons (as defined in the Code) have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) a valid election is in place under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to treat such trust as a United States person.

The term Non-U.S. Holder means any beneficial owner of a note that is neither a U.S. Holder nor a partnership or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For the purposes of this prospectus supplement, U.S. Holders and Non-U.S. Holders are referred to collectively as Holders.

If a partnership or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a beneficial owner of a note, the tax treatment of a partner in such partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Such entities and partners of such entities should consult their tax advisors about the U.S. federal income and other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of a note.

This discussion is for general information only and is not tax advice. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the U.S. federal income tax laws to their particular situations and the

consequences to them of acquiring, owning or disposing of notes under U.S. federal non-income, non-U.S., state, or local tax laws and tax treaties, and the possible effects of changes in tax laws.

### U.S. Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Holders

#### **Change of Control Premium**

In certain circumstances, we may be obligated to pay a change of control premium on the notes (as described above under Description of the Notes Change of Control ). Treasury regulations provide special rules for contingent payment debt instruments which, if applicable, could cause the timing, amount and character of a holder s income, gain or loss with respect to the notes to be different from the consequences discussed below. Under the applicable Treasury regulations, however, for purposes of determining whether a debt instrument is a contingent payment debt instrument, remote or incidental contingencies (determined as of the date the notes are issued) are ignored. We believe the possibility of making additional payments on the notes is remote and/or incidental. Therefore, we do not intend to treat the notes as contingent payment debt instruments. Our treatment will be binding on all holders, except a holder that discloses its differing treatment in a statement attached to its timely filed U.S. federal income tax return for the taxable year during which the note was acquired. Our treatment is not binding on the IRS, however, which may take a contrary position and treat the notes as contingent payment debt instruments. The remainder of this discussion assumes that the notes are not treated as contingent payment debt instruments.

#### Interest

A U.S. Holder generally must include interest paid on the notes as ordinary income at the time such interest is received or accrued, in accordance with the U.S. Holder s regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If, however, the stated principal amount of the notes exceeds the issue price thereof by more than a de minimis amount (as set forth in the applicable Treasury regulations), a U.S. Holder (regardless of its method of tax accounting) will be required to include such excess in income as original issue discount as it accrues in accordance with a constant yield method before the receipt of cash payments attributable to this income.

### Sale, Exchange or Redemption of the Notes

Upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of notes, a U.S. Holder generally will recognize gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the amount realized upon the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the notes, other than amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest which would be treated as interest described above in Interest (which will be taxed as ordinary interest income to the extent such interest has not been previously included in income), and (ii) the U.S. Holder s adjusted federal income tax basis in the notes. The amount realized by a U.S. Holder is the sum of cash plus the fair market value of all other property received on such sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition. A U.S. Holder s adjusted federal income tax basis in the notes generally will be its cost for the notes, decreased by the amount of any payments, other than qualified stated interest payments, received with respect to such notes.

The gain or loss a U.S. Holder recognizes on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the notes generally will be capital gain or loss. Such gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if a U.S. Holder has held the notes for more than 12 consecutive months. For non-corporate taxpayers, long-term capital gains are currently taxed at lower rates than ordinary income. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. A U.S. Holder should consult its tax advisor regarding the deductibility of capital losses in its particular circumstances.

### Tax on Net Investment Income

Certain U.S. Holders that are individuals, estates or trusts are subject to a 3.8% additional tax on the lesser of (i) their net investment income and (ii) the excess of the U.S. Holder s modified adjusted gross income over a certain threshold (which in the case of individuals is between \$125,000 and \$250,000, depending on the individual s circumstances). A U.S. Holder s net investment income generally will include its gross interest income and its net gains from the disposition of a note. You are urged to consult your tax advisors regarding the applicability of this additional tax.

# Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

In general, a U.S. Holder that is not an exempt recipient will be subject to U.S. federal backup withholding tax at the applicable rate (currently 28%) with respect to payments of interest on the notes and the proceeds of a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of the notes, unless the U.S. Holder provides its taxpayer identification number to the paying agent and certifies, under penalties of perjury, that it is not subject to backup withholding on an IRS Form W-9 and otherwise complies with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a U.S. Holder may be allowed as a credit against such U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle such U.S. Holder to a refund, provided the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner. In addition, payments on the notes made to, and the proceeds of a sale or other taxable disposition by, a U.S. Holder that is not an exempt recipient generally will be subject to information reporting requirements.

# U.S. Federal Income Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders

# **Payments of Interest**

Subject to the discussions below under Backup Withholding and Information Reporting and FATCA, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will be exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax on interest paid on the notes under the portfolio interest exemption so long as:

the Non-U.S. Holder does not 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 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code and the Treasury regulations thereunder; and either

(i) the Non-U.S. Holder certifies under penalties of perjury on a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (as applicable), or applicable successor form, that it is not a United States person (as defined in the Code), and provides its name and address, and U.S. taxpayer identification number, if any; (ii) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customers securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business and holds the notes on behalf of the Non-U.S. Holder certifies under penalties of perjury that the certification referred to in clause (i) has been received from the Non-U.S. Holder and furnishes to us a copy thereof; or (iii) the Non-U.S. Holder holds its notes directly through a qualified intermediary provided that such qualified intermediary has entered into a withholding agreement with the IRS and certain other conditions are satisfied.

A Non-U.S. Holder that does not qualify for exemption from withholding as described above generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% on payments of interest on the notes. A Non-U.S. Holder may be entitled to the benefits of an income tax treaty under which interest on the notes is subject to a reduced rate of

U.S. withholding tax or is exempt from U.S. withholding tax, provided the Non-U.S. Holder furnishes us a properly completed and executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (as applicable) establishing the reduction or exemption under the benefit of an applicable income tax treaty and the Non-U.S. Holder complies with any other applicable procedures, or a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI

certifying that interest paid on the note is not subject to withholding tax because the interest is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder s conduct of a trade or business in the United States (as discussed below under Effectively Connected Income ).

### Sale, Exchange or Redemption of the Notes

Subject to the discussions below under Backup Withholding and Information Reporting and FATCA, generally, any gain recognized by a Non-U.S. Holder on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a note (other than amounts attributable to accrued and unpaid interest, which will be treated as described under

Payments of Interest above and will be taxed as ordinary interest income to the extent such interest has not been previously included in income) will be exempt from U.S. federal income and withholding tax, unless:

the gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder s conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if an income tax treaty applies, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States); or

the Non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year, and certain other conditions are met.

### Effectively Connected Income

If interest, gain or other income recognized by a Non-U.S. Holder on a note is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder s conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if an income tax treaty applies, such interest, gain or other income is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States), the Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to the withholding tax discussed above if the Non-U.S. Holder provides us with a properly completed and executed IRS Form W-8ECI, but the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such interest, gain or other income as if it were a United States person (as defined in the Code). In addition to such U.S. federal income tax, if the Non-U.S. Holder is a corporation, it may be subject to an additional branch profits tax equal to 30% (or a lower applicable income tax treaty rate) of such Non-U.S. Holder s conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

### Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

We must report annually to the IRS and to a Non-U.S. Holder the amount of interest, and proceeds from the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition paid to a Non-U.S. Holder and the tax withheld from those payments. These reporting requirements apply regardless of whether U.S. withholding tax on such payments was reduced or eliminated by any applicable income tax treaty or otherwise. Copies of the information returns reporting those payments and the amounts withheld may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country where a Non-U.S. Holder is a resident under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement.

Under some circumstances, U.S. Treasury regulations may require backup withholding and additional information reporting on payments on the notes. Such backup withholding and additional information reporting generally will not apply to payments on the notes made by us or our paying agent to a Non-U.S. Holder if the certification described above under Payments of Interest is timely received from the Non-U.S. Holder.

Information reporting and backup withholding generally will not apply to any proceeds from the disposition of a note effected outside the United States by a foreign office of a broker. However, unless such a broker has documentary evidence in its records that you are a Non-U.S. Holder and certain other conditions are met, or you otherwise establish an exemption, information reporting will apply to a payment of the proceeds of the disposition of a note effected outside the United States by such a broker if it has certain relationships with the United States.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. A Non-U.S. Holder may obtain a refund or credit against its U.S. federal income tax liability of any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules, provided the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely matter.

Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of information reporting and backup withholding in their particular situations, the availability of an exemption therefrom, and the procedures for obtaining such an exemption, if available.

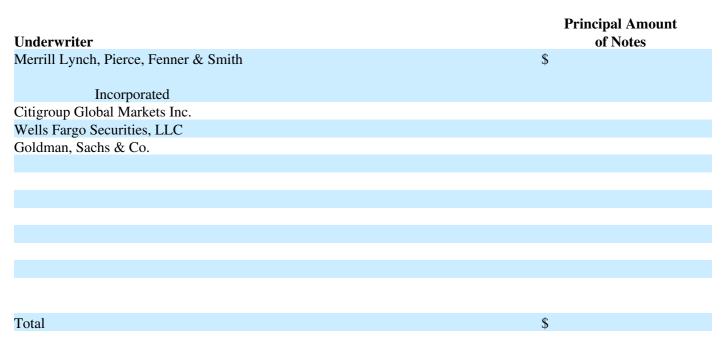
### FATCA

Pursuant to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ( FATCA ), foreign financial institutions (which term includes most non-U.S. hedge funds, private equity funds, mutual funds and other investment vehicles) and certain other foreign entities generally must comply with information reporting rules with respect to their U.S. account holders and investors or confront a withholding tax on certain U.S.-source payments made to them (whether received as a beneficial owner or as an intermediary for another party). A foreign financial institution that does not comply with the FATCA reporting requirements will be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax on certain U.S. source payments, including interest (and original issue discount), dividends and other fixed or determinable annual or periodical gain, profits, and income, and on the gross proceeds from a disposition of property of a type which can produce U.S.-source interest or dividends (Withholdable Payments), including amounts paid to a foreign financial institution on behalf of a Holder. FATCA also generally imposes a withholding tax of 30% on Withholdable Payments made to certain nonfinancial foreign entities unless such entity provides the withholding agent with a certification that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or a certification identifying the direct and indirect substantial U.S. owners of the entity. Under certain circumstances, a Holder may be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes. Under the applicable Treasury regulations, these withholding and reporting requirements generally apply to U.S.-source interest payments, although withholding has been deferred on payments of gross proceeds from a disposition of the notes until January 1, 2019. If we (or an applicable withholding agent) determine withholding is appropriate with respect to the notes, we (or such agent) will withhold tax at the applicable statutory rate, and we will not pay any additional amounts to Non-U.S. Holders in respect of such withholding. Foreign financial institutions and non-financial foreign entities located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing FATCA may be subject to different rules. Prospective investors are urged to consult with their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA on their investment in the notes.

The material U.S. federal income tax consequences set forth above are included for general information only and may not be applicable depending upon a Holder s particular situation. Prospective purchasers of the notes should consult their tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences to them of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes, including the tax consequences under state, local, U.S. federal non-income, non-U.S. and other tax laws and tax treaties and the possible effects of changes in U.S. or other tax laws.

# UNDERWRITING

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are acting as representatives of each of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in a firm commitment underwriting agreement among us, the guarantors and the underwriters, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the principal amount of notes set forth opposite its name below.



Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriters have agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase all of the notes sold under the underwriting agreement if any of these notes are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the nondefaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated.

We and the guarantors have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters and their controlling persons against certain liabilities in connection with this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the notes, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officer s certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

### **Commissions and Discounts**

The representatives have advised us that the underwriters propose initially to offer the notes to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the notes, and those dealers may reallow, a concession not

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in excess of % of the principal amount of the notes. After the initial offering, the public offering price, concession or any other term of the offering may be changed.

The following table shows the underwriting discount that we will pay to the underwriters in connection with the offering of the notes:

Per note	%
Total	\$

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at \$ million and are payable by us.

#### **New Issue of Notes**

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any national securities exchange or for inclusion of the notes on any automated dealer quotation system. We have been advised by the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the notes after completion of the offering. However, they are under no obligation to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without any notice. We cannot assure the liquidity of the trading market for the notes or that an active public market for the notes will develop. If an active public trading market for the notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected. If the notes are traded, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our operating performance and financial condition, general economic conditions and other factors.

### No Sales of Similar Securities

We and the guarantors have agreed that we and the guarantors will not, through and including the date of closing of this offering, without first obtaining the prior written consent of the representatives, directly or indirectly, issue, sell, offer to contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any debt securities or securities exchangeable for or convertible into debt securities, except for the notes sold to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement.

### **Short Positions**

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell the notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales and purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater principal amount of notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. The underwriters must close out any short position by purchasing notes in the open market. A short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. As a result, the price of the notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the notes. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the representatives will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

As described under Use of Proceeds in this prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes offered hereby for general corporate purposes, including to exercise the make-whole call to redeem all of our outstanding 2016 Notes and to repay outstanding debt, including but not limited to a portion of the borrowings under our Receivables Securitization Facility. Certain affiliates of the underwriters

hold some of our 2016 Notes, participate in our Receivables Securitization Facility, and are lenders under our Credit Agreement and our Incremental Term Loan. In the event that any of the underwriters, together with their respective affiliates, receives at least 5% of the net proceeds of this offering, such underwriters will be deemed to have a conflict of interest within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121. However, in accordance with FINRA Rule 5121, no qualified independent underwriter is required because the notes are investment grade-rated by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating agencies.

### **Other Relationships**

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. Certain affiliates of the underwriters are lenders under our Credit Agreement and our Incremental Term Loan. In addition, an affiliate of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC acts as administrative agent under the Credit Agreement. An affiliate of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC acts as joint lead arranger and joint book manager under the Credit Agreement.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments 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. If any of the underwriters or their affiliates has a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, those underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of 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.

# 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 ), each underwriter has represented that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date ) it has not made and will not make an offer of notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement 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 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant underwriter or underwriters nominated by us for any such offer; 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 or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of notes 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 the notes, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in the Relevant Member State and 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 means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- A. 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) of the United Kingdom received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- B. 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. **Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada**

The notes may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or subsection 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the notes must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus supplement (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser s province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser s province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

### Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The notes have not been offered or sold and may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent; or to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which

do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap.32) of Hong Kong. No document, invitation or advertisement relating to the notes has been 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 of Hong Kong (except if permitted under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance.

This prospectus supplement has not been reviewed or approved by any regulatory authorities, including the Securities and Future Commission of Hong Kong and the Companies Registry of Hong Kong and neither had it been registered with the Registrar of Companies in Hong Kong. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement may not be issued, circulated or distributed in Hong Kong, and the securities may not be offered for subscription to members of the public in Hong Kong. Each person acquiring the securities will be required, and is deemed by the acquisition of the securities, to confirm that he is aware of the restriction on offers of the securities described in this prospectus supplement and the relevant offering documents and that he is not acquiring, and has not been offered any securities in circumstances that contravene any such restrictions.

# Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement, the accompany 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 (which includes an accredited investor) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, 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 in reliance on an exemption under Section 274 or Section 275 of the SFA, the notes shall not be sold within the period of 6 months from the date of the initial acquisition of the notes, except to any of the following persons: (i) an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA); (ii) a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA); or (iii) any person pursuant to an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA, unless expressly specified otherwise in Section 276(7) of the SFA or Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore (the SFR ).

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA 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, securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes pursuant to an offer made in reliance on an exemption under Section 275 of the SFA except: (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 276(2) of the SFA; (2) (in the case of a corporation) where the transfer arises from an offer referred to in Section 276(3)(i)(B) of the SFA, (3) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; (4) where the transfer is by operation of law; (5) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or (6) as specified in Regulation 32 of the SFR.

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# LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement will be passed upon for us by Jones Day, Cleveland, Ohio. Certain legal matters as to the guarantee given by Soltech, Inc. will be passed upon by Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky, and certain legal matters as to the guarantee given by CDC Corporation will be passed upon by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Certain legal matters relating to this offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Washington, D.C.

# **EXPERTS**

The financial statements and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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PROSPECTUS

# **OWENS CORNING**

**Common Stock** 

**Debt Securities** 

Guarantees

We may offer and sell our common stock and/or debt securities and related guarantees from time to time in one or more offerings. We will provide specific terms of any offering of these securities, including the initial public offering price and our net proceeds from the sale thereof, in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Any statement contained in this prospectus is deemed modified or superseded by any inconsistent statement contained in an accompanying prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as well as the documents incorporated and deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, carefully before you invest.

#### This prospectus may not be used to offer to sell any securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

We may sell these securities on a continuous or delayed basis directly, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. We reserve the sole right to accept, and together with any agents, dealers and underwriters, reserve the right to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of securities. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth any applicable commissions or discounts. Our net proceeds from the sale of our securities will be the initial public offering price less the applicable discount, in the case of an offering made through an underwriter, or the purchase price of those securities less the applicable commission, in the case of an offering through an agent, and, in each case, less other expenses payable by us in connection with the issuance and distribution of those securities.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol OC.

Our principal executive offices are located at One Owens Corning Parkway, Toledo, Ohio 43659, and our telephone number at that address is (419) 248-8000. Our principal website is located at *www.owenscorning.com*. Information on our website is not incorporated into this prospectus.

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the information referred to under the heading <u>Risk Factors</u> on page 4 of this prospectus.

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

The date of this prospectus is February 11, 2015.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus incorporates by reference important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this document. This information, other than exhibits to documents that are not specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus, is available to you without charge upon written or oral request to: Owens Corning, One Owens Corning Parkway, Toledo, Ohio 43659, Attention: Corporate Secretary, (419) 248-8000.

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Act. Under the automatic shelf process, we may offer and sell, from time to time, the securities described in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement in one or more offerings. This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer and sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Before you make any investment decision, you should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, together with the documents incorporated and deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the additional information described below under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, including the information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein or any free writing prospectus that we prepare and distribute. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus supplement or any such free writing prospectus.

This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation. Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any sale hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date hereof, that the information contained herein is correct as of any time subsequent to its date, or that any information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein is correct as of any time subsequent to its date.

The exhibits to our registration statement contain the full text of certain agreements and other important documents we have summarized in this prospectus. Since these summaries may not contain all the information that you may find important in deciding whether to purchase the securities we offer, you should review the full text of these documents. The registration statement and the exhibits can be obtained from the SEC as indicated under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

In this prospectus, unless otherwise expressly set forth or as the context otherwise indicates, the terms Owens Corning, Company, we, our and refer to Owens Corning, a Delaware corporation, and its subsidiaries.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. SEC rules and regulations also permit us to furnish rather than file certain reports and information with the SEC. Any such reports or information which we furnish or have furnished shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into or otherwise become a part of this prospectus, regardless of when furnished to the SEC. We incorporate by reference the following documents we have already filed with the SEC (file number 1-33100) and any future filings that we will make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act (other than any portion of such filings that are furnished under applicable SEC rules rather than filed):

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

the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 13, 2014;

the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 11, 2015; and

the description of our common stock as set forth in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on October 19, 2006 (File No. 001-33100).

Our SEC filings are available free of charge through our Internet website at *www.owenscorning.com* as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file these materials with the SEC. You may access these SEC filings on our website. However, the information on our Internet site is not part of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement or other offering materials. You may also request a copy of our SEC filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at:

**Owens Corning** 

One Owens Corning Parkway

Toledo, OH 43659

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (419) 248-8000

Our SEC filings are also available at the SEC s Web site at http://www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any documents that we file with the SEC at the SEC s public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of these documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the public reference room.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Our disclosure and analysis in this prospectus and the materials we have filed or will file with the SEC (as well as information included in our other written or oral statements) contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements present our current forecasts and estimates of future events. These statements do not strictly relate to historical or current results and can be identified by words such as anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, likely, may, project, strategy, will and other terms of similar meaning or import in connection with any discussion of future operating, financial or other performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, without limitation:

levels of residential and commercial construction activity;

competitive and pricing factors;

levels of global industrial production;

demand for our products;

relationships with key customers;

industry and economic conditions that affect the market and operating conditions of our customers, suppliers or lenders;

our level of indebtedness;

weather conditions;

availability and cost of credit;

availability and cost of energy and raw materials;

issues involving implementation and protection of information technology systems;

international economic and political conditions, including new legislation or other governmental actions;

our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards;

research and development activities and intellectual property protection;

foreign exchange and commodity price fluctuations;

interest rate movements;

labor disputes, and litigation;

uninsured losses;

issues related to acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures;

achievement of expected synergies, cost reductions and/or productivity improvements; and

#### defined benefit plan funding obligations.

All forward-looking statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus should be considered in the context of the risk and other factors described above and as detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC filings. Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement is made and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by federal securities laws. It is not possible to identify all of the risks, uncertainties and other factors that may affect future results. In light of these risks and uncertainties, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this prospectus and the documents incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus may not occur and actual results could differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. Accordingly, users of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements.

#### **OWENS CORNING**

Owens Corning is incorporated in Delaware and headquartered in Toledo, Ohio. Owens Corning was founded in 1938. Since then, we have continued to grow as a market-leading innovator of glass fiber technology. Owens Corning is a world leader in composite and building materials systems, delivering a broad range of high-quality products and services. Our products range from glass fiber used to reinforce composite materials for transportation, electronics, marine, infrastructure, wind-energy and other high-performance markets to insulation and roofing for residential, commercial and industrial applications.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, we announced organizational changes to streamline our management structure and reduce costs. As a result of this action, the Building Materials Group organizational structure was eliminated. The new management structure contains three reporting segments: Composites, which includes our Reinforcements and Downstream businesses, Insulation and Roofing.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves significant risks. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information included and incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, including the risk factors incorporated by reference herein from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus and that are incorporated by reference herein or in the applicable prospectus supplement. Our business, financial position, results of operations or liquidity could be adversely affected by any of these risks.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, the net proceeds from the sale of securities to which this prospectus relates will be used for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes may include repayment of debt, acquisitions, additions to working capital, capital expenditures and investments in our subsidiaries. Net proceeds may be temporarily invested or applied to repay short-term debt prior to their stated use.

# **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

		Owens Corning			
	Twe	Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(a)	2.5	3.0	0.8	3.3	1.6

(a) For purposes of calculating our ratio of earnings to fixed charges:

earnings consists of earnings (loss) from continuing operations before taxes plus (i) fixed charges, as defined below, and (ii) amortization of capitalized interest less capitalized interest;

fixed charges consists of (i) the portion of rents representative of interest expense, (ii) interest on indebtedness, including amortization of deferred loan costs, and (iii) capitalized interest; and

the consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges is determined by dividing earnings, as defined above, by fixed charges, as defined above.

#### DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The following summary description of our common stock is based on the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the DGCL) and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (certificate of incorporation) and our amended and restated bylaws (bylaws). This description is only a summary and does not purport to be complete, therefore it is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the terms of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, which are incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

#### **Authorized Capital Stock**

The Company s authorized capital stock consists of 400,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share ( preferred stock ). We may issue preferred stock in one or more series with rights and preferences as authorized by resolution by our board of directors. The issuance of any shares of any series of preferred stock in future financings, acquisitions or otherwise may result in dilution of voting power and relative equity interest of the holders of shares of our common stock and will subject our common stock to the prior dividend and liquidation rights of the outstanding shares of each series of preferred stock. As of the date of this prospectus, no shares of preferred stock have been issued or are outstanding.

#### **Common Stock**

*Voting*. The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each outstanding share of common stock owned by that stockholder on every matter properly submitted to the stockholders for their vote, subject only to any exclusive voting rights which may vest in holders of the preferred stock under the provisions of any series of the preferred stock established by our board of directors. Generally, all matters to be voted on by stockholders must be approved by a majority in voting power of the stock having voting power present in person or represented by proxy. However, questions governed expressly by provisions of the certificate of incorporation, bylaws, applicable stock exchange rules or applicable law require approval as set forth in the applicable governing document, stock exchange rule or law. The election of directors is by plurality vote, and there is no cumulative voting for the election of directors. Certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation require a 75% vote of our outstanding common stock to be altered, amended or repealed.

*Phasing Out Classified Board of Directors.* Prior to the approval of our current certificate of incorporation and bylaws at our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provided for a classified board of directors divided into three classes serving staggered three-year terms. The members of one class were elected by the stockholders each year. Under the current certificate of incorporation and bylaws, we are transitioning to a declassified structure under which the entire board of directors will stand for election annually beginning in 2017. As part of the transition, at the annual meetings of stockholders in 2015 and 2016, each of the Class III and Class I directors, respectively, will begin standing for annual election. Any director elected prior to the annual meeting of stockholders in 2015 will serve the remainder of such director s unexpired term.

*Dividend Rights.* Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding shares of preferred stock and any restrictions that may be imposed under our credit agreement governing our senior revolving credit facility or other contractual restrictions, the holders of common stock will be entitled to such dividends and other distributions of cash or any other right or property as may be declared by the board of directors out of the assets or funds legally available for such dividends or distributions. If there is any preferred stock outstanding at such time, dividends on the preferred stock must be paid in full or declared and set aside for payment before dividends may be paid to the holders of common stock. Under our credit agreement, we may not declare a cash dividend if a default or event of default thereunder exists or would come to exist at the time of declaration or if a dividend declaration violates the provisions of our formation documents or other material agreements.

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*Liquidation Rights.* In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of common stock would be entitled to share ratably, based upon the number of shares held, in assets that are legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of all of our debts and liabilities and the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred stock.

*Conversion, Redemption and Preemptive Rights.* Our common stock has no conversion rights nor are there any redemption or sinking fund provisions with respect to our common stock. Our certificate of incorporation does not provide that holders of common stock any preference or preemptive right to subscribe for or purchase additional common stock or securities of Owens Corning.

Listing. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol OC.

#### Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws that May Have an Anti-Takeover Effect

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain several provisions that could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing the acquisition of control of Owens Corning by means of tender offer, open market purchases, a proxy contest or otherwise. Set forth below is a description of those provisions.

*Classified Board of Directors.* As described above, we are currently phasing-out our classified board of directors. All of our directors will be up for annual elections beginning in 2017. Until that time, certain of our directors will continue to serve staggered terms. A classified board may discourage or render more difficult an attempt to obtain control of us by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise and could increase the likelihood that, in the event of a takeover of Owens Corning, certain incumbent directors will retain their positions.

*Number of Directors; Removal; Filling Vacancies.* Our bylaws provide that the exact number of directors shall be fixed from time to time by our board of directors. Until our board of directors ceases to be classified, directors may only be removed for cause (as defined in our certificate of incorporation) and only by the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors ( voting stock ). Once our board of directors ceases to be classified, any director may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of the then-outstanding voting stock.

The bylaws also provide that vacant directorships may be filled by the board of directors.

Special Meetings of Stockholders; Stockholders Cannot Act by Written Consent. Our bylaws provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by our board of directors pursuant to a resolution approved by a majority of the whole board of directors. Stockholders are not permitted to call, or to require that the board of directors call, a special meeting of stockholders. Our certificate of incorporation requires that any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders must be affected at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders and may not be effected by any consent in writing by our stockholders.

Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations. Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with regard to stockholder proposals and the nomination, other than by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee thereof, of candidates for election as directors.

*Certain Effect of Authorized but Unissued Stock.* Unissued and unreserved shares of common stock or preferred stock may be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital and for facilitating corporate acquisitions. One of the effects of unissued and unreserved shares of capital stock may be to enable our board of directors to render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of Owens Corning by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby to protect the continuity of our management. If, in the due exercise of its fiduciary obligations, for example, our

board of directors determines that a takeover proposal was not in our best interests, such shares could be issued by our board of directors without stockholder approval in one or more private transactions or other transactions that might prevent or render more difficult or costly the completion of the takeover transaction by diluting the voting or other rights of the proposed acquiror or insurgent stockholder group, by creating a substantial voting block in institutional or other hands that might undertake to support the position of the incumbent board of directors, by effecting an acquisition that might complicate or preclude the takeover, or otherwise.

#### Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law

We are subject to Section 203 of the DGCL, which, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination (as defined below) with any interested stockholder (as defined below) for a period of three years following the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

prior to such date, the corporation s board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

on consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding those shares owned by (i) directors who are also officers and (ii) employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

on or subsequent to such date, the business combination is approved by the corporation s board of directors and by the affirmative vote (and not by written consent) of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder. Section 203 of the DGCL defines business combination to include: (i) any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder; (ii) any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder; (iii) subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder; (iv) any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or (v) the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation. In general, Section 203 of the DGCL defines an interested stockholder as any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

We will issue the debt securities in one or more series. Debt securities will be issued under the indenture dated as of June 2, 2009, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 8, 2009, the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 26, 2010, the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 22, 2012, and the Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 12, 2014, among us, the Subsidiary Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, or any other indenture which we identify in a prospectus supplement (we refer to the indenture dated as of June 2, 2009, as amended or supplemented from time to time, and any such other indenture, as the indenture ). We have summarized below the material provisions of the indenture. However, because this is only a summary and does not purport to be complete, it is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indenture, which is incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Definitions of certain terms used in this Description of Debt Securities, including the term Company, may be found below under Certain Definitions. In this Description of Debt Securities, Owens Corning, we, us, our words refer solely to Owens Corning and not any of its subsidiaries.

#### General

The debt securities will be our general obligations and will rank on a parity with our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The debt securities will be effectively subordinated to our senior secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

The debt securities will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed as described below by each of our current and future U.S. subsidiaries that is a borrower or a guarantor under the Credit Agreement (each a Subsidiary Guarantor and, collectively, the Subsidiary Guarantors). Each guarantee of the debt securities by a Subsidiary Guarantor will be a general obligation of such Subsidiary Guarantor and will rank on a parity with the other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of such Subsidiary Guarantor. Each guarantee will be effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness of the Subsidiary Guarantor, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

We may issue the debt securities in one or more series, as authorized from time to time by our Board of Directors, any committee of our Board of Directors or any duly authorized officer. The indenture does not limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness, nor does it afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving Owens Corning. However, the indenture provides, subject to significant exceptions, that neither we nor any of the Subsidiary Guarantors may subject certain of our property or assets to any lien (other than specified permitted liens) unless the debt securities are secured equally and ratably with or prior to that other secured indebtedness. See Certain Covenants below. Reference is made to the applicable prospectus supplement for information with respect to any additions to, or modifications or deletions of, the covenants or events of default described below.

We will describe in a supplement to this prospectus the particular terms of any debt securities being offered, any modifications of or additions to the general terms of the debt securities and any material U.S. Federal income tax considerations that may be applicable in the case of offered debt securities. Accordingly, you should read both the prospectus supplement relating to the particular debt securities being offered and the general description of debt securities set forth in this prospectus before investing.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe specific terms relating to the series of debt securities being offered. These terms will include some or all of the following:

the title of the series of debt securities;

the aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations (if other than \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000);

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the initial public offering price;

the original issue and stated maturity date or dates;

the interest rate or rates (which may be fixed or floating), if any, the method by which the rate or rates will be determined and the interest payment and regular record dates;

the manner and place of payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any;

if other than U.S. dollars, the currency or currencies in which payment of the initial public offering price and/or principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, may be made;

whether (and if so, when and at what price) we may be obligated to repurchase the debt securities;

whether (and if so, when and at what price) the debt securities can be redeemed by us or the holder;

under what circumstances, if any, we will pay additional amounts on the debt securities to non-U.S. holders in respect of taxes;

whether the debt securities will be issued in registered or bearer form (with or without coupons) and, if issued in the form of one or more global securities, the depositary for such securities;

where the debt securities can be exchanged or transferred;

whether the debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities, and if so, the amount of discount and the portion of the principal amount payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;

whether (and if so, when and at what rate) the debt securities will be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our common stock and the terms and conditions, including prices or rates of conversion or exchange, upon which such conversion or exchange will be effected;

whether there will be a sinking fund;

provisions, if any, for the defeasance or discharge of the debt securities;

any addition to, or modification or deletion of, any events of default or covenants contained in the indenture relating to the debt securities; and

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#### any other terms of the series.

If we issue original issue discount securities, we will also describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the material U.S. Federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to those securities.

We are not required to issue all of the debt securities of a series at the same time, and debt securities of the same series may vary as to interest rate, maturity and other provisions. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the aggregate principal amount of a series may be increased and additional debt securities of such series may be issued.

#### Denominations, Registration, Transfer and Exchange

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities of any series will be issued only as registered securities, in global or certificated form and in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, and will be payable only in U.S. dollars. For more information regarding debt securities issued in global form, see Book-Entry, Delivery and Form below. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any debt securities we issue in bearer form will have coupons attached.

Registered debt securities of any series (other than registered debt securities in global form) will be exchangeable for other registered debt securities of the same series in the same aggregate principal amount and having the same stated maturity date and other terms and conditions. If so provided in the applicable prospectus

supplement, to the extent permitted by law, debt securities of any series issued in bearer form which by their terms are registrable as to principal and interest may be exchanged, at the option of the holders, for registered debt securities of the same series in the same aggregate principal amount and having the same stated maturity date and other terms and conditions, upon surrender of those securities at the corporate trust office of the trustee or at any other office or agency designated by us for the purpose of making any such exchanges. Except in certain limited circumstances, debt securities issued in bearer form with coupons surrendered for exchange must be surrendered with all unmatured coupons and any matured coupons in default attached thereto.

Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any registered debt security of any series at the office or agency maintained for that purpose, we will execute, and the trustee will authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee, one or more new registered debt securities of the same series in the same aggregate principal amount of authorized denominations and having the same stated maturity date and other terms and conditions. We may not impose any service charge, other than any required tax or other governmental charge, on the transfer or exchange of debt securities.

We are not required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during the period from the opening of business 15 days before the day a notice of redemption relating to debt securities of that series selected for redemption is sent to the close of business on the day that notice is sent, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any debt security so selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

#### **Payment and Paying Agents**

If we issue a series of debt securities only in registered form, we will maintain in each place of payment for those debt securities an office or agency where those debt securities may be presented or surrendered for payment or for registration of transfer or exchange and where holders may serve us with notices and demands in respect of the debt securities of that series and the indenture. We may also maintain an office or agency in a place of payment for that series of debt securities located outside the United States, where any registered debt securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where holders may serve us with notices and demands in respect of those debt securities and the indenture.

We will give prompt written notice to the trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If we fail to maintain any required office or agency or fail to furnish the trustee with the address of such office or agency, presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the corporate trust office of the trustee. We have appointed the trustee as our agent to receive all presentations, surrenders, notices and demands with respect to the applicable series of debt securities.

#### **Certain Covenants**

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, set forth below are certain covenants that apply to the debt securities:

*Limitation on Mortgages and Liens*. Neither we nor any of our Subsidiaries may, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to any Indebtedness secured by a Lien (other than a Permitted Lien) upon any Principal Property or upon the Capital Stock of any Subsidiary (in each case, whether owned on the date of the indenture or thereafter acquired) without equally and ratably securing any debt securities then outstanding, unless the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries that is secured by Liens (other than Permitted Liens) on any Principal Property or upon the Capital Stock of any Subsidiaries that is secured by Liens (other than Permitted Liens) on any Principal Property or upon the Capital Stock of any Subsidiary (in each case, whether owned on the date of the indenture or thereafter acquired) plus the amount of all outstanding Attributable Debt incurred pursuant to the first bullet under the covenant entitled Limitation on Sale and

Leaseback Transactions would not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets calculated as of the date of the creation or incurrence of the Lien. This limitation does not apply to Permitted Liens as described in the indenture (and defined in Certain Definitions), including:

Liens existing on the date of the indenture;

Liens in favor of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

Liens on property owned by a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, which Liens existed prior to the contemplation of such merger or consolidation and which do not extend to any assets other than those of such Person;

Liens on acquired property existing at the time of the acquisition, which existed prior to the contemplation of such acquisition;

Liens to secure the performance of statutory or regulatory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other similar obligations;

Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings; and

any extension, renewal or replacement of any Lien referred to above, so long as (1) such extension, renewal or replacement Lien is limited to the same property that secured the original Lien and (2) the indebtedness secured by the new Lien is not greater than the indebtedness secured by the original Lien.

*Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions.* Neither we nor any of our Subsidiaries may sell any Principal Property (whether owned on the date of the indenture or thereafter acquired) with the intention of taking back a lease of that property for a period of more than three years (including renewals at the option of the lessee) other than leases between the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or leases between Subsidiaries of the Company, unless:

after giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount of all outstanding Attributable Debt with respect to all such transactions, plus the amount of outstanding indebtedness secured by a Lien (other than a Permitted Lien) upon any Principal Property or upon the Capital Stock of any Subsidiary (in each case, now owned or hereafter acquired) incurred without equally and ratably securing the debt securities pursuant to the covenant entitled Limitation on Mortgages and Liens, would not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets calculated at the time of the transaction; or

within 120 days after such sale and leaseback transaction, the Company or such Subsidiary applies an amount equal to the greater of the net proceeds of such sale and leaseback transaction and the fair market value at the time of the transaction of the Principal Property so leased to the retirement of Funded Debt of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

*Covenant to File Reports.* We will file with the trustee, within 15 days after we are required to file with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents, and other reports which we are required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. If we are not subject to the reporting requirements pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, so long as any debt securities are outstanding, we will furnish to the trustee and the holders of the debt securities certain consolidated financial statements.

#### Merger or Consolidation

We may not, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation) or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person, unless:

either (a) we are the survivor formed by or resulting from such consolidation or merger or (b) the surviving or successor entity (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made is a corporation or limited liability company organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any State of the United States or the District of Columbia;

the surviving or successor entity (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the debt securities and the indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;

immediately after completion of the transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, exists; and

the surviving or successor entity (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made shall have delivered to the trustee an officers certificate and opinion of counsel, each stating that such transaction and any supplemental indenture entered into in connection with such transaction comply with the indenture provisions and that all conditions precedent in the indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with.
 In addition, the Company may not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person. However, the restriction on mergers, consolidations and dispositions of substantially all assets shall not apply to:

a merger of the Company with an affiliate solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another jurisdiction; or

any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and its Subsidiaries.

# Additional Subsidiary Guarantees

We will not permit any of our domestic Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, guarantee any Person s obligations under our Credit Agreement unless such Subsidiary is a Subsidiary Guarantor or concurrently executes a supplemental indenture and a guarantee of the Company s obligations under the indenture and the debt securities of any series (each, a Note Guarantee ).

#### **Events of Default**

Event of Default means, with respect to a series of debt securities, any of the following events:

failure to pay interest on the debt securities of such series, which failure continues for a period of 30 days after payment is due;

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failure to make any principal or premium payment on the debt securities of such series when due;

failure to comply with any agreement in the indenture (other than those described in the two preceding bullet points) for 60 days after we receive notice of such failure from the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding voting as a single class;

default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries), whether such indebtedness or guarantee existed as of the date of the indenture or is created thereafter, and which default (i) is caused by a failure to pay principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on, such indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such indebtedness on the date of such default (a Payment Default ) or (ii) results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its express maturity; and, in each case, the principal amount of any such indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such indebtedness under which there has been a Payment Default or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregates \$75 million or more;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary;

except as permitted by the indenture, any Note Guarantee of the debt securities of such series is held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or ceases for any reason to be in full force and effect, or any Subsidiary Guarantor, or any Person acting on behalf of any Subsidiary Guarantor, denies or disaffirms its obligations under its Note Guarantee of the debt securities of such series; or

any other Event of Default provided with respect to debt securities of such series pursuant to the indenture. In the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, any Subsidiary of the Company that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, all outstanding debt securities of each series will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of a particular series may declare all the debt securities of such series to be due and payable immediately.

Subject to certain limitations, holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of a particular series may direct the trustee in its exercise of any trust or power with respect to that series. The trustee may withhold from holders of the debt securities of any series notice of any continuing default or Event of Default if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest, except a default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal, interest or premium, if any, on such debt securities.

Subject to the provisions of the indenture relating to the duties of the trustee, in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the indenture with respect to any series of debt securities at the request or direction of any holders of such series of debt securities unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity or security against any loss, liability or expense. Except to enforce the right to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if any, when due, no holder of a debt security of a particular series may institute any proceeding for any remedy with respect to the indenture or such series of debt securities unless:

(1) such holder has previously given the trustee written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;

(2) holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of such series have requested in writing that the trustee pursue such proceedings in respect of such Event of Default as trustee;

(3) such holders have offered to the trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee against any cost, liability or expense which may be incurred in compliance with such request;

(4) the trustee has not instituted such proceeding within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of indemnity; and

(5) holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of such series have not given the trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of a particular series by notice to the trustee may (subject to certain conditions), on behalf of the holders of all of the debt securities of such series, rescind an acceleration or waive any existing default or Event of Default and its consequences under the indenture except a continuing default or Event of Default in the payment of interest or premium, if any, on, or the principal of, the debt securities of such series.

We are required to deliver to the trustee annually a certificate regarding compliance with the indenture. Upon becoming aware of any default or Event of Default, we are required to deliver to the trustee a statement specifying such default or Event of Default.

#### **Modification or Waiver**

We and the trustee may, at any time and from time to time, amend the indenture or the debt securities of any series without notice to or the consent of the holders of outstanding debt securities for any of the following purposes:

to effect the assumption of the Company s or any Subsidiary Guarantor s obligations under the indenture by a successor Person;

to impose additional covenants and Events of Default for the benefit of the holders of any series of debt securities;

to add or change any of the provisions of the indenture relating to the issuance or exchange of debt securities of any series in registered form, but only if such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of outstanding debt securities of such series or related coupons in any material respect;

to change or eliminate any of the provisions of the indenture, but only if the change or elimination becomes effective when there is no outstanding debt security of any series or related coupon which is entitled to the benefit of such provision and as to which such modification would apply;

to secure the debt securities of any series;

to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, but only if such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of outstanding debt securities of any series or related coupons in any material respect;

to establish the form or terms of the debt securities and coupons, if any, of any series as permitted by the indenture;

to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee and to add to or change any of the provisions of the indenture to facilitate the administration of the trusts by more than one trustee;

to correct any mistakes or defects in the indenture, but only if such action does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of outstanding debt securities or related coupons in any material respect or otherwise amend the indenture in any respect that does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of outstanding debt securities or related coupons;

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to conform the text of the indenture, the debt securities or the Note Guarantees to any provision of a description of such debt securities appearing in a prospectus or prospectus supplement or an offering memorandum or circular pursuant to which such debt securities were offered to the extent that such provision was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision of the indenture, the debt securities or the Note Guarantees;

to allow any Subsidiary Guarantor to execute a supplemental indenture and/or a Note Guarantee with respect to the debt securities of a particular series; and

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

In addition, we and the trustee may amend the indenture and the debt securities of any series with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of each series of outstanding debt securities affected by such modification to add, change or eliminate any provision of, or to modify the rights of holders of debt securities of such series under, the indenture. But we may not take any of the following actions without the consent of each holder of outstanding debt securities of any series affected thereby:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest on, the debt securities of any series or related coupon, reduce the principal amount thereof, the interest thereon or any premium payable upon redemption thereof or change the currency or currencies in which the principal, premium or interest is denominated or payable;

reduce the amount of, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of, any payment on the debt securities of any series following maturity thereof;

reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series required for consent to any waiver of defaults or compliance with certain provisions of the indenture with respect to such series; or

modify any provision of the indenture relating to modifications and waivers of defaults and covenants, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions cannot be modified or waived without the consent of each holder of outstanding debt securities affected thereby.

A modification with respect to one or more particular series of debt securities and related coupons, if any, will not affect the rights under the indenture of the holders of debt securities of any other series and related coupons, if any.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of such series, waive an existing default or Event of Default under the indenture with respect to the debt securities of such series and its consequences, except a default or Event of Default (i) in the payment of principal of, premium or interest, if any, on such series or (ii) in respect of a covenant or provision which, as described above, cannot be modified or amended without the consent of each holder of debt securities of such series affected. Upon any such waiver, the default will cease to exist with respect to the debt securities of such series and any Event of Default arising therefrom will be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of the indenture, but the waiver will not extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

We may elect in any particular instance not to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in the covenants Limitation on Mortgages and Liens and Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions (see Certain Covenants ) and the covenant regarding future Subsidiary Guarantors (see Additional Subsidiary Guarantees )(and any other covenant not specified herein but which is specified to be subject to this waiver provision pursuant to the terms of any particular series of debt securities), if, before the time for such compliance, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series either waive compliance in that instance or generally waive compliance with those provisions, but the waiver may not extend to or affect any term, provision or condition except to the extent expressly so waived, and, until the waiver becomes effective, our obligations and the duties of the trustee in respect of any such provision will remain in full force and effect.

#### Discharge, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

We may be discharged from all of our obligations under the indenture with respect to the outstanding debt securities of any series (except as otherwise provided in the indenture) when:

either (i) all the debt securities of such series and related coupons, if any, have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation, or (ii) all the debt securities of such series and related coupons, if any, not delivered to the trustee for cancellation:

have become due and payable;

will become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year; or

are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice by the trustee;

and we, in the case of clause (ii), have irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee, in trust, an amount in U.S. dollars, U.S. government securities or a combination thereof sufficient for payment of all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on those debt securities when due or to the date of redemption, as the case may be; *provided*, *however*, in the event a petition for relief under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law is filed with respect to the Company within 91 days after the deposit and the trustee is required to return the deposited money to us, our obligations under the indenture with respect to those debt securities will not be deemed terminated or discharged;

we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable by us under the indenture with respect to such series of debt securities;

we have delivered to the trustee an officers certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture with respect to such series of debt securities have been complied with; and

we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel of recognized standing in respect of U.S. federal income tax matters or a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that holders of debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and discharge.

We may elect (i) to be discharged from our obligations with respect to the outstanding debt securities of any series and the provisions of the indenture shall no longer be in effect with respect to debt securities of such series (except as otherwise specified in the indenture) on the 123rd day after the deposit referred to in the first bullet below has been made or (ii) to be released from our obligation to comply with the provisions of the indenture described above under Certain Covenants Limitation on Mortgages and Liens and Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions and the Events of Default described under the third and fourth bullet points under Events of Default shall no longer constitute Events of Default with respect to the outstanding debt securities of any series (and, if so specified, any other obligation or restrictive covenant added for the benefit of the holders of such series of debt securities), in either case, if we satisfy each of the following conditions:

we deposit or cause to be deposited irrevocably with the trustee, in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the holders of debt securities of such series money or the equivalent in U.S. government securities, or any combination thereof, sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification delivered to the trustee, for payment of all principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding debt securities of such series when due;

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such deposit does not cause the trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series to have a conflicting interest with respect to the debt securities of such series;

such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which we are a party or by which we are bound;

on the date of such deposit, there is no continuing Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of such series or event (including such deposit) which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to the debt securities of such series and, with respect to the option under clause (i) above only, no Event of Default with respect to such series under the provisions of the indenture relating to certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to such series under such bankruptcy or insolvency provisions shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after such date; and

we deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel of recognized standing in respect of U.S. federal income tax matters or a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the holders of debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance or discharge.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if we exercise our option under clause (ii) above and an Event of Default with respect to such series of debt securities under the provisions of the indenture relating to certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency or event which, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become an Event of Default with respect to such series of debt securities under such bankruptcy or insolvency provisions shall have occurred and be continuing on the 91st day after the date of such deposit, our obligation to comply with the provisions of the indenture described above under Certain Covenants Limitation on Mortgages and Liens and Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions and the Events of Default described under the third bullet point under Events of Default with respect to those debt securities will be reinstated.

#### The Trustee Under the Indenture

We maintain ordinary banking relationships and, from time to time, obtain credit facilities and lines of credit with a number of banks, including the trustee, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.

#### **Book-Entry, Delivery and Form**

We may issue the debt securities of a series in whole or in part in global form that we will deposit with, or on behalf of, a depositary identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Global securities may be issued in either registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form. We will make payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on debt securities represented by a global security to the trustee and then by the trustee to the depositary.

We anticipate that any global securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company (DTC), New York, New York, and will be registered in the name of DTC s nominee, and that the following provisions will apply to the depositary arrangements with respect to any global securities. We will describe additional or differing terms of the depositary arrangements in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities issued in the form of global securities.

Upon the issuance of a registered 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 debt securities beneficially owned by the participants. Any dealers, underwriters or agents participating in the distribution of the debt securities will designate the accounts to be credited. Ownership of beneficial interests in a registered 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.

So long as the depositary, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a registered global security, that depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the registered global security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a registered global security will not be entitled to have the debt securities

represented by the registered global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the debt securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of the debt securities under the indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a registered global security must rely on the procedures of the depositary for that registered 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 indenture. The laws of some states may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of those securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all debt securities deposited by participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC s nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of the debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities. DTC s records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such debt securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

We will make payments due on any debt securities represented by a global security to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, in immediately available funds. DTC s practice upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium, interest or other distribution of underlying securities or other property to holders on that registered global security is to immediately credit participants accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in that registered global security as shown on the records of the depositary. Payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a registered 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 in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of those participants. Payment to Cede & Co. is our responsibility. Disbursement of such payments to direct participants is the responsibility of Cede & Co. Disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

Neither we nor the trustee nor any other agent of ours or any agent of the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the registered global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that DTC will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of securities (including the presentation of securities for exchange as described below) only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account the DTC interests in a global security are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the securities as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the debt securities represented by a global security, DTC will exchange each global security for definitive securities, which it will distribute to its participants.

If the depositary for any of the debt securities represented by a registered global security is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depositary registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act is not appointed by the obligor within 90 days, we will issue debt securities in definitive form in exchange for the registered global security that had been held by the depositary. Any debt securities issued in definitive form in exchange for a registered global security will be registered in the name or names that the depositary gives to the trustee or other relevant agent of the obligor or trustee. It is expected that the depositary s instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the registered global security that had been held by the depositary. In addition, we may at any time determine that the debt securities of any series shall no longer be represented by a global security and will issue securities in definitive form in exchange for such global security pursuant to the procedure described above.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, among its participants in such securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC s participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of whom own DTC. Access to DTC s book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

The information in this prospectus concerning DTC and DTC s book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for its accuracy or completeness. We assume no responsibility for the performance by DTC or its participants of their respective obligations, including obligations that they have under the rules and procedures that govern their operations.

#### **Certain Definitions**

We have summarized below certain defined terms as used in the indenture. We refer you to the indenture for the full definition of these terms.

Attributable Debt in respect of a Sale and Leaseback Transaction means, at the time of the determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such Sale and Leaseback Transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

Business Day means, unless otherwise provided with respect to a series of Securities, any day other than a Legal Holiday.

Capital Lease Obligation means, at the time any determination is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Capital Stock means:

(1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

(2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;

(3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and

(4) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

Company means Owens Corning, a Delaware corporation, until a successor replaces it pursuant to the Article 5 of the indenture and thereafter means the successor.

Consolidated Net Tangible Assets means the aggregate amount of assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries (less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items) after deducting therefrom (a) all

current liabilities (excluding any current liabilities constituting Funded Debt by reason of being extendible or renewable), (b) all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangibles and (c) minority equity interests in any Subsidiary of the Company that is not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, all as set forth on or included in the balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries for its most recent completed fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available computed in accordance with GAAP.

Credit Agreement means the Credit Agreement dated as of May 26, 2010, among the Company, the lending institutions party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced (whether upon termination or otherwise) or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

Funded Debt means all Indebtedness, whether or not evidenced by a bond, debenture, note or similar instrument or agreement, of any Person, for the repayment of borrowed money having a maturity of more than 12 months from the date of its creation or having a maturity of less than 12 months from the date of its creation but by its terms being renewable or extendible beyond 12 months from such date at the option of such Person. For the purpose of determining Funded Debt of any Person, there will be excluded any particular Indebtedness if, on or prior to the maturity thereof, there will have been deposited with the proper depository in trust the necessary funds for the payment, redemption or satisfaction of such Indebtedness.

GAAP means, as to a particular Person, such accounting principles as, in the opinion of the independent public accountants regularly retained by such Person, conform at the time to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Governmental Authority means any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof and any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government.

Guarantee means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner, including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take or pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise).

Hedging Obligations means, with respect to any specified Person, the obligations of such Person under:

(1) interest rate agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements or other similar agreements or arrangements;

- (2) foreign exchange contracts and currency protection agreements or other similar agreements or arrangements; and
- (3) any commodity futures contract, commodity option or other similar agreements or arrangements.

Indebtedness means, with respect to any specified Person, any indebtedness of such Person, whether or not contingent:

- (1) in respect of borrowed money;
- (2) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);
- (3) in respect of bankers acceptances;
- (4) representing Capital Lease Obligations;

(5) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable; or

(6) representing any Hedging Obligations,

if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term Indebtedness includes all indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any asset of the specified Person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified Person) and, to the extent not otherwise included, the Guarantee by the specified Person of any Indebtedness of any other Person.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date will be:

(1) the accreted value of the Indebtedness, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount; and

(2) the principal amount of the Indebtedness, together with any interest on the Indebtedness that is more than 30 days past due, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

Legal Holiday means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or at a place of payment are authorized by law, regulation or executive order to remain closed.

Lien means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

Permitted Liens means:

(1) Liens existing on the date of the indenture;

(2) Liens in favor of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;

(3) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged with or into or consolidated with the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company; provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such merger or consolidation and do not extend to any assets other than those of the Person merged into or consolidated with the Company or the Subsidiary;

(4) Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition of the property by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, provided that such Liens were in existence prior to the contemplation of such acquisition;

(5) Liens to secure the performance of statutory or regulatory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(6) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently concluded; provided that any reserve or other appropriate provision as is required in conformity with GAAP has been made therefor;

(7) any extension, renewal or replacement of any Lien referred to above; provided that (a) such extension, renewal or replacement Lien is limited to the same property that secured the original Lien (plus improvements and accessions to such property) and (b) the Indebtedness secured by the new Lien is not greater than the Indebtedness secured by the Lien that is extended, renewed or replaced; and

(8) zoning restrictions, easements, rights-of-way, restrictions on the use of property, other similar encumbrances incurred in the ordinary course of business and minor irregularities of title, which do not materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Person means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, Governmental Authority or other entity of whatever nature.

Principal Property means any manufacturing plant, warehouse or other similar facility or any parcel of real estate or group of contiguous parcels of real estate owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (whether owned on the date of the indenture or thereafter acquired) that has a gross book value on the date as of which the determination is being made, without deduction of any depreciation reserves, exceeding 1% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

Sale and Leaseback Transaction means any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company of any Principal Property which has been or is to be sold or transferred by the Company or any such Subsidiary to such Person with the intention of taking back a lease of such property, except for temporary leases for a term (including renewals at the option of the lessee) of not more than three years and except for leases between the Company and a Subsidiary or between Subsidiaries of the Company.

Significant Subsidiary means any Subsidiary that would be a significant subsidiary as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the date of the indenture.

Subsidiary means, with respect to any specified Person:

(1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders agreement that effectively transfers voting power) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and

(2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person (or any combination thereof).

Wholly-Owned Subsidiary means, as to any Person, (i) any corporation 100% of whose capital stock (other than director s qualifying shares and/or other nominal amounts of shares required by applicable law to be held by Persons other than such Person) is at the time owned by such Person and/or one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person and (ii) any partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture or other entity in which such Person and/or one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person has a 100% equity interest at such time.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell securities offered by this prospectus in and/or outside the United States:

through underwriters or dealers;

through agents; or

directly to purchasers. We will describe in a prospectus supplement the particular terms of any offering of securities, including the following:

the names of any underwriters or agents;

the proceeds we will receive from the sale;

any discounts or commissions and other items constituting underwriters or agents compensation;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and

any securities exchanges on which the applicable securities may be listed. If we use underwriters in the sale, such underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the securities in one or more transactions, at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices relating to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

The securities may be offered to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or by underwriters without a syndicate. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities offered if any of the securities are purchased.

We may sell securities through agents or dealers designated by us. Any agent or dealer involved in the offer or sale of the securities for which this prospectus is delivered will be named, and any commissions payable by us to that agent or dealer will be set forth, in the prospectus supplement. Unless indicated in the prospectus supplement, the agents will agree to use their reasonable efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment and any dealer will purchase securities from us as principal and may resell those securities at varying prices to be determined by the dealer.

We also may sell securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved.

Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any discounts, concessions, commissions or fees received by them from us and any profit on the resale of the securities sold by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts or commissions under the Securities Act.

We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make, and to reimburse them for certain expenses.

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Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of their businesses.

In order to facilitate the offering of the securities, any underwriters or agents, as the case may be, involved in the offering of such securities may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price

of such securities or other securities the prices of which may be used to determine payments on the securities. Specifically, the underwriters or agents, as the case may be, may overallot in connection with the offering, creating a short position in such securities for their own account. In addition, to cover overallotments or to stabilize the price of the securities or of such other securities, the underwriters or agents, as the case may be, may bid for, and purchase, such securities in the open market. Finally, in any offering of such securities through a syndicate of underwriters, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allotted to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing such 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. The underwriters or agents, as the case may be, are not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time.

We may solicit offers to purchase securities directly from, and we may sell securities directly to, institutional investors or others. The terms of any of those sales, including the terms of any bidding or auction process, if utilized, will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Some or all of the securities may be new issues of securities with no established trading market. We cannot and will not give any assurances as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of our securities.

# LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities and certain other matters will be passed upon for us by Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, Illinois. Certain legal matters as to the guarantee given by Soltech, Inc. will be passed upon by Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky, and certain legal matters as to the guarantee given by CDC Corporation will be passed upon by Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

#### EXPERTS

The financial statements and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Owens Corning for the year ended December 31, 2014 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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