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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

IRON MOUNTAIN INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

23-2588479

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

745 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, (617) 535-4766

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement as determined by the registrant.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box: o

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box: ý

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. \circ

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

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

Large accelerated filer ý

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Title of Each Class of Securities	Amount to be	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering	Amount of		
	to be Registered(1)	Registered	Unit	Price	Registration Fee		
	Debt Securities of Iron Mountain						
	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Iron Mountain						
	Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Iron Mountain						
	Depositary Shares Representing Preferred Stock of Iron Mountain						
	Warrants of Iron Mountain						
	Stock Purchase Contracts of Iron Mountain						
	Stock Purchase Units of Iron Mountain(2)						
	Guarantees of Debt Securities of Iron Mountain(3)						
	Total	(4)(5)	(4)(5)	(4)(5)	(6)		
(1)	Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder. There are also being registered an indeterminate principal amount of guarantees of debt securities by Iron Mountain's subsidiaries listed on the "Subsidiary Guarantor Registrants" table.						
(2)	Each stock purchase unit consists of (a) a stock purchase contract, under which the holder, upon settlement, will purchase an indeterminate number of shares of common stock of Iron Mountain and (b) a beneficial interest in debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. treasury securities. Each beneficial interest will be pledged to secure the obligation of such holder to purchase such shares of common stock. No separate consideration will be received for the stock purchase contracts.						
(3)	There is being registered hereunder all guarantees and other obligations that certain of Iron Mountain's subsidiaries listed on the "Subsidiary Guarantor Registrants" table may have with respect to debt securities that may be issued by Iron Mountain. No separate consideration will be received for the guarantees or any other such obligations.						
(4)	Not applicable pursuant to Form S-3 Gen	eral Instruction II.E.					
(5)	An indeterminate aggregate offering price indeterminate prices. Separate considerati securities.						

SUBSIDIARY GUARANTOR REGISTRANTS(1)

Deferred in reliance upon Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933.

(6)

	State or Jurisdiction of	IRS Employer
	Incorporation or Organization	Identification Number
Iron Mountain Fulfillment Services, Inc.	Delaware	94-3229868
Iron Mountain Global, Inc.	Delaware	04-3441680
Iron Mountain Global LLC	Delaware	04-3545070
Iron Mountain Government Services Incorporated	Delaware	54-2110823
Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc.	Delaware	04-3038590
Iron Mountain Intellectual Property Management, Inc.	Delaware	77-0154485
Iron Mountain Statutory Trust 1998	Connecticut	06-6466469
Iron Mountain Statutory Trust 1999	Connecticut	06-6496076
Iron Mountain Statutory Trust 2001	Connecticut	20-7474719
Mimosa Systems, Inc.	Delaware	04-3764974
Mountain Real Estate Assets, Inc.	Delaware	04-3545066
Mountain Reserve III, Inc.	Delaware	47-0952067
Nettlebed Acquisition Corp.	Delaware	20-0388018
Stratify, Inc.	Delaware	77-0518096
Treeline Services Corporation	Delaware	54-2110821

(1)

Any of the above registrants may fully and unconditionally guarantee on a joint and several basis any series of debt securities of Iron Mountain Incorporated offered by the prospectus contained as part of this registration statement as set forth in a related prospectus supplement.

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PROSPECTUS

Iron Mountain Incorporated

Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Common Stock and Warrants

We may from time to time offer:				
d	lebt securities;			
sl	hares of our preferred stock;			
fr	ractional shares of our preferred stock in the form of depositary shares;			
sl	hares of our common stock;			
W	warrants to purchase any of these securities; or			
st	tock purchase contracts.			

These securities may be offered and sold separately or together in units with other securities described in this prospectus.

In connection with the debt securities, substantially all of our present and future wholly owned domestic subsidiaries may, on a joint and several basis, offer full and unconditional guarantees of our obligations under the debt securities.

The securities described in this prospectus offered by us may be issued in one or more series or issuances. We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. We will provide the specific terms of any securities actually offered and the manner in which the securities will be offered in supplements to this prospectus. In each case we will describe the type and amount of securities we are offering, the initial public offering price and the other terms of the offering.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, under the symbol "IRM." We will make applications to list any shares of common stock sold pursuant to a supplement to this prospectus on the NYSE. We have not determined whether we will list any of the other securities we may offer on any exchange or over-the-counter market. If we decide to seek listing of any securities, the supplement will disclose the exchange or market.

Investment in any securities offered by this prospectus involves risk. See "Risk Factors" on page 1 of this prospectus, in our periodic reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, and in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Neither the SEC 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.

Our principal executive office is 745 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, and our telephone number is (617) 535-4766.

The date of this prospectus is June 28, 2010.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, together with additional information described under the headings "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Documents Incorporated By Reference."

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where it is unlawful. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus.

References in this prospectus to the terms "Iron Mountain," "we," "our" or "us" or other similar terms mean Iron Mountain Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless we state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein that constitute "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements concern our operations, economic performance, financial condition, goals, beliefs, future growth strategies, investment objectives, plans and current expectations. The forward-looking statements are subject to various known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors. When we use words such as

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"believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates" or similar expressions, we are making forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that our forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, our expected results may not be achieved and actual results may differ materially from our expectations. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ from expectations include, among others, those set forth below. Please read carefully the information under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 1.

the cost to comply with current and future laws, regulations and customer demands relating to privacy issues;

the impact of litigation that may arise in connection with incidents in which we fail to protect our customers' information;

changes in the price for our services relative to the cost of providing such services;

changes in customer preferences and demand for our services;

in the various digital businesses in which we are engaged, the cost of capital and technical requirements, demand for our services, or competition for customers;

the impact of legal restrictions or limitations under stock repurchase plans on price, volume or timing of stock repurchases;

the impact of alternative, more attractive investments on dividends or stock repurchases;

our ability or inability to complete acquisitions on satisfactory terms and to integrate acquired companies efficiently;

the cost or potential liabilities associated with real estate necessary for our business;

the performance of business partners upon whom we depend for technical assistance or management expertise outside the U.S.;

changes in the political and economic environments in the countries in which our international subsidiaries operate;

claims that our technology violates the intellectual property rights of a third party; and

other trends in competitive or economic conditions affecting our financial condition or results of operations not presently contemplated.

Other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in our forward-looking statements are described more fully in our most recently filed annual report on Form 10-K, including those described under the caption "Item 1A. Risk Factors," and other reports filed from time to time with the SEC and any prospectus supplement.

These cautionary statements should not be construed by you to be exhaustive and they are made only as of the date of this prospectus. You should not rely upon forward-looking statements except as statements of our present intentions and of our present

expectations, which may or may not occur. You should read these cautionary statements as being applicable to all forward-looking statements wherever they appear. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to release publicly the result of any revision to these forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or otherwise. Readers are also urged to review carefully and consider the various disclosures we have made or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as well as our other periodic reports filed with the SEC.

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OUR COMPANY

We are a leading information management services company. We help organizations around the world reduce the risks, costs and inefficiencies associated with storing and using their physical and digital data. We offer comprehensive records management services, data protection and recovery services and information destruction services, along with the expertise and experience to address complex information management challenges such as rising storage costs, litigation, regulatory compliance and disaster recovery. We have a diversified customer base comprised of commercial, legal, banking, healthcare, accounting, insurance, entertainment and government organizations, including more than 97% of the Fortune 1000 and more than 93% of the FTSE 100.

As of December 31, 2009, we provided services to over 140,000 corporate clients in 38 countries on five continents, employed over 20,000 people and operated over 1000 facilities in North America, Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific.

RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus involves risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference from our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

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

					Ended	
		Year Ended December 31,			March 31,	
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	1.8x	1.8x	1.7x	1.7x	2.1x	1.9x

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges presented above were computed by dividing our earnings by fixed charges. For this purpose, earnings have been calculated by adding fixed charges to income (loss) from continuing operations before provision for income taxes. Fixed charges consist of interest costs, the interest component of rental expense and amortization of debt discounts and deferred financing costs, but do not include interest expense related to uncertain tax positions.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities for general corporate purposes, which may include acquisitions, investments and the repayment of indebtedness outstanding at a particular time. Pending this utilization, the proceeds from the sale of the offered securities will be invested in short-term, dividend-paying or interest-bearing investment grade securities.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

The following is a summary of the material terms of our debt securities. Because it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. If you want more information, you should read the forms of indentures which we have filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We will file any final indentures and/or supplemental indentures if we issue debt securities. See "Where You Can Find More Information." This summary is also subject to and qualified by reference to the descriptions of the particular terms of your securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The debt securities will be direct obligations of ours, which may be secured or unsecured, and which may be senior or subordinated indebtedness. The debt securities may be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a secured or unsecured, senior or subordinated basis, jointly and severally by substantially all of our direct and indirect wholly owned domestic subsidiaries. Our debt securities will be issued under one or more indentures between us and a trustee. Any indenture will be subject to, and governed by, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The statements made in this prospectus relating to any indentures and the debt securities to be issued under the indentures are summaries of certain anticipated provisions of the indentures and are not complete.

General

We may issue debt securities that rank "senior," "senior subordinated" or "subordinated." The debt securities that we refer to as "senior securities" will be direct obligations of ours and will rank equally and ratably in right of payment with other indebtedness of ours that is not subordinated. We may issue debt securities that will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of senior indebtedness, as defined in the applicable prospectus supplement, and may rank equally and ratably with our outstanding senior subordinated indebtedness and any other senior subordinated indebtedness. We refer to these as "senior subordinated securities." We may also issue debt securities that may be subordinated in right of payment to the senior subordinated securities. These would be "subordinated securities." We have filed with the registration statement of which this prospectus is part four separate forms of indenture, one each for the senior securities and the subordinated securities and two for the senior subordinated securities.

We may issue the debt securities without limit as to aggregate principal amount, in one or more series, in each case as we establish in one or more supplemental indentures. We need not issue all debt securities of one series at the same time. Unless we otherwise provide, we may reopen a series, without the consent of the holders of such series, for issuances of additional securities of that series.

We anticipate that any indenture will provide that we may, but need not, designate more than one trustee under an indenture, each with respect to one or more series of debt securities. Any trustee under any indenture may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities, and we may appoint a successor trustee to act with respect to that series.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms relating to the series of debt securities we will offer, including, where applicable, the following:

the title and series designation and whether they are senior securities, senior subordinated securities or subordinated securities;

the aggregate principal amount of the securities;

the percentage of the principal amount at which we will issue the debt securities and, if other than the principal amount of the debt securities, the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities payable upon maturity of the debt securities;

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if convertible, the initial conversion price, the conversion period and any other terms governing such conversion; the stated maturity date; any fixed or variable interest rate or rates per annum; the place where principal, premium, if any, and interest will be payable and where the debt securities can be surrendered for transfer, exchange or conversion; the date from which interest may accrue and any interest payment dates; any sinking fund requirements; any provisions for redemption, including the redemption price and any remarketing arrangements; whether the securities are denominated or payable in U.S. dollars or a foreign currency or units of two or more foreign currencies: the events of default and covenants of such securities, to the extent different from or in addition to those described in this prospectus; whether we will issue the debt securities in certificated or book-entry form; whether the debt securities will be in registered or bearer form and, if in registered form, the denominations if other than in even multiples of \$1,000 and, if in bearer form, the denominations and terms and conditions relating thereto; whether we will issue any of the debt securities in permanent global form and, if so, the terms and conditions, if any, upon which interests in the global security may be exchanged, in whole or in part, for the individual debt securities represented by the global security; the applicability, if any, of the defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions described in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement; whether we will pay additional amounts on the securities in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities instead of making this payment; the subordination provisions, if any, relating to the debt securities;

if the debt securities are to be issued upon the exercise of debt warrants, the time, manner and place for them to be

authenticated and delivered;

whether any of our subsidiaries will be bound by the terms of the indenture, in particular any restrictive covenants;

the provisions relating to any security provided for the debt securities; and

the provisions relating to any guarantee of the debt securities.

We may issue debt securities at less than the principal amount payable upon maturity. We refer to these securities as "original issue discount securities." We may also issue debt securities over par from time to time. If material or applicable, we will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement special U.S. federal income tax, accounting and other considerations applicable to original issue discount securities or debt securities issued over par.

Except as may be set forth in any prospectus supplement, an indenture will not contain any other provisions that would limit our ability to incur indebtedness or that would afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving us or in the

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event of a change of control. You should review carefully the applicable prospectus supplement for information with respect to events of default and covenants applicable to the securities being offered.

Denominations, Interest, Registration and Transfer

Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue the debt securities of any series that are registered securities in denominations that are even multiples of \$1,000, other than global securities, which may be of any denomination.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will pay the interest, principal and any premium at the corporate trust office of the trustee. At our option, however, we may make payment of interest by check mailed to the address of the person entitled to the payment as it appears in the applicable register or by wire transfer of funds to that person at an account maintained within the United States.

If we do not punctually pay or duly provide for interest on any interest payment date, the defaulted interest will be paid either:

to the person in whose name the debt security is registered at the close of business on a special record date we will fix; or

in any other lawful manner as the applicable indenture describes.

You may have your debt securities divided into more debt securities of smaller denominations or combined into fewer debt securities of larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed. We call this an "exchange."

You may exchange or transfer debt securities at the office of the applicable trustee. The trustee acts as our agent for registering debt securities in the names of holders and transferring debt securities. We may change this appointment to another entity or perform it ourselves. The entity performing the role of maintaining the list of registered holders is called the "registrar." It will also perform transfers.

You will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange debt securities, but you may be required to pay for any tax or other governmental charge associated with the exchange or transfer. The registrar will make the transfer or exchange only if it is satisfied with your proof of ownership.

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

Under any indenture, we are generally permitted to consolidate or merge with another company. We are also permitted to sell substantially all of our assets to another company. However, we may not take any of these actions unless all of the following conditions are met:

If we merge out of existence or sell our assets, the other company must be a corporation, partnership or other entity organized under the laws of a State or the District of Columbia or under federal law. The other company must agree to be legally responsible for the debt securities.

Immediately after the consolidation or merger or sale of assets we are not in default on the debt securities. A default for this purpose would include any event that would be an event of default without regard to notice obligations or the length of time of the default.

Certain Covenants

Provision of Financial Information. We will deliver to the trustee a copy of our annual report to stockholders, our reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K and any other reports that we are required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

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Additional Covenants. Any additional or different covenants, or modifications to these covenants, with respect to any series of debt securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Events of Default and Related Matters

Events of Default. The term "event of default" means any of the following:

we do not pay the principal or any premium on a debt security on its due date;

we do not pay interest on a debt security within 30 days of its due date;

we do not deposit any sinking fund payment on its due date;

we fail to comply with any "change of control" covenant included in the applicable indenture;

we remain in breach of any other term of the applicable indenture for 60 days after we receive a notice of default stating we are in breach. Either the trustee or the holders of 25% in principal amount of debt securities of the affected series may send the notice:

we default in the payment of any of our other indebtedness over a specified amount that results in the acceleration of the maturity of the indebtedness or constitutes a default in the payment of the indebtedness at final maturity, but only if the indebtedness is not discharged or the acceleration is not rescinded or annulled;

we or one of our "significant subsidiaries" files for bankruptcy or certain other events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur;

a final judgment or final judgments for the payment of money are entered by a court or courts of competent jurisdiction against the us or any of our "significant subsidiaries" and such judgments remain unpaid, undischarged or unstayed for a period of 60 days, provided that the aggregate of all such unpaid, undischarged or unstayed judgments exceeds \$50.0 million:

any guarantee issued by a "significant subsidiary" shall be held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect, or any "significant subsidiary" or any person acting on behalf of any "significant subsidiary" shall deny or disaffirm in writing its obligations under its guarantee; and

any other event of default, or modification of any of the foregoing events of default, described in the applicable prospectus supplement occurs.

The term "significant subsidiary" means each of our significant subsidiaries (as defined in Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act).

Remedies If an Event of Default Occurs. If an event of default has occurred and has not been cured, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may declare the entire principal amount of all the debt securities of that series to be due and immediately payable. We call this a "declaration of acceleration of maturity." If an event of default occurs because of certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, the principal amount of all the debt securities of that series will be automatically accelerated, without any action by the trustee or any holder. At any time after the trustee or the holders have accelerated any series of debt securities, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of the affected series may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul

such acceleration.

The trustee will be required to give notice to the holders of debt securities within 90 days of a default of which the trustee has knowledge under the applicable indenture unless the default has been cured or waived. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any series of debt securities of any default with respect to that series, except a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any debt security of that series, if specified responsible officers of the trustee in good faith determine that withholding the notice is in the interest of the holders.

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The trustee is not required to take any action under the applicable indenture at the request of any holders unless the holders offer the trustee protection reasonably satisfactory to it from expenses and liability. We refer to this as an "indemnity." If reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding securities of the relevant series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. These majority holders may also direct the trustee in performing any other action under the applicable indenture, subject to certain limitations.

Before you bypass the trustee and bring your own lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the debt securities, the following must occur:

you must give the trustee written notice that an event of default has occurred and remains uncured;

the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all outstanding securities of the relevant series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default and must offer indemnity satisfactory to the trustee against the costs, expenses and other liabilities of taking that action;

the trustee must have not taken action for 60 days after receipt of the above notice, request and offer of indemnity; and

the trustee does not receive direction contrary to the holders' written request, within 60 days following receipt of the holders' written request, from holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding securities of that series.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your security after its due date.

Every year we will furnish to the trustee a written statement by certain of our officers certifying that, to their knowledge, we are in compliance with the applicable indenture and the debt securities, or else specifying any default.

Modification of an Indenture

There are three types of changes we can make to the indentures and the debt securities:

Changes Requiring Your Approval. First, there are changes we cannot make to your debt securities without your specific approval. The following is a list of those types of changes:

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

reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any security or change any of the redemption provisions in a manner adverse to you;

reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any debt security;

waive a default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on any debt security (except a rescission of acceleration of such debt securities by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);

make any debt security payable in money other than that stated in such debt security;

make any change in the provisions of the indenture relating to waivers of past defaults or your right to receive payments of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities;

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except under certain circumstances described in the applicable prospectus supplement, waive a redemption payment with respect to any debt security;

if the debt securities are guaranteed, other than as described in the applicable prospectus supplement, release any guarantor from its obligations under its subsidiary guarantee, or change any subsidiary guarantee in any manner that would materially adversely affect you; or

make any change in the foregoing amendment and waiver provisions.

Changes Requiring a Majority Vote. The second type of change to an indenture and the debt securities is the kind that requires a vote in favor by holders of a majority of the principal amount of the particular series of debt securities affected. Most changes fall into this category, except for clarifying changes and certain other changes that would not materially adversely affect holders of the debt securities. We require the same vote to obtain a waiver of a past default. However, we cannot obtain a waiver of a payment default or any other aspect of an indenture or the debt securities listed under " Changes Requiring Your Approval" unless we obtain your individual consent to the waiver.

Changes Not Requiring Approval. The third type of change does not require any vote by holders of debt securities. This type is limited to clarifications and certain other changes that would not materially adversely affect holders of the debt securities.

Further Details Concerning Voting. Debt securities are not considered outstanding, and therefore not eligible to vote, if we have deposited or set aside in trust for you money for their payment or redemption or if we or one of our affiliates own them. Debt securities are also not eligible to vote if they have been fully defeased as described immediately below under "Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance Full Defeasance." For original issue discount securities, we will use the principal amount that would be due and payable on the voting date if the maturity of the debt securities were accelerated to that date because of a default.

Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

Full Defeasance. We can, under particular circumstances, effect a full defeasance of your series of debt securities. By this we mean we can legally release ourselves from any payment or other obligations on the debt securities if we deliver certain certificates and opinions to the trustee and put in place the following arrangements to repay you:

We must deposit in trust for your benefit and the benefit of all other direct holders of the debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates. If the debt securities are denominated in a foreign currency, then we may deposit foreign government notes or bonds.

The current federal tax law must be changed or an Internal Revenue Service ruling must be issued permitting the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves. Under current federal tax law, the deposit and our legal release from the debt securities would be treated as though we took back your debt securities and gave you your share of the cash and notes or bonds deposited in trust. In that event, you could recognize gain or loss on the debt securities you would be deemed to have given back to us.

We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion confirming the tax law change described above.

No default shall be in effect on the date of deposit or, insofar as bankruptcy and insolvency defaults are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of

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deposit (or greater period of time in which any such deposit of trust funds may remain subject to bankruptcy law insofar as those apply to the deposit by us).

The full defeasance must not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than the applicable indenture) to which we are a party or by which we are bound.

We must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that after the 91st day following the deposit, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and various other opinions of counsel and officers' certificates.

If we did accomplish a full defeasance, you would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for repayment on the debt securities. You could not look to us for repayment in the unlikely event of any shortfall. The trust deposit would, however, most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and other creditors if we ever became bankrupt or insolvent. You would also be released from any subordination provisions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following rights and obligations shall survive full defeasance:

your rights to receive payments from the trust when payments are due;

our obligations relating to registration and transfer of securities and lost or mutilated certificates;

our obligations to maintain a payment office and to hold moneys for payment in trust;

the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the trustee, and our obligations in connection therewith; and

the provisions of the indenture relating to defeasance.

Covenant Defeasance. Under current federal tax law, we can make the same type of deposit described above and be released from some of the restrictive covenants in the debt securities. This is called "covenant defeasance." In that event, you would lose the protection of those restrictive covenants but would gain the protection of having money and securities set aside in trust to repay the debt securities and you would be released from any subordination provisions. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do certain things, including the following:

we must deposit in trust for your benefit and the benefit of all other direct holders of the debt securities a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds (or, in the case of debt securities denominated in a foreign currency, foreign government notes or bonds) that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal and any other payments on the debt securities on their various due dates;

we must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion confirming that under current federal tax law we may make the above deposit without causing you to be taxed on the debt securities any differently than if we did not make the deposit and just repaid the debt securities ourselves:

no default shall be in effect on the date of deposit or, insofar as bankruptcy and insolvency defaults are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit (or greater period of time in which any such deposit of trust funds may remain subject to bankruptcy law insofar as those apply to the deposit by us);

the covenant defeasance must not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than the applicable indenture) to which we are a party or by which we are bound; and

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we must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that after the 91st day following the deposit, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and various other opinions of counsel and officers' certificates.

If we accomplish covenant defeasance, we will be released from certain covenants that we will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we accomplish covenant defeasance, you can still look to us for repayment of the debt securities if a shortfall in the trust deposit occurred. If one of the remaining events of default occurs, for example, our bankruptcy, and the debt securities become immediately due and payable, there may be a shortfall. Depending on the event causing the default, you may not be able to obtain payment of the shortfall.

Subordination

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms and conditions, if any, upon which any series of senior subordinated securities or subordinated securities or subordinated to debt securities of another series or to other indebtedness of ours. The terms will include a description of:

the indebtedness ranking senior to the debt securities being offered;

the restrictions, if any, on payments to the holders of the debt securities being offered while a default with respect to the senior indebtedness is continuing;

the restrictions, if any, on payments to the holders of the debt securities being offered following an event of default; and

provisions requiring holders of the debt securities being offered to remit some payments to holders of senior indebtedness.

Conversion Rights

The terms and conditions, if any, upon which the debt securities are convertible into shares of our common or preferred stock will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating thereto. Such terms will include whether the debt securities are convertible into shares of our common or preferred stock, the conversion price (or manner of calculation thereof), the conversion period, provisions as to whether conversion will be at the option of the holders, the events requiring an adjustment of the conversion price and provisions affecting conversion in the event of the redemption of such debt securities and any restrictions on conversion.

Global Securities

We may issue the debt securities of a series, in whole or in part, in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with a depositary identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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

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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 holds securities that its direct participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the clearance and settlement among direct participants of securities transactions through electronic computerized book-entry changes in direct participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct 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 indirect participants, such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

Upon the issuance of a registered global security, DTC will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the direct participants' accounts with the respective principal or face amounts of the debt securities beneficially owned by the direct 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 DTC, with respect to interests of direct participants, and on the records of direct participants, with respect to interests of persons holding through direct participants.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global note, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities evidenced by a global note for all purposes under the indentures. Except as described below, an owner of a beneficial interest in debt securities evidenced by a global note will not be entitled to have any of the debt securities evidenced by such global note registered in its name, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such debt securities in definitive form and will not be considered the owner or holder thereof under the indentures for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instructions or approvals to the trustee thereunder. Accordingly, an owner must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if an owner is not a direct participant, on the procedures of the direct participant through which such owner owns its interest to exercise any rights of a "holder" under the indentures. The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and laws may impair the ability to own, pledge or transfer beneficial interests in any global note.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all debt securities deposited by direct participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. do not effect any 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 direct and indirect participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Payments of principal and interest or additional amounts, if any, will be made by us to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, in immediately available funds. DTC's practice is to credit the accounts of direct participants on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective beneficial interests in the relevant security as shown on the records of DTC. Payments by direct participants to the beneficial owners of debt securities will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of DTC's direct participants. Payment to Cede & Co. is our responsibility. Disbursement of such payments to direct participants is the

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responsibility of DTC. Disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants. Redemption notices with respect to any debt securities will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the debt securities are to be redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of interest of each direct participant in such issue to be redeemed.

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.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent to vote with respect to the debt securities unless authorized by a direct participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC would mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts debt securities are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy). We understand that, under existing industry practice, if we request any action of holders or if an owner of a beneficial interest in a global note desires to give or take any action which a holder is entitled to give or take under the indentures, DTC would authorize the direct participants holding the relevant beneficial interest to give or take such action, and such direct participants would authorize beneficial owners through such direct participants to give or take such actions or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners holding through