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### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities	Amount to be	Proposed Maximum	Proposed Maximum	Amount of
to be Registered 3.40% Notes due 2021	<b>Registered</b> \$400,000,000	Offering Price per Security 99.898%	Aggregate Offering Price 399,592,000	Registration Fee (1) \$45,794

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This Calculation of Registration Fee table shall be deemed to update the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-178017).

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus Dated November 16, 2011)

# \$400,000,000

# Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

3.40% Notes due 2021

Guaranteed by

The Black & Decker Corporation

We will pay interest on the notes on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on June 1, 2012. The notes mature on December 1, 2021. The notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time before maturity at the applicable redemption price described under the caption Description of the Notes Optional Redemption. As described under Description of the Notes Change of Control, if we experience a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event, we will be required to purchase the notes from holders at a price equal to 101% of their aggregate principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase, unless we have previously redeemed the notes.

The notes will be our unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness from time to time outstanding. The notes will be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by our subsidiary, The Black & Decker Corporation. The notes will not be obligations of or guaranteed by any of our other subsidiaries. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries other than The Black & Decker Corporation.

See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement to read about important factors you should consider before buying the notes.

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 related prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Note	Total
Initial public offering price	99.898%	\$ 399,592,000
Underwriting discount and commissions	0.650%	\$ 2,600,000
Proceeds, before expenses, to Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	99.248%	\$ 396,992,000

The initial public offering price set forth above does not include accrued interest, if any. Interest on the notes will accrue from November 22, 2011 and must be paid by the purchasers if the notes are delivered after November 22, 2011.

The underwriters expect to credit securities entitlements with respect to the notes in book-entry form through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company to the accounts of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, Société Anonyme, and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, against payment in New York, New York on November 22, 2011.

Citigroup
November 17, 2011

**Credit Suisse** 

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

We have not authorized any other person to provide you with any information other than the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents they incorporate by reference. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any different or additional information. Neither we nor the underwriters are making an offer to sell the notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

This prospectus supplement contains the terms of this offering of notes. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. In addition, the information incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus may have added, updated or changed information in the accompanying prospectus. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with any information in the accompanying prospectus (or any information incorporated therein by reference), this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede such information in the accompanying prospectus.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents they incorporate by reference in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the additional information in the accompanying prospectus under the caption Where You Can Find More Information.

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#### **SUMMARY**

This summary contains basic information about us and this offering. Because it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the notes. You should read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference carefully, including the section entitled Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 10-K, as may be supplemented by subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and our financial statements and the notes thereto incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making an investment decision. Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, all references in this prospectus supplement to the Company, Stanley, we, our, us, or similar terms mean Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

### The Company

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. was founded in 1843 by Frederick T. Stanley and incorporated in 1852. We are a diversified global provider of hand tools, power tools and accessories, industrial tools and automotive tools and equipment, mechanical access solutions, electronic security solutions and technology-based (engineered) fastening systems. Stanley®, Black & Decker® and DeWalt® along with the family of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. brands are recognized around the world for quality, innovation and value and are among the world s most trusted brands.

Our principal executive office is located at 1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut 06053 and our telephone number is (860) 225-5111.

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### The Offering

For purposes of this Offering section of the prospectus supplement summary, we, our, or the company refers to Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., and not its subsidiaries.

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., a Connecticut corporation. Issuer

Securities Offered \$400,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of 3.40% notes due 2021.

Interest The notes will bear interest at the rate of 3.40% per annum, payable semiannually, in arrears, on June 1 and December 1, commencing on June 1, 2012. See Description of the

Notes.

Guarantee The notes will be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by The Black & Decker

Corporation, a Maryland corporation ( Black & Decker ). See Description of the

Notes Black & Decker Guarantee.

Ranking The notes will be our direct, unsecured general obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all of our and Black & Decker s other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. As of October 1, 2011, we and Black & Decker had \$1,800.0 million principal amount of unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness that would rank equally in right of payment with the notes and \$351.9 million principal amount of unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness issued by us that is not guaranteed by Black & Decker that is structurally

subordinated to the notes.

The notes will not be obligations of or guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries other than Black & Decker. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries other than Black & Decker, which means that creditors and preferred stockholders of our subsidiaries will be paid from the assets of such subsidiaries before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. See

Description of the Notes Ranking.

Use of Proceeds We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$396.8 million,

after expenses and underwriters discounts and commissions. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to reduce short term borrowings and for other general

corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.

Additional Issuances We may, at any time, create and issue additional notes having the same terms as the

> notes. If we issue additional notes with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes, purchasers of notes after such further issuance may be required to accrue original issue discount with respect to their notes. This may affect the price of

> outstanding notes as a result of a further issuance. See Description of the Notes Further

Issuances.

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Optional Redemption We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time and from time to time at the

applicable redemption price described under the caption Description of the Notes Optional

Redemption.

Change of Control If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs, we will make an offer to repurchase the

notes. See Description of the Notes Change of Control.

Trustee The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

Governing Law State of New York

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#### RISK FACTORS

In considering whether to invest in the notes you should carefully consider all of the information we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In particular, you should carefully consider the risk factors described below, the discussion of risks relating to our business under the caption Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 10-K and subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and the factors listed in Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements in the accompanying prospectus before deciding whether an investment in the notes is suitable for you. The notes are not an appropriate investment for you if you are unsophisticated with respect to the significant terms of the notes or financial matters.

### **Risk Factors Relating to the Notes**

### An active trading market for the notes may not develop.

We cannot assure you that an active trading market for the notes will develop or as to the liquidity or sustainability of any such market, the ability of the holders to sell their notes or the price at which holders of the notes will be able to sell their notes. Future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including, among other things, prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our performance and other factors. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or other market.

We cannot assure you as to the market price for the notes. If you are able to resell your notes, the price you receive will depend on many other factors that may vary over time, including:

our credit ratings;
the number of potential buyers;
the level of liquidity of the notes;
our financial performance;
the amount of total indebtedness we have outstanding;
the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates and credit spreads generally;
the market for similar securities;
the repayment and redemption features of the notes; and
the time remaining until your notes mature.

There is no limit on our ability to create additional notes.

a price below the price you paid for them.

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As a result of these and other factors, you may be able to sell your notes only at a price below that which you believe to be appropriate, including

Under the terms of the Indenture (as defined herein) under which the notes will be issued, we may from time to time without notice to, or the consent of, the holders of the notes, create and issue additional notes identical to the notes in all respects (except for the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of the new notes or except for the first payment of interest following the issue date of the new notes) so that the new notes may be consolidated and form a single series with the notes.

### We may release the Black & Decker guarantee.

We are permitted to release the Black & Decker guarantee under the circumstances described under Description of the Notes Black & Decker Guarantee. If we release the Black & Decker guarantee, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of Black & Decker and our other subsidiaries. See Description of the Notes Ranking.

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We are both an operating company and a holding company and may require cash from our subsidiaries to make payments on the notes.

The notes are solely our obligation, and no other entity will have any obligation, contingent or otherwise, to make payments in respect of the notes. While we have substantial operations of our own, we are also a holding company for several direct and indirect subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries other than Black & Decker will have no obligation to make payments in respect of the notes. Accordingly, we may depend, in part, on dividends and other distributions from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our obligations under the Indenture governing the notes, including payment of interest. As described above, as an equity holder of our subsidiaries, our ability to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary is structurally subordinate to the claims of the creditors of that subsidiary. The Indenture governing the notes does not restrict the amount of unsecured debt that our subsidiaries may incur. If we are unable to obtain cash from our subsidiaries, we may be unable to fund required payments in respect of the notes.

If the Black & Decker guarantee is deemed a fraudulent conveyance or preferential transfer, a court may subordinate or void it.

If, under relevant federal and state fraudulent transfer and conveyance statutes, in a bankruptcy or reorganization case or a lawsuit by or on behalf of unpaid creditors of our company, a court were to find that, at the time Black & Decker incurred a guarantee:

it did so with the intent of hindering, delaying or defrauding current or future creditors, or received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for incurring the guarantee; and

Black & Decker:

was insolvent or was rendered insolvent by reason of the incurrence of the indebtedness constituting the guarantee;

was engaged, or about to engage, in a business or transaction for which its assets constituted unreasonably small capital;

was a defendant in an action for money damages, or had a judgment for money damages docketed against it if, in either case, after final judgment the judgment is unsatisfied;

the court could void or subordinate the applicable guarantee to currently existing and future indebtedness of Black & Decker, and take other action detrimental to the holders of the notes including, under certain circumstances, invalidating the guarantee.

The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing considerations will vary depending upon the law of the jurisdiction that is being applied in the relevant legal proceeding. Generally, however, Black & Decker would be considered insolvent if, at the time Black & Decker incurs the indebtedness constituting the guarantee either:

the sum of its debts, including contingent liabilities, is greater than its assets, at a fair valuation; or

the present fair saleable value of its assets is less than the amount required to pay the probable liability on its total existing debts and liabilities, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and matured.

We cannot give you any assurance as to what standards a court would use to determine whether Black & Decker was solvent at the relevant time or, regardless what standard was used, whether the applicable guarantee would not be avoided on another of the grounds described above.

While the guarantee provided by Black & Decker will be limited by its terms to the maximum amount that Black & Decker can pay without the guarantee being deemed a fraudulent conveyance, a court could find these limitations on the maximum amount of the guarantee to be ineffective or unenforceable and still apply federal and state fraudulent conveyance statutes to the guarantee to void the obligations under the guarantee or subordinate the guarantee to all other obligations of Black & Decker.

Our ability to repurchase notes upon a change of control may be limited.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined herein), each holder of notes will have the right to require us to repurchase the holder s notes. If a Change of Control Triggering Event were to occur, but we did not have sufficient funds to pay the repurchase price for all of the notes which were tendered, that failure would constitute an event of default under the Indenture. Therefore, the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event at a time when we could not pay for the notes which were tendered as a result of the Change of Control Triggering Event could result in holders of notes receiving substantially less than the principal amount of the notes.

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### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$396.8 million, after expenses and underwriters discounts and commissions. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to reduce short term borrowings and for other general corporate purposes.

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### **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of October 1, 2011, on an actual and an as adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance of the notes and the application of the net proceeds.

The actual data included in the table below is derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of October 1, 2011. This table should be read in conjunction with those consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 1, 2011 and incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference.

	1	As of October 1, 2011 Actual As Adjusted (unaudited)		
		(in n	nillions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	851.9	\$	851.9
Short-term borrowings	\$	560.9	\$	164.1
Long-term debt:				
4.90% Notes due 2012	\$	205.5	\$	205.5
Floating Rate Convertible Notes due 2012		313.3		313.3
6.15% Notes due 2013		260.9		260.9
4.75% Notes due 2014		314.7		314.7
8.95% Notes due 2014		392.9		392.9
5.75% Notes due 2016		331.6		331.6
7.05% Notes due 2028		167.8		167.8
4.25% Subordinated Notes due 2018		632.5		632.5
5.20% Notes due 2040		399.7		399.7
Revolving credit facility		198.0		198.0
Notes offered hereby				399.6
Other		39.1		39.1
Long-term debt, including current maturities		3,256.0		3,655.6
Less current maturities		(517.3)		(517.3)
Total long-term debt		2,738.7		3,138.3
Total shareholders equity		7,038.0		7,038.0
Total Shareholders equity		7,036.0		7,030.0
Total capitalization	\$	9,776.7	\$	10,176.3

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

#### General

The notes will be issued under an indenture, dated as of November 1, 2002 (the Indenture ), between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as successor trustee (the Trustee ) to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as supplemented by the second supplemental indenture, dated as of March 12, 2010, among us, Black & Decker and the Trustee and a supplemental indenture among us, Black & Decker and the Trustee establishing the terms of the notes. The following description of the particular terms of the notes supplements the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

The notes:

will be unsecured, unsubordinated debt securities;

will initially be limited to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount;

will mature on December 1, 2021;

will bear interest from November 22, 2011 at the rate of 3.40% per annum;

will pay interest semiannually, in arrears, on June 1 and December 1, commencing on June 1, 2012 to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on the preceding May 15 and November 15, respectively; and

will be issued in book-entry form only.

As used in this Description of the Notes, the terms we, our and us refer to Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., a Connecticut corporation, and do not, unless otherwise specified, include our subsidiaries.

### **Black & Decker Guarantee**

The notes will be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Black & Decker. Black & Decker will guarantee the punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of all of our monetary obligations under the Indenture and the notes, whether for principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the notes, expenses, indemnification or otherwise, and agree to pay any and all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Trustee or the note holders in enforcing any rights under the guarantee. The obligations of Black & Decker as a guarantor will be limited to the extent necessary to prevent the obligations from constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer.

Black & Decker s guarantee will be a continuing guarantee and will inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Trustee, the holders of the notes and their successors, transferees and assigns.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, Black & Decker will automatically and unconditionally be released from all obligations under its guarantee, and such guarantee shall thereupon terminate and be discharged and of no further force or effect, (i) upon the merger or consolidation of Black & Decker, in the event of a sale or other transfer of equity interests in, or assets of, Black & Decker, or dissolution of Black & Decker in compliance with the terms of the Indenture following which Black & Decker ceases to be our consolidated subsidiary; (ii) upon legal or covenant defeasance of our obligations, or satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture or (iii) upon payment in full of the aggregate principal amount of all notes then outstanding.

In addition, we are permitted to release the guarantee of the notes without the consent of the Trustee or any holder of notes if:

(1) Black & Decker is not then, or immediately thereafter will not be, a guaranter of our credit agreement with a syndicate of banks represented by Citibank, N.A. or any replacement bank credit facility or such guarantee is released simultaneously with the release of the guarantee on the notes;

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- (2) Black & Decker is not then, or immediately thereafter will not be, a guarantor of any of our outstanding senior unsecured notes or debentures issued in capital market transactions or such guarantees are released simultaneously with the release of the guarantee on the notes; and
- (3) no event of default has occurred and is continuing.

Once released, we will not be required to reinstate the Black & Decker guarantee even if one or more of the conditions required for the release is not satisfied in the future.

The Black & Decker guarantee may be modified or terminated with the consent of holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes.

#### Ranking

Until the Black & Decker guarantee is released, the notes will be our direct, unsecured general obligations, guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by Black & Decker, and rank equally in right of payment with all of our and Black & Decker s other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. As of October 1, 2011, we and Black & Decker had \$1,800.0 million principal amount of unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness that would rank equally in right of payment with the notes and \$351.9 million principal amount of unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness issued by us that is not guaranteed by Black & Decker that is structurally subordinated to the notes.

The notes will not be obligations of or guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries other than Black & Decker. As a result, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries other than Black & Decker, which means that creditors and preferred stockholders of such subsidiaries will be paid from the assets of such subsidiaries before holders of the notes would have any claims to those assets. As of October 1, 2011, our subsidiaries other than Black & Decker had approximately \$5,267.0 million of total liabilities (excluding affiliate liabilities owed to Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. and Black & Decker), including the principal amount of debt outstanding.

If the Black & Decker guarantee is released, the notes will be structurally subordinated to all debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. As of October 1, 2011, our subsidiaries had approximately \$6,496.9 million of total liabilities (excluding affiliate liabilities owed to Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.), including the principal amount of debt outstanding.

### **Further Issuances**

We may from time to time, without notice to or consent of the holders of the notes, issue additional notes of the same tenor, coupon and other terms as the notes, so that such notes and the notes offered hereby will form a single series. We refer to this additional issuance of notes as a further issuance.

Purchasers of the notes we are offering, after the date of any further issuance, will not be able to differentiate between the notes sold as part of the further issuance and previously issued notes. If we were to issue notes with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes, persons that are subject to U.S. federal income taxation who purchase notes after such further issuance may be required to accrue original issue discount with respect to their notes. This may adversely affect the price of outstanding notes as a result of a further issuance. Purchasers are advised to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the U.S. tax implications of any future decision by us to undertake a further issuance of additional notes with original issue discount.

### **Optional Redemption**

At any time and from time to time, the notes are redeemable, as a whole or in part (equal to an integral multiple of \$1,000), at our option, on at least 30 days, and not more than 60 days, prior notice mailed to the registered address of each holder of the notes.

The redemption price for the notes to be redeemed on any redemption date that is prior to September 1, 2021 (the date that is three months prior to the maturity date) will be equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, or

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the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of interest and principal on the notes to be redeemed (exclusive of interest accrued and unpaid to, but not including, the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semiannual basis, assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, at the Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus 25 basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption.

The redemption price for the notes to be redeemed on any redemption date that is on or after September 1, 2021 (the date that is three months prior to the maturity date) will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed on the redemption date, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption.

In any case, the principal amount of a note remaining outstanding after a redemption in part shall be \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Once notice of redemption is mailed, the notes called for redemption will become due and payable on the redemption date and at the applicable redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security or securities selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having an actual or interpolated 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 debt securities of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (A) the arithmetic average of three Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (B) if the Trustee obtains fewer than three such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the arithmetic average of all such quotations for such redemption date.

Independent Investment Banker means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by the Trustee after consultation with us; provided, that if such Reference Treasury Dealer ceases to be a Primary Treasury Dealer, we will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer.

Reference Treasury Dealer means Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co.; provided, that if any of the foregoing dealers shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States (a Primary Treasury Dealer ), we will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the arithmetic average, as determined by the Trustee, 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 Trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m. New York City time on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated (on a day count basis) 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.

On and after the redemption date for the notes, interest will cease to accrue on the notes or any portion thereof called for redemption, unless we default in the payment of the redemption price. On or before the redemption date for the notes, we will deposit with a paying agent, or the Trustee, funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued and unpaid interest on such notes to be redeemed on such date. If less than all of the notes are to be redeemed, the notes to be redeemed will be selected by the Trustee by such method as the Trustee deems fair and appropriate.

### **Change of Control**

If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs, unless we have exercised our option to redeem all notes then outstanding, you will have the right to require us to repurchase all or any part (equal to an integral multiple of \$1,000) of your notes pursuant to the offer described below (the Change of Control Offer ); provided that the

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principal amount of a note outstanding after a repurchase in part shall be \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. In the Change of Control Offer, we will offer payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes to be repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the notes repurchased, to the date of purchase (the Change of Control Payment ). Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event, we will mail a notice to you describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase the notes on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (the Change of Control Payment Date ), pursuant to the procedures and described in such notice. We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of the notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control provisions of the Indenture by virtue of such conflicts.

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

accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

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

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 and the amount to be paid by the paying agent. For purposes of the foregoing discussion of a repurchase at the option of holders, the following definitions are applicable:

Below Investment Grade Rating Event means the notes are rated below an Investment Grade Rating by each of the Rating Agencies on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that could result in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of the Change of Control (which 60-day period shall be extended so long as the rating of the notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any two of the three Rating Agencies).

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of us and our subsidiaries taken as a whole to any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than us or one of our subsidiaries; (2) 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 then outstanding total voting power of all shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in elections of directors; or (3) the first day on which a majority of the members of our board of directors are not Continuing Directors.

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

Continuing Directors means, as of any date of determination, any member of our board of directors who (1) was a member of such board of directors on the date the notes were first issued; 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.

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Fitch means Fitch, Inc. and its successors.

Investment Grade Rating means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody s, BBB (or the equivalent) by S&P and BBB (or the equivalent) by Fitch.

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

Rating Agencies means (1) each of Moody s, S&P and Fitch; and (2) if any of Moody s, S&P or Fitch ceases to rate the notes or fails to make a rating of the notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act selected by us (as certified by a resolution of our board of directors) as a replacement agency for Moody s, S&P or Fitch, as the case may be.

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

#### Defeasance

The defeasance provisions described under Description of Debt Securities Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance in the accompanying prospectus will apply to the Notes.

### **Book-Entry System**

The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ) which we refer to along with its successors in this capacity as the depositary, will act as securities depositary for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., the depositary s nominee. One or more fully registered global security certificates, representing the total aggregate principal amount of the notes, will be issued and will be deposited with the depositary or its custodian and will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer referred to below.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes so long as the notes are represented by global security certificates.

Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through either DTC in the U.S. or Clearstream or Euroclear, in Europe if they are participants of such systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers securities accounts in Clearstream s and Euroclear s names on the books of their respective depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in customers securities accounts in the depositaries names on the books of DTC.

DTC has advised us that it 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 participants ( Direct Participants ) deposit with DTC and facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ( DTCC ). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the

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DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ( Indirect Participants ). The DTC rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the SEC.

Clearstream advises that it is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depositary. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations ( Clearstream Participants ) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a registered bank in Luxembourg, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier). Clearstream Participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Participant, either directly or indirectly.

Distributions with respect to interests in the notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures.

Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear (Euroclear Participants) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S. A. /N. V. (Euroclear Operator). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of Euroclear, and applicable Belgian law, which we refer to collectively as the Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no records of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions with respect to the notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

We will issue the notes in definitive certificated form if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or the depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days. In addition, beneficial interests in a global security certificate may be exchanged for definitive certificated notes upon request by or on behalf of the depositary in accordance with customary procedures following the request of a beneficial owner seeking to exercise or enforce its rights under such notes. If we determine at any time that the notes shall no longer be represented by global security certificates, we will inform the depositary of such determination who will, in turn,

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notify participants of their right to withdraw their beneficial interest from the global security certificates, and if such participants elect to withdraw their beneficial interests, we will issue certificates in definitive form in exchange for such beneficial interests in the global security certificates. Any global note, or portion thereof, that is exchangeable pursuant to this paragraph will be exchangeable for security certificates, as the case may be, registered in the names directed by the depositary. We expect that these instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates.

As long as the depositary or its nominee is the registered owner of the global security certificates, the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and holder of the global security certificates and all notes represented by these certificates for all purposes under the Indenture. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in global security certificates:

will not be entitled to have the notes represented by these global security certificates registered in their names, and

will not be considered to be owners or holders of the global security certificates or any notes represented by these certificates for any purpose under the notes or the Indenture.

All payments on the notes represented by global security certificates and all transfers and deliveries of related notes will be made to the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the holder of such securities.

Ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates will be limited to participants or persons that may hold beneficial interests through institutions that have accounts with the depositary or its nominee. Ownership of beneficial interests in global security certificates will be shown only on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary or its nominee, with respect to participants interests, or any participant, with respect to interests of persons held by the participant on their behalf. Payments, transfers, deliveries, exchanges and other matters relating to beneficial interests in global security certificates may be subject to various policies and procedures adopted by the depositary from time to time. Neither we nor the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the depositary s or any participant s records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in global security certificates, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the depositary s records or any participant s records relating to these beneficial ownership interests.

Although the depositary has agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the global security certificates among participants, the depositary is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform these procedures, and these procedures may be discontinued at any time. We will not have any responsibility for the performance by the depositary or its direct participants or indirect participants under the rules and procedures governing the depositary.

The information in this section concerning the depositary, its book-entry system, Clearstream and Euroclear has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we have not attempted to verify the accuracy of this information.

### **Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

Initial settlement for the notes will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC s Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream Participants and/or Euroclear Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear, as applicable.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream Participants or Euroclear Participants, on the other, will be effected

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through DTC in accordance with DTC rules; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time).

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

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

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#### CERTAIN MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following is a general discussion of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes. This discussion applies only to a Non-U.S. Holder (as defined below) that acquires the notes pursuant to this offering at the initial offering price. This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), Treasury Regulations and judicial decisions and administrative interpretations thereof, all as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. This discussion is limited to investors that hold the notes as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Furthermore, this discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be applicable to investors in light of their particular circumstances, or to investors subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, entities that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, U.S. holders of notes, dealers in securities or currencies, expatriates, persons deemed to sell the notes under the constructive sale provisions of the Code and persons that hold the notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment. Furthermore, this discussion does not address any U.S. federal estate or gift tax consequences or any state, local or foreign tax consequences. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income and other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes.

For purposes of this summary, the term Non-U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of a note that is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes (i) an individual that is a citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that is created or organized under the laws of the United States, any of the States or the District of Columbia, (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or (iv) a trust (A) if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary control over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust, or (B) that has made a valid election to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) owns the notes, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners in a partnership that owns the notes should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to them.

#### Non-U.S. Holders

### Interest

Subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding, a Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on payments of interest on the notes provided that (i) such interest is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by the Non-U.S. Holder (or, if certain tax treaties apply, if such interest is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States but is not attributable to a permanent establishment maintained in the United States by the Non-U.S. Holder) and (ii) the Non-U.S. Holder (A) does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock, (B) is not a controlled foreign corporation related to us directly or constructively through stock ownership, and (C) satisfies certain certification requirements. Such certification requirements will be met if (x) the Non-U.S. Holder provides its name and address, and certifies on IRS Form W-8BEN (or a substantially similar form), under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person or (y) a securities clearing organization or certain other financial institutions holding the note on behalf of the Non-U.S. Holder certifies on IRS Form W-8IMY, under penalties of perjury, that such certification has been received by it and furnishes the withholding agent with a copy thereof. In addition, the withholding agent must not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the beneficial owner of the note is a U.S. person.

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If interest on the notes is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by a Non-U.S. Holder, but such Non-U.S. Holder cannot satisfy the other requirements outlined above, interest on the notes will generally be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a 30% rate (or a lower applicable treaty rate).

If interest on the notes is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by the Non-U.S. Holder, and, if certain tax treaties apply, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder within the United States, then the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such interest in the same manner as if such holder were a U.S. person and, in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that is a foreign corporation, may also be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate). However, any such interest will not also be subject to withholding tax if the Non-U.S. Holder delivers a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI in order to claim an exemption from withholding tax.

Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding any applicable income tax treaties, which may provide for a lower rate of withholding tax, exemption from or reduction of branch profits tax, or other rules different from those described above.

#### Disposition of the Notes

Subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding, a Non-U.S. Holder will not generally be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax with respect to gain recognized on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of the notes. A Non-U.S. Holder also generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax with respect to such gain unless (i) the gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by the Non-U.S. Holder and, if certain tax treaties apply, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder within the United States, or (ii) in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that is a nonresident alien individual, such holder is present in the United States for 183 or more days in the taxable year and certain other conditions are satisfied. In the case described above in (i), gain or loss recognized on the disposition of such notes will generally be subject to U.S. federal income taxation in the same manner as if such gain or loss were recognized by a U.S. person, and, in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that is a foreign corporation, may also be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate). In the case described above in (ii), the Non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to 30% tax (or lower applicable treaty rate) on any capital gain recognized on the disposition of the notes, which may be offset by certain U.S.-source capital losses. Proceeds from the disposition of a note that are attributable to accrued but unpaid interest generally will be subject to, or exempt from, tax to the same extent as described above with respect to interest paid on a note.

### Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

A Non-U.S. Holder generally will be required to comply with certain certification procedures in order to establish that such holder is not a U.S. person in order to avoid backup withholding with respect to payments of principal and interest on or the proceeds of a disposition of the notes. In addition, the amount of any interest paid to a Non-U.S. Holder and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to such interest must be reported annually to the IRS and to such Non-U.S. Holder. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and the amount of any tax withheld may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which a Non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a Non-U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely provided to the IRS. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption for backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining such an exemption.

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#### UNDERWRITING

We and the underwriters named below have entered into an underwriting agreement with respect to the notes. Subject to certain conditions, each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase the principal amount of notes indicated in the following table.

Underwriter	Principal Amount
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	\$ 133,333,000
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	133,333,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	133,334,000
Total	\$ 400,000,000

The underwriters are committed to take and pay for all of the notes being offered, if any are taken.

Notes sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. Any notes sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount from the public offering price of up to 0.400% of the principal amount of notes. Any such securities dealers may resell any notes purchased from the underwriters to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount from the public offering price of up to 0.200% of the principal amount of notes. If all the notes are not sold at the initial offering price, the underwriters may change the offering price and the other selling terms.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We have been advised by the underwriters that the underwriters intend to make a market in the notes but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of more notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes while the offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased notes sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

These activities by the underwriters, as well as other purchases by the underwriters for their own accounts, may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the notes. As a result, the price of the notes may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

We estimate that the total expenses of the offering, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$200,000.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory,

investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory and investment banking services for the issuer, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses. In addition, certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates are lenders, and in some cases agents for the lenders, under our credit facilities.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates have made or held, and may in the future make or hold, a broad array of investments including serving as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements, and may have actively traded, and, in the future may 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 and may have in the past and at any time in the future hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may have involved, and in the future may involve, our securities and instruments.

#### **Selling Restrictions**

#### 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 and agreed 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 to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriters 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.

For the 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 for the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### **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) 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 or Black & Decker; and

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(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.

### Hong Kong

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

### Japan

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

### Singapore

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

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries—rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

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### LEGAL MATTERS

We are being represented by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York, as to matters of New York law; matters of Maryland law will be passed upon for us by Miles & Stockbridge P.C., Baltimore, Maryland, and matters of Connecticut law will be passed upon for us by Donald J. Riccitelli, our corporate counsel. The validity of the notes will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, New York. Mr. Riccitelli beneficially owns and has rights to acquire less than one percent of our common stock.

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### Prospectus

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.
Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Debt Securities
Guarantees of Debt Securities
Warrants
Depositary Shares
Stock Purchase Contracts
and
Stock Purchase Units
We may offer, issue and sell, together or separately:
shares of our common stock;
shares of our preferred stock;
debt securities, which may be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities;
warrants to purchase our debt securities, shares of our common stock, shares of our preferred stock, depositary shares or securities of third parties or other rights;
depositary shares representing an interest in our preferred stock;
stock nurchase contracts to nurchase shares of our common stock; and

stock purchase units, each representing ownership of a stock purchase contract and debt securities, preferred securities or debt obligations of third-parties, including U.S. treasury securities or any combination of the foregoing, securing the holder s obligation to purchase our common stock or other securities under the stock purchase contracts.

We will provide the specific prices and terms of these securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus at the time of offering. The debt securities we offer may be guaranteed by our subsidiary, The Black & Decker Corporation, or other subsidiaries identified in one or more supplements to the prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement carefully before you make your investment decision.

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

# Investing in our securities involves a number of risks. See Risk Factors on page 7 before you make your investment decision.

We may offer securities through underwriting syndicates managed or co-managed by one or more underwriters or dealers, through agents or directly to purchasers. If required, the prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe the plan of distribution for that offering. For general information about the distribution of securities offered, please see Plan of Distribution in this prospectus.

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

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

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