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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

COOPER-STANDARD AUTOMOTIVE INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State of Incorporation) (Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number) (I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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7% Senior Notes due 2012		(1)	(1)	(1)	83/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014	(1)	(1)
(1) Guarantees of 7% Senior Notes due 2012		(2)	(1)	(1)	(1) Guarantees of 83/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014	(2)	(1)
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The registrants hereby amend this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrants shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with section 8(a) of the securities act of 1933 or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said section 8(a), may determine.

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TABLE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT GUARANTORS

Exact

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated April 29, 2008

PROSPECTUS

\$200,000,000 7% Senior Notes due 2012

\$350,000,000 83/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014

The 7% senior notes due 2012 were issued in exchange for the 7% senior notes due 2012 originally issued on December 23, 2004. The 83/8% senior subordinated notes due 2014 were issued in exchange for the 83/8% senior subordinated notes due 2014 originally issued on December 23, 2004.

The senior notes will mature on December 15, 2012 and the senior subordinated notes will mature on December 15, 2014.

Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. may redeem some or all of the senior notes at any time prior to December 15, 2008 and some or all of the senior subordinated notes at any time prior to December 15, 2009, in each case, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes, plus a "make-whole" premium. Thereafter, Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. may redeem some or all of the senior notes and some or all of the senior subordinated notes, in each case, at the redemption prices described in this prospectus.

The senior notes are Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.'s unsecured obligations and rank equally with all of Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.'s existing and future senior obligations and senior to Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.'s subordinated indebtedness. The senior subordinated notes are Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.'s unsecured senior subordinated obligations and are subordinated to all of its existing and future senior indebtedness including the senior notes. The notes are effectively subordinated to Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.'s existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the assets securing that indebtedness. The notes are guaranteed by Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., our parent company, and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.'s direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries that guarantee its obligations under the senior credit facilities. These guarantees are unsecured and, with respect to the senior notes, rank equally with all existing and future senior obligations of the guarantors and, with respect to the senior subordinated notes, are subordinated to all existing and future senior obligations of the guarantors. The guarantees are effectively subordinated to existing and future secured indebtedness of the guarantors to the extent of the assets securing that indebtedness.

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 12 for a discussion of certain risks that you should consider in connection with an investment in the notes.

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

This prospectus has been prepared for and will be used by Goldman, Sachs & Co. in connection with offers and sales of the notes in market-making transactions. These transactions may occur in the open market or may be privately

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negotiated at prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of sales or at negotiated prices. Goldman, Sachs & Co. may act as principal or agent in these transactions. We will not receive any proceeds of such sales.

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2008

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The prospectus may be used only for the purposes for which it has been published and no person has been authorized to give any information not contained herein. If you receive any other information, you should not rely on it. Goldman, Sachs & Co. is not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted.

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Some market data and other statistical information used throughout this prospectus is based on data available from CSM Worldwide, an independent market research firm. Other data are based on our good faith estimates, which are derived from our review of internal surveys, as well as third party sources. Although we believe all of these third party sources are reliable, we have not independently verified the information and cannot guarantee its accuracy and completeness. To the extent that we have been unable to obtain information from third party sources, we have expressed our belief on the basis of our own internal analyses and estimates of our and our competitors' products and capabilities. The principal shareholders of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s, our parent company, are affiliates of The Cypress Group L.L.C. and GS Capital Partners 2000, L.P., whom we refer to as our "Sponsors." Each of the Sponsors, including their respective affiliates, currently owns approximately 49.2% of the equity of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. See "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters."

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that may be important to you in making your investment decision. You should read this entire prospectus, including the financial data and related notes and section entitled “Risk Factors,” before making an investment decision. As used in this prospectus, the terms “we,” “us” “Cooper-Standard” and the “Company” all refer to Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc., its subsidiaries and Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., its parent, on a consolidated basis, unless the context requires otherwise.

We are a leading global manufacturer of fluid handling, body sealing, and noise, vibration and harshness control (“NVH”) components, systems, subsystems, and modules, primarily for use in passenger vehicles and light trucks for global original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”) and replacement markets. Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. conducts substantially all of its activities through its subsidiaries. Our principal executive offices are located at 39550 Orchard Hill Place Drive, Novi, Michigan 48375, and its telephone number is (248) 596-5900. We also maintain a website at www.cooperstandard.com, which is not a part of this prospectus.

We believe that we are the largest global producer of body sealing systems, one of the two largest North American producers in the NVH control business, and the second largest global producer of the types of fluid handling products that we manufacture. Approximately 80% of our sales in 2007 were to automotive original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”), including Ford, General Motors, Chrysler (collectively, the “Detroit 3”), Audi, BMW, Fiat, Honda, Mercedes Benz, Porsche, PSA Peugeot Citroën, Renault/Nissan, Toyota, and Volkswagen. The remaining 20% of our 2007 sales were primarily to Tier I and Tier II automotive suppliers. In 2007, our products were found in 19 of the 20 top-selling models in North America and in 17 of the 20 top-selling models in Europe.

We operate in 69 manufacturing locations and nine design, engineering, and administrative locations in 18 countries around the world.

Our net sales have grown from \$1.8 billion for the year ended December 31, 2005, to \$2.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2007. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Company Overview.”

Acquisition History

On December 23, 2004, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. acquired the automotive segment of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (the “2004 Acquisition”) and began operating the business on a stand-alone basis primarily through its principal operating subsidiary, Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. See “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” (especially Notes 8 and 17, respectively) for further descriptions of the Senior Notes, Senior Subordinated Notes, and Senior Credit Facilities and of the equity contributions relating to the 2004 Acquisition.

In July 2005, the Company acquired Gates Corporation’s Enfriamientos de Automoviles manufacturing operations in Atlacomulco, Mexico (the “Atlacomulco business”). The Atlacomulco business manufactures low pressure heating and cooling hose, principally for the OEM automotive market.

In February 2006, the Company acquired the automotive fluid handling systems business of ITT Industries, Inc. (“FHS” or the “FHS business”). See “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” (especially Note 3).

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In March 2007, the Company acquired Automotive Components Holdings' El Jarudo manufacturing operations located in Juarez, Mexico (the "El Jarudo business"). The El Jarudo business manufactures automotive fuel rails.

In August 2007, the Company completed the acquisition of nine Metzeler Automotive Profile Systems sealing systems operations in Germany, Italy, Poland, Belarus, and Belgium, and a joint

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venture interest in China (“MAPS” or the “MAPS business”) from Automotive Sealing Systems S.A. (“ASSSA”). See “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” (especially Note 3).

In December 2007, the Company acquired the 74% joint venture interest of ASSSA in Metzeler Automotive Profiles India Private Limited (“MAP India”), a leading manufacturer of automotive sealing products in India. See “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” (especially Note 3).

Strategy:

We intend to build on our position as one of the world’s leading automotive suppliers of body sealing, NVH control and fluid handling components and systems by focusing on the following key strategic areas:

Strengthening relationships with the Detroit 3 and expanding relationships with other OEMs

We plan to strengthen our leading positions with the Detroit 3 while aggressively pursuing additional business opportunities with New American Manufacturers (“NAMs”) and European and Asian OEMs. The Detroit 3 are long established, highly valued customers with revenue streams spread among all platform categories, including cars, light trucks, and SUVs. However, we believe NAMs and European and Asian OEMs will provide significant opportunities to further grow our business, especially as Asian OEMs have been rapidly penetrating North American and European markets, and Asian markets are relatively young and growing at a higher rate than other automotive markets. In particular, China’s light vehicle market is projected to grow at an 11% compound annual growth rate (“CAGR”) between 2007 and 2012, according to CSM Worldwide estimates, which will make it the world’s fastest growing market.

To further strengthen our customer relationships, we plan to continue to focus on our program management capabilities, engineering excellence, and customer service, and to utilize our technological and design capabilities to enhance the value we offer our customers. We will continue to seek customer feedback with respect to quality manufacturing, design and engineering, delivery, and after-sales support in an effort to provide the highest level of customer service and responsiveness. We believe our efforts have been successful to date and we continue to be awarded content on the Detroit 3’s most important platforms. We have also achieved several recent successes with other OEMs, such as Nissan, Toyota, Honda, Audi, and Volkswagen. Further, our acquisition of MAPS diversified our customer base with significant new volume with key customers such as Fiat, BMW, Daimler and Volkswagen Group. In Asia, and particularly in China, we have been successful in entering new markets and are developing a substantial manufacturing and marketing presence to serve local OEMs and to follow our customers as they expand into these markets. We operate eight manufacturing locations in China, which provide products and services to both Chinese OEMs and our traditional customers.

Targeting high-volume vehicle platforms and increasing content per vehicle

We intend to target high-volume platforms and to maximize the amount of content we provide to each platform. We expect that high-volume platforms will allow us to efficiently gain market share, create greater economies of scale, and provide more opportunities to realize cost savings from our Lean initiatives program, an internally developed program intended to optimize manufacturing by eliminating waste, controlling cost and enhancing productivity. Supplying OEMs’ high-volume platforms is increasingly important because OEMs are using fewer platforms to cover a greater number of vehicle models. Maximizing content-per-vehicle is important not only to increase revenue per vehicle, but also to increase our relative importance to the platform and strengthen our customer relationships with the OEMs as they continue to consolidate their supplier base.

By leveraging our extensive product portfolio and providing superior customer service and product innovations, we have been and expect to continue to be successful in winning significant business on high-volume platforms.

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Developing new modular solutions and other value-added products

We believe that significant opportunities exist to grow our current portfolio of products, including components as well as complete sub-systems, modules, and assemblies, by continuing to design, develop, and launch new products that distinguish us from our competitors. As a leader in design, engineering, and technical capabilities, we are able to focus on improving products, developing new technologies, and implementing more efficient processes in each of our product lines. Our body sealing products, which are part of our body & chassis product portfolio, are visible to vehicle passengers and can enhance the vehicle's aesthetic appeal, in addition to creating a barrier to wind, precipitation, dust, and noise. Our noise, vibration and harshness control products, which are also part of our body & chassis products, are a fundamental part of the driving experience and can be important to the vehicle quality. Our fluid handling modules and sub-systems are designed to increase functionality and decrease cost to the OEM, which can be the deciding factor in winning new business.

To remain a leader in new product innovation, we will continue to invest in research and development and to focus on new technologies, materials, and designs. We believe that extensive use of Design for Six Sigma and other development strategies and techniques has led to some of our most successful recent product innovations, including our ESP Thermoplastic Glassruns (body & chassis), a proprietary plastics-to-aluminum overmolding process (fluid handling), and our Truck Tuff Hydromounts (body & chassis). Examples of successful modular innovations include engine cooling systems, fuel and brake systems, and exhaust gas recirculation modules in our fluid handling product category, and Daylight Opening Modules in our body & chassis category.

Selectively pursuing complementary acquisitions and alliances

We intend to selectively pursue acquisitions, joint ventures, and technology alliances to enhance our customer base, geographic penetration, market diversity, scale, and technology. Consolidation is an industry trend and is encouraged by OEMs' desire for fewer supplier relationships. We believe joint ventures allow us to penetrate new markets with less relative risk and capital investment. Technology alliances are important because they are an effective way to share development costs, best-practices, and specialized knowledge.

We believe we have a strong platform for growth through acquisitions based on our past integration successes, experienced management team, global presence, and operational excellence. We also operate through several successful joint ventures and technical alliances, including those with Nishikawa Rubber Company, Zhejiang Saiyang Seal Products Co., Ltd. ("Saiyang Sealing"), Guyoung Technology Co. Ltd. ("Guyoung"), Hubei Jingda Precision Steel Tube Industry Co., Ltd. ("Jingda"), Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation ("SAIC") and Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd. ("Toyoda Gosei").

In July of 2005, we acquired the Atlacomulco business. The business manufactures low pressure heating and cooling hose, principally for the OEM automotive market.

In February of 2006, we furthered our strategy by acquiring the FHS business. We believe that the FHS acquisition has allowed us to provide a more complete line of fluid management solutions for new vehicle platforms, diversified our customer base, and secured our position as the second largest global fluid handling systems supplier in the automotive industry.

In March of 2007, we acquired the El Jarudo business. The business is located in Juarez, Mexico and is a producer of automotive fuel rails.

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In August of 2007, we acquired the MAPS business, including nine sealing systems operations in Germany, Italy, Poland, Belarus, and Belgium, and a joint venture interest in China. MAPS is a leader in Europe in the development and manufacture of complete automotive body sealing systems.

In December of 2007, we completed the acquisition of a 74% joint venture interest in MAP India, a leading manufacturer of automotive sealing products in India.

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Expanding our footprint in Asia

While we have, through new facilities, acquisitions, and joint ventures, significantly expanded our presence in Asia, particularly China and India, we believe that significant opportunities for growth exist in this fast-growing market. We will continue to evaluate opportunities that enable us to establish or expand our design, technology and commercial support operations in that region and enhance our ability to serve current and future customers.

Focusing on operational excellence and cost structure

We will continue to intensely focus on the efficiency of our manufacturing operations and on opportunities to reduce our cost structure. Although the automotive supply sector is highly competitive, we believe that we have been able to maintain strong operating margins due in part to our ability to constantly improve our manufacturing processes and to selectively relocate or close facilities. Our primary areas of focus are:

Identifying and implementing Lean initiatives throughout the Company. Our Lean initiatives are focused on optimizing manufacturing by eliminating waste, controlling cost, and enhancing productivity. Lean initiatives have been implemented at each of our manufacturing and design facilities.

- Evaluating opportunities to relocate operations to lower-cost countries. We have successfully employed this strategy to date by relocating operations to the Czech Republic and Poland from higher-cost countries in Western Europe and from the United States and Canada to Mexico, China, and India. We plan to continue to emphasize our operations in lower-cost countries to capitalize on reduced labor and other costs.

- Consolidating facilities to reduce our cost structure. Our restructuring efforts were primarily undertaken to streamline our global operations. We will continue to take a disciplined approach to evaluating restructuring opportunities that would improve our efficiency, profitability, and cost structure.

- Maintaining flexibility in all areas of our operations. Our operational capital needs are generally lower compared to many in the automotive industry. Our manufacturing machinery is re-programmable and easily movable from job-to-job providing us with a high degree of flexibility in adapting to market changes and serving customers.

Further exploring non-transportation applications for products and technology

While the automotive industry will continue to be our core business, we have recently begun exploring new industries in which we can apply our expertise and manufacture new products utilizing our existing facilities and capabilities. As a leader in the development and manufacture of equipment using rubber, metals and extruded materials, we believe there may be opportunities in other sectors requiring the use of these materials.

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The Notes

The summary below describes the principal terms of the notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The “Description of the Notes” section of this prospectus contains a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the notes.

	Issuer
Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc.	
amount of 7% Senior Notes due 2012.	Securities Offered \$200,000,000 aggregate principal
Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014.	\$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 83/8%
December 15, 2012.	Maturity The Senior Notes will mature on
December 15, 2014.	The Senior Subordinated Notes will mature on
7% per annum (calculated using a 360-day year).	Interest Rate The Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of
83/8% per annum (calculated using a 360-day year).	The Senior Subordinated Notes bear interest at a rate of
June 15 and December 15 each year through maturity.	Interest Payment Dates We pay interest on the notes on
obligations and:	Ranking The Senior Notes are our general unsecured
future senior unsecured indebtedness and other obligations that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Senior Notes;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and
future indebtedness and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Senior Notes, including the Senior Subordinated Notes; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rank senior in right of payment to any of our existing and
secured indebtedness and other secured obligations, including the senior credit facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and other obligations, and are structurally subordinated to all obligations of any subsidiary if that subsidiary is not also a guarantor of the Senior Notes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future

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Similarly, the Senior Note guarantees are senior unsecured obligations of the guarantors and:

- rank equally in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor’s existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness and other obligations that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Senior Notes;
- rank senior in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor’s existing and future indebtedness and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Senior Notes, including the applicable guarantor’s guarantee of the Senior Subordinated Notes; and
- are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor’s existing and future secured indebtedness, including the applicable guarantor’s guarantee under the senior credit facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and are structurally subordinated to all obligations of any subsidiary of a guarantor if that subsidiary is not also a guarantor of the Senior Notes.

The Senior Subordinated Notes are our unsecured senior subordinated obligations and:

- rank equally in right of payment to all of our existing and future unsecured senior subordinated indebtedness and other obligations;
- rank senior in right of payment to any of our existing and future indebtedness and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Senior Subordinated Notes; and
- are subordinated in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior indebtedness and other senior obligations, including the senior credit facilities and the Senior Notes, are effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness and other secured obligations, including the senior credit facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and other obligations, and are structurally subordinated to all obligations of any subsidiary if that subsidiary is not a guarantor of the Senior Subordinated Notes.

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Similarly, the Senior Subordinated Note guarantees are senior subordinated unsecured obligations of the guarantors and:

- rank equally in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future unsecured senior subordinated indebtedness and other obligations;
- rank senior in right of payment to any of the applicable guarantor's existing and future indebtedness and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Senior Subordinated Notes; and
- are subordinated in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future senior indebtedness and other senior obligations, including the applicable guarantor's guarantee under the senior credit facilities and the Senior Notes, are effectively subordinated to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future secured indebtedness, including the applicable guarantor's guarantee under the senior credit facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and are structurally subordinated to all obligations of any subsidiary of a guarantor if that subsidiary is not a guarantor of the Senior Subordinated Notes.

As of December 31, 2007, (i) the Senior Notes and related guarantees ranked effectively junior to approximately \$610 million of senior secured indebtedness, (ii) the Senior Notes and related guarantees ranked senior to approximately \$330.5 million of subordinated indebtedness, (iii) the Senior Subordinated Notes and related guarantees ranked junior to approximately \$810 million of senior indebtedness, (iv) we had an additional \$125 million of unutilized capacity under our senior credit facilities (excluding an estimated \$24 million of open letters of credit and (v) our non-guarantor subsidiaries had approximately \$55 million of indebtedness, excluding intercompany obligations, plus other liabilities, including trade payables, that would have been structurally senior to the notes.

Guarantees Our parent, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., and each of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantees our senior credit facilities unconditionally guarantee the Senior Notes on a senior unsecured basis and the Senior Subordinated Notes on a senior subordinated basis.

Our non-guarantor subsidiaries accounted for \$1,435.8 million, or 57.2%, of our net sales (excluding non-guarantor subsidiaries' intercompany sales of

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\$28.5 million) for the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$1,334.3 million, or 61.7%, of our assets and \$613.8 million, or 32.4%, of our liabilities as of December 31, 2007, excluding all intercompany assets and liabilities.

Optional Redemption Prior to December 15, 2008, we may redeem some or all of the Senior Notes for cash at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus an applicable make-whole premium (as described in “Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption”) plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. Beginning on December 15, 2008 we may redeem some or all of the Senior Notes at the redemption prices listed under “Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption” plus accrued interest on the Senior Notes to the date of redemption.

Prior to December 15, 2009, we may redeem some or all of the Senior Subordinated Notes for cash at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus an applicable make-whole premium (as described in “Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption”) plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. Beginning on December 15, 2009 we may redeem some or all of the Senior Subordinated Notes at the redemption prices listed under “Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption” plus accrued interest on the Senior Subordinated Notes to the date of redemption.

In addition on or before December 15, 2007, we could have at our option, used the net proceeds from one or more equity offerings to redeem up to 35% of the Senior Notes and up to 35% of the Senior Subordinated Notes, in each case, at the redemption price listed under “Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption.” No such redemption occurred on or prior to such date.

Change of Control Offer If we experience a change of control, as described under “Description of the Notes—Change of Control,” we must, subject to the terms of the senior credit facilities, offer to repurchase all of the Senior Notes and the Senior Subordinated Notes (unless otherwise redeemed) at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the repurchase date.

Certain Indenture Provisions The indentures governing the notes contain covenants limiting our (and most or all of our subsidiaries’) ability to:

- incur additional debt;
- pay dividends or distributions on our capital stock or repurchase our capital stock;
- issue stock of subsidiaries;

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• make certain investments;

• create

liens on our assets to secure debt (which, in the case of the Senior Subordinated Notes, will be limited in applicability to liens securing pari passu or subordinated indebtedness);

• enter into transactions with affiliates;

• merge

or consolidate; and

• transfer and sell assets.

These covenants are subject to a number of important limitations and exceptions. For more details see “Description of the Notes—Certain Covenants.”

No Public Market The notes are freely transferable but there is no established market for the notes. Accordingly, we cannot assure you whether a market for the notes will develop or as to the liquidity of any market. No one is obligated, to make a market in the notes, and any such market-making may be discontinued at any time without notice.

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SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL DATA

The selected financial data referred to as the Successor data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, and as of December 31, 2004 and for the period from December 24, 2004 to December 31, 2004, have been derived from the consolidated audited financial statements of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and its subsidiaries which have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accountants.

The selected financial data referred to as the Predecessor financial data as of December 31, 2003 and for the period from January 1, 2004 to December 23, 2004 and the year ended December 31, 2003 have been derived from the combined audited financial statements of the automotive segment of Cooper Tire, which have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accountants. The information reflects our business as it historically operated within Cooper Tire, and includes certain assets and liabilities that we did not acquire or assume as part of the 2004 Acquisition. Also, on December 23, 2004, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., which prior to the 2004 Acquisition never had any independent operations, purchased the automotive business represented in the historical Predecessor financial statements. As a result of applying the required purchase accounting rules to the 2004 Acquisition and accounting for the assets and liabilities that were not assumed in the 2004 Acquisition, our financial statements for the period following the acquisition were significantly affected. The application of purchase accounting rules required us to revalue our assets and liabilities, which resulted in different accounting bases being applied in different periods. As a result, historical combined financial data included in this prospectus in Predecessor statements may not reflect what our actual financial position, results of operations, and cash flows would have been had we operated as a separate, stand-alone company as of and for those periods presented.

The audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007 are included elsewhere in this prospectus. See ‘‘Financial Statements.’’

You should read the following data in conjunction with ‘‘Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations’’ and the consolidated financial statements of our parent, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., and its subsidiaries included elsewhere in this prospectus (in millions).

	Predecessor	Successor	2003	January 1,					
2004 to									
December 23,									
2004 December 24,									
2004 to									
December 31,									
2004 Year Ended									
December 31,									
2005 Year Ended									
December 31,									
2006 Year Ended									
December 31,									
2007 Statement of operations					Net sales	\$ 1,662.2	\$ 1,858.9	\$ 4.7	\$ 1,827.4
\$ 2,164.3	\$ 2,511.2	Cost of products sold	1,389.2	1,539.1	4.7	1,550.2	1,832.1	2,114.1	Gross
profit	273.0	319.8	—	277.2	332.2	397.1	Selling, administration, & engineering expenses	162.7	

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177.5	5.2	169.7	199.8	222.1	Amortization of intangibles	0.8	0.7	—	28.2	31.0	31.9									
Impairment charges	—	—	—	13.2	146.4	Restructuring	12.8	21.2	—	3.0	23.9	26.4								
Operating profit	96.7	120.4	(5.2)	76.3	64.3	(29.7)	Interest expense, net of interest income	(4.9)	(1.8)	(5.7)	(66.6)	(87.2)	(89.5)	Equity earnings	0.9	1.0	—	2.8	0.2	2.2
Other income (expense)	(1.0)	(2.1)	4.6	(1.3)	7.0	(1.1)	Income (loss) before income taxes	91.7	117.5	(6.3)	11.2	(15.7)	(118.1)	Provision for income taxes (benefit)	34.3	34.2	(1.8)			
Net income (loss)	2.4	(7.3)	32.9	\$ 57.4	\$ 83.3	\$ (4.5)	\$ 8.8	\$ (8.4)	\$ (151.0)											

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Predecessor	Successor	2003	January 1,						
2004 to									
December 23,									
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2004 to									
December 31,									
2004 Year Ended									
December 31,									
2005 Year Ended									
December 31,									
2006 Year Ended									
December 31,									
2007 Statement of cash flows data									
									Net cash provided (used) by:
Operating activities	\$ 117.7	\$ 132.2	\$ 29.3	\$ 113.0	\$ 135.9	\$ 185.4			Investment activities
(53.3)	(53.5)	(1,132.9)	(133.0)	(281.8)	(260.0)				(54.2) (109.6)
1,189.3	(7.2)	147.6	55.0						Financing activities
\$ 62.7	\$ 0.3	\$ 54.5	\$ 82.9	\$ 107.3					Capital expenditures \$ 58.7
equivalents	\$ 102.6	\$ 83.7	\$ 62.2	\$ 56.3	\$ 40.9				Cash and cash
162.9	212.1	254.4	Total assets	1,456.7	1,812.3	1,734.2	1,911.4	2,162.3	Net working capital(1) 165.4 123.1
liabilities	90.1	1,165.0	1,117.9	1,259.4	1,364.7	Total debt(2) 13.7	912.7	902.5	
1,055.5	1,140.2	Net parent investment/	Stockholders' equity	1,124.4	318.2	312.2	320.7	268.6	(1) Net

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Risk Factors

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You should carefully consider the following risk factors and all other information contained in this prospectus. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of, or that we currently deem immaterial, also may become important factors that affect us.

Risks Relating to Our Leverage

Our substantial leverage could harm our business by limiting our available cash and our access to additional capital and, to the extent of our variable rate indebtedness, exposes us to interest rate risk.

We are highly leveraged. As of December 31, 2007, our total consolidated indebtedness was \$1,140.2 million. Our leverage increased upon the closing of our acquisition of MAPS, because we financed part of the acquisition with an incremental term loan under the Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement.

Our high degree of leverage could have important consequences, including:

- It may limit our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, product development, debt service requirements, acquisitions, and general corporate or other purposes on favorable terms or at all;
- A substantial portion of our cash flows from operations must be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness and thus will not be available for other purposes, including our operations, capital expenditures, and future business opportunities;
- The debt service requirements of our other indebtedness could make it more difficult for us to make payments on the senior notes and senior subordinated notes;
- It may place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to those of our competitors that are less highly leveraged;
- It may restrict our ability to make strategic acquisitions or cause us to make non-strategic divestitures; and
- We may be more vulnerable than a less highly-leveraged company to a downturn in general economic conditions or in our business, or we may be unable to carry out the desired amount of capital spending to support our growth.

Our cash paid for interest for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$87.6 million, which excludes the amortization of \$4.9 million of debt issuance costs. At December 31, 2007, we had \$554.3 million of debt with floating interest rates, including \$270.3 million managed by the use of interest rate swap contracts to convert the variable rate characteristic to fixed rate. If interest rates increase, assuming no principal repayments or use of financial derivatives, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income and cash available for servicing our indebtedness, including the notes, would decrease. After considering the effects of certain interest rate swap contracts we entered into during 2007, a 1% increase in the average interest rate of our variable rate indebtedness would increase future interest expense by approximately \$2.8 million per year.

Our debt agreements contain restrictions that limit our flexibility in operating our business.

The senior credit agreement and the indentures under which the notes were issued contain a number of significant covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability to:

- incur additional indebtedness or issue redeemable preferred stock;
- pay dividends and repurchase our capital stock;

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subsidiaries;	• issue stock of
investments;	• make certain
agreements that restrict dividends from subsidiaries;	• enter into
assets;	• transfer or sell
enter into transactions with our affiliates;	• incur liens;
	• engage in
mergers, amalgamations, or consolidations; and	
expenditures.	• make capital

In addition, under the senior credit agreement, we are required to satisfy specified financial ratios and tests. Our ability to comply with those provisions may be affected by events beyond our control, and may limit our ability to comply with those required ratios and tests.

Risks Relating to Our Business

We are highly dependent on the automotive industry.

Our customers are automobile manufacturers and their suppliers whose production volumes are dependent upon general economic conditions and the level of consumer spending. The volume of global vehicle production has fluctuated considerably from year to year, and such fluctuations may give rise to fluctuations in the demand for our products. Demand for new vehicles fluctuates in response to overall economic conditions and is particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates, consumer confidence, and fuel costs. In addition, to the extent our production volumes have been positively impacted by OEM new vehicle sales incentives, these sales incentives may not be sustained or may cease to favorably impact our sales. If any of these or other factors leads to a decline in new vehicle production, our results of operations could be materially adversely affected. Further, to the extent that the financial condition of any of our largest customers deteriorates or results in bankruptcy, our financial position and operating results could be materially adversely affected.

Increasing competitiveness in the automotive industry has also led OEMs to pressure us to lower prices we charge for our products. Price reductions have impacted our sales and profit margins. If we are not able to offset price reductions through improved operating efficiencies and reduced expenditures, price reductions may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Increasing costs for or reduced availability of manufactured components and raw materials may adversely affect our profitability.

The principal raw materials we purchase include fabricated metal-based components, synthetic rubber, carbon black, and natural rubber. Raw materials comprise the largest component of our costs, representing approximately 49% of our total costs during the year ended December 31, 2007. A significant increase in the price of these items could materially increase our operating costs and materially and adversely affect our profit margins because it is generally difficult to pass through these increased costs to our customers. For example, we have experienced significant price increases in our raw steel and steel-related component purchases as a result of increased global demand. Our largest

single raw material purchase is steel, and it comprised approximately 11% of our total material costs during the year ended December 31, 2007.

Because we purchase various types of raw materials and manufactured components, we may be materially and adversely affected by the failure of our suppliers of those materials to perform as expected. This non-performance may consist of delivery delays or failures caused by production issues or delivery of non-conforming products. The risk of non-performance may also result from the insolvency or bankruptcy of one or more of our suppliers. Our suppliers' ability to supply products to us is also subject to a number of risks, including availability of raw materials, such as steel and natural rubber, destruction of their facilities, or work stoppages. In addition, our failure to promptly pay, or

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order sufficient quantities of inventory from our suppliers may increase the cost of products we purchase or may lead to suppliers refusing to sell products to us at all. Our efforts to protect against and to minimize these risks may not always be effective.

Our business would be materially and adversely affected if we lost a significant portion of business from any of our largest customers.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, approximately 27%, 20%, and 8% of our sales were to Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler, respectively. To compete effectively, we must continue to satisfy these and other customers' pricing, service, technology, and increasingly stringent quality and reliability requirements. Additionally, our revenues may be affected by decreases in these three manufacturers' businesses or market shares. The market shares of these customers have declined in recent years and may continue to decline in the future. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to maintain or increase our sales to these or any other customers. The loss of, or significant reduction in purchases by, one of these major customers or the loss of all of the contracts relating to certain major platforms of one of these customers could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

We could be adversely affected if we are unable to continue to compete successfully in the highly competitive automotive parts industry.

The automotive parts industry is highly competitive. We face numerous competitors in each of the product lines we serve. In general, there are three or more significant competitors for most of the products offered by our company and numerous smaller competitors. We also face increased competition for certain of our products from suppliers producing in lower-cost countries such as Korea and China, especially for certain lower-technology noise, vibration and harshness control products that have physical characteristics that make long-distance shipping more feasible and economical. We may not be able to continue to compete favorably and increased competition in our markets may have a material adverse effect on our business.

We are subject to other risks associated with our non-U.S. operations.

We have significant manufacturing operations outside the United States, including joint ventures and other alliances. Our operations are located in 18 countries and we export to several other countries. In 2007, approximately 66% of our net sales originated outside the United States. Risks are inherent in international operations, including:

- controls and currency restrictions;
 - fluctuations and devaluations;
 - economic conditions;
 - regulations, including the imposition of embargos;
 - expropriation or other government actions; and
 - conditions and possible terrorist attacks against American interests.
- exchange
 - currency
 - changes in local
 - changes in laws and
 - exposure to possible
 - unsettled political

These and other factors may have a material adverse effect on our international operations or on our business, results of operations, and financial condition. For example, we are faced with potential difficulties in staffing and managing local operations and we have to design local solutions to manage credit risks of local customers and distributors. Also, the cost and complexity of streamlining operations in certain European countries is greater than would be the case in the United States, due primarily to labor laws in those countries that can make reducing employment levels more time-consuming and expensive than in the United States. Our flexibility in our foreign operations can also be somewhat limited by agreements we have entered into with our foreign joint venture partners.

Our overall success as a global business depends, in part, upon our ability to succeed in differing economic, social, and political conditions. We may not continue to succeed in developing and implementing policies and strategies that are effective in each location where we do business, and failure to do so could harm our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

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Our sales outside the United States expose us to currency risks. During times of a strengthening U.S. dollar, at a constant level of business, our reported international sales and earnings will be reduced because the local currency will translate into fewer U.S. dollars. In addition to currency translation risks, we incur a currency transaction risk whenever one of our operating subsidiaries enters into either a purchase or a sales transaction using a different currency from the currency in which it receives revenues. Given the volatility of exchange rates, we may not be able to manage our currency transaction and/or translation risks effectively, or volatility in currency exchange rates may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

Our lean manufacturing and other cost savings plans may not be effective.

Our operations strategy includes cutting costs by reducing product errors, inventory levels, operator motion, overproduction, and waiting while fostering the increased flow of material, information, and communication. The cost savings that we anticipate from these initiatives may not be achieved on schedule or at the level anticipated by management. If we are unable to realize these anticipated savings, our operating results and financial condition may be adversely affected. Moreover, the implementation of cost saving plans and facilities integration may disrupt our operations and performance.

We may incur material losses and costs as a result of product liability and warranty and recall claims that may be brought against us.

We may be exposed to product liability and warranty claims in the event that our products actually or allegedly fail to perform as expected or the use of our products results, or is alleged to result, in bodily injury and/or property damage. Accordingly, we could experience material warranty or product liability losses in the future and incur significant costs to defend these claims.

In addition, if any of our products are, or are alleged to be, defective, we may be required to participate in a recall of that product if the defect or the alleged defect relates to automotive safety. Our costs associated with providing product warranties could be material. Product liability, warranty, and recall costs may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

Work stoppages or similar difficulties could disrupt our operations.

As of December 31, 2007, approximately 44% of our employees were represented by unions, and approximately 16% of our employees were union represented employees located in the United States. It is possible that our workforce will become more unionized in the future. A work stoppage at one or more of our plants may have a material adverse effect on our business. Collective bargaining agreements at three of our North American facilities are due to expire in 2008, and we will be engaged in negotiations with unions at these facilities with respect to new contracts. Unionization activities could also increase our costs, which could have an adverse effect on our profitability.

We may be subject to work stoppages and may be, affected by other labor disputes. Additionally, a work stoppage at one or more of our customers or our customers' suppliers could adversely affect our operations if an alternative source of supply were not readily available. Stoppages by employees of our customers also could result in reduced demand for our products and have material adverse effect on our business.

Our success depends in part on our development of improved products, and our efforts may fail to meet the needs of customers on a timely or cost-effective basis.

Our continued success depends on our ability to maintain advanced technological capabilities, machinery, and knowledge necessary to adapt to changing market demands as well as to develop and commercialize innovative products. We may not be able to develop new products as successfully as in the past or be able to keep pace with technological developments by our competitors and the industry generally. In addition, we may develop specific technologies and capabilities in anticipation of customers' demands for new innovations and technologies. If such demand does not materialize, we

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may be unable to recover the costs incurred in such programs. If we are unable to recover these costs or if any such programs do not progress as expected, our business, financial condition, or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Our ability to operate our company effectively could be impaired if we fail to attract and retain key personnel.

Our ability to operate our business and implement our strategies depends, in part, on the efforts of our executive officers and other key employees. In addition, our future success will depend on, among other factors, our ability to attract and retain other qualified personnel, particularly research and development engineers and technical sales professionals. The loss of the services of any of our key employees or the failure to attract or retain other qualified personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business or business prospects.

Our Sponsors may have conflicts of interest with us in the future.

Our Sponsors beneficially own approximately 98.5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Additionally, we have entered into a stockholders' agreement with the Sponsors that grants them certain preemptive rights to purchase additional equity and rights to designate members of our Board of Directors. As a result, our Sponsors have control over our decisions to enter into any corporate transaction and have the ability to prevent any transaction that requires the approval of stockholders regardless of whether or not other stockholders or noteholders believe that any such transactions are in their own best interests.

Additionally, our Sponsors are in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. Our Sponsors may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. So long as our Sponsors continue to own a significant amount of the outstanding shares of our common stock, even if such amount is less than 50%, they will continue to be able to strongly influence or effectively control our decisions.

Our intellectual property portfolio is subject to legal challenges.

We have developed and actively pursue developing proprietary technology in the automotive industry and rely on intellectual property laws and a number of patents in many jurisdictions to protect such technology. However, we may be unable to prevent third parties from using our intellectual property without authorization. If we had to litigate to protect these rights, any proceedings could be costly, and we may not prevail. We also face increasing exposure to the claims of others for infringement of intellectual property rights. We may have material intellectual property claims asserted against us in the future and could incur significant costs or losses related to such claims.

Our pension plans are currently underfunded and we may have to make cash payments to the plans, reducing the cash available for our business.

We sponsor various pension plans worldwide that are underfunded and will require cash payments. Additionally, if the performance of the assets in our pension plans does not meet our expectations, or if other actuarial assumptions are modified, our required contributions may be higher than we expect. If our cash flow from operations is insufficient to fund our worldwide pension liability, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, seek additional capital, or seek to restructure or refinance our indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2007, our \$256.0 million projected benefit obligation (“PBO”) for U.S. pension benefit obligations exceeded the fair value of the relevant plans’ assets, which totaled \$225.0 million, by \$31.0 million. Additionally, the international employees’ plans’ PBO exceeded plan assets by approximately \$80.4 million at December 31, 2007. The PBO for other postretirement benefits (“OPEB”) was \$80.9 million at December 31, 2007. Our estimated funding requirement for

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pensions and OPEB during 2008 is approximately \$37.0 million. Net periodic pension costs for U.S. and international plans, including pension benefits and OPEB, were \$24.8 million and \$19.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007, respectively. See “Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements” (especially Notes 9 and 10).

We are subject to a broad range of environmental, health, and safety laws and regulations, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We are subject to a broad range of federal, state, and local environmental and occupational safety and health laws and regulations in the United States and other countries, including those governing emissions to air, discharges to water, noise and odor emissions; the generation, handling, storage, transportation, treatment, and disposal of waste materials; the cleanup of contaminated properties; and human health and safety. We may incur substantial costs associated with hazardous substance contamination or exposure, including cleanup costs, fines, and civil or criminal sanctions, third party property or natural resource damage, or personal injury claims, or costs to upgrade or replace existing equipment, as a result of violations of or liabilities under environmental laws or non-compliance with environmental permits required at our locations. In addition, many of our current and former facilities are located on properties with long histories of industrial or commercial operations and some of these properties have been subject to certain environmental investigations and remediation activities. Because some environmental laws (such as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act) can impose liability for the entire cost of cleanup upon any of the current or former owners or operators, retroactively and regardless of fault, we could become liable for investigating or remediating contamination at these or other properties (including offsite locations). We may not always be in complete compliance with all applicable requirements of environmental law or regulation, and we may incur material costs or liabilities in connection with such requirements. In addition, new environmental requirements or changes to existing requirements, or in their enforcement, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition. We have made and will continue to make expenditures to comply with environmental requirements. While our costs to defend and settle claims arising under environmental laws in the past have not been material, such costs may be material in the future. For more information about our environmental compliance and potential environmental liabilities, see “Our Business—Environmental.”

If our acquisition strategy is not successful, we may not achieve our growth and profit objectives.

We may selectively pursue complementary acquisitions in the future as part of our growth strategy. While we will evaluate business opportunities on a regular basis, we may not be successful in identifying any attractive acquisitions. We may not have, or be able to raise on acceptable terms, sufficient financial resources to make acquisitions. In addition, any acquisitions we make will be subject to all of the risks inherent in an acquisition strategy, including integrating financial and operational reporting systems; establishing satisfactory budgetary and other financial controls; funding increased capital needs and overhead expenses; obtaining management personnel required for expanded operations; and funding cash flow shortages that may occur if anticipated sales and revenues are not realized or are delayed, whether by general economic or market conditions or unforeseen internal difficulties.

Our ability to make scheduled payments or to refinance our debt obligations depends on our financial and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business, and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources.”

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, seek additional capital, or seek to restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. In the absence of such operating results and

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resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to sell material assets or operations to attempt to meet our debt service and other obligations. The senior credit facilities and the indentures under which the senior notes and the senior subordinated notes were issued restrict our ability to use the proceeds from asset sales. We may not be able to consummate those asset sales to raise capital or sell assets at prices that we believe are fair and proceeds that we do receive may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due.

Despite our current leverage, we may still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further exacerbate the risks that we and our subsidiaries face.

We and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. Our revolving credit facilities provide commitments of up to \$125.0 million, of which \$101.0 million was available for future borrowings as of December 31, 2007.

Risks Relating to the Notes

Your right to receive payments on each series of notes is effectively junior to those lenders who have a security interest in our assets.

Our obligations under the notes and our guarantors' obligations under their guarantees of the notes are unsecured, but our obligations under our senior credit facilities and each guarantor's obligations under their respective guarantees of the senior credit facilities are secured by a security interest in substantially all of our domestic tangible and intangible assets and a portion of the stock of certain of our non-U.S. subsidiaries. In addition, obligations of our Canadian subsidiary borrower under the senior credit facilities are guaranteed by our wholly-owned Canadian subsidiaries and secured by substantially all of those Canadian subsidiaries' tangible and intangible assets. If we are declared bankrupt or insolvent, or if we default under our senior credit facilities, the lenders could declare all of the funds borrowed thereunder, together with accrued interest, immediately due and payable. If we were unable to repay such indebtedness, the lenders could foreclose on the pledged assets to the exclusion of holders of the exchange notes, even if an event of default exists under the indentures under which the notes will be issued. Furthermore, if the lenders foreclose and sell the pledged equity interests in any subsidiary guarantor under the notes, then that guarantor will be released from its guarantee of the exchange notes automatically and immediately upon such sale. In any such event, because the notes will not be secured by any of our assets or the equity interests in subsidiary guarantors, it is possible that there would be no assets remaining from which your claims could be satisfied or, if any