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Form S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HC2 HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 54-1708481

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

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

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer
 Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)
 Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of each class of securities to be registered | Number of Shares to be registered | Proposed maximum offering price per share | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ⁽¹⁾ | 50,090 | \$ 6.23 | \$312,060.70 | \$36.17 ⁽²⁾ |

(1) Includes 50,090 shares of common stock held by selling securityholders as of April 12, 2017. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, the shares being registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock as may be issuable with respect to the shares being registered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act, the price shown is the average of the high and low prices for the Company's common stock on April 12, 2017 as reported on the NYSE MKT LLC.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant 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 the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated April 12, 2017

PROSPECTUS

HC2 HOLDINGS, INC.

50,090 Shares of Common Stock Offered by the Selling Securityholders

The selling securityholders identified herein may offer and sell up to 50,090 shares in the aggregate of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share identified above, in each case from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of our common stock sold by the selling securityholders.

Each time any of the selling securityholders offer and sell securities, we and such selling securityholders will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the selling securityholders, as well as the amounts, prices and terms of the securities. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement before you invest in any of our securities.

The selling securityholders may offer and sell shares of our common stock described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections of this prospectus entitled "About this Prospectus" and "Plan of Distribution" for more information. No securities may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. SEE THE "RISK FACTORS" ON PAGE 5 OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY SIMILAR SECTION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT CONCERNING FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES.

Our common stock is listed on NYSE MKT LLC under the symbol "HCHC." On April 12, 2017, the last reported sale price of our common stock on NYSE MKT LLC was \$6.28 per share.

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

The date of this prospectus is , 2017.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a “shelf” registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, the selling securityholders identified herein may, from time to time, sell up to 50,090 shares of common stock from time to time in one or more offerings as described in this prospectus. Each time that the selling securityholders offer and sell securities, we and the selling securityholders will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities being offered and sold and the specific terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference.”

Neither we, nor the selling securityholders, have authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The selling securityholders will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus is accurate as of the date on its respective cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. When we refer to “HC2” “we,” “our,” “us” and the “Company” in this prospectus, we mean HC2 Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise specified. When we refer to “you,” we mean the holders of the applicable series of securities.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Available Information

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Information filed with the SEC by us can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Room of the SEC at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>.

Our web site address is www.hc2.com. The information on our web site, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as provided below. Other documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are or may be filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. or through the SEC's website, as provided above.

Incorporation by Reference

The SEC's rules allow us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, and subsequent information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. Any statement contained in a previously filed document incorporated by reference will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus modifies or replaces that statement.

We incorporate by reference our documents listed below and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the "Exchange Act" in this prospectus, including such documents filed (i) after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement and (ii) after the date of this prospectus and the termination of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof, whether specifically listed below or filed in the future, that are not deemed "filed" with the SEC, including our Compensation Committee report and performance graph or any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement incorporate by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed with the SEC:

• Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on March 9, 2017, as amended on March 28, 2017.

• Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 21, 2016.

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K and Amended Current Reports on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on August 14, 2014, November 3, 2014, December 8, 2014, September 8, 2015, January 9, 2017, January 10, 2017, January 18, 2017, January 26, 2017, January 31, 2017, March 2, 2017, March 8, 2017 and March 9, 2017.

The description of our common stock and preferred stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, dated and filed with the SEC on December 23, 2014, and any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating the description.

All reports and other documents we subsequently file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of this offering, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, but excluding any information furnished to, rather than filed with, the SEC, will also be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and deemed to be part of this prospectus from the date of the filing of such reports and documents.

You may request a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in the documents) by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

HC2 Holdings, Inc.
450 Park Avenue, 30th Floor
New York, New York 10022
(212) 235-2690

Exhibits to the filings will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

THE COMPANY

We are a diversified holding company with seven reportable operating segments based on management's organization of the enterprise - Construction, Marine Services, Insurance, Energy, Telecommunications, Life Sciences and Other, which includes operations that do not meet the separately reportable segment thresholds. We expect to continue to focus on acquiring and investing in businesses with attractive assets that we consider to be undervalued or fairly valued and growing our acquired businesses.

We filed our certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware on February 4, 1994.

Our principal executive offices are located at 450 Park Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, New York, 10022, and our telephone number is (212) 235-2690.

RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K we file after the date of this prospectus, and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock offered by any of the selling securityholders.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of our capital stock is not complete and may not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our capital stock. This description is summarized from, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, our certificate of incorporation, which has been publicly filed with the SEC. See “Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference.”

Our authorized capital stock consists of:

80,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value; and

20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.001 par value.

Common Stock

Voting.

The holders of the common stock are entitled to one vote for each outstanding share of common stock owned by that stockholder on every matter properly submitted to the stockholders for their vote. Stockholders are not entitled to vote cumulatively for the election of directors.

Dividend Rights.

Subject to the dividend rights of the holders of any outstanding series of preferred stock, holders of the common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends and other distributions of cash or any other right or property as may be declared by the board of directors out of the assets or funds legally available for such dividends or distributions.

Liquidation Rights.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company’s affairs, holders of the common stock would be entitled to share ratably in the assets that are legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any holders of preferred stock then outstanding. If the Company has any preferred stock outstanding at such time, holders of the preferred stock may be entitled to distribution and/or liquidation preferences, such as those discussed below with respect to the preferred stock. In either such case, the Company must pay the applicable distribution to the holders of the preferred stock before they may pay distributions to the holders of the common stock.

Conversion, Redemption and Preemptive Rights.

Holders of the common stock have no conversion, redemption, preemptive, subscription or similar rights.

Transfer Agent

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

Preferred Stock

Under our Certificate of Incorporation, the board of directors of the Company is authorized, subject to limitations prescribed by law and any consent rights granted to holders of outstanding shares of preferred stock, to issue up to 20,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, in one or more classes or series. The board of directors has discretion to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of, including, without limitation, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences of, and to fix the number of shares of, each series of the preferred stock. The terms and conditions of any issued preferred stock could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of the common stock or otherwise be in their best interest. As of the date hereof, the board of directors has authorized and there are issued and outstanding the following three series of preferred stock: (i) 14,808 shares of Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of the Company (the “Series A Preferred Stock”) (ii) 1,000 shares of Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of the Company (the “Series A-1 Preferred Stock”) and (iii) 14,000 shares of Series A-2 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of the Company (the “Series A-2 Preferred Stock”) and, together with the Series A Preferred Stock and the Series A-1 Preferred Stock, the “Preferred Stock”).

Series A Preferred Stock, Series A-1 Preferred Stock and Series A-2 Preferred Stock

The Company originally designated the Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to a Certificate of Designation of Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock adopted on May 29, 2014 (the "Series A Certificate"). In connection with the issuance of the Series A-1 Preferred Stock on September 22, 2014, the Company adopted the Certificate of Designation of Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock (the "Series A-1 Certificate") and also amended and restated the Series A Certificate. In connection with the issuance of the Series A-2 Preferred Stock on January 5, 2015, the Company adopted the Certificate of Designation of Series A-2 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock (the "Series A-2 Certificate") and also amended and restated the Series A Certificate and the Series A-1 Certificate. On August 10, 2015 the Company adopted certain Certificates of Correction of the Certificates of Amendment to the Certificates of Designation of the Series A Certificate, the Series A-1 Certificate and the Series A-2 Certificate, and on June 24, 2016 the Company adopted certain amendments to the Series A-1 Certificate of Designation. The Series A Certificate, the Series A-1 Certificate and the Series A-2 Certificate together, as amended, are referred to as the "Certificates of Designation."

The following summary of the terms of the Preferred Stock is qualified in its entirety by the complete terms of the Certificates of Designation.

Dividends. The Preferred Stock will accrue a cumulative quarterly cash dividend at an annualized rate of 7.50%. The accrued value of the Preferred Stock will accrete quarterly at an annualized rate of 4.00% that will be reduced to 2.00% or 0.00% if the Company achieves specified rates of growth measured by increases in its net asset value; provided, that the accreting dividend rate will be 7.25% in the event that (i) the daily volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of the Common Stock is less than a certain threshold amount, (ii) the Common Stock is not registered under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (iii) following May 29, 2015, the Common Stock is not listed on certain national securities exchanges or (iv) the Company is delinquent in the payment of any cash dividends. The Preferred Stock is also entitled to participate in cash and in-kind distributions to holders of shares of Common Stock on an as-converted basis.

Optional Conversion. Each share of Preferred Stock may be converted by the holder into Common Stock at any time based on the then applicable conversion price. Pursuant to the Series A-1 Certificate, each share of Series A-1 Preferred Stock is initially convertible at a conversion price of \$4.25. Pursuant to the Series A-2 Certificate, each share of Series A-2 Preferred Stock is initially convertible at a conversion price of \$8.25. Pursuant to the Series A Certificate, each share of Series A Preferred Stock is initially convertible at a conversion price of \$4.25. Such conversion prices are subject to adjustment for dividends, certain distributions, stock splits, combinations, reclassifications, reorganizations, mergers, recapitalizations and similar events, as well as in connection with issuances of equity or equity-linked or other comparable securities by the Company at a price per share (or with a conversion or exercise price or effective issue price) that is below the applicable conversion price (which adjustment shall be made on a weighted average basis).

Redemption by the Holders / Automatic Conversion. On May 29, 2021, holders of the Preferred Stock shall be entitled to cause the Company to redeem the Preferred Stock at the accrued value per share plus accrued but unpaid dividends (to the extent not included in the accrued value of Preferred Stock). Each share of Preferred Stock that is not so redeemed will be automatically converted into shares of Common Stock at the conversion price then in effect. Upon a change of control (as defined in the Certificates of Designation) holders of the Preferred Stock shall be entitled to cause the Company to redeem their Preferred Stock at a price per share of Preferred Stock equal to the greater of (i) the accrued value of the Preferred Stock, which amount would be multiplied by 150% in the event of a change of control occurring on or prior to May 29, 2017, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends (to the extent not included in the accrued value of Preferred Stock), and (ii) the value that would be received if the share of Preferred Stock were converted into Common Stock immediately prior to the change of control.

Redemption by the Company. At any time after May 29, 2017, the Company may redeem the Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, at a price per share generally equal to 150% of the accrued value per share, plus accrued but unpaid dividends (to the extent not included in the accrued value of Preferred Stock), subject to the holder's right to convert prior to such redemption.

Forced Conversion. After May 29, 2017, the Company may force conversion of the Preferred Stock into Common Stock if the Common Stock's thirty-day VWAP exceeds 150% of the then-applicable Conversion Price and the Common Stock's daily VWAP exceeds 150% of the then applicable Conversion Price for at least twenty trading days out of the thirty trading day period used to calculate the thirty-day VWAP. In the event of a forced conversion, the holders of Preferred Stock will have the ability to elect cash settlement in lieu of conversion if certain market liquidity thresholds for the Common Stock are not achieved.

Liquidation Preference. The Series A Preferred Stock ranks at parity with the Series A-1 Preferred Stock and the Series A-2 Preferred Stock. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company (any such event, a "Liquidation Event"), the holders of Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive per share the greater of (i) the accrued value of the Preferred Stock, which amount would be multiplied by 150% in the event of a Liquidation Event occurring on or prior to May 29, 2017, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends (to the extent not included in the accrued value of Preferred Stock), and (ii) the value that would be received if the share of Preferred Stock were converted into Common Stock immediately prior to such occurrence. The Preferred Stock

will rank junior to any existing or future indebtedness but senior to the Common Stock and any future equity securities other than any future senior or pari passu preferred stock issued in compliance with the Certificates of Designation. Voting Rights. Except as required by applicable law, the holders of the shares of each series of Preferred Stock will be entitled to vote on an as-converted basis with the holders of the other series of Preferred Stock (on an as-converted basis) and holders of the Company's Common Stock on all matters submitted to a vote of the holders of Common Stock. Certain series of Preferred Stock will be entitled to vote with the holders of certain other series of Preferred Stock on certain matters, and separately as a class on certain limited matters. Subject to maintenance of certain ownership thresholds by the initial purchasers of the Series A Preferred Stock and the initial purchasers of the Series A-1 Preferred Stock (collectively, the "Series A and Series A-1 Preferred Purchasers"), the holders of the shares of Preferred Stock will also have the right to vote shares of Preferred Stock as a separate class for at least one director, as discussed below under "- Board Rights."

Consent Rights. For so long as any of the Preferred Stock is outstanding, consent of the holders of shares representing at least 75% of certain of the Preferred Stock then outstanding is required for certain material actions.

Board Rights. For so long as the Series A and Series A-1 Preferred Purchasers own at least a 15% interest in the Company on an as-converted basis and at least 80% of the shares of Preferred Stock issued to the Series A and Series A-1 Preferred Purchasers on an as-converted basis, the Series A and Series A-1 Preferred Purchasers will have the right to appoint and elect (voting as a separate class) a percentage of the board of directors of the Company that is no more than 5% less than the Series A and Series A-1 Preferred Purchasers' as-converted equity percentage of the Common Stock (but no fewer than one director). One such elected director (as designated by the holders of shares representing at least 75% of the Preferred Stock then outstanding) shall be entitled to be a member of each committee of the board of directors of the Company, provided, that such director membership on any such committee will be dependent upon such director meeting the qualification, and if applicable, independence criteria deemed necessary to so comply in accordance with any listing requirements of the exchanges on which the Company's capital stock is then listed. For so long as the Director Election Condition is satisfied, if a specified breach event shall occur with respect to the Preferred Stock (defined for such purposes to include the failure to timely pay required dividends for two or more consecutive quarters or the occurrence and continuation of certain breaches of covenants contained in the Certificates of Designation), the holders of the Preferred Stock shall be entitled to appoint the number of additional directors to the board of directors of the Company that will cause a majority of the board of directors to be comprised of directors appointed by the holders of the Preferred Stock and independent directors until the cure of such specified breach event.

Participation Rights. Pursuant to the securities purchase agreements entered into with the initial purchasers of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series A-1 Preferred Stock and the Series A-2 Preferred Stock, subject to meeting certain ownership thresholds, certain initial purchasers of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series A-1 Preferred Stock and the Series A-2 Preferred Stock will be entitled to participate, on a pro rata basis in accordance with their ownership percentage, determined on an as-converted basis, in issuances of equity and equity linked securities by the Company. In addition, subject to meeting certain ownership thresholds, certain initial purchasers of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Series A-1 Preferred Stock and the Series A-2 Preferred Stock will be entitled to participate in issuances of preferred securities and in debt transactions of the Company.

Dividend

We do not pay regular dividends to holders of our common stock. However, we have paid several special cash dividends to holders of our common stock. We have not paid any special dividends to holders of our common stock since August 27, 2013.

Subject to the dividend rights of the holders of any outstanding series of preferred stock, holders of the Common Stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends and other distributions of cash or any other right or property as may be declared by the board of directors out of the assets or funds legally available for such dividends or

distributions. Any future determinations to pay cash dividends on our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and other factors that the board of directors deem relevant.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Delaware Law

The Certificate of Incorporation expressly provides that the Company shall not be governed by Section 203 of the DGCL, which would have otherwise imposed additional requirements regarding mergers and other business combinations.

GLOBAL SECURITIES

Book-Entry, Delivery and Form

Unless we indicate differently in a prospectus supplement, the securities initially will be issued in book-entry form and represented by one or more global securities. The global securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, as depository, or DTC, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC. Unless and until it is exchanged for individual certificates evidencing securities under the limited circumstances described below, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository to its nominee or by the nominee to the depository, or by the depository or its nominee to a successor depository or to a nominee of the successor depository.

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 deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among its participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants’ accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. “Direct participants” in DTC include securities brokers and dealers, including underwriters, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, or 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 DTC system is also available to others, which we sometimes refer to as indirect participants, that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of securities under the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the securities on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of the actual purchaser of a security, which we sometimes refer to as a beneficial owner, is in turn recorded on the direct and indirect participants’ records. Beneficial owners of securities will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases. However, beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of their transactions, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participants through which they purchased securities. Transfers of ownership interests in global securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the global securities, except under the limited circumstances described below.

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

So long as the securities are in book-entry form, you will receive payments and may transfer securities only through the facilities of the depository and its direct and indirect participants. We will maintain an office or agency in the location specified in the prospectus supplement for the applicable securities, where notices and demands in respect of the securities may be delivered to us and where certificated securities may be surrendered for payment, registration of transfer or exchange.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any legal requirements in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the securities of a particular series are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participant in the securities of such series to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (or such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the securities. Under its usual procedures, DTC will mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns the consenting or voting rights of Cede & Co. to those direct participants to whose accounts the securities of such series are credited on the record date, identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

So long as securities are in book-entry form, we will make payments on those securities to the depository or its nominee, as the registered owner of such securities, by wire transfer of immediately available funds. If securities are issued in definitive certificated form under the limited circumstances described below, we will have the option of making payments by check mailed to the addresses of the persons entitled to payment or by wire transfer to bank accounts in the United States designated in writing to the applicable trustee or other designated party at least 15 days before the applicable payment date by the persons entitled to payment, unless a shorter period is satisfactory to the applicable trustee or other designated party.

Redemption proceeds, distributions and dividend payments on the securities will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC records. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the account of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." Those payments will be the responsibility of participants and not of DTC or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions and dividend payments to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, is our responsibility, disbursement of payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants.

Except under the limited circumstances described below, purchasers of securities will not be entitled to have securities registered in their names and will not receive physical delivery of securities. Accordingly, each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of DTC and its participants to exercise any rights under the securities.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Those laws may impair the ability to transfer or pledge beneficial interests in securities.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, securities certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

As noted above, beneficial owners of a particular series of securities generally will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in those securities. However, if:

DTC notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a depository for the global security or securities representing such series of securities or if DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act at a time when it is required to be registered and a successor depository is not appointed within 90 days of the notification to us or of our becoming aware of DTC's ceasing to be so registered, as the case may be;

• we determine, in our sole discretion, not to have such securities represented by one or more global securities; or

• an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to such series of securities;

we will prepare and deliver certificates for such securities in exchange for beneficial interests in the global securities. Any beneficial interest in a global security that is exchangeable under the circumstances described in the preceding sentence will be exchangeable for securities in definitive certificated form registered in the names that the depository directs. It is expected that these directions will be based upon directions received by the depository from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global securities.

We have obtained the information in this section and elsewhere in this prospectus concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system from sources that are believed to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

The table below sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of April 12, 2017 by the selling securityholders. The selling securityholders may sell all, some or none of the existing shares of common stock they hold, and therefore we cannot estimate at this time the aggregate number of shares the selling securityholders identified below may offer pursuant to future prospectuses or prospectus supplements or the aggregate number of shares of common stock the selling securityholders may own after completion of any such offering.

The percentages in the table below reflect beneficial ownership as determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act and are based on 42,155,860 shares of our common stock outstanding as of April 12, 2017

Information in the table below, with respect to beneficial ownership, has been furnished by the selling securityholders.

The selling securityholders originally acquired the common stock of the Company they hold and that are included in this prospectus pursuant to a private transaction in 2016 conducted according to exemptions from the Securities Act. Unless otherwise indicated, based on the information supplied to us by or on behalf of the selling securityholders, no selling securityholder is a broker-dealer or an affiliate of a broker-dealer.

To our knowledge, each person named in the table below has sole voting and investment power with respect to all of the securities shown as beneficially owned by such person, except as otherwise set forth in the notes to the table. The number of securities shown represents the number of securities the person “beneficially owns,” as determined by the rules of the SEC. The SEC has defined “beneficial” ownership of a security to mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of voting power and/or investment power. A security holder is also deemed to be, as of any date, the beneficial owner of all securities that such security holder has the right to acquire within 60 days after that date through (1) the exercise of any option, warrant or right, (2) the conversion of a security, (3) the power to revoke a trust, discretionary account or similar arrangement, or (4) the automatic termination of a trust, discretionary account or similar arrangement.

| Name of Selling Securityholder | Total Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to Resale of the Common Stock by Selling Securityholder (1) | | Total Common Stock Beneficially Owned After Resale of the Common Stock by the Selling Securityholder | |
|---|---|---------|--|---|
| | Number | Percent | Number | |
| Providence Debt Fund III L.P. (2) | 22,486 | 0.05% | * | * |
| Providence Debt Fund III Master (Non-US) L.P. (2) | 11,976 | 0.03% | * | * |
| PECM Strategic Funding L.P. (2) | 11,771 | 0.03% | * | * |
| Benefit Street Partners SMA LM L.P. (2) | 3,857 | 0.01% | * | * |

(1) Includes existing shares of common stock held or beneficially owned by the selling securityholders as reported on their most recent Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise reported to the Company by the selling securityholders.

(2) Providence Debt Fund III L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, holds 22,486 shares of common stock. Providence Debt Fund III Master (Non-US) L.P., a Cayman Islands limited partnership, holds 11,976 shares of common stock. PECM Strategic Funding L.P., a Cayman Islands limited partnership, holds 11,771 shares of common stock. Benefit Street Partners SMA LM L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, holds 3,857 shares of common stock. Benefit Street Partners L.L.C. (“BSP”) is the investment manager of Providence Debt Fund III L.P., Providence Debt Fund III Master (Non-US) L.P. and Benefit Street Partners SMA LM L.P. (collectively, the “BSP Funds”). Providence Equity Capital Markets L.L.C. (“PECM”) is the investment manager of PECM Strategic Funding L.P. Mr. Glenn M. Creamer, Mr.

Thomas J. Gahan, Mr. Jonathan M. Nelson and Mr. Paul J. Salem collectively control each of BSP and PECM through their indirect ownership of membership interests of BSP and PECM. As a result, each of Mr. Creamer, Mr. Gahan, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Salem and BSP may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock beneficially held by the BSP Funds, and each of Mr. Creamer, Mr. Gahan, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Salem and PECM may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock beneficially held by PECM Strategic Funding L.P.

* These figures cannot be estimated at this time.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling securityholders may sell the securities from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods or through underwriters or dealers, through agents and/or directly to one or more purchasers. The securities may be distributed from time to time in one or more transactions:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
 - at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

Each time that any of the selling securityholders sell securities covered by this prospectus, we and the selling securityholders will provide a prospectus supplement or supplements that will describe the method of distribution and set forth the terms and conditions of the offering of such securities, including the offering price of the securities and the proceeds to the selling securityholders.

Offers to purchase the securities being offered by this prospectus may be solicited directly. Agents may also be designated to solicit offers to purchase the securities from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of our securities will be identified in a prospectus supplement.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, the securities will be sold to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

If an underwriter is utilized in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriter at the time of sale and the name of any underwriter will be provided in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of the securities to the public. In connection with the sale of the securities, the selling securityholders, or the purchasers of securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent, may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for which they may act as agent. Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, an agent will be acting on a best efforts basis and a dealer will purchase securities as a principal, and may then resell the securities at varying prices to be determined by the dealer.

Any compensation paid to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of the securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers will be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. We or the selling securityholders may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof and to reimburse those persons for certain expenses.

Any common stock will be listed on NYSE MKT LLC, but any other securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the securities, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than were sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the securities by bidding for or purchasing securities in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in

the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

We may engage in at the market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. In addition, we may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities

not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). In addition, we may otherwise loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities short using this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement. Such financial institution or other third party may transfer its economic short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities.

We have advised the selling securityholders that the anti-manipulation rules of Regulation M under the Exchange Act may apply to the activities of the selling securityholders and their affiliates.

The specific terms of any lock-up provisions in respect of any given offering will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA, the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate proceeds of the offering.

The underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us, or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business for which they receive compensation.

LEGAL MATTERS

Latham & Watkins LLP will pass upon certain legal matters relating to the sale of the securities offered hereby by the selling stockholders. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us, the selling securityholders or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules of HC2 Holdings, Inc. as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated herein by reference, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated financial statements of Bridgehouse Marine Limited as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2013, included in HC2 Holdings, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on December 8, 2014, incorporated by reference in this Prospectus have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of BDO LLP, independent accountants, incorporated herein by reference, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The consolidated audited financial statements of DBM Global Inc. (fka Schuff International, Inc.) as of December 29, 2013 and December 30, 2012, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 29, 2013, which report appears in the Form 8-K/A filed June 4, 2014, of HC2 Holdings, Inc., have been incorporated by reference herein and elsewhere in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent certified public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of United Teacher Associates Insurance Company, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, appearing in HC2 Holdings, Inc.'s Form 8-K filed on September 8, 2015, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their report thereon, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements of Continental General Insurance Company, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014, appearing in HC2 Holdings, Inc.'s Form 8-K filed on September 8, 2015, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their report thereon, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Huawei Marine Systems Co., Limited and its subsidiary as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, appearing in HC2 Holdings, Inc.'s Form 10-K/A filed on March 28, 2017, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG Huazhen LLP, independent auditors, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The audit report covering the December 31, 2016 consolidated financial statements of Huawei Marine Systems Co., Limited and its subsidiary contains an explanatory paragraph that states that the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Huawei Marine Systems Co., Limited and its subsidiary as of December 31, 2015, and the related consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were not audited, reviewed, or compiled by KPMG Huazhen LLP and, accordingly, KPMG Huazhen LLP does not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following is an estimate of the expenses (all of which are to be paid by the registrant) that we may incur in connection with the securities being registered hereby.

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| SEC registration fee | \$36.17 |
| Fees and expenses of the trustee | \$(1) |
| Printing expenses | \$(1) |
| Legal fees and expenses | \$(1) |
| Accounting fees and expenses | \$(1) |
| Miscellaneous | \$(1) |
| Total | \$(1) |

(1) These fees are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 further provides that to the extent a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled; and the indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and administrators. Section 145 also empowers the corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such

capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under Section 145.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides that a corporation's certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve

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intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Article Six of the Company's Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (the "Charter"), and Section 5 of Article V of the Second Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company, as amended (the "By-laws"), provide that, to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL, its directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. In addition, Article Seven of the Charter and Section 1 and Section 4, respectively, of Article V of the By-laws, provide that the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless and advance expenses to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law to its directors and officers who are made or are threatened to be made a party or are otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative.

In addition, the Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its officers and directors, including its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. These agreements require the Company to indemnify such individuals, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, for certain liabilities to which they may become subject as a result of their affiliation with Registrant.

The foregoing summaries are subject to the complete text of the DGCL, the Company's Charter and By-laws and the other arrangements referred to above and are qualified in their entirety by reference thereto.

Item 16. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

A list of exhibits filed with this registration statement on Form S-3 is set forth on the Exhibit Index and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

i. To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which

ii. was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

iii. To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii), and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is a part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

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(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- i. Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- ii. Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- iii. The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- iv. Any other communications that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in New York City, New York, on the 12th day of April, 2017.

HC2 HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael J. Sena

Name: Michael J. Sena

Title: Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Paul L. Robinson and Michael Sena, or either of them, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to file and sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments and any registration statement for the same offering that is to be effective under Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act, to this registration statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or their substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney shall be governed by and construed with the laws of the State of Delaware and applicable federal securities laws.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| SIGNATURE | TITLE | DATE |
|--|--|-------------------|
| /s/ Philip A. Falcone Philip A. Falcone | President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer) | April 12, 2017 |
| /s/ Michael J. Sena Michael J. Sena | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | April 12, 2017 |
| /s/ Lee Hillman Lee Hillman | Director | April 12, 2017 |
| /s/ Wayne Barr, Jr. Wayne Barr, Jr. | Director | April 12, 2017 |
| /s/ Robert Leffler Robert Leffler | Director | April 12, 2017 |
| | Director | |

/s/ Warren H.
Gfeller
Warren H. Gfeller

April 12,
2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit
Number Description

- 1.1* Form of Underwriting Agreement.
- 3.1 Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of HC2 Holdings, Inc. (“HC2”) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to HC2’s Form 8-A, filed on June 20, 2011) (File No. 001-35210).
- 3.2 Certificate of Ownership of HC2 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to HC2’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 18, 2013) (File No. 001-35210).
- 3.3 Certificate of Ownership and Merger (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to HC2’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 11, 2014) (File No. 001-35210).
- 3.4 Certificate of Amendment (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to HC2’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 18, 2014) (File No. 001-35210).
- 3.5 Second Amended and Restated By-laws of HC2 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to HC2’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 27, 2012) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.1 Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to HC2’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 9, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.2 Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to HC2’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 9, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.3 Certificate of Designation of Series A-2 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to HC2’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 9, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.4 Specimen of Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to HC2’s Form 8-A, filed on June 20, 2011) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.5 Certificate of Correction of the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 filed on January 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to HC2’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 10, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.6 Certificate of Correction of the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 filed on September 22, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to HC2’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 10, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.7 Certificate of Correction of the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 filed on May 29, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to HC2’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 10, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).
- 4.8 Certificate of Correction of the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 filed on January 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to

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Exhibit 4.4 to HC2's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 10, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).

4.9 Certificate of Correction of the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 filed on September 22, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to HC2's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 10, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).

4.10 Certificate of Correction of the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designation of Series A-2 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 filed on January 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to HC2's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 10, 2015) (File No. 001-35210).

4.11 Amended and Restated Certificate of Designation of Series A-1 Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of HC2 Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to HC2's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 9, 2016) (File No. 001-35210).

5.1* Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.

23.1* Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).

23.2 Consent of BDO USA, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.

23.3 Consent of BDO LLP, independent accountant.

23.4 Consent of Grant Thornton, LLP, independent certified public accountants.

23.5 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditor, regarding United Teacher Associates Insurance Company.

23.6 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditor, regarding Continental General Insurance Company.

23.7 Consent of KPMG Huazhen LLP, independent auditor, regarding Huawei Marine Systems Co., Limited and its subsidiary.

24.1 Powers of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature page hereto).

* To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of the securities.