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**Subject to completion, dated May 7, 2018**

### **Preliminary Prospectus Supplement**

(To Prospectus dated March 22, 2018)

\$	<b>Floating Rate Notes due 2020</b>
\$	<b>Floating Rate Notes due 2021</b>
\$	<b>% Notes due 2020</b>
\$	<b>% Notes due 2021</b>
\$	<b>% Notes due 2023</b>
\$	<b>% Notes due 2025</b>
\$	<b>% Notes due 2028</b>

We are offering \$ aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Notes due 2020 (the 2020 floating rate notes ), \$ aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Notes due 2021 (the 2021 floating rate notes and, together with the 2020 floating rate notes, the floating rate notes ), \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2020 (the 2020 notes ), \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2021 (the 2021 notes ), \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2023 (the 2023 notes ), \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2025 (the 2025 notes ) and \$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2028 (the 2028 notes and, together with the 2020 notes, the 2021 notes, the 2023 notes and the 2025 notes, the fixed rate notes ). We refer to the floating rate notes and the fixed rate notes collectively as the notes.

The 2020 floating rate notes will mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and will bear interest at a floating rate, reset quarterly, equal to Three-Month LIBOR (as defined herein) plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points. The 2021 floating rate notes will mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and will bear interest at a floating rate, reset quarterly, equal to Three-Month LIBOR plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points. Interest on the floating rate notes will be payable quarterly, in arrears, on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

The 2020 notes will mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2021 notes will mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2023 notes will mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2025 notes will mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2028 notes will mature on \_\_\_\_\_, 2028 and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. Interest on the fixed rate notes will be payable semi-annually, in arrears, on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

The floating rate notes are not redeemable prior to maturity. We may redeem the fixed rate notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to their maturity at the applicable redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement.

The notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness and senior in right of payment to all of our other existing and future subordinated indebtedness. Our obligations under the notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries in accordance with the terms of the indenture under which the notes will be issued. The guarantees will rank equally in right of payment with each other and all other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of such guarantors.

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

The notes are new issues of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for the notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the notes to be quoted on any quotation system.

**See Risk factors beginning on page S-6 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 determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

	Per 2020		Per 2021		Per 2020		Per 2021		Per 2023		Per 2025		Per 2028	
	Rate	Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Total	Rate	Total
Price to Public (1)	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
Underwriting Discounts	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
Proceeds, Before Expenses, to us (1)	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest from \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, if settlement occurs after that date.

The notes are expected to be delivered in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company and its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, on or

about , 2018.

*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**RBC Capital Markets  
, 2018**

**Wells Fargo Securities**

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**You should read carefully this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus prepared by us or on our behalf or to which we have referred you before you invest in the notes. These documents contain or incorporate by reference important information you should consider before making your investment decision. This prospectus supplement contains specific information about the notes being offered and the accompanying prospectus contains a general description of the notes. This prospectus supplement may add, update or change information in the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by us or on our behalf or to which we have referred you. Neither we nor the underwriters take responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus, in any document incorporated by reference herein or therein, and in any free writing prospectus prepared by us or on our behalf or to which we have referred you is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those respective dates.**

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy these

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securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

References to we, us, our or the Company are to General Dynamics Corporation, unless we expressly indicate otherwise. References to General Dynamics are to General Dynamics Corporation, together with our consolidated subsidiaries, including the Guarantors. Guarantors means, initially, American Overseas Marine Company, LLC, Bath Iron Works Corporation, Electric Boat Corporation, General Dynamics Government Systems Corporation, General Dynamics Land Systems Inc., General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Inc., General Dynamics-OTS, Inc., Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, and National Steel and Shipbuilding Company.

References to dollars or \$ in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are to U.S. dollars.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). You may read and copy any document that we file at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains an internet site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically, including General Dynamics Corporation. Except as expressly set forth in the paragraph below, we are not incorporating the contents of the SEC website into this prospectus supplement.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement the documents listed below that we have filed with the SEC (File No. 1-3671) and any future filings that we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, until we sell all of the securities (other than filings or portions of filings that are furnished under applicable SEC rules rather than filed):

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, filed on February 12, 2018;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2018, filed on April 25, 2018; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 12, 2018 (only with respect to Item 1.01 and Exhibit 2.1 in Item 9.01), March 5, 2018, March 20, 2018, March 27, 2018 and April 3, 2018 (as amended on May 7, 2018).

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning the office of:

General Dynamics Corporation

2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100

Falls Church, Virginia 22042-4513

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (703) 876-3000

You may also find additional information about us (including the documents mentioned above) on our website at [www.generaldynamics.com](http://www.generaldynamics.com). The information included on or linked to our website or any website referred to in any document incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement is not a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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**SPECIAL NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in the information incorporated herein and therein by reference contain forward-looking statements, which are based on management's expectations, estimates, projections and assumptions. Words such as expects, anticipates, plans, believes, schedule, outlook, estimates, should and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These include but are not limited to projections of revenues, earnings, operating margins, segment performance, cash flows, contract awards, aircraft production, deliveries, dividends and backlog. In making these statements we rely on assumptions and analyses based on our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors we consider appropriate under the circumstances. Forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual future results and trends may differ materially from what is forecast in forward-looking statements due to a variety of factors, including, without limitation, those identified under Risk factors in this prospectus supplement and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, those identified under Special note on forward-looking statements in the accompanying prospectus and other important factors disclosed in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and our other filings with the SEC.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof or, in the case of any document incorporated by reference, the date of that document. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are qualified by the cautionary statements in this section. We do not undertake any obligation to update or publicly release any revisions to forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or changes in expectations after the date such statements are made. These factors may be revised or supplemented in subsequent reports on SEC Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K.



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**SUMMARY**

*The following summary should be read as an introduction to, and in conjunction with, the remainder of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference herein and therein. You should base your investment decision on a consideration of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, as a whole. Words and expressions defined in Description of the notes and guarantees below shall have the same meanings in this summary.*

**The issuer**

General Dynamics is a global aerospace and defense company that offers a broad portfolio of products and services in business aviation; combat vehicles, weapons systems and munitions; information technology (IT) services and C4ISR (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) solutions; and shipbuilding and ship repair. The Company was incorporated in Delaware in 1952.

**Recent developments**

***CSRA acquisition***

On April 3, 2018, we completed our acquisition of CSRA Inc., a Nevada corporation ( CSRA ). CSRA is now part of General Dynamics Information Technology ( GDIT ). The combination of GDIT and CSRA creates a premier provider of high-tech information technology (IT) solutions to the government IT market.

The aggregate amount of cash consideration paid by us in connection with the acquisition, including amounts to repay CSRA 's due and payable debt and cash out outstanding stock options and restricted stock units of CSRA, was approximately \$9.7 billion. This amount was funded by a combination of available cash on hand, an advance of \$7.5 billion under our 364-day revolving credit facility and proceeds from commercial paper issuances. In addition, we paid approximately \$450 million to satisfy obligations under CSRA 's accounts receivable purchase agreement.

**The offering**

**Issuer** General Dynamics Corporation

**Guarantors** American Overseas Marine Company, LLC  
Bath Iron Works Corporation

Electric Boat Corporation

General Dynamics Government Systems Corporation

General Dynamics Land Systems Inc.

General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Inc.



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\$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2020.

\$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2021.

\$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2023.

\$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2025.

\$ aggregate principal amount of % Notes due 2028.

**Maturity dates**

The 2020 floating rate notes will mature on , 2020. The 2021 floating rate notes will mature on , 2021.

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**Interest rates**

The 2020 floating rate notes will bear interest at a floating rate, reset quarterly, equal to Three-Month LIBOR (as defined herein) plus basis points. The 2021 floating rate notes will bear interest at a floating rate, reset quarterly, equal to Three-Month LIBOR plus basis points. See Description of the notes and guarantees General terms of the floating rate notes.

The 2020 notes will bear interest at the rate of % per annum. The 2021 notes will bear interest at the rate of % per annum. The 2023 notes will bear interest at the rate of % per annum. The 2025 notes will bear interest at the rate of % per annum. The 2028 notes will bear interest at the rate of % per annum.

**Interest payment dates**

Interest on the floating rate notes will be payable quarterly, in arrears, on , , and of each year, beginning on , 2018.

Interest on the fixed rate notes will be payable semi-annually, in arrears, on and of each year, beginning on , 2018.

**Ranking**

The notes will be our unsecured senior obligations and, as such, will rank *pari passu* in right of payment with all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness and senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future subordinated indebtedness.

**Guarantees**

The notes will be fully, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed by each of the Guarantors, which guarantees will rank *pari passu* in right of payment with each other and all other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of such Guarantors.



The redemption price for such fixed rate notes will include, in each case, accrued but unpaid interest to but excluding the date of redemption on the principal amount of fixed rate notes to be redeemed.

Subject to certain exceptions, any notice of redemption may state that such redemption shall be conditional upon the receipt by a paying

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agent (which may be the trustee) for such fixed rate notes, on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, of money sufficient to pay the redemption price and accrued interest on such fixed rate notes and that if such money has not been so received such notice shall be of no force or effect and we shall not be required to redeem such fixed rate notes. See Description of the notes and guarantees Optional redemption.

**Book-entry issuance, settlement and clearance**

The notes of each series are expected to be delivered in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company and its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

**CUSIPs/ISINs**

/ for the 2020 floating rate notes.

/ for the 2021 floating rate notes.

/ for the 2020 notes.

/ for the 2021 notes.

/ for the 2023 notes.

/ for the 2025 notes.

/ for the 2028 notes.

**Listing and trading**

The notes are new issues of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for the notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the notes to be quoted on any quotation system.

**Trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon.

**Calculation agent**

The Bank of New York Mellon.

**Timing and delivery**

We currently expect delivery of the notes to occur on or about 2018.

**Use of proceeds**

The net proceeds from this offering, after deducting the underwriting discounts and our estimated expenses, are expected to be approximately \$ billion. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding borrowings under our 364-day revolving credit facility (the 364-Day Credit Facility ), which we incurred to finance a portion of the purchase price for the CSRA acquisition. See Use of proceeds.

**Joint book-running managers**

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

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**Governing law**

The Indenture, the notes and the guarantees will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

**Conflicts of interest**

As a result of our intended use of the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding borrowings under our 364-Day Credit Facility, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or certain of their respective affiliates will receive more than 5% of the net proceeds of this offering, not including underwriting compensation, thus creating a conflict of interest within the meaning of Rule 5121 (Public Offerings of Securities with Conflicts of Interest) of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ( FINRA Rule 5121 ). Accordingly, this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121. The appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering as the notes are investment grade rated securities. See Underwriting (conflicts of interest) Conflicts of interest.

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**RISK FACTORS**

*In addition to the information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully consider the risk factors identified below in evaluating an investment in the notes.*

**Risks relating to our business**

You should carefully consider the risks relating to the following factors, which are discussed under the section entitled Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017:

the U.S. government provides a significant portion of our revenue;

U.S. government contracts are not always fully funded at inception, and any funding is subject to disruption or delay;

our U.S. government contracts are subject to termination rights by the customer;

as a government contractor, we operate in a highly regulated environment and are subject to audit by the U.S. government;

our Aerospace group is subject to changing customer demand for business aircraft;

our earnings and margin depend on our ability to perform on our contracts;

our earnings and margin depend in part on subcontractor and vendor performance;

sales and operations outside the United States are subject to various risks that may be associated with doing business in foreign countries;

our future success depends in part on our ability to develop new products and technologies and maintain a qualified workforce to meet the needs of our customers;

we have made and expect to continue to make investments, including acquisitions and joint ventures, that involve risks and uncertainties;

changes in business conditions may cause goodwill and other intangible assets to become impaired; and

our business could be negatively impacted by cyber security events and other disruptions.

**Risks relating to each of the notes**

Because we are a holding company, we depend on the ability of our subsidiaries to generate cash, in the form of intercompany credits, loans, dividends or otherwise, to meet our debt service obligations, including our obligations under the notes, and for other general corporate purposes. Intercompany credits, dividends, loans or other distributions to us from our subsidiaries may be subject to future contractual or other restrictions, and will depend upon the results of operations of those subsidiaries and may be subject to other business considerations. Although the notes are guaranteed by the Guarantors, if such guarantees were voided or held to be unenforceable, the Guarantors would have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes or to make any funds available.

**Risks relating to the floating rate notes**

*The amount of interest payable on the floating rate notes is set only once per Interest Period of the floating rate notes based on the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR on the applicable LIBOR Determination Date, which rate may fluctuate substantially.*

In the past, the level of the three-month U.S. dollar London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ) has experienced significant fluctuations. Historical levels, fluctuations and trends of the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR are not

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necessarily indicative of future levels. Any historical upward or downward trend in the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR is not an indication that the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR is more or less likely to increase or decrease at any time, and you should not take the historical levels of the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR as an indication of its future performance. Additionally, although the actual three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR on a Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date (as defined herein) or at other times during an Interest Period (as defined herein) may be higher than the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR on the applicable LIBOR Determination Date (as defined herein), the only relevant date for purposes of determining the interest payable on the floating rate notes is the applicable LIBOR Determination Date for such Interest Period. Changes in the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR between LIBOR Determination Dates will not affect the interest payable on the floating rate notes. As a result, changes in the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR may not result in a comparable change in the market value of the floating rate notes.

***Increased regulatory oversight, uncertainty relating to the LIBOR calculation process and potential phasing out of LIBOR may adversely affect the value of and return on the floating rate notes. LIBOR is the subject of recent national and international regulatory guidance and proposals for reform.***

Regulators and law enforcement agencies in the United Kingdom and elsewhere are conducting civil and criminal investigations into whether banks that provide rates in connection with the calculation of daily LIBOR may have been under-reporting or otherwise manipulating or attempting to manipulate LIBOR. A number of banks have entered into settlements with their regulators and law enforcement agencies with respect to this alleged manipulation of LIBOR.

Actions by the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited ( IBA ) (the independent administration of LIBOR), regulators or law enforcement agencies may result in changes in the methods pursuant to which LIBOR is determined or the establishment of alternative reference rates. For example, on July 27, 2017, the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority ( FCA ), which regulates LIBOR, announced that it intends to stop persuading or compelling banks to submit rates for the calculation of LIBOR to the administrator of LIBOR after 2021 ( FCA Announcement ). The FCA Announcement indicates that the continuation of LIBOR on the current basis is not guaranteed after 2021. It is not possible to predict the effect of the FCA Announcement, any changes in the methods pursuant to which LIBOR rates are determined, any establishment of alternative reference rates or any other reforms to LIBOR that may be enacted in the United Kingdom and elsewhere, which may adversely affect the trading market for LIBOR based securities, including the floating rate notes, or result in the phasing out of LIBOR as a reference rate for securities. In addition, any changes announced by the FCA (including the FCA Announcement), the IBA or any other successor governance or oversight body, or future changes adopted by any such body, in the method pursuant to which LIBOR rates are determined may result in a sudden or prolonged increase or decrease in reported LIBOR rates. If that were to occur, the level of interest payments would be affected and the value of the floating rate notes may be materially adversely affected.

Further, if the three-month U.S. dollar LIBOR is not available on a LIBOR Determination Date, the terms of the floating rate notes will require alternative determination procedures that may result in interest payments differing from expectations, which could materially adversely affect the value of the floating rate notes. Such alternative determination procedures are described under Description of the notes and guarantees General terms of the floating rate notes.

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**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

General Dynamics is a global aerospace and defense company that offers a broad portfolio of products and services in business aviation; combat vehicles, weapons systems and munitions; information technology (IT) services and C4ISR (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) solutions; and shipbuilding and ship repair.

We were incorporated in Delaware in 1952. The company grew organically and through acquisitions until the early 1990s, when we sold nearly our entire portfolio except for our military-vehicle and submarine businesses. Starting in the mid-1990s, we began expanding again by acquiring Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation, combat-vehicle-related businesses, IT product and service companies and additional shipyards, forming the foundation of our company today.

We continue to expand our business through organic growth and acquisitions. We focus on delivering superior products and services to our customers and creating value for our shareholders through a relentless focus on operational excellence and continuous improvement.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from this offering, after deducting the underwriting discounts and our estimated expenses, are expected to be approximately \$ billion. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding borrowings under our 364-Day Credit Facility, which we incurred to finance a portion of the purchase price for the CSRA acquisition. As of May 4, 2018, there was approximately \$7.5 billion in aggregate principal amount of loans outstanding under the 364-Day Credit Facility, bearing interest at an annual interest rate of 2.375%. The 364-Day Credit Facility matures on March 15, 2019.

As a result of our intended use of the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding borrowings under our 364-Day Credit Facility, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or certain of their respective affiliates will receive more than 5% of the net proceeds of this offering, not including underwriting compensation, thus creating a conflict of interest within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121. Accordingly, this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121. The appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering as the notes are investment grade rated securities. See Underwriting (conflicts of interest) Conflicts of interest.

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The following table shows our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated. On January 1, 2017, we adopted Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ( ASC Topic 606 ), using the retrospective method. Our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the year ended December 31, 2017 and the quarter ended April 1, 2018 reflect the adoption of ASC Topic 606, and our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 have been restated to reflect the adoption of ASC Topic 606. Our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 have not been restated to reflect the adoption of ASC Topic 606.

	Year ended December 31,					Quarter ended
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	April 1, 2018
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	18.8	20.2	23.7	19.7	20.3	17.3

For the purpose of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of pre-tax income from continuing operations, adjusted to add back fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of pre-tax interest on all indebtedness and an estimate of interest within rental expense.

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The following table sets forth the unaudited consolidated capitalization of General Dynamics (i) at December 31, 2017 on a historical basis, (ii) at December 31, 2017 on a pro forma basis, giving effect to the consummation of the CSRA acquisition and the incurrence of indebtedness in connection therewith and (iii) at December 31, 2017 on a pro forma as adjusted basis to further reflect the issuance of the notes in this offering, net of the underwriting discounts and commissions and our estimated offering expenses, and the application of the net proceeds of this offering as described under Use of proceeds. You should read this table in conjunction with (i) the consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2018 and (ii) the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements and the related notes included with our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on April 3, 2018 (as amended on May 7, 2018), which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

<b>(Dollars in millions)</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>		
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Pro forma</b>	<b>Pro forma as adjusted</b>
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,983	\$ 2,862	\$
Debt			
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt:			
364-Day Credit Facility	\$	\$ 7,500	\$
Other	\$ 2	\$ 2,502	\$
Total short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 2	\$ 10,002	
Long-term debt:			
Existing long-term debt	\$ 3,980	\$ 3,980	\$
2020 floating rate notes offered hereby	\$	\$	\$
2021 floating rate notes offered hereby	\$	\$	\$
2020 notes offered hereby	\$	\$	\$
2021 notes offered hereby	\$	\$	\$
2023 notes offered hereby	\$	\$	\$
2025 notes offered hereby	\$	\$	\$
2028 notes offered hereby	\$	\$	\$
Total long-term debt	\$ 3,980	\$ 3,980	\$
Total debt	\$ 3,982	\$ 13,982	\$
Shareholders' equity			
Common stock, including surplus	\$ 3,354	\$ 3,354	\$ 3,354
Retained earnings	\$ 26,444	\$ 26,384	\$ 26,384
Treasury stock	\$ (15,543)	\$ (15,543)	\$ (15,543)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (2,820)	\$ (2,820)	\$ (2,820)
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 11,435	\$ 11,375	\$ 11,375
Total capitalization	\$ 15,417	\$ 25,357	\$



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The 2020 floating rate notes, the 2021 floating rate notes, the 2020 notes, the 2021 notes, the 2023 notes, the 2025 notes and the 2028 notes will each be issued as a separate series under an indenture dated as of March 22, 2018, as supplemented and amended, including by the first supplemental indenture to be dated on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 with respect to the notes, by and among us, the Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (collectively, the Indenture ).

The following summary of the terms of the Indenture does not purport to be complete and does not contain all the information that may be important to you. The following description of the terms of the notes and the guarantees is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Indenture. Capitalized and other terms not otherwise defined in this prospectus supplement will have the meanings given to them in the Indenture. You may obtain a copy of the Indenture from us upon request.

The 2020 floating rate notes will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and will bear interest at a floating rate as described below. The 2021 floating rate notes will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and will bear interest at a floating rate as described below. The 2020 notes will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2021 notes will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2023 notes will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2025 notes will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum. The 2028 notes will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and will bear interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum.

The notes will be issued only in registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 above that amount. The notes will be our unsecured senior obligations and, as such, will rank *pari passu* in right of payment with all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness and senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future subordinated indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2017, on a pro forma basis giving effect to the incurrence of indebtedness for the CSRA acquisition, we had total debt of approximately \$14.0 billion, and approximately 29% of such total debt consisted of unsecured fixed-rate notes. The notes will be fully, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed by each of the Guarantors, which guarantees will rank *pari passu* in right of payment with each other and all other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness of such Guarantors. See Capitalization.

**General terms of the floating rate notes**

Certain terms of the floating rate notes are set forth below:

Title: Floating Rate Notes due 2020 and Floating Rate Notes due 2021.

Initial principal amount being issued: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of 2020 floating rate notes and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ aggregate principal amount of 2021 floating rate notes.

Maturity dates: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 with respect to the 2020 floating rate notes and \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 with respect to the 2021 floating rate notes.

Date interest starts accruing: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Interest rates / interest payment dates / regular record dates for interest: See the summary in this section below.

Form of notes: Each series of floating rate notes will be in the form of one or more global notes that we will deposit with or on behalf of The Depository Trust Company (the Depository ).

Sinking fund: The floating rate notes will not be subject to any sinking fund.

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Status: The floating rate notes will each constitute a series of our unsecured senior debt securities.

Guarantees: The floating rate notes will be fully, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by the Guarantors.

The 2020 floating rate notes will bear interest at a floating rate, reset quarterly, equal to Three-Month LIBOR (as defined herein) plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points, and the 2021 floating rate notes will bear interest at a floating rate, reset quarterly, equal to Three-Month LIBOR plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points. Interest on the 2020 floating rate notes and the 2021 floating rate notes will be payable quarterly, in arrears, on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, beginning on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 (each interest payment date of the 2020 floating rate notes and the 2021 floating rate notes, as applicable, a Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date), to holders of record of such series of floating rate notes at the close of business on the 15th calendar day (whether or not a Business Day) immediately preceding the applicable Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date.

Each series of floating rate notes will bear interest at a floating rate of interest, reset quarterly, from and including \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 or from and including the most recent applicable Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date to which interest on such series has been paid or provided for.

The per annum interest rate on the 2020 floating rate notes for the initial Interest Period (as defined herein) of such series will be equal to Three-Month LIBOR as determined on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 by the Calculation Agent (as defined herein), plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points (such rate, the Initial 2020 Floating Rate Note Interest Rate). The interest rate on the 2020 floating rate notes will be reset quarterly on the first day of each Interest Period following the initial Interest Period of such series, and the per annum interest rate on the 2020 floating rate notes for each such subsequent Interest Period of such series will be equal to Three-Month LIBOR as determined on the related LIBOR Determination Date by the Calculation Agent, plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points. The interest rate applicable to any day in the initial Interest Period of the 2020 floating rate notes will be the Initial 2020 Floating Rate Note Interest Rate, and the interest rate applicable to any day in any subsequent Interest Period of such series will be the interest rate for the 2020 floating rate notes as reset on the first day thereof.

The per annum interest rate on the 2021 floating rate notes for the initial Interest Period of such series will be equal to Three-Month LIBOR as determined on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 by the Calculation Agent, plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points (such rate, the Initial 2021 Floating Rate Note Interest Rate). The interest rate on the 2021 floating rate notes will be reset quarterly on the first day of each Interest Period following the initial Interest Period of such series, and the per annum interest rate on the 2021 floating rate notes for each such subsequent Interest Period of such series will be equal to Three-Month LIBOR as determined on the related LIBOR Determination Date by the Calculation Agent, plus \_\_\_\_\_ basis points. The interest rate applicable to any day in the initial Interest Period of the 2021 floating rate notes will be the Initial 2021 Floating Rate Notes Interest Rate, and the interest rate applicable to any day in any subsequent Interest Period of such series will be the interest rate for the 2021 floating rate notes as reset on the first day thereof.

The amount of interest for each day that the 2020 floating rate notes or 2021 floating rate notes, as applicable, are outstanding (the Daily Interest Amount for such floating rate notes) will be calculated by (i) dividing the applicable interest rate in effect for such series for such day by 360 and (ii) multiplying the result by the principal amount of the applicable floating rate notes outstanding on such day. The amount of interest to be paid on the 2020 floating rate notes or 2021 floating rate notes for each applicable Interest Period will be calculated by adding such Daily Interest Amounts for such floating rate notes of such series for each day in such applicable Interest Period.

If any Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date in respect of a series of floating rate notes (other than the maturity date for such series of floating rate notes) falls on a day that is not a Business Day, such Floating Rate Notes Interest Payment Date for such series will be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day, except that if that Business Day is in the next succeeding calendar month, such Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date will be the immediately preceding Business Day. If the maturity date of a series of floating rate notes falls on a

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day that is not a Business Day, the payment of interest and principal in respect of such series will be made on the next succeeding Business Day, and no interest will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after the maturity date. If any Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date in respect of a series of floating rate notes (other than the maturity date for such series of floating rate notes) is postponed or brought forward as described above, the amount of interest for the relevant Interest Period for such series will be adjusted accordingly.

All percentages resulting from any calculation of any interest rate for the floating rate notes of a series will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred thousandth of a percentage point, with five one-millionths of a percentage point being rounded upwards (e.g., 9.876545% (or 0.09876545) being rounded to 9.87655% (or 0.0987655)) and all dollar amounts will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one-half cent being rounded upwards).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the interest rate on the floating rate notes will in no event be (i) higher than the maximum rate permitted by New York law as the same may be modified by United States law of general application or (ii) lower than zero.

The Bank of New York Mellon initially will act as the calculation agent (the Calculation Agent) in respect of the floating rate notes. The Company may change the Calculation Agent without prior notice to or consent of the holders of the floating rate notes. The Calculation Agent will, upon the written request of any holder of the floating rate notes, provide the interest rate then in effect with respect to the floating rate notes. All calculations made by the Calculation Agent in the absence of manifest error will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on the Company, the Trustee and the holders of the floating rate notes.

Set forth below is a summary of certain of the defined terms used for purposes of determining the interest rate payable on the floating rate notes:

*Business Day* means any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in the City of New York, New York or the city in which the office of the Trustee at which the Indenture shall be principally administered are authorized or required by law or executive order to be closed.

*Designated LIBOR Page* shall be Bloomberg L.P. page BBAM or such other page as may replace Bloomberg L.P. page BBAM on that service or any successor service for the purpose of displaying London interbank offered rates for U.S. dollar deposits of major banks.

*Interest Period* means the period from, and including, a Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date to, but excluding, the next succeeding Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date; except that (i) with respect to the 2020 floating rate notes, the initial Interest Period will be the period from, and including, , 2018 to, but excluding, the first Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date for the 2020 floating rate notes and (ii) with respect to the 2021 floating rate notes, the initial Interest Period will be the period from, and including, , 2018 to, but excluding, the first Floating Rate Note Interest Payment Date for the 2021 floating rate notes.

*LIBOR Determination Date* means, with respect to an Interest Period, the London Banking Day that is two London Banking Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period.

*London Banking Day* is any day on which dealings in U.S. dollars are transacted or, with respect to any future date, are expected to be transacted in the London interbank market.

*Representative Amount* means a principal amount of not less than \$1,000,000 for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time.

*Three-Month LIBOR* means, with respect to an Interest Period, the rate (expressed as a percentage per annum) for deposits in U.S. dollars for a three-month period beginning on the second London Banking Day after the

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applicable LIBOR Determination Date that appears on the Designated LIBOR Page as of 11:00 a.m., London time, on such LIBOR Determination Date. If the Designated LIBOR Page does not include such a rate or is unavailable on a LIBOR Determination Date, the Calculation Agent will request the principal London office of each of four major banks in the London interbank market, as selected by the Company, to provide such bank's offered quotation (expressed as a percentage per annum), as of approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on such LIBOR Determination Date, to prime banks in the London interbank market for deposits in a Representative Amount of U.S. dollars for a three-month period beginning on the second London Banking Day after such LIBOR Determination Date. If at least two such offered quotations are so provided, the Three-Month LIBOR rate for the Interest Period will be the arithmetic mean of such quotations. If fewer than two such quotations are so provided, the Calculation Agent will request each of three major banks in New York City, as selected by the Company, to provide such bank's rate (expressed as a percentage per annum), as of approximately 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on such LIBOR Determination Date, for loans in a Representative Amount in U.S. dollars to leading European banks for a three-month period beginning on the second London Banking Day after such LIBOR Determination Date. If at least two such rates are so provided, the Three-Month LIBOR rate for the Interest Period will be the arithmetic mean of such rates. If fewer than two such rates are so provided, then the Three-Month LIBOR rate for the Interest Period will be the rate in effect with respect to the immediately preceding Interest Period.

**General terms of the fixed rate notes**

Certain terms of the fixed rate notes are set forth below:

Title: % Notes due 2020, % Notes due 2021, % Notes due 2023, % Notes due 2025 and % Notes due 2028.

Initial principal amount being issued: \$ aggregate principal amount of 2020 notes, \$ aggregate principal amount of 2021 notes, \$ aggregate principal amount of 2023 notes, \$ aggregate principal amount of 2025 notes and \$ aggregate principal amount of 2028 notes.

Maturity dates: , 2020 with respect to the 2020 notes, , 2021 with respect to the 2021 notes, , 2023 with respect to the 2023 notes, , 2025 with respect to the 2025 notes and , 2028 with respect to the 2028 notes.

Date interest starts accruing: , 2018.

Interest payment dates: and .

First interest payment date: , 2018.

Regular record dates for interest: and .



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Form of notes: Each series of fixed rate notes will be in the form of one or more global notes that we will deposit with or on behalf of the Depositary.

Sinking fund: The fixed rate notes will not be subject to any sinking fund.

Status: The fixed rate notes will each constitute a series of our unsecured senior debt securities.

Guarantees: The fixed rate notes will be fully, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by the Guarantors.

Interest on each series of fixed rate notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date or maturity date of the fixed rate notes is not a Business Day, then payment of interest or principal in respect of such fixed rate notes will be made on the next succeeding day which is a

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Business Day, and no interest shall accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after such interest payment date or maturity date. Business Day means any day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in the City of New York, New York or the city in which the office of the Trustee at which the Indenture shall be principally administered are authorized or required by law or executive order to be closed.

**Optional redemption**

The floating rate notes are not redeemable at our option prior to maturity.

Each series of fixed rate notes will be redeemable, as a whole or in part, at our option, at any time or from time to time, on at least 10 days, but not more than 60 days, prior notice to holders of such fixed rate notes given in accordance with the provisions described under Redemption notice below, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of such fixed rate notes to be redeemed; or

the sum of the present values of the Remaining Scheduled Payments, as defined below, discounted to the date of redemption, on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at the Treasury Rate, as defined below, plus basis points in the case of the 2020 notes, basis points in the case of the 2021 notes, basis points in the case of the 2023 notes, basis points in the case of the 2025 notes and basis points in the case of the 2028 notes; provided, that (i) if we redeem any 2023 notes on or after , 2023 (one month prior to the maturity date of the 2023 notes), (ii) if we redeem any 2025 notes on or after , 2025 (two months prior to the maturity date of the 2025 notes) and (iii) if we redeem any 2028 notes on or after , 2028 (three months prior to the maturity date of the 2028 notes), the redemption price for those notes will equal 100% of the principal amount of such fixed rate notes to be redeemed.

The redemption price for such fixed rate notes will include, in each case, accrued but unpaid interest to but excluding the date of redemption on the principal amount of fixed rate notes to be redeemed.

On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the fixed rate notes or any portion thereof called for redemption, unless we default in the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest. If less than all of any particular series of the fixed rate notes are to be redeemed, the fixed rate notes in such series to be redeemed shall be selected (i) in accordance with the procedures of the Depositary, in the case of fixed rate notes in the form of global notes, or (ii) by lot, in the case of fixed rate notes in definitive form.

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Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date for the fixed rate notes, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for that redemption date.

The Treasury Rate will be calculated on and as of the third business day preceding the redemption date.

**Comparable Treasury Issue** means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the fixed rate notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such fixed rate notes.

**Independent Investment Banker** means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers, to be appointed by us.

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Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date for the fixed rate notes:

the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations obtained by us for that redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations; or

if we obtain fewer than four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by us, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to us by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of (i) Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and their respective successors; and (ii) two other treasury dealers selected by us, and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer, which we refer to as a Primary Treasury Dealer, we will substitute therefor another nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a Primary Treasury Dealer.

Remaining Scheduled Payments means, with respect to each fixed rate note to be redeemed, the remaining scheduled payments of the principal thereof and interest thereon that would be due after the related redemption date but for such redemption; provided, however, that, if such redemption date is not an interest payment date with respect to such fixed rate note, the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment thereon will be deemed to be reduced by the amount of interest accrued thereon to such redemption date.

### ***Redemption notice***

We will give notice of a redemption to holders at least 10 days (but not more than 60 days) before we redeem any of the fixed rate notes. Subject to certain exceptions, such notice may state that such redemption shall be conditional upon the receipt by a paying agent (which may be the trustee) for such fixed rate notes, on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption, of money sufficient to pay the redemption price and accrued interest on such fixed rate notes and that if such money has not been so received such notice shall be of no force or effect and we shall not be required to redeem such fixed rate notes. In the event that such notice of redemption contains such a condition and such money is not so received the redemption shall not be made and within a reasonable time thereafter notice shall be given, in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such money was not so received and such redemption was not required to be made, and the paying agent (which may be the trustee) for the fixed rate notes otherwise to have been redeemed shall promptly return to the holders thereof any of such fixed rate notes that had been surrendered for payment upon such redemption.

### **Issuance of additional notes**

We may, at any time and from time to time, without the consent of the holders, increase the principal amount of the notes of a series by issuing additional notes of such series in the future on the same terms and conditions, except for any differences in the issue date, issue price and interest accrued prior to the issue date of the additional notes, and, provided the additional notes are fungible with the outstanding notes of such series for U.S. federal income tax purposes, with the same CUSIP number as the notes of such series. The notes of each series offered by this prospectus supplement and any additional notes of each such series would rank equally and ratably and would be treated as a

single series for all purposes under the Indenture.

**Holding through Euroclear and Clearstream**

As described more fully in the accompanying prospectus, the notes of each series will be deposited with the trustee on behalf of the Depositary in the form of one or more global debt securities. As long as the Depositary is

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the depositary for the notes, you may hold interests in the notes through participants in the Depositary, including Clearstream Banking, Société Anonyme ( Clearstream ) and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ( Euroclear ). Euroclear and Clearstream will hold interests, in each case, on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in the names of Euroclear and Clearstream on the books of their respective depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositaries' names on the Depositary's books.

Payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices and other matters relating to the notes made through Euroclear or Clearstream must comply with the rules and procedures of those systems. Those systems could change their rules and procedures at any time. We have no control over those systems or their participants and we take no responsibility for their activities. Transactions between participants in Euroclear or Clearstream, on the one hand, and other participants in the Depositary, on the other hand, would also be subject to the rules and procedures of the Depositary.

Investors will be able to make and receive through Euroclear and Clearstream payments, deliveries, transfers, exchanges, notices and other transactions involving any securities held through those systems only on days when those systems are open for business. Those systems may not be open for business on days when banks, brokers and other institutions are open for business in the United States.

In addition, because of time-zone differences, U.S. investors who hold their interests in the notes through these systems and wish to transfer their interests, or to receive or make a payment or delivery or exercise any other right with respect to their interests, on a particular day may find that the transaction will not be effected until the next business day in Luxembourg or Brussels, as applicable. Thus, investors who wish to exercise rights that expire on a particular day may need to act before the expiration date. In addition, investors who hold their interests through both the Depositary and Euroclear or Clearstream may need to make special arrangements to finance any purchases or sales of their interests between the U.S. and European clearing systems, and those transactions may settle later than transactions within one clearing system.

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**MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The following is a summary of material federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes by persons who purchase the notes in this offering and is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), the final, temporary and proposed regulations promulgated thereunder, and administrative rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change or different interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect.

This discussion is for general information only and does not purport to address all of the possible federal income tax consequences, including any U.S. federal estate, gift or alternative minimum tax considerations, or any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes. It is limited to investors who purchase the notes in this offering at the offering price, and who will hold the notes as capital assets for federal income tax purposes. It does not address all of the federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to particular investors in light of their unique circumstances or to certain types of investors that may be subject to special rules (such as dealers in securities or other persons that generally mark their securities to market for U.S. federal income tax purposes, insurance companies, financial institutions, banks, tax-exempt entities, retirement plans, U.S. expatriates, entities treated as partnerships or other types of pass-through entities (including investors therein), regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, controlled foreign corporations and passive foreign investment companies) or to investors that will hold the notes as a part of a straddle, hedge, constructive sale or synthetic security transaction for federal income tax purposes, or investors who are subject to the alternative minimum tax or investors subject to special tax accounting rules, including under Section 451(b) of the Code or whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, all of whom may be subject to special treatment under federal income tax laws. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the federal income tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the notes, as well as any tax consequences that may arise under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other taxing jurisdiction.

For purposes of this discussion of U.S. tax consequences, a U.S. person is:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the U.S.;

a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created in or organized under the laws of the U.S. or any state or political subdivision thereof;

an estate that is subject to U.S. federal income taxation without regard to the source of its income; or

a trust (a) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) that has a valid election in effect to be treated as a U.S. person under the Code.

If an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds notes, the tax treatment of a partner in the entity will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the entity. If you are a partner in such an entity holding notes, you should consult your tax advisor.

As used herein, the term "U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of a note that is a U.S. person and the term "non-U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of a note that is not a U.S. person and is not a partnership for federal income tax purposes. The U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders together are the "holders".

This discussion of material U.S. federal income tax considerations is for general information purposes only and is not tax advice. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ( "IRS" ) and there can be no assurance that the IRS will take a similar view with respect to the tax consequences described below, or that a contrary position taken by the IRS would not be sustained by a court. No ruling has been or will be requested by us from the IRS on any tax matters relating to the notes. **HOLDERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AND NON-U.S. INCOME, ESTATE AND**

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*Payments of interest.* A U.S. holder will be required to report stated interest on its note as interest income at the time such payments are accrued or received in accordance with such holder's method of accounting for federal income tax purposes. The notes are not expected to be issued with more than a *de minimis* amount of original issue discount. However, if the notes' principal amount exceeds their issue price by at least a prescribed *de minimis* amount then, in addition to including stated interest in income, each U.S. holder generally will be required to include such excess in its income as it accrues, regardless of its regular method of accounting, using a constant yield method, possibly before such U.S. holder receives any payment attributable to such income. We intend to treat the floating rate notes as variable rate debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and this discussion assumes that this characterization is proper and will be respected by the IRS. This discussion assumes that the issue price of the notes, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, equals the principal amount thereof.

*Disposition of notes.* The sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of a note generally will be a taxable event. A U.S. holder generally will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (a) the amount of cash plus the fair market value of any property received upon such sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of the note (except to the extent attributable to accrued interest which, if not already included in such U.S. holder's income, will be taxable as interest income) and (b) the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in a note will generally equal the holder's cost of purchasing the note. Such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss, and will be long term capital gain or loss if the holder has held the notes for more than one year at the time of the sale or other disposition. Net long-term capital gain of certain non-corporate U.S. holders is generally subject to preferential rates of tax. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

*Information reporting and backup withholding.* In general, information reporting requirements will apply to payments of principal and interest on the notes and the proceeds of sale of the notes unless the U.S. holder is an exempt recipient (such as a corporation) and, when required, demonstrates this fact. A U.S. holder will be subject to backup withholding if (A) the U.S. holder fails to provide the appropriate documentation (generally an IRS Form W-9 or a suitable substitute form) to the applicable withholding agent certifying, among other things, (x) that its taxpayer identification number is correct or (y) its exempt status (if any) or (B) the U.S. holder has been notified by the IRS that it is subject to backup withholding.

Backup withholding is not an additional federal income tax. Rather, the federal income tax liability of a person subject to backup withholding will be reduced by the amount withheld. If withholding results in an overpayment of taxes, a refund may be obtained from the IRS, provided the required information is furnished to the IRS on a timely basis.

*Additional tax on net investment income.* An additional tax of 3.8% may be imposed on the net investment income of certain U.S. individuals and on the undistributed net investment income of certain estates and trusts. Among other items, net investment income generally includes interest and certain net gain from the disposition of investment property, less certain deductions. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of the rules described above.

**Non-U.S. holders**

*Payments of interest.* Subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and FATCA, interest paid to a non-U.S. holder on a note will not be subject to federal income or withholding tax provided that the interest is not

connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. by the non-U.S. holder, and the non-U.S.

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holder, among other things, (a) does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote; (b) is not, for federal income tax purposes, a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us, directly or indirectly, through stock ownership or a foreign private foundation; (c) is not a bank whose receipt of such amounts is described in section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code; and (d) certifies, on the IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or successor form), as applicable, under penalty of perjury, that it is a non-U.S. holder and provides the required information. U.S. Treasury regulations provide additional rules for a note held through one or more intermediaries or pass-through entities.

If a non-U.S. holder earns interest on a note that is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. but does not satisfy the four requirements in the above paragraph, the non-U.S. holder's interest on such note will be subject to withholding tax at a flat rate of 30% or a lower applicable treaty rate. If a non-U.S. holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest on the note is effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment in the U.S.), and the non-U.S. holder provides the necessary certification (generally on an IRS Form W-8ECI), the non-U.S. holder will not be subject to withholding but will be subject to federal income tax on that interest on a net income basis in the same manner as if such holder was a U.S. person and may be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower treaty rate) if the non-U.S. holder is a corporation.

*Disposition of notes.* Subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and FATCA, a non-U.S. holder will generally not be subject to federal income tax or withholding on gain recognized on a sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of the notes unless (a) the gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the U.S. by the non-U.S. holder (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment in the U.S.), or (b) in the case of a non-U.S. holder who is a nonresident alien individual, such holder is present in the United States for 183 or more days during the taxable year and certain other requirements are met (subject to the provisions of any applicable tax treaty). Any gain that is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business by a non-U.S. holder will be subject to federal income tax on a net income basis in the same manner as if such holder were a U.S. person. These holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to other U.S. tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of notes including, if the holder is a corporation, the possible imposition of a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower treaty rate). U.S. Treasury regulations provide additional rules for a note held through one or more intermediaries or pass-through entities.

*Information reporting and backup withholding.* We will, when required, report to the IRS and to each non-U.S. holder the amount of any interest paid on the notes in each calendar year, and the amount of tax withheld, if any, with respect to the payments. This information may also be made available to the tax authorities of a country in which the non-U.S. holder resides. Interest paid on the notes will not be subject to backup withholding provided that the non-U.S. holder satisfies the certification requirements described above in the section entitled "Non-U.S. holders: Payments of interest."

Information reporting and backup withholding generally will not apply to a payment of the proceeds from a sale of the notes effected outside the United States by a foreign office of a foreign broker. However, information reporting requirements (but not backup withholding) may apply to a payment of the proceeds of a sale of the notes effected outside the United States by a foreign office of a U.S. broker or a foreign broker with certain types of relationships to the United States, unless the broker has documentary evidence in its records that the holder is a non-U.S. holder and certain conditions are met, or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Payment by a United States office of a broker of the proceeds of a sale of the notes will be subject to both backup withholding and information reporting unless the holder certifies its non-U.S. status under penalty of perjury or otherwise establishes an exemption.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against that non-U.S. holder's federal income tax liability provided the required information is properly furnished to the IRS on a

timely basis.

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*FATCA withholding.* Under sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (such sections commonly referred to as *FATCA* ), a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax may apply to any interest income paid on the notes and, for a disposition of a note occurring after December 31, 2018, the gross proceeds from such disposition, in each case paid to (i) a foreign financial institution (as defined in the Code) that does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) compliance (or deemed compliance) with FATCA (which may alternatively be in the form of compliance with an intergovernmental agreement with the United States) in a manner that avoids withholding, or (ii) a non-financial foreign entity (as defined in the Code) that does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) adequate information regarding the substantial United States owners (as defined in the Code) of such entity (if any). If a payment is both subject to withholding under FATCA and subject to federal income tax withholding or backup withholding as discussed above, the withholding under FATCA may be credited against, and therefore reduce, such other withholding tax. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country may modify the requirements described in this paragraph. Each prospective holder of notes should consult its own tax advisor regarding these rules, certification of exemption from FATCA withholding and whether FATCA may be relevant to its ownership and disposition of notes.

**Table of Contents****UNDERWRITING (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)**

Subject to the terms and conditions in the underwriting agreement between us and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as representatives of the underwriters named below, we have agreed to sell to each underwriter, and each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase from us, the principal amount of notes set forth opposite the names of the underwriters below:

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal amount of 2020 floating rate notes</b>	<b>Principal amount of 2021 floating rate notes</b>	<b>Principal amount of 2020 notes</b>	<b>Principal amount of 2021 notes</b>	<b>Principal amount of 2023 notes</b>	<b>Principal amount of 2025 notes</b>	<b>Principal amount of 2028 notes</b>
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
RBC Capital Markets, LLC							
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC							
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters will purchase all of the notes if any of them are purchased.

The underwriters initially propose to offer the notes to the public at the public offering prices that appear on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters may offer the notes to selected dealers at the public offering price minus a concession of up to % of the principal amount of the 2020 floating rate notes, % of the principal amount of the 2021 floating rate notes, % of the principal amount of the 2020 notes, % of the principal amount of the 2021 notes, % of the principal amount of the 2023 notes, % of the principal amount of the 2025 notes and % of the principal amount of the 2028 notes. In addition, the underwriters may allow, and those selected dealers may reallow, a concession of up to % of the principal amount of the 2020 floating rate notes, % of the principal amount of the 2021 floating rate notes, % of the principal amount of the 2020 notes, % of the principal amount of the 2021 notes, % of the principal amount of the 2023 notes, % of the principal amount of the 2025 notes and % of the principal amount of the 2028 notes to certain other dealers. After the initial offering, the underwriters may change the public offering prices and any other selling terms. The underwriters may offer and sell notes through certain of their affiliates.

In the underwriting agreement, we have agreed that:

We will pay our expenses related to the offering (excluding the underwriting discount), which we estimate will be \$11.9 million.

We will indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those

liabilities.

The notes are new issues of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for the notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the notes to be quoted on any quotation system. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in each series of notes, but they are not obligated to do so. The underwriters may discontinue any market making in the notes at any time in their sole discretion. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that liquid trading markets will develop for the notes.

In connection with the offering of the notes, the underwriters may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions and syndicate-covering transactions. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the underwriters. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the notes in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the prices of the notes. Syndicate-covering

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transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. Stabilizing transactions and syndicate-covering transactions may cause the prices of the notes to be higher than they would otherwise be in the absence of those transactions. If the underwriters engage in stabilizing or syndicate-covering transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

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

Each of the underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, the underwriters and their respective affiliates have engaged, or may in the future engage, in commercial banking or investment banking transactions with General Dynamics and its affiliates. In addition, certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are lenders under our bank credit facilities.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. If the underwriters or their affiliates have a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, the underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any credit default swaps or such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

For example, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and RBC Capital Markets, LLC or certain of their respective affiliates act as lead arrangers, bookrunners and administrative agents and certain affiliates of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and RBC Capital Markets, LLC act as documentation agents under our 364-Day Credit Facility. The underwriters or certain of their respective affiliates are also lenders under our 364-Day Credit Facility.

## **Conflicts of interest**

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding borrowings under our 364-Day Credit Facility. See Use of proceeds. As a result, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC or certain of their respective affiliates will receive more than 5% of the net proceeds of this offering, not including underwriting compensation, thus creating a conflict of interest within the meaning of Rule 5121 (Public Offerings of Securities with Conflicts of Interest) of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ( FINRA Rule 5121 ). Accordingly, this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121. The appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering as the notes are investment grade rated securities.

## **Selling restrictions**



*Australia*

No placement document, prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document (including as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) ( Corporations Act )) has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ( ASIC ) or any other governmental agency, in relation to the offering.

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This prospectus supplement does not constitute a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document for the purposes of Corporations Act, and does not purport to include the information required for a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under the Corporations Act. No action has been taken which would permit an offering of the notes in circumstances that would require disclosure under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act.

The notes may not be offered for sale, nor may application for the sale or purchase or any notes be invited in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia) and neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering material or advertisement relating to the notes may be distributed or published in Australia unless, in each case:

(a) the aggregate consideration payable on acceptance of the offer or invitation by each offeree or invitee is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in another currency, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by the person offering the notes or making the invitation or its associates) or the offer or invitation otherwise does not require disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act;

(b) the offer, invitation or distribution complied with the conditions of the Australian financial services license of the person making the offer, invitation or distribution or an applicable exemption from the requirement to hold such license;

(c) the offer, invitation or distribution complies with all applicable Australian laws, regulations and directives (including, without limitation, the licensing requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act);

(d) the offer or invitation does not constitute an offer or invitation to a person in Australia who is a retail client as defined for the purposes of Section 761G of the Corporations Act; and

(e) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC or the ASX.

## ***Canada***

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

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

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

## ***European Economic Area***

The notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (the EEA ). For these

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purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one or more of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, MiFID II); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, the Prospectus Directive). Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the PRIIPs Regulation) for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared, and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in any Member State of the EEA will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive.

***Hong Kong***

Each underwriter (i) has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any notes other than (a) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the SFO) and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and (ii) has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to the notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that Ordinance.

***Japan***

The notes have not been and will not be registered pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. Accordingly, none of the notes nor any interest therein may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the benefit of a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan in effect at the relevant time.

***Korea***

The notes have not been and will not be registered with the Financial Services Commission of Korea under the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act of Korea. Accordingly, the notes have not been and will not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to, or for the account or benefit of, any resident of Korea (as defined in the Foreign Exchange Transactions Law of Korea and its Enforcement Decree) or to others for re-offering or resale, except as otherwise permitted by applicable Korean laws and regulations. In addition, within one year following the issuance of the notes, the notes may not be transferred to any resident of Korea other than a qualified institutional buyer (as such term is defined in the regulation on issuance, public disclosure, etc. of securities of Korea, a Korean QIB) registered with the Korea Financial Investment Association (the KOFIA) as a Korean QIB and subject to the requirement of monthly reports with the KOFIA of its holding of Korean QIB bonds as defined in

the Regulation on Issuance, Public Disclosure, etc. of notes of Korea, provided that (a) the notes are denominated, and the principal and interest payments thereunder are made, in a currency other than Korean won, (b) the amount of the securities acquired by such Korean QIBs in the

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primary market is limited to less than 20 per cent. of the aggregate issue amount of the notes, (c) the notes are listed on one of the major overseas securities markets designated by the Financial Supervisory Service of Korea, or certain procedures, such as registration or report with a foreign financial investment regulator, have been completed for offering of the securities in a major overseas securities market, (d) the one-year restriction on offering, delivering or selling of securities to a Korean resident other than a Korean QIB is expressly stated in the securities, the relevant underwriting agreement, subscription agreement, and the offering circular and (e) the Company and the underwriters shall individually or collectively keep the evidence of fulfillment of conditions (a) through (d) above after having taken necessary actions therefor.

### ***Singapore***

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

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

(a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or

(b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA, except:

(i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA), or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A), or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;

(ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;

(iii) where the transfer is by operation of law;

(iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or

(v) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

### ***Switzerland***

This prospectus supplement is not intended to constitute an offer or solicitation to purchase or invest in the notes described herein. The notes may not be publicly offered, sold or advertised, directly or indirectly, in, into or from

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Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange or on any other exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes constitutes a prospectus as such term is understood pursuant to article 652a or article 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations, and neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

***Taiwan***

The notes have not been and will not be registered with the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan pursuant to relevant securities laws and regulations and may not be sold, issued or offered within Taiwan through a public offering or in circumstances which constitutes an offer within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Act of Taiwan that requires a registration or approval of the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan. No person or entity in Taiwan has been authorized to offer, sell, give advice regarding or otherwise intermediate the offering and sale of the notes in Taiwan.

***United Kingdom***

Each of the underwriters has represented and agreed that it has:

- (i) only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act of 2000 (the FSMA )) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- (ii) complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

In the United Kingdom, this document is for distribution only to persons (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the FSMA (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (as amended, the Financial Promotion Order ), (ii) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) ( high net worth companies, unincorporated associations etc. ) of the Financial Promotion Order or (iii) to whom an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) in connection with the issue or sale of any securities may otherwise lawfully be communicated or caused to be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons ). This document is directed only at relevant persons and must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available only to relevant persons and will be engaged in only with relevant persons.



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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the notes and the guarantees will be passed upon for us and the Guarantors by Jenner & Block LLP. Certain legal matters relating to the offering of the notes will be passed upon for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of General Dynamics Corporation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2017, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017 have been incorporated by reference herein and in the accompanying prospectus in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The financial statements incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Current Report on the Amended Form 8-K of General Dynamics Corporation filed on May 7, 2018 and the effectiveness of CSRA Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting for the year ended March 31, 2017 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports incorporated by reference, which reports (1) express an unqualified opinion on the financial statements and includes an explanatory paragraph referring to the preparation of the consolidated and combined financial statements on and prior to November 27, 2015, and (2) express an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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**PROSPECTUS**

**DEBT SECURITIES**

**GUARANTEES OF DEBT SECURITIES**

We may offer from time to time our debt securities in one or more series pursuant to this prospectus. The debt securities may be guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries under the guarantees described in this prospectus. This prospectus contains summaries of the general terms of these securities. We will provide specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus, which may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this document. You should carefully read this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, together with the documents we incorporate by reference, before you invest in any of the securities.

We may sell these securities on a continuous or delayed basis directly, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. We reserve the sole right to accept, and together with any agents, dealers and underwriters, reserve the right to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of securities. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities offered by this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth any applicable commissions or discounts. Our net proceeds from the sale of securities also will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We have not yet determined whether any of the securities that may be offered by this prospectus will be listed on any exchange, inter-dealer quotation system or over-the-counter market. If we decide to seek the listing of any of such securities upon issuance, the prospectus supplement relating to those securities will disclose the exchange, quotation system or market on which the securities will be listed.

**Investment in any securities offered by this prospectus involves risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page 3 of this prospectus, in our periodic reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in the applicable prospectus supplement.**

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

**The date of this prospectus is March 22, 2018**

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell the securities described in this prospectus from time to time and in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you together with the additional information described below under Where You Can Find More Information. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in that prospectus supplement.

We have not authorized any agent, dealer, underwriter or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. You should not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, and we are not making an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus, in any prospectus supplement, in any document incorporated by reference herein or therein, and in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those respective dates.

References to we, us, our or the Company are to General Dynamics Corporation, unless expressly indicated otherwise. References to General Dynamics mean General Dynamics Corporation, together with our consolidated subsidiaries, including the Guarantors. Guarantors means, initially, American Overseas Marine Company, LLC, Bath Iron Works Corporation, Electric Boat Corporation, General Dynamics Government Systems Corporation, General Dynamics Land Systems Inc., General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Inc., General Dynamics-OTS, Inc., Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation and National Steel and Shipbuilding Company.

**SPECIAL NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements in this prospectus and in the information incorporated herein by reference contain forward-looking statements, which are based on management's expectations, estimates, projections and assumptions. Words such as expects, anticipates, plans, believes, scheduled, outlook, estimates, should and variations of these words and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These include but are not limited to projections of revenues, earnings, operating margins, segment performance, cash flows, contract awards, aircraft production, deliveries and backlog. In making these statements we rely on assumptions and analyses based on our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments as well as other factors we consider appropriate under the circumstances. Forward-looking statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual future results and trends may differ materially from what is forecast in forward-looking statements due to a variety of factors,

including, without limitation:

general U.S. and international political and economic conditions;

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decreases in U.S. government defense spending or changing priorities within the defense budget;

termination or restructuring of government contracts due to unilateral government action;

differences in anticipated and actual program performance, including the ability to perform under long-term, fixed-price contracts within estimated costs, and performance issues with key suppliers and subcontractors;

expected recovery on contract claims and requests for equitable adjustment;

changing customer demand or preferences for business aircraft, including the effects of economic conditions on the business-aircraft market;

potential for changing prices for energy and raw materials; and

the status or outcome of legal and/or regulatory proceedings.

All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof or, in the case of any document incorporated by reference, the date of that document. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are qualified by the cautionary statements in this section. We do not undertake any obligation to update or publicly release any revisions to forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or changes in expectations after the date such statements are made. These factors may be revised or supplemented in subsequent reports on SEC Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document that we file at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, the SEC maintains an internet site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically, including General Dynamics Corporation. Except as expressly set forth in the paragraph below, we are not incorporating the contents of the SEC website into this prospectus.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and, where applicable, supersede this information. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below that we have filed with the SEC (File No. 001-03671) and any future filings made with the SEC by us under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, until we sell all of the securities (other than filings or portions of filings that are furnished under applicable SEC rules rather than filed):

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Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 filed on February 12, 2018; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 12, 2018 (only with respect to Item 1.01 and Exhibit 2.1 in Item 9.01), March 5, 2018 and March 20, 2018.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning the office of:

General Dynamics Corporation

2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100

Falls Church, Virginia 22042-4513

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (703) 876-3000

You may also find additional information about us, including the documents mentioned above, on our website at [www.generaldynamics.com](http://www.generaldynamics.com). The information included on or linked to our website or any website referred to in any document incorporated by reference into this prospectus is not a part of this prospectus.



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General Dynamics is a global aerospace and defense company that offers a broad portfolio of products and services in business aviation; combat vehicles, weapons systems and munitions; information technology (IT) services and C4ISR (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) solutions; and shipbuilding and ship repair. The Company was incorporated in Delaware in 1952.

Our company is organized into four business groups: Aerospace, Combat Systems, Information Systems and Technology, and Marine Systems.

Our principal executive offices are located at 2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100, Falls Church, Virginia 22042-4513 and our telephone number is (703) 876-3000.

**RISK FACTORS**

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

**CONSOLIDATED RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table shows our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated. On January 1, 2017, we adopted Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ( ASC Topic 606 ), using the retrospective method. Our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the year ended December 31, 2017 reflects the adoption of ASC Topic 606, and our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 have been restated to reflect the adoption of ASC Topic 606. Our consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 have not been restated to reflect the adoption of ASC Topic 606.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>				
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	20.3	19.7	23.7	20.2	18.8

For the purpose of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of pre-tax income from continuing operations, adjusted to add back fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of pre-tax interest on all indebtedness and an estimate of interest within rental expense.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus and any prospectus supplement for general corporate purposes, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. General corporate purposes may include additions to working capital, capital expenditures, refinancing of existing indebtedness including commercial paper, repayment of debt, and financing of possible acquisitions, investments or stock repurchases.



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**DESCRIPTION OF THE DEBT SECURITIES AND GUARANTEES**

*The following description of the debt securities outlines some of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities and guarantees. This information may not be complete in all respects and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable indenture and its associated documents. The specific terms of any series of debt securities and related guarantees will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. If so described in a prospectus supplement, the terms of that series of debt securities may differ from the general description of terms presented below.*

This prospectus sets forth some of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities and the guarantees. We will describe the particular terms of any series of debt securities and related guarantees in the prospectus supplement relating to such securities.

The debt securities may be issued from time to time in series under an indenture dated as of March 22, 2018, by and among the Company, the guarantors thereunder and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time. Wherever defined terms are used but not defined in this section of the prospectus, those terms have the meanings assigned to them in the indenture, it being intended that those defined terms will be incorporated herein by reference. This indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that may be issued thereunder and will govern debt securities up to the aggregate principal amount that we may authorize from time to time. Any such limit applicable to a particular series of debt securities will be specified in the prospectus supplement relating to that series. The debt securities may be guaranteed by certain subsidiary guarantors under the guarantees described below.

**Definitions**

The following are certain terms defined in the indenture:

**Attributable Debt** means, as to any particular lease under which any Person is at the time liable, at any date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined, the total net amount of rent required to be paid by such Person under such lease during the remaining term thereof (excluding any subsequent renewal or other extension options held by the lessee), discounted from the respective due dates thereof to such date at the rate of 15% per annum, compounded monthly. The net amount of rent required to be paid under any such lease for any such period will be the aggregate amount of the rent payable by the lessee with respect to such period after excluding amounts required to be paid on account of maintenance and repairs, services, insurance, taxes, assessments, water rates and similar charges and contingent rents (such as those based on sales). In the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty in an amount which is less than the total discounted net amount of rent required to be paid from the later of the first date upon which such lease may be so terminated or the date of the determination of such net amount of rent, as the case may be, such net amount will also include the amount of such penalty, but no rent will be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated.

**Consolidated Assets** means the total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries calculated on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP.

**Material Subsidiary** means, as of any date of determination, a subsidiary of the Company whose assets exceed ten percent (10%) of the Company's Consolidated Assets as of the date of such determination. However, the board of directors of the Company may declare any subsidiary of the Company to be a Material Subsidiary.

Person means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

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Principal Property means any manufacturing plant or warehouse, together with the land upon which it is erected and fixtures comprising a part thereof, owned by the Company or any Material Subsidiary and located in the United States, the gross book value of which on the date as of which the determination is being made is an amount which exceeds 2% of Consolidated Assets, but not including any property financed through the issuance of any tax exempt governmental obligation, or any such manufacturing plant or warehouse or any portion thereof or any such fixture (together with the land upon which it is erected and fixtures comprising a part thereof) which, in the opinion of the board of directors of the Company, is not of material importance to the total business conducted by the Company and its subsidiaries, considered as a single enterprise.

## **General Terms**

All of the debt securities:

will be our general obligations;

will rank equally with each other and all of our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt;  
and

will be guaranteed by the guarantees of each of the Guarantors, which guarantees will rank equally with each other in respect of the debt securities and in respect of all other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt of such Guarantors.

The indenture provides for the issuance of debt securities in one or more series. Each time that we issue a new series of debt securities, the prospectus supplement relating to that series will specify the particular terms of those debt securities. Those terms may include but are not limited to the following:

the designation, issue, date and authorized denominations of such debt securities;

the aggregate principal amount offered and any limit on any future issues of additional debt of the same series;

the price or prices at which such debt securities will be sold;

the date or dates on which such debt securities will mature, which may be fixed or extendible;

the rate or rates at which such debt securities will bear interest, which may be at a fixed or floating rate, if any;

the dates on which such interest, if any, will be payable;

the index or formula used to determine any payments to be made on the debt securities;

the terms of any mandatory or optional redemption, including pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions;

the date or dates, if any, on which, and the price or prices at which we are obligated, pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund or analogous provisions, to redeem, or at the option of the holders, to purchase, such series of debt securities and other related terms and provisions;

whether such debt securities are to be issued in the form of global securities and, if so, the identity of the depository with respect to such global securities; and

any other terms of such series.

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, debt securities will only be issued in fully registered form, without coupons. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the principal amount of the debt securities will be payable at the corporate trust office of the trustee in New York, New York. No service charge will be made on any security holder for any registration of transfer or exchange of debt securities, unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement for that series of debt securities; provided, however, that we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charges payable in connection therewith.

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### **Certificated Debt Securities**

Each debt security will be represented by either one or more global securities registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, as Depository (the Depository ), or a nominee of the Depository (we will refer to any debt security represented by a global debt security as a book-entry debt security ), or a certificate issued in definitive registered form (we will refer to any debt security represented by a certificated security as a certificated debt security ), as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Except as described under Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System below, book-entry debt securities will not be issuable in certificated form.

You may transfer or exchange certificated debt securities at the office or agency of the Company in accordance with the terms of the indenture. You may transfer certificated debt securities and the right to receive the principal of, premium and interest on certificated debt securities only by surrendering the old certificate representing those certificated debt securities, and we will execute, and the trustee will authenticate and deliver, a new certificate to the new holder.

### **Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System**

Each global debt security representing book-entry debt securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depository, and registered in the name of the Depository or a nominee of the Depository.

The Depository has indicated it intends to follow the following procedures with respect to book-entry debt securities.

Ownership of beneficial interests in book-entry debt securities will be limited to persons that have accounts with the Depository for the related global debt security ( participants ) or persons that may hold interests through participants. Upon the issuance of a global debt security, the Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the accounts of the participants with the respective principal amounts of the book-entry debt securities represented by the global debt security beneficially owned by such participants. The accounts to be credited will be designated by any dealers, underwriters or agents participating in the distribution of the book-entry debt securities. Ownership of book-entry debt securities will be shown on, and the transfer of the ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depository for the related global debt security (with respect to interests of participants) and on the records of participants (with respect to interests of persons holding through participants). The laws of some states may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in book-entry debt securities.

So long as the Depository for a global debt security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of that global debt security, the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the book-entry debt securities represented by such global debt security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as described herein, beneficial owners of book-entry debt securities will not be entitled to have securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of a certificate in definitive form representing securities and will not be considered the owners or holders of those securities under the indenture. Accordingly, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indenture, each person beneficially owning book-entry debt securities must rely on the procedures of the Depository for the related global debt security and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest. We understand, however, that under existing industry practice, the Depository will authorize the persons on whose behalf it holds a global debt security to exercise certain rights of holders of debt securities.

We will make payments of principal of, and premium and interest on book-entry debt securities to the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of the related global debt security. Neither we, the trustee nor any other agent of ours or agent of the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a global debt security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.



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We expect that the Depository, upon receipt of any payment of principal of, premium or interest on a global debt security, will immediately credit the accounts of the participants with payments in amounts proportionate to the respective amounts of book-entry debt securities held by each participant as shown on the records of the Depository. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in book-entry debt securities held through those participants will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of those participants.

We will issue certificated debt securities in exchange for each global debt security if the Depository is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as Depository or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a successor Depository registered as a clearing agency under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is not appointed by us within 90 days. In addition, we may at any time and in our sole discretion determine not to have any of the book-entry debt securities of any series represented by one or more global debt securities and, in that event, we will issue certificated debt securities in exchange for the global debt securities of that series. Any certificated debt securities issued in exchange for a global debt security will be registered in such name or names as the Depository will instruct the trustee. We expect that such instructions will be based upon directions received by the Depository from participants with respect to ownership of book-entry debt securities relating to such global debt security.

We have obtained the foregoing information in this section concerning the Depository and its book-entry system from sources we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

## **Defeasance**

The indenture provides that we (and to the extent applicable, the Guarantors), at our option:

will be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of any series of debt securities, except in each case for, among other things, the rights of holders of debt securities to receive, from a trust fund, payments in respect of such securities when such payments are due and certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities, replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities, maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust; or

will no longer be obligated to comply with the covenants described below under Limitation on Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance or Transfer and Certain Covenants of the Company, and the Event of Default described in the fourth bullet point under Events of Default; Notice and Waiver will no longer constitute an Event of Default with respect to such series of debt securities;

in each case, if (1) we deposit with the trustee, in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the holders of the debt securities of such series, money or the equivalent in securities of the U.S. government or government agencies backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, or a combination thereof, which through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof, to pay all the principal (including any mandatory sinking fund payments) and any premium of, interest on and any repurchase or redemption obligations with respect to such series on the dates such payments are due in accordance with the terms of such series and (2) no Event of Default (as defined below) or event (including such deposit) which with notice or lapse of time would become an Event of Default with

respect to the debt securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit.

To exercise any such option, we are required, among other things, to deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that:

the deposit and related defeasance would not cause the holders of such series to recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes and, in the case of securities being discharged pursuant to the

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first bullet point above, accompanied by a ruling, if then required, to such effect received from or published by the Internal Revenue Service; and

the creation of the defeasance trust would not violate the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. In addition, we are required to deliver to the trustee an officer's certificate stating that such deposit was not made by us with the intent of preferring the holders of the debt securities over other creditors of ours or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of us or others.

## **Events of Default; Notice and Waiver**

The indenture provides that if an Event of Default (as defined below) described in the first, second, third, fourth or seventh bullet point below occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities (and, in the case of an Event of Default described in the fourth or seventh bullet point below, such Event of Default is with respect to less than all series of debt securities then outstanding under the indenture), either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series under the indenture (each such series acting as a separate class) may declare the principal amount (or, if the debt securities of such series are original issue discount securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) of all the debt securities of such series, and all accrued interest thereon, to be due and payable immediately. The indenture also provides that if an Event of Default described in the fourth or seventh bullet point below occurs and is continuing and such Event of Default is with respect to all series of debt securities then outstanding under the indenture, either the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of all the outstanding debt securities under the indenture (treated as one class) may declare the principal amount (or, if any debt securities are original issue discount securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms thereof) of all the debt securities then outstanding, and all accrued interest thereon, to be due and payable immediately. The indenture also provides that if an Event of Default described in the fifth bullet point below occurs and is continuing, the principal of and any interest on the debt securities then outstanding shall become immediately due and payable.

Events of Default in respect of any series are defined in the indenture as being:

default in payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on debt securities of such series when due at their stated maturity and, in the case of technical or administrative difficulties, only if such default persists for a period of more than three Business Days;

default for 30 days in payment of any interest due with respect to such series;

default in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund or analogous obligation when due by the terms of such series and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days;

default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of the Company or any Guarantor in the indenture in respect of the debt securities of such series (other than a covenant or warranty a default in the performance of which, or the breach of which, would otherwise constitute an Event of Default) and continuance of such default or breach for 90 days after written notice to us (or, if applicable, to such

Guarantor) by the trustee or to us (or, if applicable, to such Guarantor) and the trustee by holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series;

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization with respect to us or any of our Material Subsidiaries or the entry of an order ordering the winding up or liquidation of our affairs or the affairs of any of our Material Subsidiaries that continues unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive days;

any guarantee by a Material Subsidiary ceases for any reason to be, or is asserted in writing by any such Material Subsidiary or the Company not to be, in full force and effect and enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent contemplated by the indenture and any such guarantee; or

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any other event of default provided in the supplemental indenture or board resolution under which such series of debt securities is issued or in the form of debt security for such series.

Any additions, deletions or other changes to the Events of Default that will be applicable to a series of debt securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of debt securities.

The indenture provides that the trustee will, within 90 days after the occurrence of a default with respect to the debt securities of any series, give to the holders of the debt securities of such series notice of all uncured and unwaived defaults known to it; provided, however, that except in the case of default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, on any of the debt securities of such series or in the payment of any sinking or purchase fund installment or analogous obligation relating to the debt securities of such series, the trustee will be protected in withholding such notice if it in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the holders of the debt securities of such series; and provided, further, that in the case of an Event of Default described in the fourth bullet point above, no such notice to the holders of the debt securities of such series shall be given until at least 90 days after the occurrence thereof. For the purpose of the trustee's duty to notify holders of defaults, the term "default" means any event that is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default with respect to debt securities of such series.

The trustee is entitled, subject to the duty of the trustee during an Event of Default to act with the required standard of care, to be indemnified to its satisfaction by the holders of the debt securities of such series before proceeding to exercise any right or power under the indenture at the request of holders of the debt securities of such series.

The indenture provides that the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting proceedings for remedies available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee in respect of such series, subject to certain exceptions.

In certain cases, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of such series, any past default with respect to the debt securities of such series except, among other things, a default not theretofore cured in payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, on any of the debt securities of such series or payment of any sinking or purchase fund or analogous obligation with respect to such debt securities.

The indenture provides that, so long as any debt securities remain outstanding under the indenture, we must deliver to the trustee an annual certificate of certain of our officers stating that to such officers' knowledge we have fulfilled our obligations under and complied with our covenants in the indenture, or else specifying any defaults and the nature and status thereof of which they have knowledge.

### **Limitation on Consolidation, Merger, Conveyance or Transfer**

The indenture provides that we shall not consolidate with or merge into any other Person or sell, lease, convey or transfer all or substantially all of our properties and assets to any Person, if upon any such consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or transfer we are not the surviving corporation, unless:

the Person formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or the Person that acquires by sale, lease, conveyance or transfer all or substantially all of our properties and assets will be organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or any state or the District of Columbia, and (if such Person is not the Company) will expressly assume, by supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the

trustee, in form reasonably satisfactory to the trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the debt securities and the performance of every covenant of the indenture (as supplemented from time to time) on our part to be performed or observed;

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immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event that, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an Event of Default, will have happened and be continuing; and

we have delivered to the trustee an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that such consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or transfer and such supplemental indenture comply with the applicable article of the indenture and that we have complied with all conditions precedent relating to such transaction.

In such event, we will be discharged from all obligations and covenants under the indenture and the debt securities, and may be liquidated and dissolved, and the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or to which such sale, lease, conveyance or transfer is made will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of ours under the indenture with the same effect as if such successor had been named as the Company in the indenture.

**Modification of the Indenture**

The Company, when authorized by a board resolution, and the trustee, at any time and from time to time, may, without the consent of the holders of the debt securities, enter into indentures supplemental to the indenture for, among others, one or more of the following purposes:

to evidence the succession of another Person to the Company or any Guarantor;

to add to our covenants, or the covenants of the Guarantors, or to surrender any of our rights or powers, or the rights or powers of the Guarantors, for the benefit of the holders of debt securities of any or all series;

to cure any ambiguity or correct any defect or inconsistency in the indenture; provided that any such supplemental indenture will not materially and adversely affect the interests of the holders of debt securities of any series;

with certain exceptions, to add to the indenture any provisions that may be expressly permitted by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended;

to establish the form of any debt security, to provide for the issuance and set forth the terms of any series of debt securities and/or to add to the rights of the holders of the debt securities of any series;

to evidence and provide for the acceptance of the appointment of any successor trustee;

to provide any additional Events of Default;

to provide for the issuance of debt securities in coupon or in fully registered form;

to secure any series of debt securities under the indenture's limitation on liens covenant or otherwise;

to evidence the addition of any subsidiary as a Guarantor or the release or discharge of any Guarantor and any of its obligations pursuant to the indenture;

subject to any limitations established with respect to a particular series of debt securities, to provide for the issuance of additional debt securities of any series;

to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of the indenture in respect of one or more series of debt securities; provided that any such addition, change or elimination (A) shall neither (i) apply to any debt security of any series created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor (ii) modify the rights of the holder of any such debt security with respect to such provision or (B) shall become effective only when there is no debt security described in clause (A)(i) outstanding; or



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to supplement any provisions of the indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the satisfaction, defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities pursuant to the indenture; provided that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of debt securities of such series or any other series of debt securities in any material respect.

The indenture contains provisions permitting the Company, when authorized by a board resolution, and the trustee, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series affected by such supplemental indenture, voting as a single class, to execute supplemental indentures for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing or eliminating any of the provisions of the indenture or modifying the rights of the holders of the debt securities of each such series under the indenture, except that no such supplemental indenture may, without the consent of each holder of each outstanding debt security affected by such supplemental indenture, among other things:

change the fixed maturity of any debt securities;

reduce the principal amount thereof;

reduce the interest thereon or change the method of computing the interest thereon on any date;

change the currency or place of any payment;

amend or modify the terms of any of the guarantee provisions of the indenture in a manner adverse to the rights of the holders of the outstanding debt securities of any series; or

reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series, the consent of whose holders is required for any such supplemental indenture.

**Certain Covenants of the Company**

***Limitation on Liens***

The indenture provides that the Company will not, and will not permit any Material Subsidiary to, incur, create, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable for any indebtedness for money borrowed that is secured by a lien on any Principal Property or on shares of stock or indebtedness of any Material Subsidiary without securing the debt securities equally and ratably with (or prior to) such indebtedness for so long as any such indebtedness is secured. Exceptions include, among others:

liens for taxes not yet due or being contested;

liens imposed by law, such as mechanics liens and other similar liens;

utility easements and such other encumbrances against real property not in any material way affecting the marketability or interfering with the use of the property involved;

liens existing as of the date of the indenture;

liens created by subsidiaries of the Company to secure indebtedness of such subsidiaries to the Company or to one or more other subsidiaries of the Company;

liens on property of a Person existing at the time it becomes a subsidiary of the Company, at the time such Person is merged or consolidated with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, or at the time of purchase, lease or acquisition of the property or equity interests of a Person as an entirety or substantially as an entirety by the Company or its subsidiaries;

liens on property existing at the time of acquisition of such property by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company;

liens to secure the payment of all or any part of the purchase price of property upon the acquisition of property by the Company or a subsidiary of the Company or to secure any indebtedness incurred or

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guaranteed prior to, at the time of, or within 12 months after, the later of the date of acquisition of such property and the date such property is placed in service, for the purpose of financing all of any part of the purchase price thereof;

liens to secure any indebtedness incurred or guaranteed for the purpose of financing all or any part of the construction or improvement of any property;

liens which arise in connection with the leasing of equipment in the ordinary course of business;

liens on shares of stock, indebtedness or other securities of a Person that is not the Company or a subsidiary of the Company;

liens in favor of the United States of America of any state thereof, any foreign country, or any department, agency or instrumentality of any such jurisdiction, or any other contracting party or customer, to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments pursuant to any contract or statute or to secure any indebtedness incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or the cost of construction or improvement of the property subject to such liens;

liens to extend, renew or replace any liens referred to above; and

other liens arising in connection with indebtedness or other obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries in an aggregate amount for us and our subsidiaries, together with all Attributable Debt with respect to sale and leaseback transactions involving Principal Properties (with the exception of the transactions that are excluded as described in *Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions* below), not exceeding at the time such lien is issued, created or assumed 10% of our Consolidated Assets.

***Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions***

The indenture provides that the Company will not, and will not permit any Material Subsidiary to, enter into any arrangement after the date of the first issuance by the Company of debt securities issued pursuant to the indenture with any bank, insurance company or other lender or investor providing for the leasing by the Company or any Material Subsidiary of any Principal Property that was or is owned or leased by the Company or a Material Subsidiary and that has been or is to be sold or transferred, more than 120 days after the completion of construction and commencement of full operation of such Principal Property by the Company or such Material Subsidiary, to such lender or investor or to any Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such lender or investor on the security of such Principal Property.

However, a sale and leaseback transaction of this kind will not be prohibited if:

Attributable Debt of the Company and its Material Subsidiaries in respect of the sale and leaseback transaction and all other sale and leaseback transactions entered into after the date when the Company first

issued securities pursuant to the indenture (other than any sale and leaseback transactions that are otherwise permitted or excepted), plus the aggregate principal amount of indebtedness secured by liens on Principal Properties then outstanding (excluding any indebtedness secured by liens that are otherwise permitted under the indenture) without equally and ratably securing the debt securities, would not exceed 10% of Consolidated Assets;

an amount equal to the greater of the net proceeds of the sale or transfer or the Attributable Debt with respect thereto is applied within 150 days to the voluntary retirement of debt securities of any series or other indebtedness of the Company (other than indebtedness subordinated to the debt securities) or indebtedness of a Material Subsidiary, for money borrowed, maturing more than 12 months after the voluntary retirement or which is extendible at the option of the obligor thereon to a date more than 12 months from the date of such application (and, unless otherwise expressly provided with respect to any one or more debt securities, any redemption of debt securities pursuant to this provision shall not be deemed to constitute a refunding operation or anticipated refunding operation for the purposes of any

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provision limiting the Company's right to redeem debt securities of any one or more such series when such redemption involves a refunding operation or anticipated refunding operation); provided that the amount to be so applied shall be reduced by (i) the principal amount of debt securities delivered within 150 days after such sale or transfer to the trustee for retirement and cancellation and (ii) the principal amount of any such indebtedness of the Company or a Material Subsidiary, other than the debt securities, voluntarily retired by the Company or a Material Subsidiary within 180 days after such sale or transfer;

the lease is for a period not exceeding three years and by the end of which it is intended that the use of such Principal Property by the lessee will be discontinued; or

the lease is with the Company or another Material Subsidiary.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Company or any Material Subsidiary is the lessee in any sale and leaseback transaction, Attributable Debt shall not include any indebtedness resulting from the guarantee by the Company or any other Material Subsidiary of the lessee's obligation thereunder.

## **Guarantees**

Each of the Guarantors, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, will fully, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guarantee to each holder of debt securities and to the trustee and its successors and assigns:

the full and punctual payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, by redemption or otherwise, and all other monetary obligations of ours under the indenture (including obligations to the trustee) and the debt securities; and

the full and punctual performance within applicable grace periods of all other obligations of ours under the indenture and the debt securities.

Such guarantees will constitute guarantees of payment, performance and compliance and not merely of collection.

The obligations of each Guarantor under the indenture will be unconditional irrespective of the absence or existence of any action to enforce the same, the recovery of any judgment against us or any other Guarantor (except to the extent such judgment is paid) or any waiver or amendment of the provisions of the indenture or the debt securities to the extent that any such action or similar action would otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a Guarantor (except that each such waiver or amendment will be effective in accordance with its terms).

The obligations of the Guarantors to make any payments may be satisfied by causing us to make such payments.

Each of the Guarantors further agrees to waive presentment to, demand of payment from and protest to the Company and also waives diligence, notice of acceptance of its guarantee, presentment, demand for payment, notice of protest for nonpayment, filing of claims with a court in the event of merger or bankruptcy of the Company and any right to require a proceeding first against us. These obligations will be unaffected by any failure or policy of the trustee to exercise any right under the indenture or under any series of debt securities.

If any holder of any debt security or the trustee is required by a court or otherwise to return to us, any Guarantor, or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to us or any Guarantor, any amount paid by any of them to the trustee or such holder, the guarantee of such Guarantor, to the extent discharged, will be reinstated in full force and effect.

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The indenture provides that the guarantee of each Guarantor is limited to the maximum amount that can be guaranteed by such Guarantor without rendering its guarantee voidable under applicable laws relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

In the event:

of a merger, consolidation or sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of a Guarantor (other than a merger or consolidation with, or sale or disposition of assets to, us or another of our subsidiaries); or

there occurs a transfer, sale or other disposition of the voting stock of a Guarantor whereby such Guarantor ceases to constitute a subsidiary of ours,

then in any such case such Guarantor or the entity acquiring the assets (in the event of the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of such Guarantor), will be released and relieved of any obligations under its guarantee. Upon our delivery to the trustee of an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel to the effect of the foregoing, such Guarantor will be discharged from all further liability and obligation under the indenture and the trustee will execute any documents reasonably required in order to evidence the release of such Guarantor from its obligations under its guarantee.

**Governing Law**

The indenture, the debt securities and the guarantees will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

**The Trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon is the trustee under the indenture. The trustee is a depository for funds and performs other services for, and transacts other banking business with, us in the normal course of business.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the offered securities through agents, through underwriters or dealers, directly to one or more purchasers or through a combination of any of these methods of sale. We will identify the specific plan of distribution, including any underwriters, dealers, agents or direct purchasers and their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the offered securities will be passed on for the Company and the Guarantors by Jenner & Block LLP.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of General Dynamics Corporation as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2017, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017 have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.



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