COMCAST CORP Form 424B2 August 02, 2017 Table of Contents

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Proposed		
Title Of Each Class Of	Maximum Aggregate		
		Aı	mount Of
Securities To Be Registered	Offering Price Registration Fee ⁽¹⁾		
3.150% Notes due 2028	\$ 1,650,000,000	\$	191,235
4.000% Notes due 2047	\$ 850,000,000	\$	98,515
Total	\$ 2,500,000,000	\$	289,750

⁽¹⁾ Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2) Registration No. 333-212719

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated July 28, 2016)

\$1,650,000,000 3.150% Notes due 2028 \$850,000,000 4.000% Notes due 2047

The Notes due 2028 will bear interest at a rate of 3.150% per year and will mature on February 15, 2028 and the Notes due 2047 will bear interest at a rate of 4.000% per year and will mature on August 15, 2047. We refer to the Notes due 2028 and the Notes due 2047 collectively as the notes. We will pay interest on the notes on February 15 and August 15 of each year, beginning February 15, 2018. We may redeem any of the notes at any time by paying the applicable Redemption Price described under the heading Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

The notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of our and our guarantors unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by our wholly-owned subsidiaries named in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus.

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. See $\,$ Item 1A $\,$ Risk Factors $\,$ beginning on page 25 of Comcast Corporation $\,$ s ($\,$ Comcast $\,$) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which is incorporated by reference herein.

			Proceeds to Us
		Underwriters	Before
	Price to Investors	Discount	Expenses
Per note due 2028 ⁽¹⁾	99.937%	0.400%	99.537%
Total	\$1,648,960,500	\$6,600,000	\$1,642,360,500
Per note due 2047 ⁽¹⁾	99.808%	0.750%	99.058%
Total	\$848,368,000	\$6,375,000	\$841,993,000

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from August 7, 2017, if settlement occurs after that date.

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

The notes will be ready for delivery only through The Depository Trust Company and its participants, including Euroclear SA/NV (Euroclear) and Clearstream Banking SA (Clearstream), in book-entry form on or about August 7, 2017, which is the fourth business day following the date of this prospectus supplement. See Underwriting.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Citigroup J.P. Morgan Mizuho Securities
Credit Suisse RBC Capital Markets SMBC Nikko

Co-Managers

BNP PARIBAS Barclays BofA Merrill Lynch Deutsche Bank Securities Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC **Morgan Stanley TD Securities** Wells Fargo Securities COMMERZBANK **DNB Markets** Allen & Company LLC **Evercore ISI PNC Capital Markets LLC US Bancorp ICBC Standard Bank** SOCIETE GENERALE Mischler Financial Group, Inc. Ramirez & Co., Inc. **Academy Securities Drexel Hamilton** CastleOak Securities, L.P. **Loop Capital Markets** Siebert Cisneros Shank & Co., L.L.C. The Williams Capital Group, L.P.

The date of this prospectus supplement is August 1, 2017.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Prospectus Supplement

Page

25

Where You Can Find More Information	ii
Prospectus Supplement Summary	S-1
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	S-4
Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends	S-5
<u>Description of the Notes</u>	S-6
Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences for Non-U.S. Holders	S-11
<u>Underwriting</u>	S-14
<u>Legal Matters</u>	S-20
<u>Experts</u>	S-20
Prospectus	
The Companies	1
Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements	3
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	5
<u>Dividend Policy</u>	5
Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges and of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Dividends	5
Description of Debt Securities and Guarantees	6
Global Securities	19
Description of Capital Stock	21
Plan of Distribution	23
Legal Matters	24
<u>Experts</u>	24
Available Information	24

Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference 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 and the accompanying prospectus or the free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, any related free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

i

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you directly to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement. In addition, information we file with the SEC in the future will automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement incorporates by reference the documents of Comcast and NBCUniversal Media, LLC (NBCUniversal) set forth below that we or NBCUniversal have previously filed with the SEC:

Comcast s and NBCUniversal s combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed on February 3, 2017.

Comcast s and NBCUniversal s combined Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2017 and June 30, 2017 filed on April 27, 2017 and July 27, 2017, respectively.

Comcast s Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments thereto filed on January 10, 2017, January 27, 2017, February 15, 2017, February 23, 2017, March 14, 2017, March 20, 2017, May 8, 2017 (other than Item 7.01 thereto), May 12, 2017 and June 13, 2017.

NBCUniversal s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 3, 2017.

The sections of Comcast s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders filed on April 28, 2017 and incorporated by reference in Comcast s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. We and NBCUniversal also incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus additional documents that we or NBCUniversal may file with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), until we sell all of the securities we are offering. Any statement contained in a previously filed document incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement is deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement, or in a subsequently filed document also incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes that statement. We will provide free copies of any of those documents, if you write or telephone us at: One Comcast Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2838, (215) 286-1700.

ii

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The Companies

Comcast Corporation

We are a global media and technology company with two primary businesses, Comcast Cable and NBCUniversal. We present our operations for Comcast Cable in one reportable business segment, referred to as Cable Communications, and our operations for NBCUniversal in four reportable business segments.

Cable Communications: Consists of the operations of Comcast Cable, which is one of the nation s largest providers of video, high-speed Internet, voice, and security and automation services to residential customers under the XFINITY brand; and we also provide these and other services to business customers and sell advertising.

Cable Networks: Consists primarily of our national cable networks, our regional sports and news networks, our international cable networks and our cable television studio production operations.

Broadcast Television: Consists primarily of the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, our NBC and Telemundo owned local broadcast television stations, the NBCUniverso national cable network and our broadcast television studio production operations.

Filmed Entertainment: Consists primarily of the operations of Universal Pictures, which produces, acquires, markets and distributes filmed entertainment worldwide; our films are also produced under the Illumination, Focus Features and DreamWorks Animation names.

Theme Parks: Consists primarily of our Universal theme parks in Orlando, Florida; Hollywood, California; and Osaka, Japan. The Cable Networks, Broadcast Television, Filmed Entertainment and Theme Parks segments comprise the NBCUniversal businesses and are collectively referred to as the NBCUniversal segments.

Our other business interests consist primarily of Comcast Spectacor, which owns the Philadelphia Flyers and the Wells Fargo Center arena in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and operates arena management-related businesses.

For a description of our business, financial condition, results of operations and other important information regarding us, see our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus. For instructions on how to find copies of these and our other filings incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, see Available Information in the accompanying prospectus.

Comcast s principal executive offices are located at One Comcast Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2838. Comcast s telephone number is (215) 286-1700. The address of our website is www.comcastcorporation.com. The information on, or accessible through, our website is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

The Guarantors

Our obligations, including the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by each of Comcast Cable Communications, LLC (Comcast Cable Communications) and NBCUniversal. In this prospectus supplement, we refer to these guaranters as the guarantees as the guarantees.

Table of Contents

The guarantees will not contain any restrictions on the ability of any guarantor to:

pay dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of that guarantor s capital stock; or

make any payment of principal, interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of that guarantor. Comcast Cable Communications principal place of business is One Comcast Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2838. NBCUniversal s principal executive offices are located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112-0015.

S-2

The Offering

Issuer Comcast Corporation.

Securities Offered \$1,650,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.150% Notes due 2028.

\$850,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.000% Notes due 2047.

Maturity The Notes due 2028 will mature on February 15, 2028.

The Notes due 2047 will mature on August 15, 2047.

Interest Interest on the Notes due 2028 will accrue at the rate of 3.150% per year, payable

semiannually in cash in arrears on February 15 and August 15, beginning February 15, 2018. Interest on the Notes due 2047 will accrue at the rate of 4.000% per year, payable semiannually in cash in arrears on February 15 and August 15, beginning February 15,

2018.

Ranking The notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of our and the guarantors

unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness.

Guarantors Comcast Cable Communications and NBCUniversal.

Guarantees The guaranters will fully and unconditionally guarantee the notes, including the payment

of principal, premium, if any, and interest. The guarantees will rank equally with all other

general unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the guarantors.

Optional Redemption We may, at our option, redeem any series of notes, in whole or in part, at any time at the

applicable Redemption Price determined as set forth under the heading Description of the

Notes Optional Redemption.

Use of Proceeds We intend to use the net proceeds from the offering, after deducting underwriters

discount and expenses, for working capital and general corporate purposes, which may include redemption or repayment of our 6.300% notes due November 15, 2017 (\$1 billion principal amount outstanding) and repayment of a portion of our outstanding commercial paper. As of August 1, 2017, our commercial paper had a weighted average annual interest rate of approximately 1.360% and a weighted average remaining maturity of

approximately 7 days.

Book-Entry

The notes will be issued in book-entry form and will be represented by global notes deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and registered in the name of DTC or its nominees. Beneficial interests in any of the notes will be shown on, and transfers will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee or indirectly through organizations that have accounts with DTC, including Euroclear and Clearstream, and these beneficial interests may not be exchanged for certificated notes, except in limited circumstances. See Description of the Notes Book-Entry System in this prospectus supplement.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the offering, after deducting underwriters discount and expenses, for working capital and general corporate purposes, which may include redemption or repayment of our 6.300% notes due November 15, 2017 (\$1 billion principal amount outstanding) and repayment of a portion of our outstanding commercial paper. As of August 1, 2017, our commercial paper had a weighted average annual interest rate of approximately 1.360% and a weighted average remaining maturity of approximately 7 days.

S-4

RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND OF EARNINGS TO

COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED DIVIDENDS

Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges and our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends were as follows for the respective periods indicated:

For the Six Months Ended June 30,	For the Years Ended December 31,				
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
5.42x	5.26x	5.48x	5.22x	4.85x	4.82x

We have no issued or outstanding Comcast preferred stock and, as a result, the ratio of earnings to fixed charges is the same as the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends. For purposes of calculating the ratios, earnings is the amount resulting from (1) adding (a) pretax income from continuing operations before adjustment for noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries or income or loss from equity investees, (b) fixed charges, (c) amortization of capitalized interest, (d) distributed income of equity investees and (e) our share of pretax losses of equity investees for which charges arising from guarantees are included in fixed charges and (2) subtracting (i) interest capitalized, (ii) preference security dividend requirements of consolidated subsidiaries and (iii) the noncontrolling interest in pretax income of subsidiaries that have not incurred fixed charges. Fixed charges is the sum of (w) interest expensed and capitalized, (x) amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness, (y) an estimate of the interest within rental expense and (z) preference security dividend requirements of our consolidated subsidiaries. Preference security dividend requirements are the amount of pretax earnings required to pay the dividends on outstanding preference securities. Interest associated with our uncertain tax positions is a component of income tax expense.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

We are offering \$1,650,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our 3.150% Notes due 2028 and \$850,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our 4.000% Notes due 2047. The Notes due 2028 and the Notes due 2047 will each be a separate series of securities issued under a senior indenture dated September 18, 2013, entered into among us, the guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended by the first supplemental indenture dated as of November 17, 2015, entered into among us, the guarantors, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (as amended, the indenture). The notes will be our direct unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Comcast Cable Communications and NBCUniversal, referred to as the guarantors, as described below. The terms of the notes include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The indenture provides that we will have the ability to issue securities with terms different from those of the notes. We also have the ability to reopen a series of these notes and issue additional notes of such series will be consolidated with and form a single series with the notes then outstanding of such series; provided that if such additional notes are not fungible with the notes of the applicable series offered hereby for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such additional notes will have one or more separate CUSIP numbers. Copies of the indenture and the form of notes are available from us upon request.

The following, along with the additional information contained in the accompanying prospectus under Description of Debt Securities and Guarantees, is a summary of the material provisions of the indenture, the notes and the guarantees. Because this is a summary, it may not contain all the information that is important to you. For further information, you should read the notes and the indenture.

Basic Terms of the Notes

The notes:

will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt and will be entitled to the benefits of the guarantees described below;

will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$2,500,000,000 comprised as follows:

\$1,650,000,000 initial aggregate principal amount of 3.150% Notes due 2028, maturing on February 15, 2028, with interest payable semiannually on each February 15 and August 15, beginning February 15, 2018, to holders of record on the preceding February 1 and August 1;

\$850,000,000 initial aggregate principal amount of 4.000% Notes due 2047, maturing on August 15, 2047, with interest payable semiannually on each February 15 and August 15, beginning February 15, 2018, to holders of record on the preceding February 1 and August 1; and

are issuable in fully registered form, in denominations of \$2,000 and in multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Interest Payments

Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Interest on the notes will accrue from (i) the earlier of August 7, 2017 and the date of original issuance or (ii) from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, and will be payable semiannually on interest payment dates described for each year.

If any interest payment date, maturity date or redemption date falls on a day that is not a business day, the payment will be made on the next business day with the same force and effect as if made on the relevant interest payment date, maturity date or redemption date, and no interest will accrue in respect of the delay.

For more information on payment and transfer procedures for the notes, see Book-Entry System below.

Guarantees

Our obligations, including the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by each of the guarantors as described in the accompanying prospectus.

The guarantees will not contain any restrictions on the ability of any guarantor to (i) pay dividends or distributions on, or redeem, purchase, acquire, or make a liquidation payment with respect to, any of that guarantor s capital stock or (ii) make any payment of principal, interest or premium, if any, on or repay, repurchase or redeem any debt securities of that guarantor.

Optional Redemption

We will have the right at our option to redeem any of the notes of each series in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time prior to their maturity, on at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, prior notice mailed to the registered address of each holder of notes, at the applicable Redemption Price.

Redemption Price means:

(a) with respect to the Notes due 2028, at any time prior to November 15, 2027 (three months prior to the maturity of the Notes due 2028) (the 2028 Par Call Date), the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of such notes and (ii) the sum of the present values of the principal amount of such notes and the scheduled payments of interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) from the redemption date to the 2028 Par Call Date, in each case discounted to the redemption date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 15 basis points; provided that, if the Notes due 2028 are redeemed on or after the 2028 Par Call Date, the Redemption Price will equal 100% of the principal amount of such notes; and

(b) with respect to the Notes due 2047, at any time prior to February 15, 2047 (six months prior to the maturity of the Notes due 2047) (the 2047 Par Call Date), the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of such notes and (ii) the sum of the present values of the principal amount of such notes and the scheduled payments of interest thereon (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) from the redemption date to the 2047 Par Call Date, in each case discounted to the redemption date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus 20 basis points; provided that, if the Notes due 2047 are redeemed on or after the 2047 Par Call Date, the Redemption Price will equal 100% of the principal amount of such notes,

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the date of redemption.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated (on a day count basis) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security or securities selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable to the remaining term of the notes to be redeemed calculated as if the maturity date of such series of notes were the applicable Par Call Date (the Remaining Life) 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 Life of such notes.

Independent Investment Banker means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by us.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Table of Contents

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Mizuho Securities USA LLC, or their affiliates which are primary United States government securities dealers, and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary United States government securities dealer in the United States (a Primary Treasury Dealer), we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

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

On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes or any portion of the notes called for redemption (unless we default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest). On or before the redemption date, we will deposit with the trustee money sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of and (unless the redemption date shall be an interest payment date) accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date on the notes to be redeemed on such date. If less than all of the notes of any series are to be redeemed, the notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the trustee by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate (provided that interests in notes represented by a Global Note will be selected for redemption by The Depository Trust Company in accordance with its standard procedures therefor). Additionally, we may at any time repurchase notes in the open market and may hold or surrender such notes to the trustee for cancellation.

No Mandatory Redemption or Sinking Fund

There will be no mandatory redemption prior to maturity or sinking fund payments for the notes.

Additional Debt

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt we may issue under the indenture or otherwise.

Book-Entry System

We will initially issue the notes in the form of one or more global notes (the Global Notes). The Global Notes will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company (DTC) and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee. Except as set forth below, the Global Notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to DTC or another nominee of DTC. A holder may hold beneficial interests in the Global Notes directly through DTC if such holder has an account with DTC or indirectly through organizations which have accounts with DTC, including Euroclear and Clearstream.

Holders may hold interests in the notes outside the United States through Euroclear or Clearstream if they are participants in those systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in those systems. Euroclear and Clearstream will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers securities accounts in Euroclear s and Clearstream s names on the books of their respective depositaries which in turn will hold such positions in customers securities accounts in the names of the nominees of the depositaries on the books of DTC. All securities in Euroclear or Clearstream are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts.

DTC

DTC has advised us as follows: DTC is a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities of institutions that have accounts with DTC (participants) and

Table of Contents

to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among its participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC s participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC s book-entry system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies (collectively, the indirect participants) that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, whether directly or indirectly.

We expect that pursuant to procedures established by DTC, upon the deposit of the Global Notes with DTC, DTC will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the principal amount of notes represented by such Global Notes to the accounts of participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be shown on and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to participants interests), the participants and the indirect participants (with respect to the owners of beneficial interests in the Global Note other than participants). All interests in a Global Note deposited with DTC are subject to the procedures and requirements of DTC.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such limits and laws may impair the ability to transfer or pledge beneficial interests in the Global Notes.

So long as DTC (or its nominee) is the registered holder and owner of a Global Note, DTC (or such nominee) will be considered the sole legal owner and holder of the notes evidenced by such Global Note for all purposes of such notes and the indenture. Except as set forth below under Certificated Notes, as an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note, you will not be entitled to have the notes represented by such Global Note registered in your name, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated notes and will not be considered to be the owner or holder of any notes under such Global Note. We understand that under existing industry practice, in the event an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note desires to take any action that DTC, as the holder of such Global Note, is entitled to take, DTC would authorize the participants to take such action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through such participants to take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

We will make payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes represented by the Global Notes registered in the name of and held by DTC or its nominee to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner and holder of the Global Notes.

We expect that DTC (or its nominee), upon receipt of any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Global Notes will credit the accounts of their relevant participants or account holders, as applicable, with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of the applicable Global Note as shown on the records of DTC (or its nominee). We also expect that payments by participants or indirect participants or account holders, as applicable, to owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes held through such participants or indirect participants or account holders will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of such participants or indirect participants or account holders, as applicable. We will not have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Global Notes for any notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests or for any other aspect of the relationship between DTC and its participants or indirect participants, or the relationship between such participants or indirect participants, and the owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes owning through such participants.

All amounts payable under the notes will be payable in U.S. dollars, except as may otherwise be agreed between any applicable securities clearing system and any holders. Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations (including any regulations of any applicable securities clearing system)

S-9

Table of Contents

applicable thereto. None of the trustee, us, the guarantors or any of our or their respective agents shall be liable to any holder of a Global Note or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith. Investors may be subject to foreign exchange risks that may have important economic and tax consequences to them.

Certificated Notes

Subject to certain conditions, the notes represented by the Global Notes are exchangeable for certificated notes in definitive form of like tenor in minimum denominations of \$2,000 principal amount and multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof if:

- (1) DTC provides notification that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for the Global Notes or DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor is not appointed within 90 days;
- (2) we in our discretion at any time determine not to have all the notes represented by the Global Notes; or
- (3) a default entitling the holders of the applicable notes to accelerate the maturity thereof has occurred and is continuing. Any note that is exchangeable as above is exchangeable for certificated notes issuable in authorized denominations and registered in such names as DTC shall direct. Subject to the foregoing, a Global Note is not exchangeable, except for a Global Note of the same aggregate denomination to be registered in the name of DTC (or its nominee).

Same-Day Payment

The indenture requires payments to be made in respect of the applicable notes represented by the Global Notes (including principal, premium and interest) by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the holder thereof or, if no such account is specified, by mailing a check to such holder s registered address.

Payments (including principal, premium and interest) and transfers with respect to notes in certificated form may be executed at the office or agency maintained for such purpose within the City and State of New York (initially the office of the paying agent maintained for such purpose) or, at our option, by check mailed to the holders thereof at the respective addresses set forth in the register of holders of the applicable notes, provided that all payments (including principal, premium and interest) on notes in certificated form, for which the holders thereof have given wire transfer instructions, will be required to be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the holders thereof. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer, but payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge payable in connection with that registration may be required.

S-10

MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following are the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of ownership and disposition of the notes. This discussion only applies to notes that meet all of the following conditions:

they are held by those initial holders who purchased such notes in this offering at the issue price, which will equal the first price to the public (not including bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers) at which a substantial amount of the applicable series of notes is sold for money; they are held as capital assets; and they are beneficially owned by Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below). This discussion does not describe all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to holders in light of their particular circumstances or to holders subject to special rules, such as: financial institutions; tax exempt entities; insurance companies; persons liable for the alternative minimum tax; dealers in securities or foreign currencies; U.S. expatriates; persons holding notes as part of a hedge, straddle or other integrated transaction; or partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

partnerships of other entities classified as partnerships for O.S. rederar income tax purposes.

If a partnership or other entity classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds the notes, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. A partner of a partnership holding the notes is urged to consult his or her tax advisor.

This summary is based on the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and final, temporary and proposed Treasury Regulations, changes to any of which subsequent to the date of this prospectus supplement may affect the tax consequences described herein, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary does not discuss any aspect of state, local, or non-U.S. taxation, or any U.S. federal tax considerations other than income taxation and does not discuss the potential application of the Medicare contribution tax under Section 1411 of the Code. Persons considering the purchase of notes are urged to consult their tax advisors with regard to the application of the U.S. federal tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any

state, local or foreign taxing jurisdiction.

As used herein, the term Non-U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of a note that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual who is not a U.S. citizen and who is classified as a nonresident for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

a foreign corporation; or

a foreign estate or trust.

Non-U.S. Holder does not include a holder who is an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition or a former citizen or former resident of the United States. Such a holder is urged to consult his or her tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the sale, exchange or other disposition of a note.

S-11

Payments on a Note

Subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and FATCA, payments of principal and interest on the notes by us or any paying agent to any Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax, provided that, in the case of interest not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States:

the holder does not own, actually or constructively, 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote and is not a controlled foreign corporation related, directly or indirectly, to us through stock ownership; and

the certification requirement described below has been fulfilled with respect to the beneficial owner, as discussed below. Interest on a note described above will not be exempt from withholding tax unless the beneficial owner of that note certifies on a properly executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as appropriate, under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person.

If a Non-U.S. Holder of a note is engaged in a trade or business in the United States, and if interest on the note is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business, the Non-U.S. Holder will generally not be subject to the withholding discussed in the preceding paragraphs if a properly executed, applicable Form W-8 (generally an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI) is provided to us. Such a Non-U.S. Holder will, however, generally be taxed on such interest in the same manner as a U.S. person, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. These holders are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to other U.S. tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of notes, including the possible imposition of an additional branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate).

Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Disposition of a Note

Subject to the discussions below concerning backup withholding and FATCA, a Non-U.S. Holder of a note will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of such note, unless the gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the holder of a trade or business in the United States.

If a Non-U.S. Holder of a note is engaged in a trade or business in the United States, and if gain realized by the Non-U.S. Holder on a sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of a note is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business, the Non-U.S. Holder will generally be taxed in the same manner as a U.S. person, subject to an applicable income tax treaty providing otherwise. These holders are urged to consult their tax advisors with respect to other U.S. tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of notes, including the possible imposition of an additional branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate).

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Information returns will be filed with the Internal Revenue Service in connection with interest payments on the notes. Unless a Non-U.S. Holder complies with certification procedures to establish that it is not a U.S. person, information returns may be filed with the Internal Revenue Service in connection wit