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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JANUARY 30, 2018.

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT TO PROSPECTUS DATED JANUARY 30, 2018.

\$

Oceaneering International, Inc.

% Senior Notes due 2028

We are offering \$ aggregate principal amount of our % senior notes due , 2028 (the notes). We will pay interest on the notes semi-annually on and of each year, commencing on , 2018. The notes will bear interest at a rate of % per annum. The notes will mature on , 2028. The notes will be unsecured and will rank equally with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

We may redeem all or part of the notes at any time prior to maturity at prices described under Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.

Investing in our notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement and on page 1 of the accompanying prospectus to read about factors you should consider before buying the notes.

Per Note

Total

| | | |
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| Public Offering Price(1) | % | \$ |
| Underwriting Discount | % | \$ |
| Proceeds to Oceaneering International, Inc. (before expenses) | % | \$ |

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from February , 2018, if delivery occurs after that date.
The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company against payment in New York, New York on or about February , 2018.

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 to which it relates is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Joint Book-Running Managers

**Credit Suisse
DNB Markets**

**Wells Fargo Securities
HSBC
Co-Managers**

**J.P. Morgan
BofA Merrill Lynch**

ABN AMRO

Standard Chartered Bank
The date of this prospectus supplement is January , 2018.

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We are providing information to you about this offering in two separate documents. The accompanying prospectus provides general information about us and the senior debt securities we may offer from time to time, some of which may not apply to this offering. This prospectus supplement describes the specific details regarding this offering. Additional information is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. If the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement varies in any way from the information contained or incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information contained or

incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. If the information contained in this prospectus supplement varies in any way from the information incorporated by reference herein, you should rely on the more recent document.

We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone else to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus or any free writing prospectus that we have prepared. 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. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer and sale thereof is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date shown in such documents or that the information contained in any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of such document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

You should not consider any information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to be investment, legal or tax advice. You should consult your own counsel, accountants and other advisers for legal, tax, business, financial and related advice regarding the purchase of our securities.

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AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). You can read and copy these materials at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can obtain information about the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-732-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains information we have filed electronically with the SEC, which you can access over the Internet at www.sec.gov. You can also obtain information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

Our website is located at www.oceaneering.com. Our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other filings with the SEC are available, free of charge, through our website, as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports or filings are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement we have filed with the SEC relating to the securities we may offer. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all the information we have included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits we have filed with the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement and exhibits for more information about us and the securities. The registration statement and exhibits are available at the SEC's public reference room or through its website.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we have filed with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained herein or in any earlier filed document incorporated by reference herein. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make 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") (other than information furnished and not filed with the SEC, unless we specifically provide that such furnished information is to be incorporated by reference), after the date of this prospectus supplement and until all of the notes offered hereby are sold. The documents we incorporate by reference are:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017; and

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 3, 2017, February 8, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 8.01), February 15, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 5.02), February 27, 2017, April 26, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 8.01), May 5, 2017, June 28, 2017 and July 26, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 8.01).

You may request a copy of these filings, other than an exhibit to these filings unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference into the filing, at no cost, by writing to or telephoning us at:

Oceaneering International, Inc.

11911 FM 529

Houston, Texas 77041

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (713) 329-4500

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may include projections and estimates concerning the timing and success of specific projects and our future orders, revenue, income and capital spending. Forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as estimate, plan, project, predict, believe, expect, anticipate, plan, forecast, budget, goal, may, should, or other words that convey the uncertainty events or outcomes. In particular, these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to, or statements that are subject to risks, contingencies or uncertainties that relate to:

future operating results or earnings (loss) per share, and the contributions from our segments to those results (including anticipated revenue, operating income and utilization information), as well as the items below the operating income line;

our business strategy;

demand growth and business activity levels;

our plans for future operations (including planned additions to and retirements from our remotely operated vehicle fleet, and other capital expenditures);

our expectations regarding the acquisition or disposition of assets;

our future cash flows;

the adequacy of our liquidity, cash flows and capital resources;

potential financing arrangements;

our expectations regarding shares repurchased under our share repurchase plan;

our future dividends;

the effectiveness of our derivative contracts in mitigating associated risks;

the impacts of the United States federal income tax reform legislation signed into law on December 22, 2017 (informally known as the U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act), as well as our anticipated tax rates and underlying assumptions;

backlog;

seasonality;

the implementation of new accounting standards and related policies, procedures and controls;

our expectations regarding the effect of inflation;

the potential effects of judicial or other proceedings on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows; and

industry conditions.

These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this prospectus supplement; we disclaim any obligation to update these statements unless required by securities law, and we caution you not to rely on them unduly. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and assumptions about future events. While our management considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and

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uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These risks, contingencies and uncertainties relate to, among other matters, the following:

worldwide demand for and prices of oil and gas;

changes in, or our ability to comply with, government regulations, including those relating to the environment;

the continued availability of qualified personnel;

general economic and business conditions and industry trends;

the volatility and uncertainties of credit markets;

the highly competitive nature of our businesses;

decisions about offshore developments to be made by oil and gas exploration, development and production companies;

cancellations of contracts, change orders and other contractual modifications and the resulting adjustments to our backlog;

collections from our customers;

the use of subsea completions and our ability to capture associated market share;

the strength of the industry segments in which we are involved;

the levels of oil and gas production to be processed by the Medusa field production spar platform;

our future financial performance, including availability, terms and deployment of capital;

the consequences of significant changes in currency exchange rates;

changes in tax laws, regulations and interpretation by taxing authorities;

our ability to obtain raw materials and parts on a timely basis and, in some cases, from limited sources;

operating risks normally incident to offshore exploration, development and production operations;

hurricanes and other adverse weather and sea conditions;

cost and time associated with drydocking of our vessels;

adverse outcomes from legal or regulatory proceedings;

the risks associated with integrating businesses we acquire;

rapid technological changes; and

social, political, military and economic situations in foreign countries where we do business and the possibilities of civil disturbances, war, other armed conflicts or terrorist attacks.

We believe the items we have outlined above are important factors that could cause estimates in our financial statements to differ materially from actual results and those expressed in a forward-looking statement made in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated herein by reference or elsewhere by us or on our behalf. We have discussed many of these factors in more detail elsewhere in the documents we have incorporated by reference. These factors are not necessarily all the factors that could affect us. Unpredictable or unanticipated factors we have not discussed in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus could also have material adverse effects on actual results of matters that are the subject of our forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update our description of important factors each time a potential important factor arises, except as required by applicable securities laws and regulations. We advise investors that they should (1) be aware that factors not referred to above could affect the accuracy of our forward-looking statements and (2) use caution and common sense when considering our forward-looking statements.

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SUMMARY

Our Company

Oceaneering International, Inc. is a global oilfield provider of engineered services and products, primarily to the offshore oil and gas industry, with a focus on deepwater applications. Oceaneering also serves the defense, aerospace and commercial theme park industries. Oceaneering was organized as a Delaware corporation in 1969 out of the combination of three diving service companies founded in the early 1960s. Since our establishment, we have concentrated on the development and marketing of underwater services and products to meet customer needs requiring the use of advanced deepwater technology. We believe we are one of the world's largest underwater services contractors. The services and products we provide to the oil and gas industry include remotely operated vehicles, specialty subsea hardware, engineering and project management, subsea intervention services, including manned diving, survey and positioning services and asset integrity and nondestructive testing services. Our foreign operations, principally in the North Sea, Africa, Brazil, Australia and Asia, accounted for approximately 57% of our revenue, or \$1.3 billion, for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Our principal executive offices are located at 11911 FM 529, Houston, Texas 77041 and our telephone number is (713) 329-4500.

In this prospectus supplement, we refer to Oceaneering International, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries as we, us or Oceaneering, unless we specifically state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise.

Our Business

Our business segments are contained within two businesses services and products provided to the oil and gas industry (Oilfield) and all other services and products (Advanced Technologies). Our four business segments within the Oilfield business are Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs), Subsea Products, Subsea Projects and Asset Integrity. We report our Advanced Technologies business as one segment.

Oilfield. The primary focus of our Oilfield business over the last several years has been toward increasing our asset base and capabilities for providing services and products for deepwater offshore operations and subsea completions. In more recent years, we have focused on increasing our service and product offerings toward our customers operating expenses.

During the past ten years, we have acquired businesses to expand and complement our service and product offerings. These include:

a Canadian manufacturer of clamp connectors, check valves and universal ball joints;

a Norwegian-based provider of inspection, maintenance, subsea engineering and field operations services, principally to the oil and gas industry;

a Norwegian rental provider of specialized subsea dredging equipment, including ROV-deployed units, to the offshore oil and gas industry;

a Norwegian oilfield technology company specializing in providing subsea tooling services and plugging, abandonment and decommissioning of offshore oil and gas production platforms and subsea wellheads;

a Norwegian design and fabrication company specializing in subsea tools for the offshore oil and gas industry;

a U.S.-based international provider of survey and positioning services;

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a business that uses ROVs to perform surveys on mobile offshore drilling units and floating production systems that satisfy the underwater inspection in lieu of drydocking (UWILD) requirements of all major classification societies; and

the assets of a provider of riserless light well intervention services.

ROVs. We provide ROVs, which are tethered submersible vehicles remotely operated from the surface, to customers in the oil and gas industry for drilling support and vessel-based services, including subsea hardware installation, construction, pipeline inspection, survey and facilities inspection, maintenance and repair. We design and build our new ROVs at in-house facilities, the largest of which is in Morgan City, LA. In 2016, we manufactured and added 6 ROVs to our fleet and retired 41. We added four new ROVs to our fleet during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and retired five, resulting in a total of 279 ROVs in our ROV fleet. Since 2014, we have decreased our ROV fleet size as a result of lower market demand.

Subsea Products. We manufacture or assemble a variety of specialty subsea oilfield products. These encompass production control umbilicals, tooling and subsea work systems, installation and workover control systems (IWOCS), and subsea hardware.

While most of our products are sold, we also rent tooling and provide IWOCS and subsea work systems as a service, including hydrate remediation, well stimulation, dredging and decommissioning.

To improve operational efficiency, in 2016 we reorganized our Subsea Products segment into two business units (1) manufactured products and (2) service and rental. Manufactured products include production control umbilicals and specialty subsea hardware, while service and rental includes tooling, subsea work systems and installation and workover control systems, which we design and build but operate as a service.

We provide various types of subsea umbilicals through our Umbilical Solutions division from plants in the United States, Scotland and Brazil. Offshore operators use umbilicals to control subsea wellhead hydrocarbon flow rates, monitor downhole and wellhead conditions and perform chemical injection. Subsea umbilicals are also used to provide power and fluids to other subsea processing hardware, including pumps and gas separation equipment. We continue to invest in our plants to meet the requirements of the deepwater operations of our customers.

Subsea Projects. Our Subsea Projects segment consists of our subsea installation, inspection, maintenance and repair services, principally in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and offshore Angola and India, utilizing a fleet of three owned and one chartered dynamically positioned deepwater vessels with integrated high-specification work-class ROVs onboard, and four owned shallow water diving vessels, spot-chartered vessels and other assets. All of our owned vessels are Jones Act-compliant. The dynamically positioned vessels are equipped with thrusters that allow them to maintain a constant position at a location without the use of anchors. They are used in the inspection, maintenance and repair of subsea facilities, pipeline or flowline tie-ins, pipeline crossings and installations. These vessels can carry and install equipment or umbilicals required to bring subsea well completions into production (tie-back to production facilities).

In 2015, we acquired C & C Technologies, Inc. (C&C) for approximately \$224 million. C&C is a global provider of ocean-bottom mapping services in deepwater utilizing customized autonomous underwater vehicles and provides marine construction surveys for both surface and subsea assets, as well as satellite-based positioning services for drilling rigs and seismic and construction vessels. C&C also provides land and near-shore survey services along the U.S. Gulf Coast and in Mexico, and performs shallow water conventional geophysical surveys in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

In 2016, we acquired the assets of Blue Ocean Technologies, LLC, a privately held provider of riserless light well intervention (RLWI) services. Subsea well intervention services are intended to maximize

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production and increase the recovery rate from offshore oil and gas reservoirs or, alternatively, prepare wells to be plugged and abandoned. These RLWI systems have the capability to perform a wide variety of cost-effective services for well interventions, including well diagnostics, damaged well remediation and workovers, and well plugging and abandonment.

Asset Integrity. Through our Asset Integrity division, we offer a wide range of asset integrity services to customers worldwide to help ensure the safety of their facilities onshore and offshore, while reducing their unplanned maintenance and repair costs. We also provide third-party inspections to satisfy contractual structural specifications, internal safety standards or regulatory requirements. We provide these services principally to customers in the oil and gas, petrochemical and power generation industries. In the U.K., we provide Independent Inspection Authority services for the oil and gas industry, which includes first-pass integrity evaluation and assessment and nondestructive testing services. We use a variety of technologies to perform pipeline inspections, both onshore and offshore.

In December 2011, we purchased a Norwegian-based provider of inspection, maintenance, subsea engineering and field operations services, principally to the oil and gas industry.

Advanced Technologies. Our Advanced Technologies business provides engineering services and products principally to the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA and its contractors, and the commercial theme park industry. We work with our customers to understand their specialized requirements, identify and mitigate risks, and provide them value-added, maintainable, safe and certified solutions. The U.S. Navy is our largest customer in this segment, for whom we perform work primarily on surface ships and submarines. We provide support for the U.S. Navy, including underwater operations, data analysis, development of ocean-related computer software, and the design and development of new underwater tools and systems. We also install and maintain mechanical systems for the Navy's submarines, surface ships, offshore structures and moorings. We provide services and products to NASA and aerospace contractors. Our U.S. Navy and NASA-related activities substantially depend on continued government funding.

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THE OFFERING

The following summary describes the principal terms of the notes. It does not contain all the information that may be important to you and some of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. For a more complete understanding of the notes, please refer to the section of this prospectus supplement entitled "Description of the Notes" and to the section entitled "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus.

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| Issuer | Oceaneering International, Inc. |
| Notes Offered | \$ principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2028, which we refer to as the notes. |
| Maturity Date | , 2028. |
| Interest Rate and Payment Dates | % per annum; payable semi-annually on and , commencing on , 2018. |
| Ranking | <p>The notes will rank equally with all of Oceaneering's existing and future unsecured, unsubordinated debt and senior to any of our future subordinated debt. The notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries.</p> <p>As of September 30, 2017, we had no secured indebtedness but had other outstanding unsecured indebtedness in the principal amount of \$800 million.</p> |
| Optional Redemption | <p>We may redeem all or part of the notes at any time prior to maturity. If the relevant redemption date occurs prior to , (three months prior to maturity), the redemption price payable will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest up to but not including the redemption date plus a make-whole premium. If the relevant redemption date occurs on or after , (three months prior to maturity), the redemption price payable will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest up to but not including the redemption date (with no make-whole premium). See "Description of the Notes" Optional Redemption.</p> |

Change of Control Repurchase Offer

If we experience a Change in Control Repurchase Event (as defined in Description of the Notes Change of Control Repurchase Offer), we will be required, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes, to make an offer to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of repurchase. See Description of the Notes Change of Control Repurchase Offer.

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Certain Covenants

The indenture relating to the notes contains limitations on our ability to incur debt secured by specified liens, enter into sale and leaseback transactions and to engage in specified merger, consolidation or reorganization transactions.

No Listing of the Notes; Absence of an Established Market

We do not intend to apply to list the notes on any securities exchange or include them in any automated quotation system. The notes are a new issue of securities and currently there is no market for them. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market for the 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.

Additional Notes

We may, from time to time, without giving notice to or seeking the consent of the existing holders of the notes, issue additional notes having the same ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms as notes issued in this offering, except for the issue date, public offering price and, if applicable, the date from which interest will accrue. Any additional notes having such similar terms together with the previously issued notes will constitute a single series of debt securities under the indenture.

Use of Proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses, will be approximately \$ million. We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding term loan indebtedness and to provide funds for general corporate purposes. Pending application of the net proceeds from the sale of the notes, we intend to invest such proceeds in short-term, liquid investments. See Use of Proceeds.

Form of the Notes

The notes will be evidenced by one or more global notes deposited with the trustee as custodian for The Depository Trust Company (DTC). The global notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as DTC 's nominee.

Risk Factors

An investment in the notes involves certain risks. You should carefully consider the risks referred to or described under Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement, as well as other information included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including our financial statements and the notes thereto, before making an investment decision.

Governing Law

State of New York.

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Conflicts of Interest

Because we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding term loan indebtedness owed to the underwriters and certain affiliates of the underwriters who are lenders under our credit agreement as described under Use of Proceeds, there is a conflict of interest as that term is defined in the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA). Accordingly, this offering is being made in compliance with the applicable requirements of FINRA Rule 5121. Under FINRA Rule 5121, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering, because the offering is of a class of securities that are rated investment grade, as defined in FINRA Rule 5121. No underwriter with a conflict of interest will confirm sales to any account over which it exercises discretionary authority without the specific prior written approval of the account holder.

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RISK FACTORS

In considering whether to purchase the notes, you should consider carefully the following matters and those described under Risk Factors in the accompanying prospectus, in addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Risks Related to Our Company

Investment in the notes involves various risks. In making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described under the heading Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 that is incorporated herein by reference and any future filings made by us pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of this offering as well as the risk factors below.

Our tax position may be affected by recent changes in U.S. tax law relating to multinational corporations.

The recently enacted tax reform legislation, informally known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the Act), made substantial changes in the taxation of U.S. and multinational corporations, which, among other things, significantly reduced the statutory corporate U.S. federal income tax rate, imposed limitations on the ability of corporations to deduct interest expense, and made changes to the way a U.S. multinational's foreign operations are taxed, including a one-time mandatory tax on deferred foreign earnings and the imposition of the base erosion anti-abuse tax. The provisions of the Act are complex and likely will be the subject of regulatory and administrative guidance. We are currently evaluating the impact of the changes made by the Act on our business.

Risks Related to the Notes

The notes are exclusively obligations of Oceaneering International, Inc. and not of its subsidiaries, and payments to holders of the notes will be effectively subordinated to the claims of such subsidiaries' creditors.

The notes are exclusively obligations of Oceaneering International, Inc. and not our subsidiaries. We conduct a substantial part of our operations through our subsidiaries, and our subsidiaries generate a significant part of our operating income and cash flow. As a result, our cash flow and ability to service our debt, including the notes, are dependent upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and on the distribution of earnings, loans or other payments by such subsidiaries to us. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due on the notes or to make funds available to them to do so. In addition, contractual provisions or laws, as well as our subsidiaries' financial condition and operating requirements, may limit our ability to obtain from our subsidiaries cash that we need to pay our debt service obligations, including payments on the notes. Further, holders of the notes will have a position junior to the claims of creditors of our subsidiaries on their assets and earnings. Oceaneering International, Inc. and its subsidiaries will be permitted under the terms of the indenture governing the notes to incur additional indebtedness or otherwise enter into agreements that may restrict or prohibit our subsidiaries from the making of distributions, the payment of dividends or the making of loans to us. We cannot assure you that the agreements governing the current and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries and our subsidiaries' other agreements will permit such subsidiaries to provide us with sufficient dividends, distributions or loans to fund payments on the notes when due. In addition, the indenture allows us to create new subsidiaries and invest in such subsidiaries, all of whose assets you will not have any claim against. As of September 30, 2017, our subsidiaries had no outstanding indebtedness.

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Payments on the notes will be effectively subordinated to claims of any secured creditors.

The notes represent unsecured obligations of Oceaneering International, Inc. Accordingly, any secured creditor of Oceaneering International, Inc. will have claims that are superior to your claims as holders of the notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing that other indebtedness. In the event of any distribution or payment of our assets in any foreclosure, dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization, bankruptcy or similar proceeding, our secured creditors will have a superior claim to their respective collateral. If any of the foregoing events occur, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the notes. Holders of the notes will participate ratably with all holders of our unsecured senior indebtedness and with all of our other general senior creditors, based upon the respective amounts owed to each holder or creditor, in our remaining assets. As a result, holders of notes may receive less, ratably, than our secured creditors. The terms of the indenture limit our ability to create, assume or allow to exist any debt secured by a lien upon certain properties. However, these limitations are subject to numerous exceptions. See [Description of the Notes](#) [Certain Covenants](#). As of September 30, 2017, we had no outstanding secured debt and we had unsecured indebtedness in the principal amount of \$800 million.

No market currently exists for the notes, and an active trading market for the notes may not develop or if developed, be maintained.

The notes comprise a new issue of securities for which there is currently no public market. If the notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial public offering price, depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, the interest of securities dealers in making a market and the number of available buyers, our performance and financial condition and other factors. We do not intend to apply for a listing of the notes on any national securities exchange or any automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes after the offering is completed. However, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making with respect to the notes without notice. To the extent that an active trading market for the notes does not develop, the liquidity and trading prices for the notes may be harmed. Thus, you may not be able to liquidate your investment rapidly or at all.

We could enter into various transactions that could increase the amount of our outstanding debt, adversely affect our capital structure or credit ratings or otherwise adversely affect holders of the notes.

The terms of the notes do not prevent us from incurring indebtedness, paying dividends and other distributions, repurchasing securities or entering into a variety of acquisition, change-of-control, refinancing, recapitalization or other highly leveraged transactions. As a result, we could enter into a variety of transactions that could increase the total amount of our outstanding indebtedness, adversely affect our capital structure or credit ratings or otherwise adversely affect the holders of the notes. Also, we cannot assure you that our credit ratings will not be downgraded in the future. A negative change in our credit ratings could have an adverse effect on the trading price of the notes.

We may not be able to purchase your notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event (as defined in [Description of the Notes](#) [Change of Control Repurchase Offer](#)), we will be required to offer to purchase each holder's notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of repurchase. We may not have sufficient financial resources to purchase all of the notes that holders tender to us upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event. The occurrence of a Change of Control could also constitute an event of default under any of our other debt agreements. In addition, even if sufficient funds were otherwise available, the terms of our credit agreement or other indebtedness may prohibit us from prepaying the notes before their scheduled maturity. Consequently, if we are not able to prepay the outstanding debt under our credit

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agreement or other indebtedness containing such restrictions or obtain requisite consents, we will be unable to fulfill our repurchase obligations, resulting in a default under the indenture.

See Description of the Notes Change of Control Repurchase Offer.

To service our indebtedness, we will use a substantial amount of cash. Our ability to generate cash to service our indebtedness depends on many factors beyond our control.

Our ability to make payments on our indebtedness, including the notes, and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This ability, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that cash flow generated from our business and future borrowings under our credit facility will be sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, including the notes, and to fund our other liquidity needs.

Redemption may adversely affect your return on the notes.

The notes are redeemable at any time at our option, and therefore we may choose to redeem some or all of the notes, including at times when prevailing interest rates are relatively low. As a result, you may not be able to reinvest the proceeds you receive from the redemption in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on your notes being redeemed.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds to Oceaneering from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses, are estimated to be approximately \$ million. We expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the notes in this offering to repay outstanding term loan indebtedness and to provide funds for general corporate purposes. Pending application of the net proceeds from the sale of the notes, we intend to invest such proceeds in short-term, liquid investments.

The outstanding term loan indebtedness under our credit agreement, which was \$300 million in aggregate principal amount as of January 30, 2018, currently bears interest at a rate of 3.07% per annum. The term loan facility is scheduled to mature in October 2019.

Each of the underwriters or certain affiliates of the underwriters are lenders under our credit agreement. Accordingly, they will receive a portion of the proceeds of this offering, to the extent we use such proceeds to repay our outstanding term loan indebtedness under our credit agreement. See Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest).

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Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated, in each case determined on a total enterprise basis, is as follows:

| | Nine Months Ended | | Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | September 30, | | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | 2017 | 2016 | | | | |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | * | 1.47x | 4.25x | 7.87x | 9.28x | 11.74x |

* Our earnings were insufficient to cover our fixed charges by approximately \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are divided by fixed charges. Earnings consist of pre-tax income from continuing operations before provision for noncontrolling interest, interest expense and our portion of rents representative of the interest factor. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized and our portion of rents representative of the interest factor.

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The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of September 30, 2017, on an actual historical basis and on an as-adjusted basis to give effect to the completion of this offering and the initial application of the net proceeds of this offering as described under Use of Proceeds.

You should read this table in conjunction with the sections entitled Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 and our consolidated financial statements and related notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

| | September 30, 2017 | |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | Actual | As adjusted |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 472,381 | \$ |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ | \$ |
| Long-term debt: | | |
| Term Loan Facility | 300,000 | |
| Revolving Credit Facility(1) | | |
| 4.650% Senior Notes due 2024 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Issuance costs, net of amortization | (4,870) | (4,870) |
| Fair value of interest rate swaps on \$200 million of principal Notes offered hereby | 675 | 675 |
| Total long-term debt (excluding current portion) | 795,805 | |
| Total equity | 1,499,958 | 1,499,958 |
| Total capitalization | \$ 2,295,763 | \$ |

(1) As of January 30, 2018, we had no outstanding borrowings and \$500 million available to borrow under our revolving credit facility.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

The notes will be issued under an indenture, dated November 21, 2014, between Oceaneering and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture dated as of the closing date of this offering. We have summarized selected portions of the indenture, the supplemental indenture and the notes below. This summary is not complete and is subject to, and qualified by reference to, all of the provisions of the indenture, the supplemental indenture and the notes. We urge you to read the indenture, the supplemental indenture and the notes, because these documents define your rights as holders of the notes. In this Description of the Notes, all references to Oceaneering, we or us mean Oceaneering International, Inc. only, unless we state otherwise or the context clearly indicates otherwise.

General

The notes will constitute a single series of senior debt securities under the indenture. The principal amount of the notes will be initially limited to \$. We may, from time to time, without giving notice to or seeking the consent of the existing holders of the notes, issue additional notes having the same ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms as notes issued in this offering, except for the issue date, public offering price and, if applicable, the date from which interest will accrue. Any additional notes having such similar terms together with the previously issued notes will constitute a single series of debt securities under the indenture. We may also from time to time repurchase the notes in open market purchases, by tender offer or in negotiated transactions without prior notice to holders.

The notes will mature on , 2028 and will bear interest at the rate of % per annum. Interest on the notes will accrue from February , 2018. Interest on the notes will be paid semi-annually on and , commencing , 2018, to the holders of record at the close of business on the and immediately preceding the applicable interest payment date. Interest on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

If any interest payment date, redemption date or the maturity date of the notes is not a business day at any place of payment, then payment of the principal, premium, if any, and interest may be made on the next business day at that place of payment. In that case, no interest will accrue on the amount payable for the period from and after the applicable interest payment date, redemption date or maturity date, as the case may be.

Principal is payable, and notes may be presented for registration of transfer and exchange, without service charge, at our office or agency in New York, New York or Dallas, Texas, which is initially the office or agency of the trustee in New York, New York or Dallas, Texas. See Global Notes: Book-Entry Form.

The indenture will not contain any financial covenants or any restrictions on the payment of dividends, the making of investments, the incurrence of indebtedness, the granting of liens or mortgages, or the issuance, redemption or repurchase of securities by us, other than as described below under Certain Covenants. The indenture will not contain any covenants or other provisions to protect holders of the notes in the event of a highly leveraged transaction or a fundamental change, other than as discussed below under Change of Control Repurchase Offer. The notes will not be obligations of, or guaranteed by, any of our existing or future subsidiaries.

The notes will not be subject to a sinking fund provision.

Ranking and Additional Debt

The notes will be our general unsecured obligations and will rank:

senior in right of payment to any of our indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes;

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equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not so subordinated; and

effectively junior to any of our secured indebtedness, to the extent of the assets securing such indebtedness, and will be structurally subordinated to all secured and unsecured liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt that we or any of our subsidiaries may incur or issue, nor does it restrict transactions between us and our affiliates or dividends and other distributions by us or our subsidiaries. We may issue debt securities under the indenture from time to time in the same or separate series, each up to the aggregate amount we authorize from time to time for that series. As of September 30, 2017, we had no secured indebtedness, no indebtedness expressly subordinated to the notes and unsecured indebtedness in the principal amount of \$800 million.

Optional Redemption

The notes will be redeemable at our option, at any time or from time to time, in whole or in part, on any date prior to maturity in minimum principal amounts of \$2,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. If the relevant redemption date occurs prior to _____, _____ (three months prior to maturity), the redemption price payable will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to but not including the redemption date plus a make-whole premium. If the relevant redemption date occurs on or after _____, _____ (three months prior to maturity), the redemption price payable will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to but not including the redemption date (with no make-whole premium). Accrued and unpaid interest payable as part of any redemption price will exclude any interest that is payable in respect of a record date that occurs on or prior to the redemption date (and any such interest will instead be payable to holders of record on the applicable record date). The redemption price will never be less than 100% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.

The amount of the make-whole premium with respect to any note (or portion of a note) to be redeemed (if applicable) will be equal to the excess, if any, of:

(i) the sum of the present values, calculated as of the redemption date, of:

(a) the remaining scheduled payments of interest on the notes to be redeemed that would be due after the related redemption date but for such redemption (except that, if such redemption date is not an interest payment date, the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued thereon to the redemption date), and

(b) the principal amount that, but for the redemption, would have been payable at the final maturity of the note (or its portion) being redeemed;

over

(ii) the principal amount of the note (or its portion) being redeemed.

The present values of interest and principal payments referred to in clause (i) above will be determined in accordance with generally accepted principles of financial analysis. Those present values will be calculated by discounting the amount of each payment of interest or principal from the date that each payment would have been payable, but for the redemption, to the redemption date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus _____ basis points.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity (computed by us as of the second business day immediately preceding such

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redemption date) 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 selected by an Independent Investment Banker 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 the notes.

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

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

Reference Treasury Dealer means Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and their successors and two other nationally recognized investment banking firms that are Primary Treasury Dealers (defined below) specified from time to time by us, except that if any of the foregoing ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a **Primary Treasury Dealer**), we are required to designate as a substitute another nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a Primary Treasury Dealer.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations 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 as of 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

On and after any redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes called for redemption. Prior to any redemption date, we are required to deposit with a paying agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of the notes to be redeemed on such date. If we are redeeming less than all the notes, the trustee under the indenture must select the notes to be redeemed on pro rata basis (or, in the case of notes represented by global securities, in accordance with DTC's applicable procedures).

We will send a notice of redemption at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed. The trustee may select for redemption notes and portions of notes in minimum principal amounts of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

For the avoidance of doubt, the trustee will have no obligation to determine or calculate any rate, price or amount in respect of any optional redemption under the indenture.

Change of Control Repurchase Offer

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, unless we have exercised our right to redeem all of the notes as described above, we will be required to make an offer to each holder of notes to repurchase all or, at the election of the holder, any part (in minimum principal amounts of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that holder's notes at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes to be repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the notes repurchased to, but excluding, the date of purchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, we will give notice to each holder, with a copy to the trustee, in the

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transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase notes on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is given. The notice shall, if given prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice. We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the notes by virtue of such conflict.

On the Change of Control Repurchase Event payment date, we will, to the extent lawful:

accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to our offer (in principal amounts of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof);

deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered and not withdrawn; and

deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes properly accepted, together with an officer's certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes being purchased by us.

The paying agent will promptly mail to each holder of notes properly tendered the purchase price for the notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any notes surrendered; provided that each new note will be in a minimum principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

We will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and such third party purchases all notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

The provisions of the indenture will not afford holders of notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction affecting Oceaneering that may adversely affect holders of notes, if such transaction is not the type of transaction included within the definition of Change of Control. A transaction involving the management of Oceaneering or its affiliates, or a transaction involving a recapitalization of Oceaneering, will result in a Change of Control only if it is the type of transaction specified in such definition. The definition of Change of Control may be amended or modified with the written consent of a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding notes. See "Description of Debt Securities Modification and Waiver" in the accompanying prospectus.

In addition, an offer to repurchase may be made in advance of a Change of Control Repurchase Event, conditional upon such Change of Control Repurchase Event, after the public announcement of the Change of Control.

The foregoing provisions of the notes use the following defined terms.

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

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possible downgrade by either of the Rating Agencies); provided that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event hereunder) if any of the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply does not announce or publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (i) the consummation of the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and those of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than us or one or more of our wholly owned subsidiaries;
- (ii) the adoption of a plan relating to our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution of the Company; or
- (iii) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of our Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction effected to create a holding company for us will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (i) pursuant to such transaction we become a wholly owned subsidiary of such holding company and (ii) the holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following consummation of such transaction are the same as the holders of our Voting Stock immediately prior to consummation of such transaction.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and those of our subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of notes to require us to repurchase notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to another person or group may be uncertain.

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

Investment Grade means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody's) and BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) (or, in each case, if such Rating Agency ceases to rate the notes or fails to make a rating of the notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Rating Agency selected by us as a replacement Rating Agency).

Moody's means Moody's Investors Services, Inc. and any successor to its rating agency business.

Rating Agency means (i) each of Moody's and S&P and (ii) if either of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the notes or fails to make a rating of the notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act selected by us as a replacement agency for Moody's or S&P, or both, as the case may be.

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S&P means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and any successor to its rating agency business.

Voting Stock of a person means all classes of capital stock of such person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote generally in the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions).

Certain Covenants

Limitation on Liens

In the supplemental indenture, we have agreed that Oceaneering will not, and will not permit any of its subsidiaries to, incur, issue, assume or guarantee any notes, bonds, debentures or other similar evidences of indebtedness for money borrowed, secured by a lien on any restricted property, or on capital stock of a restricted subsidiary, without effectively providing, concurrently with the incurrence, issuance, assumption or guarantee of such secured indebtedness, that the notes (together with, if Oceaneering shall so determine, any of its other indebtedness or the indebtedness of any such restricted subsidiary then existing or thereafter created ranking on a parity with the notes) shall be secured equally and ratably with (or prior to) such secured indebtedness. This covenant has exceptions that permit:

- (1) liens existing on the date of original issuance of the notes;
- (2) liens on property or assets of, or on any shares of stock, ownership interests in or indebtedness of (and any additions thereto, proceeds thereof and property in replacement or substitution thereof), any person existing at the time such person becomes a subsidiary (including a restricted subsidiary) of Oceaneering;
- (3) liens on property or assets (and any additions thereto, proceeds thereof and property in replacement or substitution thereof) existing at the time of acquisition thereof (including acquisition through merger or consolidation) or to secure the payment of all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction, development, expansion or improvement thereof or to secure any indebtedness incurred prior to, at the time of, or within 12 months after, the acquisition or completion of construction, development, expansion or improvement of such property or assets or its commencement of commercial operations for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction, development, expansion or improvement thereof;
- (4) liens in favor of Oceaneering or any subsidiary of Oceaneering;
- (5) liens on any current assets that secure current liabilities;
- (6) liens in favor of the United States of America or any other sovereign entity, or any state, province or other political subdivision thereof, or any entity, department, agency, instrumentality or comparable authority thereof, to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments or

performance pursuant to the provisions of any contract, statute, law, rule or regulation;

- (7) liens to secure any indebtedness incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or the cost of constructing, developing, repairing or improving the property subject to such liens, including without limitation, liens to secure indebtedness of the pollution control or industrial revenue bond type;
- (8) liens to secure indebtedness issued or guaranteed by the United States, any state thereof, any foreign country or any department, agency or instrumentality of any such jurisdiction;
- (9) Permitted Liens; and
- (10) any extension, renewal or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements), as a whole or in part, of any lien referred to in the foregoing clauses, inclusive; provided, that such extension, renewal or replacement lien shall be limited to all or a part of the same property or assets (and any additions thereto, proceeds thereof and property in replacement or substitution thereof) that secured the lien extended, renewed or replaced, plus improvements on such property or assets.

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In addition, without securing the notes as described above, Oceaneering and its subsidiaries may create, assume or allow to exist secured debt that would otherwise be prohibited, in an aggregate amount that does not exceed a basket (reduced by the then outstanding Attributable Debt related to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction (as defined below) as to which the requirements in clauses (2)(i) through (2)(iii) of the first paragraph of Restrictions on Sale and Leaseback Transactions below have not been complied with) equal to 15% of our consolidated net tangible assets. When determining whether secured debt is permitted by this exception, Oceaneering and its subsidiaries must include in the calculation of the basket amount all of our other secured debt that would otherwise be prohibited.

The foregoing covenant description and the related provisions of the indenture use the following defined terms.

capital stock means, with respect to any person, any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase (other than convertible or exchangeable indebtedness), warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests (however designated) in equity issued by that person.

consolidated net tangible assets means, as of any date of determination, the total amount of assets after deducting therefrom:

- (i) all current liabilities, excluding any thereof which are by their terms extendible or renewable at the option of the obligor thereon to a time more than 12 months after the time as of which the amount thereof is being computed; and
- (ii) unamortized debt discount and expense, goodwill, trademarks, brand names, patents and other intangible assets, all as shown on the latest consolidated balance sheet of Oceaneering and its subsidiaries at the time of the determination and computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

lien means and includes any lien, pledge, mortgage, security interest, conditional sale or other title retention agreement or other similar encumbrance.

Permitted Liens means:

any statutory or governmental lien or a lien arising by operation of law, or any mechanics, repairman's, materialman's, supplier's, carrier's, landlord's, warehouseman's, maritime or similar lien incurred in the ordinary course of business which is not yet due or is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and any undetermined lien that is incidental to construction, development, improvement or repair;

banker's liens, rights of set-off or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts or other funds maintained with a creditor depository institution and arising in the ordinary course of business;

liens securing forward contracts, futures contracts, swap agreements or other commodities contracts in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with established risk management policies;

the right reserved to, or vested in, any municipality or public authority by the terms of any right, power, franchise, license or permit or by any provision of law to purchase or to recapture, or to designate a purchaser of, any property;

liens for taxes and assessments that are not at the time delinquent or are delinquent but the validity of which are being contested at the time by us or any of our subsidiaries in good faith;

liens on, or to secure the performance of, leases and charters arising in the ordinary course of business;

liens upon, or deposits of, any assets in favor of any surety company or clerk of court for the purpose of obtaining indemnity or stay of judicial proceedings;

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liens upon property or assets acquired or sold by us or any of our subsidiaries resulting from the exercise of any rights arising out of defaults on receivables;

liens incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, temporary disability, social security, retiree health or similar laws or regulations or to secure obligations imposed by statute or governmental regulations;

liens on cash and cash equivalents deposited with an escrow agent, trustee or similar person to defease or to satisfy and discharge in full any indebtedness;

liens upon or deposits of any assets to secure performance and liens in favor of issuers of surety or performance bonds, letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or guarantees pursuant to the request of and for the account of us or any of our subsidiaries; and

liens arising or imposed by reason of any attachment, judgment, decree or order of any regulatory, governmental or court authority or proceeding, so long as any proceeding initiated to review same shall not have been terminated or the period within which such proceeding may be initiated shall not have expired, or such attachment, judgment, decree or order shall otherwise be effectively stayed.

person means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or other agency or political subdivision thereof or other entity of any kind.

restricted property means any real property, manufacturing plant, warehouse, office building or other physical facility, or any item of marine, transportation or construction equipment or other like depreciable assets of Oceaneering or any of its restricted subsidiaries, whether owned on or acquired after the original issue date of the notes, unless, in the opinion of the board of directors of Oceaneering, such plant or facility or other asset is not of material importance to the total business conducted by Oceaneering and its restricted subsidiaries taken as a whole; provided, that any such individual property shall be deemed to not be a restricted property (without the need for any board resolution) if such property does not have a fair value in excess of 0.25% of the total assets included in Oceaneering's most recent quarterly consolidated balance sheet, provided further that the aggregate fair value of properties excluded pursuant to the preceding proviso shall not exceed \$100,000,000.

restricted subsidiary means any subsidiary of Oceaneering which owns a restricted property.

subsidiary means (i) any corporation of which a majority of the outstanding Voting Stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by us or by one or more of our other subsidiaries, or both, (ii) a partnership in which we or our subsidiaries are, at the date of determination, a general or limited partner of such partnership, but only if we or our subsidiaries are entitled to receive more than fifty percent of the assets of such partnership upon its dissolution, or (iii) any other person (other than a corporation or partnership) in which we or any of our subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination thereof, have (x) at least a majority ownership interest or (y) the power to elect or direct the election of a majority of the directors or other governing body of such person.

Restrictions on Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Under the terms of the notes, we will not, and will not permit any restricted subsidiary to, enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, unless:

- (1) fair value is received by us or the relevant restricted subsidiary for the property sold (as determined in good faith by us or the relevant restricted subsidiary); and
- (2) we or a restricted subsidiary, within 365 days after the completion of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction, apply an amount equal to the greater of the net proceeds therefrom and the Attributable Debt associated with the property either: (i) to the redemption, repayment or retirement of third-party

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long-term debt that is not subordinated in right of payment to the notes (including the cancellation by the trustee of any debt securities of any series delivered by us to the trustee) or (ii) to the purchase by us or any restricted subsidiary of property substantially similar to the property sold or transferred or (iii) any combination of the applications referred to in clauses (i) and (ii).

In addition, we and our restricted subsidiaries may enter into a Sale and Leaseback Transaction if we or the restricted subsidiary would be entitled to incur indebtedness secured by a lien on restricted property at least equal in amount to the Attributable Debt with respect to such transaction pursuant to Limitation on Liens above without having to secure equally and ratably the notes (without taking into account clauses (1) through (10) in the first paragraph thereof).

The foregoing covenant description and the related provisions of the indenture use the following defined terms.

Attributable Debt in respect of a Sale and Leaseback Transaction means, at the time of determination, the lesser of

- (i) the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such Sale and Leaseback Transaction, including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or, if not practicable to determine such rate, the weighted average interest rate per annum borne by the notes compounded semiannually; and
- (ii) if the obligation with respect to the Sale and Leaseback Transaction constitutes an obligation that is required to be accounted for as a capital lease obligation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the amount equal to the capitalized amount of such obligation determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and included in the financial statements of the lessee.

Sale and Leaseback Transaction means a sale or transfer made by us or a restricted subsidiary (except a sale or transfer made to us or another restricted subsidiary) of any restricted property, if such sale or transfer is made with the agreement, commitment or intention of leasing such property to us or a restricted subsidiary, other than: (i) any such transaction involving a lease for a term (including renewals or extensions exercisable by us or any of our restricted subsidiaries) of not more than three years; or (ii) any such transaction entered into at the time of, or within 12 months after the latest of, the acquisition, the completion of construction or improvement, or the commencement of commercial operation of the restricted property.

Reporting

So long as the notes are outstanding, Oceaneering will furnish to the trustee and make available on its website copies of such annual and quarterly reports and such information, documents and other reports as are required under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act within 15 days after the date such information, documents or other reports were filed with the SEC. Oceaneering will be deemed to have furnished such reports, information and documents to the trustee if Oceaneering has filed such reports, information and documents with the SEC via the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System (EDGAR) filing system (or any successor system) or has made available such reports, information and documents on its website. The trustee shall have no responsibility to ensure that such filing has occurred.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the trustee is for informational purposes only and the trustee's receipt thereof will not constitute actual or constructive knowledge or notice of any information contained therein or

determinable from information contained therein, including Oceaneering's compliance with any of its covenants under the indenture (as to which the trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on officer's

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certificates and Oceaneering's compliance certificates required by the indenture). The trustee will not be obligated to monitor or confirm, on a continuing basis or otherwise, Oceaneering's compliance with this covenant or to determine whether such reports, information or documents have been posted on any website or filed with the SEC (via EDGAR or otherwise).

Events of Default

The occurrence of any of the events described in the accompanying prospectus under "Description of Debt Securities - Events of Default" shall constitute a default for the notes.

Global Notes: Book-Entry Form

The notes will be represented by one or more global securities. A global security is a special type of indirectly held security. Each global security will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and be registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. Except under the circumstances described below, the notes will not be issued in definitive form in the name of individual holders.

Investors 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.

Upon the issuance of a global security, DTC will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the accounts of persons designated by the underwriters with the respective principal amounts of the notes represented by the global security. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to DTC participants (*i.e.*, persons that have accounts with DTC or its nominee) or persons that may hold interests through DTC participants including Euroclear and Clearstream. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (except with respect to persons that are themselves DTC participants).

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a global security, DTC or the nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by that global security under the indenture. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have notes represented by that global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of notes in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of the notes under the indenture. Principal and interest payments on notes registered in the name of DTC or its nominee will be made to DTC or the nominee, as the registered owner. None of us, the trustee, any paying agent or the registrar for the notes will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in a global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests. The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Those limits and laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

We expect that DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest, will credit immediately the participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their beneficial interests in the principal amount of the relevant global security as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. We also expect that payments by

participants to owners of beneficial interests in a global security held through those participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of those participants.

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If DTC is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as a depository and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue notes in definitive form in exchange for the entire global security for the notes. If an event of default has occurred with respect to the notes and is continuing and the registrar has received a request from the depository to issue notes in definitive form in exchange for all or a portion of a global security, we will do so within 30 days of such request. In addition, we may at any time choose not to have notes represented by a global security and will then issue notes in definitive form in exchange for the entire global security relating to the notes. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security will be entitled to physical delivery in definitive form of notes represented by the global security equal in principal amount to that beneficial interest and to have the notes registered in its name. Notes so issued in definitive form will be issued as registered notes in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless otherwise specified by us.

Notices

Notices to holders of notes will be sent to the holder's address as it appears in the notes register.

Information Regarding the Trustee

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee under the indenture, has been appointed by us as paying agent, registrar and custodian with regard to the notes. The trustee and its affiliates provide and may from time to time in the future provide banking and other services to us in the ordinary course of their business.

Governing Law

The indenture and the notes will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, except to the extent that the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is applicable.

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MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

Scope of Discussion

The following discussion summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes. This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code (the Treasury Regulations), court decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) and other applicable authorities, all as in effect on the date of this document and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect. This discussion is limited to holders of the notes who purchase the notes in the initial offering at their issue price and hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code. For this purpose only, the issue price of the notes is the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes are sold for cash to persons other than bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers. For purposes of this discussion, holder means either a U.S. holder (as defined below) or a non-U.S. holder (as defined below) or both, as the context may require.

This discussion does not address all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to holders in light of their particular circumstances or to holders who may be subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, such as:

a financial institution (including a bank);

a tax-exempt organization;

an S corporation, an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership or any other pass-through entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

an insurance company;

a mutual fund;

a dealer in stocks and securities, or foreign currencies;

a trader in securities who elects the mark-to-market method of accounting for its securities;

a holder who is subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code;

certain expatriates or former long-term residents of the United States;

a U.S. holder that has a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar;

a personal holding company;

a regulated investment company;

a real estate investment trust;

a controlled foreign corporation with respect to which we are a related person, within the meaning of the Code;

a holder who holds the notes as part of a conversion or constructive sale transaction, straddle, wash sale, or other risk reduction transaction; or

an accrual method taxpayer required to recognize income no later than when such income is taken into account for financial accounting purposes.

If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of notes, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Partners of partnerships that are beneficial owners of notes should consult their tax advisors.

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This discussion does not address any aspect of non-income taxation or state, local or foreign taxation. No ruling has been or will be obtained from the IRS regarding the U.S. federal tax consequences relating to the purchase, ownership or disposition of the notes. As a result, no assurance can be given that the IRS will not assert, or that a court will not sustain, a position contrary to the conclusions set forth below.

THIS SUMMARY IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ANALYSIS OF THE TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP OR DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES. WE URGE YOU TO CONSULT A TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE PARTICULAR U.S., FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP OR DISPOSITION OF THE NOTES IN LIGHT OF YOUR OWN SITUATION.

Certain Additional Payments

In certain circumstances (see *Description of the Notes*, *Optional Redemption* and *Change of Control Repurchase Offer*), we may be obligated to pay amounts with respect to the notes that are in excess of stated interest on or principal of the notes and/or pay amounts in redemption of the notes prior to their stated maturity. We intend to take the position that the likelihood that we will be required to make such payments is remote as of the issue date of the notes and therefore that these provisions do not cause the notes to be treated as contingent payment debt instruments within the meaning of the applicable Treasury Regulations. However, additional income will be recognized to a holder of notes if any such additional payment is made. Our position that the contingencies described above are remote is binding on a holder, unless the holder discloses in the proper manner to the IRS that it is taking a different position. If the IRS successfully challenged our position, then the notes could be treated as contingent payment debt instruments, in which case holders could be required to accrue interest income at a rate higher than the stated interest rate on the notes and to treat as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, any gain recognized on a sale, exchange, retirement or redemption of a note. The remainder of this discussion assumes that the notes will not be treated as contingent payment debt instruments.

U.S. Holders

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to U.S. holders of the notes. The discussion is subject to the assumptions and limitations set forth above in *Scope of Discussion*. As used in this discussion, a U.S. holder is a beneficial owner of a note who, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is:

an individual U.S. citizen or resident alien;

a corporation or other entity created or organized under U.S. law (federal or state, including the District of Columbia) and treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

an estate whose worldwide income is subject to U.S. federal income tax; or

a trust if (1) a U.S. court can exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more U.S. persons are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

Payments of Interest on the Notes

A U.S. holder generally will be required to include interest received on a note as ordinary income at the time it accrues or is received in accordance with the holder's regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes. It is anticipated, and this discussion assumes, that the notes will not be treated as issued with original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Taxable Disposition of the Notes

Generally, the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note will result in taxable gain or loss to a U.S. holder equal to the difference between (1) the amount of cash plus the fair market value of any

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other property received by the holder in the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition (excluding amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest, which will be taxed as described under Payments of Interest on the Notes, above) and (2) the 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 original purchase price for the note.

Gain or loss recognized on the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of a note will generally be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the note is held for more than one year. A reduced tax rate on capital gain generally will apply to long-term capital gain of a non-corporate U.S. holder. There are limitations on the deductibility of capital losses.

Additional Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax (the Medicare Tax) will be imposed on the net investment income of certain U.S. citizens and resident aliens, and on the undistributed net investment income of certain estates and trusts. Net investment income will generally include gross income from interest and net gain from the disposition of the notes, unless such interest income or net gains are derived in the ordinary course of the conduct of a trade or business (other than a trade or business that consists of certain passive or trading activities). U.S. holders that are individuals, estates or trusts are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of the Medicare Tax to their income and gains in respect of the notes.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Generally, interest on the notes paid to a U.S. holder is subject to information reporting with the IRS unless such holder is a corporation or other exempt recipient and, when required, demonstrates this fact. Backup withholding generally will apply to interest payments subject to information reporting unless such holder provides a taxpayer identification number and satisfies certain certification requirements. Information reporting requirements and backup withholding may also apply to proceeds of a sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of the notes (including a redemption or retirement of the notes). U.S. holders should consult their tax advisor regarding their qualification for an exemption from backup withholding and the procedures for obtaining such exemption, if applicable.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the holder timely furnishes the required information to the IRS.

Non-U.S. Holders

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that will apply to non-U.S. holders of the notes. The discussion is subject to the assumptions and limitations set forth above in Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Scope of Discussion. As used in this discussion, a non-U.S. holder is a beneficial owner of the notes that is an individual, corporation, estate or trust that is not a U.S. holder.

Payments of Interest on the Notes

Subject to the discussion under Information Reporting and Backup Withholding, below, if the portfolio interest exemption applies to a non-U.S. holder, payments of interest on the notes generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax. The portfolio interest exemption generally will apply to a non-U.S. holder if (1) the interest is not effectively connected with such holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States and (2) such holder satisfies each of the following requirements:

such holder does not own, actually or constructively, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;

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such holder is not a controlled foreign corporation with respect to which we are a related person, each within the meaning of the Code; and

such holder certifies that it is not a U.S. person by providing a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or appropriate substitute form, as applicable, to (1) us (or our paying agent) or (2) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that (i) holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business, (ii) holds the non-U.S. holder's notes on such holder's behalf, (iii) certifies to us (or our paying agent) under penalties of perjury that it has received from such holder a signed, written statement and (iv) provides us (or our paying agent) with a copy of this statement.

If the portfolio interest exemption does not apply to a non-U.S. holder, then the gross amount of interest that such holder receives on a note will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30% unless (1) the non-U.S. holder is eligible for a reduced withholding rate or exemption under an applicable income tax treaty, in which case such holder must provide a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or appropriate substitute form, as applicable, or (2) the interest is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if a treaty applies, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base maintained by such holder in the United States), in which case such holder must provide a properly completed IRS Form W-8ECI or appropriate substitute form.

Any interest that is effectively connected with a non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if a treaty applies, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base maintained by such holder in the United States) generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at rates generally applicable to U.S. persons. In the case of a non-U.S. holder that is a foreign corporation, such interest may also be subject to the branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty).

Gain on Disposition of the Notes

A non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange or retirement of a note unless:

the non-U.S. holder is an individual present in the United States for 183 days or more in the year of such sale, exchange or retirement and certain other conditions are met, in which case such gain will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty);

the gain is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if a treaty applies, the income is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States), in which case such gain generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at rates generally applicable to U.S. persons, and, if the non-U.S. holder is a foreign corporation, such gain may also be subject to the branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty); or

the non-U.S. holder does not qualify for an exemption from backup withholding, as discussed in [Information Reporting and Backup Withholding](#) below.

However, in some instances a non-U.S. holder may be required to establish an exemption from U.S. federal income and withholding tax with respect to amounts attributable to accrued and unpaid interest on the notes. See Payments of Interest on the Notes.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Generally, we must report to the IRS and to the non-U.S. holder the amount of interest paid to such holder and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to those payments. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

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In general, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to backup withholding with respect to payments of interest that we make to the holder provided that we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, and we have received from the non-U.S. holder the statement described above in the last bullet point under **Payments of Interest on the Notes**, or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Generally, no information reporting or backup withholding will be required regarding the proceeds of the sale of a note made outside the United States and conducted through the foreign office of a financial intermediary that is not a U.S. payor or U.S. middleman within the meaning of the applicable Treasury Regulations. In addition, no information reporting or backup withholding will be required regarding the proceeds of the sale of a note made within the United States or conducted through a financial intermediary that is a U.S. payor or U.S. middleman, if the payor receives the statement described above in the last bullet point under **Payments of Interest on the Notes** and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the holder is a U.S. person, as defined under the Code, or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against the non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the holder timely furnishes the required information to the IRS.

Foreign Account Tax Compliance

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (commonly referred to as **FATCA**) generally imposes a withholding tax of 30% on interest income on a debt obligation issued by a U.S. corporation and, after December 31, 2018, on the gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of a debt obligation that produces U.S. source income, in each case that is earned by (i) a foreign financial institution, unless such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. government to collect and provide to the U.S. tax authorities substantial information regarding U.S. account holders of such institution (which would include certain equity and debt holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are foreign entities with U.S. owners) or (ii) a non-financial foreign entity (as the beneficial owner or as an intermediary for the beneficial owner), unless such entity provides the withholding agent with a certification identifying the substantial U.S. owners of the entity, which generally includes any U.S. person who directly or indirectly owns more than 10% of the entity. An intergovernmental agreement between the jurisdiction of a foreign financial institution or other foreign entity and the U.S. may modify the general rules described in this paragraph. Each investor is encouraged to consult with its tax advisor regarding the implications of FATCA on their investment in a note.

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Under the terms of, and subject to the conditions contained in, the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters named below, for whom Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC is acting as representative, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the following respective principal amounts of the notes set forth opposite its name:

| Underwriters | Principal Amount |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC | \$ |
| Wells Fargo Securities, LLC | |
| J.P. Morgan Securities LLC | |
| DNB Markets, Inc. | |
| HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. | |
| Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated | |
| ABN AMRO Securities (USA) LLC | |
| Standard Chartered Bank | |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ.) | |
| Total | \$ |

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the notes if any are purchased. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or, under certain circumstances, the offering may be terminated.

The following table summarizes the discounts and commissions we will pay:

| | Per Note | Total |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Underwriting discounts and commissions paid by us | % | \$ |
| All sales of the notes in the United States will be made through U.S. registered broker-dealers. | | |

The underwriters propose to offer the notes initially at the public offering price on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to selling group members at that price less a selling concession of % of the principal amount per note. The underwriters and selling group members may allow a discount of % of the principal amount per note on sales to other broker-dealers. After the initial public offering of the notes, the underwriters may change the public offering price and discount to broker-dealers.

We estimate that our out-of-pocket expenses (not including underwriting discounts or commissions) for this offering will be approximately \$.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribute to payments which the underwriters may be required to make in respect of any such liabilities.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. One or more of the underwriters intend to make a secondary market for the notes. However, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue making a secondary market for the notes at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to how liquid the trading market for the notes will be.

The notes are being offered for sale in the United States and in jurisdictions outside the United States, subject to applicable law.

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In connection with the offering, the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, over-allotment transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

Over-allotment involves sales by the underwriters of notes in excess of the principal amount of the notes the underwriters are obligated to purchase, which creates a syndicate short position.

Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. A short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase notes in the offering.

Penalty bids permit the representative to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the notes originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a stabilizing transaction or a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions.

These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. These transactions may be effected in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. As a result the price of the notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time without notice.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the issuer (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the issuer. In connection with the lending relationships described above, certain of the underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, the underwriters and their respective 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 such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market analysis or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments. Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have from time to time performed and may in the future perform various financial advisory, commercial banking and investment banking services for us and our affiliates in the ordinary course of business, for which they received or will receive customary fees.

Each of the underwriters or certain affiliates of the underwriters are lenders under our credit agreement, which provides for a revolving credit facility and a term loan facility. As described under Use of Proceeds, we intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to repay outstanding term loan indebtedness under our credit agreement, and as a result each of the underwriters or certain affiliates may receive more than 5% of the net proceeds from this offering through the repayment of such debt, creating a conflict of interest under FINRA Rule 5121. Accordingly, this offering is being made in compliance with the applicable requirements of FINRA Rule 5121. Under FINRA Rule 5121, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering, because the offering is of a class of securities that are rated investment grade, as defined in FINRA Rule 5121. No underwriter with a conflict of interest will confirm sales to any account over which it exercises discretionary authority without the specific prior written approval of the account holder.

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The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, financing, brokerage activities and other financial and non-financial activities and services.

Standard Chartered Bank will not effect any offers or sales of any notes in the United States unless it is through one or more U.S. registered broker-dealers as permitted by the regulations of FINRA.

Selling Restrictions

Notice to Prospective Investors in the 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 (EEA). For these 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); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC (as amended, the Insurance Mediation Directive), 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 has 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 is not a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

Each of the underwriters severally represents, warrants and agrees as follows:

it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the securities in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Company; and

it has complied with, and will comply with, all applicable provisions of FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

The underwriters will not offer or sell any of the notes directly or indirectly in Japan or to, or for the benefit of any Japanese person or to others, for re-offering or re-sale directly or indirectly in Japan or to any Japanese person, except in each case pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan and any other applicable laws and regulations of Japan. For purposes of this paragraph, Japanese person means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The underwriters, and each of their affiliates have not (i) offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, in Hong Kong, by means of any document, the notes other than (a) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance or (b) in other

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circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance or (ii) 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 in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to our securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance and any rules made under that Ordinance. The contents of this document have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in Hong Kong.

You are advised to exercise caution in relation to this offering. If you are in any doubt about any of the contents of this document, you should obtain independent professional advice.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus supplement or any other offering material relating to the notes has not been and will not be registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and the notes will be offered in Singapore pursuant to exemptions under Section 274 and Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore, or the Securities and Futures Act. Accordingly, the notes may not be offered or sold, or be the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor may this prospectus supplement or any other offering material relating to the notes be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to the public or any member of the public in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor or other person specified in Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, (b) to a sophisticated investor, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the Securities and Futures Act.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Germany

Each person who is in possession of this prospectus supplement is aware of the fact that no German sales prospectus (*Verkaufsprospekt*) within the meaning of the Securities Sales Prospectus Act (*Wertpapier-Verkaufsprospektgesetz*, or the Act) of the Federal Republic of Germany has been or will be published with respect to the notes. In particular, each underwriter has advised us that it has not engaged and has agreed that it will not engage in a public offering (*öffentliches Angebot*) within the meaning of the Act with respect to any of the notes otherwise than in accordance with the Act and all other applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Notice to Prospective Investors in France

The notes are being issued and sold outside the Republic of France and, in connection with their initial distribution, the underwriters have not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any notes to the public in the Republic of France, and the underwriter have not distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in the Republic of France this prospectus supplement or any other offering material relating to the notes, and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in the Republic of France only to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) in accordance with Article L.411-2 of the Monetary and Financial Code and décret no. 98-880 dated October 1, 1998.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the Netherlands

The notes may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered in or from The Netherlands as part of their initial distribution or at any time thereafter, directly or indirectly, other than to, individuals or legal entities situated in The Netherlands who or which trade or invest in securities in the conduct of a business or profession (which includes banks, securities intermediaries (including dealers and brokers), insurance companies, pension funds, collective investment institutions, central governments, large international and supranational

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organizations, other institutional investors and other parties, including treasury departments of commercial enterprises, which as an ancillary activity regularly invest in securities; hereinafter, Professional Investors), provided that in the offer, prospectus and in any other documents or advertisements in which a forthcoming offering of the notes is publicly announced (whether electronically or otherwise) in The Netherlands it is stated that such offer is and will be exclusively made to such Professional Investors. Individual or legal entities in The Netherlands who are not Professional Investors may not participate in the offering of the notes, and this prospectus supplement or any other offering material relating to the notes may not be considered an offer or the prospect of an offer to sell or exchange the notes.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will be passed upon for us by Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas. The underwriters have been represented by Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Oceaneering International, Inc. appearing in Oceaneering International, Inc.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the effectiveness of Oceaneering International, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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Prospectus

OCEANEERING INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Senior Debt Securities

We may offer and sell from time to time in one or more offerings senior debt securities. This prospectus describes the general terms of those securities and the general manner in which we will offer them. We will provide the specific terms of the senior debt securities in one or more supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities. No person may use this prospectus to offer and sell our securities unless a prospectus supplement accompanies this prospectus.

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

Investing in our securities involves risks that are referenced in the Risk Factors section on page 1 of this prospectus. In addition, risks associated with any investment in our securities may be described in the applicable prospectus supplement and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as described in the Risk Factors section on page 1 of this prospectus.

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 January 30, 2018.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer for sale the senior debt securities this prospectus describes in one or more offerings. In this prospectus, we sometimes refer to such senior debt securities as the senior debt securities, the debt securities or the securities. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement and, if applicable, a pricing supplement that will describe the specific terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement and any pricing supplement may also add to, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. Please carefully read this prospectus, the prospectus supplement and any pricing supplement, in addition to the information contained in the documents we refer to under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

THE COMPANY

Oceaneering International, Inc. is a global oilfield provider of engineered services and products, primarily to the offshore oil and gas industry, with a focus on deepwater applications. Oceaneering also serves the defense, aerospace and commercial theme park industries. Oceaneering was organized as a Delaware corporation in 1969 out of the combination of three diving service companies founded in the early 1960s. Since our establishment, we have concentrated on the development and marketing of underwater services and products to meet customer needs requiring the use of advanced deepwater technology. We believe we are one of the world's largest underwater services contractors. The services and products we provide to the oil and gas industry include remotely operated vehicles, specialty subsea hardware, engineering and project management, subsea intervention services, including manned diving, survey and positioning services and asset integrity and nondestructive testing services. We operate in numerous countries throughout the world but currently focus most of our operations on markets in the United States, the North Sea, Africa, Brazil, Australia and Asia.

In this prospectus, we refer to Oceaneering International, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries as **we**, **us** or **Oceaneering**, unless we specifically state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise. Our principal executive offices are located at 11911 FM 529, Houston, Texas 77041, and our telephone number at that location is (713) 329-4500.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the specific risks set forth under the caption **Risk Factors** in the applicable prospectus supplement, and under the caption **Risk Factors** in any of our filings with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), incorporated by reference in this prospectus, before making an investment decision. For more information, see **Where You Can Find More Information**.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You can read and copy these materials at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can obtain information about the operation of the SEC's public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-732-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains information we have filed electronically with the SEC, which you can access over the Internet at www.sec.gov. You can also obtain information about us at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement we have filed with the SEC relating to the securities we may offer. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all the information we have included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits we have filed with the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement and exhibits for more information about us and the securities. The registration statement and exhibits are available at the SEC's public reference room or through its website.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we have filed with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than information furnished and not filed with the SEC, unless we specifically provide that such furnished information is to be incorporated by reference) after the date of this prospectus and until the termination of this offering. The documents we incorporate by reference are:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017; and

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on January 3, 2017, February 8, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 8.01), February 15, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 5.02), February 27, 2017, April 26, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 8.01), May 5, 2017, June 28, 2017 and July 26, 2017 (solely with respect to Item 8.01).

You may request a copy of these filings, other than an exhibit to these filings unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference into the filing, at no cost, by writing to or telephoning us at:

Oceaneering International, Inc.

11911 FM 529

Houston, Texas 77041

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (713) 329-4500

We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We 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 making an offer of the securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should assume that the information in this prospectus, the prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus is accurate only as of their respective dates and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may include projections and estimates concerning the timing and success of specific projects and our future orders, revenue, income and capital spending. Forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as estimate, plan, project, predict, believe, expect, anticipate, plan, forecast, budget, goal, may, should, or other uncertainty of future events or outcomes. In particular, these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to, or statements that are subject to risks, contingencies or uncertainties that relate to:

future operating results or earnings (loss) per share, and the contributions from our segments to those results (including anticipated revenue, operating income and utilization information), as well as the items below the operating income line;

our business strategy;

demand growth and business activity levels;

our plans for future operations (including planned additions to and retirements from our remotely operated vehicle fleet, and other capital expenditures);

our expectations regarding the acquisition or disposition of assets;

our future cash flows;

the adequacy of our liquidity, cash flows and capital resources;

potential financing arrangements;

our expectations regarding shares repurchased under our share repurchase plan;

our future dividends;

the effectiveness of our derivative contracts in mitigating associated risks;

the impacts of the United States federal income tax reform legislation signed into law on December 22, 2017 (informally known as U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act), as well as our anticipated tax rates and underlying assumptions;

backlog;

seasonality;

the implementation of new accounting standards and related policies, procedures and controls;

our expectations regarding the effect of inflation;

the potential effects of judicial or other proceedings on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows; and

industry conditions.

These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this prospectus; we disclaim any obligation to update these statements unless required by securities law, and we caution you not to rely on them unduly. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and assumptions about future events. While our management considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These risks, contingencies and uncertainties relate to, among other matters, the following:

worldwide demand for and prices of oil and gas;

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changes in, or our ability to comply with, government regulations, including those relating to the environment;

the continued availability of qualified personnel;

general economic and business conditions and industry trends;

the volatility and uncertainties of credit markets;

the highly competitive nature of our businesses;

decisions about offshore developments to be made by oil and gas exploration, development and production companies;

cancellations of contracts, change orders and other contractual modifications and the resulting adjustments to our backlog;

collections from our customers;

the use of subsea completions and our ability to capture associated market share;

the strength of the industry segments in which we are involved;

the levels of oil and gas production to be processed by the Medusa field production spar platform;

our future financial performance, including availability, terms and deployment of capital;

the consequences of significant changes in currency exchange rates;

changes in tax laws, regulations and interpretation by taxing authorities;

our ability to obtain raw materials and parts on a timely basis and, in some cases, from limited sources;

operating risks normally incident to offshore exploration, development and production operations;

hurricanes and other adverse weather and sea conditions;

cost and time associated with drydocking of our vessels;

adverse outcomes from legal or regulatory proceedings;

the risks associated with integrating businesses we acquire;

rapid technological changes; and

social, political, military and economic situations in foreign countries where we do business and the possibilities of civil disturbances, war, other armed conflicts or terrorist attacks.

We believe the items we have outlined above are important factors that could cause estimates in our financial statements to differ materially from actual results and those expressed in a forward-looking statement made in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated herein by reference or elsewhere by us or on our behalf. We have discussed many of these factors in more detail elsewhere in the documents we have incorporated by reference and may discuss these factors in more detail in any prospectus supplement. These factors are not necessarily all the factors that could affect us. Unpredictable or unanticipated factors we have not discussed in this prospectus could also have material adverse effects on actual results of matters that are the subject of our forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update our description of important factors each time a potential important factor arises, except as required by applicable securities laws and regulations. We advise investors that they should (1) be aware that factors not referred to above could affect the accuracy of our forward-looking statements and (2) use caution and common sense when considering our forward-looking statements.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities under this prospectus for general corporate purposes. These purposes may include the repayment or refinancing of indebtedness and funding for acquisitions, working capital requirements, capital expenditures and repurchases and redemptions of securities. Pending any specific application, we may initially invest funds in short-term marketable securities or apply them to the reduction of short-term indebtedness.

Table of Contents**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated, in each case determined on a total enterprise basis, is as follows:

| | Nine Months Ended | | Years Ended December 31, | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | September 30, | | | | | |
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | * | 1.47x | 4.25x | 7.87x | 9.28x | 11.74x |

*Our earnings were insufficient to cover our fixed charges by approximately \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are divided by fixed charges. Earnings consist of pre-tax income from continuing operations before provision for noncontrolling interest, interest expense and our portion of rents representative of the interest factor. Fixed charges consist of interest expensed and capitalized and our portion of rents representative of the interest factor.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

This prospectus describes certain general terms and provisions of our senior debt securities. The debt securities will be our general unsecured obligations. We will issue the debt securities under a senior indenture between us and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, dated November 21, 2014. The indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. In this description, we sometimes refer to the senior indenture as the indenture.

We have summarized certain provisions of the indenture below. You should read the indenture for more details regarding the provisions described below and for other provisions that may be important to you. We have filed the indenture with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement, and we will include any other instrument establishing the terms of any debt securities we offer as an exhibit to a filing we will make with the SEC in connection with that offering. This section does not describe every aspect of the indenture or the debt securities. The specific terms of any debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities being offered. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

In this summary description of the debt securities, all references to Oceaneering, we or us mean Oceaneering International, Inc. only, unless we state otherwise or the context clearly indicates otherwise.

General

The debt securities will constitute our senior debt and will rank equally with all of our unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The amount of debt that may be issued under the indenture is unlimited, and, unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the indenture does not limit the amount of other unsecured debt or securities we may incur or issue. We may issue debt securities under the indenture from time to time in one or more series, each in an amount we authorize prior to issuance.

We conduct a substantial part of our operations through our subsidiaries, and our subsidiaries generate a significant part of our operating income and cash flow. As a result, distributions or advances from our subsidiaries are important sources of funds to meet our debt service obligations. Contractual provisions or laws, as well as our subsidiaries financial condition and operating requirements, may limit our ability to obtain from our subsidiaries cash that we need to pay our debt service obligations, including payments on the debt securities. In addition, holders of the debt securities will have a junior position to the claims of creditors of our subsidiaries on their assets and earnings.

Our right to receive any assets of any subsidiary, and therefore the right of the holders of our debt securities to participate in those assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including trade creditors. In addition, even if we are a creditor of any subsidiary, our rights as a creditor would be subordinate to any security interest in the assets of that subsidiary and any indebtedness of that subsidiary senior to that held by us.

We may issue the debt securities of any series in definitive form or as a book-entry security in the form of a global security registered in the name of a depository we designate.

We may issue the debt securities in one or more series with various maturities, and we may sell those debt securities at par, at a premium or with an original issue discount.

Terms

A prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. These terms will include some or all of the following:

the title of the debt securities;

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the total principal amount of the debt securities;

whether we will issue the debt securities in individual certificates to each holder or in the form of temporary or permanent global securities held by a depositary on behalf of holders;

the date or dates on which the principal of and any premium on the debt securities will be payable;

any interest rate, the date from which interest will accrue, interest payment dates and record dates for interest payments;

whether and under what circumstances any additional amounts with respect to the debt securities will be payable;

the place or places where payments on the debt securities will be payable;

any provisions for redemption or early repayment;

any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem, purchase or repay the debt securities prior to maturity;

the denominations in which we may issue the debt securities;

whether payments on the debt securities will be payable in foreign currency or currency units or another form and whether payments will be payable by reference to any index or formula;

the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if the maturity is accelerated, if other than the entire principal amount;

any additional means of defeasance of the debt securities, any additional conditions or limitations to defeasance of the debt securities or any changes to those conditions or limitations;

any changes or additions to the events of default or covenants this prospectus describes;

any restrictions or other provisions relating to the transfer or exchange of the debt securities;

any terms for the conversion or exchange of the debt securities for other securities issued by Oceaneering or any other entity; and

any other terms of the debt securities.

If we sell any of the debt securities for any foreign currency or currency unit or if payments on the debt securities are payable in any foreign currency or currency unit, we will describe in the prospectus supplement the restrictions, elections, tax consequences, specific terms and other information relating to those debt securities and the foreign currency or currency unit.

Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

The indenture generally permits a consolidation, amalgamation or merger between us and another entity. It also permits the sale by us of our assets substantially as an entirety. The indenture provides, however, that we may consolidate or amalgamate with another entity to form a new entity or merge into any other entity or transfer or dispose of our assets substantially as an entirety to any other entity only if:

the resulting or surviving entity assumes the due and punctual payments on the debt securities and the performance of our covenants and obligations under the indenture and the debt securities; and

immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no default or event of default would occur and be continuing.

On the assumption by the successor of the obligations under the indenture, the successor will be substituted for us, and we will be relieved of any further obligation under the indenture and the debt securities.

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Events of Default

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the following will be events of default with respect to a series of debt securities:

our failure to pay interest or any required additional amounts on any debt securities of that series for 30 days;

our failure to pay principal of or any premium on any debt securities of that series when due;

our failure to deposit any mandatory sinking fund payment for that series of debt securities when due for 30 days;

our failure to comply with any of our covenants or agreements in the debt securities of that series or the indenture, other than an agreement or covenant that we have included in the indenture solely for the benefit of other series of debt securities, for 90 days after written notice by the trustee or by the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of all the outstanding debt securities issued under the indenture that are affected by that failure;

specified events involving bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of Oceaneering; and

any other event of default provided for that series of debt securities.

A default under one series of debt securities will not necessarily be a default under another series. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of the debt securities of any default or event of default, except in any payment on the debt securities, if the trustee in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interest of the holders of the debt securities.

If an event of default for any series of debt securities occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series affected by the default, or, in some cases, 25% in principal amount of all debt securities affected, voting as one class, may declare the principal of and all accrued and all unpaid interest on those debt securities to be immediately due and payable. If an event of default relating to events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occurs, the principal of and all accrued and unpaid interest on all the debt securities will become immediately due and payable without any action on the part of the trustee or any holder. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series affected by the default, or of all debt securities affected, voting as one class, may in some cases rescind this accelerated payment requirement. Depending on the terms of our other indebtedness, an event of default under the indenture may give rise to cross defaults on our other indebtedness.

A holder of a debt security of any series will be able to pursue any remedy under the indenture only if:

the holder gives the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default for that series;

the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series make a written request to the trustee to pursue the remedy;

the holder or holders offer to the trustee indemnity satisfactory to it;

the trustee fails to act for a period of 60 days after receipt of notice and offer of indemnity; and

during that 60-day period, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of that series do not give the trustee a direction inconsistent with the request.

This provision will not, however, affect the right of a holder of a debt security to sue for enforcement of any overdue payment.

In most cases, holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series, or of all debt securities affected, voting as one class, will be able to direct the time, method and place of:

conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee; and

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exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee not relating to or arising under an event of default. The indenture requires us to file with the trustee each year a written statement as to our compliance with the covenants contained in the indenture.

Modification and Waiver

We may amend or supplement the indenture if the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series issued under the indenture and affected by the amendment or supplement, acting as one class, consent to it. Without the consent of the holder of each debt security affected, however, no amendment or supplement may:

reduce the amount of debt securities whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any debt security;

reduce the principal of, premium on or any mandatory sinking fund payment for any debt security;

change the stated maturity of any debt security;

reduce any premium payable on the redemption of any debt security or change the time at which any debt security may or must be redeemed;

change any obligation to pay additional amounts on any debt security;

make the payments on any debt security payable in any currency or currency unit other than as the debt security originally states;

impair the holder's right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on any debt security;

make any change in the percentage of principal amount of debt securities necessary to waive compliance with specified provisions of the indenture or to make any change in the indenture's provisions for modification; or

waive a continuing default or event of default regarding any payment on any debt security.

We and the trustee may agree to amend or supplement the indenture or waive any provision of the indenture without the consent of any holders of debt securities in some circumstances, including:

to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;

to provide for the assumption of our obligations under the indenture by a successor upon any merger, consolidation or asset transfer;

to provide for uncertificated debt securities in addition to or in place of certificated debt securities or to provide for bearer debt securities;

to provide any security for or add guarantees of any series of debt securities;

to comply with any requirement to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939;

to add covenants that would benefit the holders of any debt securities or to surrender any rights we have under the indenture;

to add events of default with respect to any debt securities;

to make any change that does not adversely affect any outstanding debt securities of any series in any material respect; *provided* that any change made solely to conform the provisions of the indenture to a description of debt securities in a prospectus or prospectus supplement will not be deemed to adversely affect any outstanding debt securities of any series issued under the indenture in any material respect;

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to facilitate the defeasance or discharge of any series of debt securities if that change does not adversely affect the holders of debt securities of that series or any other series under the indenture in any material respect; and

to provide for the acceptance of a successor or another trustee.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series, or of all debt securities affected, voting as one class, may waive any existing or past default or event of default with respect to those debt securities. Those holders may not, however, waive any default or event of default in any payment on any debt security or compliance with a provision that cannot be amended or supplemented without the consent of each holder affected.

Discharge and Defeasance

We will be discharged from all obligations under the indenture with respect to any series of debt securities, except for surviving obligations relating to any conversion rights and to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities, if:

all debt securities of the series previously authenticated and delivered under the indenture have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation; or

all debt securities of that series have become due and payable or will become due and payable within one year, at maturity or by redemption, and we deposit with the trustee funds or government securities sufficient to make payments on the debt securities of that series on the dates those payments are due.

To exercise our right to be discharged, we must deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel and an officers' certificate stating that all conditions precedent to the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture have been complied with.

In addition to our right of discharge described above, if we deposit with the trustee funds or government securities sufficient to make payments on the debt securities of a series on the dates those payments are due and payable, then, at our option, either of the following will occur:

we will be discharged from our obligations with respect to the debt securities of that series (legal defeasance); or

we will no longer have any obligation to comply with the restrictive covenants under the indenture, and the related events of default will no longer apply to us, but some of our other obligations under the indenture and the debt securities of that series, including our obligation to make payments on those debt securities, will survive (covenant defeasance).

If we defease a series of debt securities, the holders of the debt securities of the series affected will not be entitled to the benefits of the indenture, except for our obligations to:

register the transfer or exchange of debt securities;

replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities; and

maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust.

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will be required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel that the deposit and related defeasance would not cause the holders of the debt securities to recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes. If we elect legal defeasance, that opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling from the United States Internal Revenue Service or a change in law to that effect.

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Governing Law

New York law will govern the indenture and the debt securities, except to the extent that the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is applicable.

Trustee

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, is the trustee under the indenture.

If an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee must use the degree of care and skill of a prudent person in the conduct of such person's own affairs. The trustee will become obligated to exercise any of its powers under the indenture at the request of any of the holders of any debt securities only after those holders have offered the trustee indemnity satisfactory to it.

The indenture limits the right of the trustee, if it becomes one of our creditors, to obtain payment of claims or to realize on certain property received for any such claim, as security or otherwise. The trustee may engage in other transactions with us. If it acquires any conflicting interest, however, it must eliminate that conflict or resign.

Form, Exchange, Registration and Transfer

We will issue the debt securities in registered form, without interest coupons. We will not charge a service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange of the debt securities. We may, however, require the payment of any tax or other governmental charge payable for that registration.

Debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series with the same total principal amount and the same terms but in different authorized denominations in accordance with the indenture. Holders may present debt securities for registration of transfer at the office of the security registrar or any transfer agent we designate. The security registrar or transfer agent will effect the transfer or exchange when it is satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request.

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will appoint the trustee under the indenture as security registrar for the debt securities we issue under the indenture. If the prospectus supplement refers to any transfer agent initially designated by us, we may at any time rescind that designation or approve a change in the location through which any transfer agent acts. We will be required to maintain an office or agency for transfers and exchanges in each place of payment. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents for any series of debt securities or rescind the designation of any transfer agent.

In the case of any redemption, neither the security registrar nor the transfer agent will be required to register the transfer or exchange of any debt security:

during a period beginning 15 business days before the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption and ending on the close of business on that day of mailing; or

if we have called the debt security for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part.

Payment and Paying Agent

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will make payments on the debt securities in U.S. dollars at the office of the trustee or any paying agent we designate. At our option, we may make payments by check mailed to the holder's registered address or, with respect to global debt securities, by wire transfer. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will make interest payments to the person in whose name the debt security is registered at the close of business on the record date for the interest payment.

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Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will designate the trustee under the indenture as our paying agent for payments on debt securities we issue under the indenture. We may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts.

Subject to the requirements of any applicable abandoned property laws, the trustee and paying agent will repay to us upon written request any funds held by them for payments on the debt securities that remain unclaimed for two years after the date upon which that payment has become due. After repayment to us, holders entitled to those funds must look only to us for payment.

Book-Entry Debt Securities

We may issue the debt securities of a series in the form of one or more global debt securities that would be deposited with a depository or its nominee identified in the prospectus supplement. We may issue global debt securities in either temporary or permanent form. We will describe in the prospectus supplement the terms of any depository arrangement and the rights and limitations of owners of beneficial interests in any global debt security.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities being offered under this prospectus in and outside the United States through underwriters or dealers, directly to purchasers or through agents.

Sale Through Underwriters or Dealers

If we use underwriters in the sale of the securities, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to several conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities being offered if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers.

During and after an offering through underwriters, the underwriters may purchase and sell the securities in the open market. These transactions may include overallotment and stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover syndicate short positions created in connection with the offering. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, whereby selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for the offered securities sold for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if such offered securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. These activities may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market price of the offered securities, which may be higher than the price that might otherwise prevail in the open market. If commenced, these activities may be discontinued at any time.

If we use dealers in the sale of securities, we will sell the securities to them as principals. They may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices determined by the dealers at the time of resale. The dealers participating in any sale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), with respect to any sale of those securities. We will include in the prospectus supplement the names of the dealers and the terms of the transaction.

Direct Sales and Sales Through Agents

We may sell the securities directly. In that event, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We may also sell the securities through agents we designate from time to time. In the prospectus supplement, we will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities being offered, and we will describe any commissions payable by us to the agent. Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment.

We may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. We will describe the terms of any such sales in the prospectus supplement.

Delayed Delivery Contracts

If we so indicate in the prospectus supplement, we may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers from various types of institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price under delayed delivery

contracts. These contracts would provide for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. The contracts would be subject only to those conditions the prospectus supplement describes. The prospectus supplement will describe the commission payable for solicitation of those contracts.

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General Information

We may have agreements with the agents, dealers and underwriters to indemnify them against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute with respect to payments that the agents, dealers or underwriters may be required to make. Agents, dealers and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of their businesses.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Baker Botts L.L.P., Houston, Texas, our outside counsel, will issue an opinion about the legality of any securities we offer through this prospectus. Any underwriters will be advised about issues relating to any offering by their own legal counsel.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Oceaneering International, Inc. appearing in Oceaneering International, Inc.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the effectiveness of Oceaneering International, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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