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(To Prospectus dated May 6, 2014)

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## **Radian Group Inc.**

### **% Senior Notes due 2020**

Radian Group is offering \$ aggregate principal amount of its % Senior Notes due 2020. The notes will bear interest at a rate of % per year, payable semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, beginning on , 2015. The notes will mature on June , 2020 unless earlier redeemed. We may redeem the notes at any time or from time to time, in whole or in part, at the applicable redemption price as described in this prospectus supplement in the section entitled Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

The notes will be Radian Group's general unsecured, senior obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of its other existing and future obligations that are unsecured and unsubordinated; senior in right of payment to Radian Group's existing and future obligations that are expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes; effectively subordinate to any of Radian Group's secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities, including claims with respect to insured policies and trade payables, of its subsidiaries.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or automated dealer quotation system.

**Investing in the notes involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the discussion under Risk Factors beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, on page 5 of the accompanying prospectus and in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.**

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

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price (1)	%	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	%	\$
Proceeds to Radian Group Inc. (before expenses) (1)	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from, and including, June , 2015.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes in book-entry form only, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company on or about June , 2015.

**Bookrunning Managers**

**Goldman, Sachs & Co. BofA Merrill Lynch Deutsche Bank Securities**

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

Unless the context otherwise requires, we use the terms Company, we, us, and our to refer to Radian Group Inc. and its subsidiaries. When we use the term Radian Group we are only referring to Radian Group Inc. and not its subsidiaries.

This document is comprised of two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this note offering and certain other matters relating to us and our financial condition, and it adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, dated May 6, 2014, which provides more general information about the securities Radian Group may offer from time to time under the registration statement, some of which may not apply to the notes covered by this prospectus supplement. If there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, on the other hand, the information in this prospectus supplement will control. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus together with the additional information described in Where You Can Find More Information and the documents listed in Information Incorporated by Reference before you decide whether to invest in the notes.

In making an investment decision, you must rely on your own examination of the Company and the terms of this offering and the notes, including the merits and risks involved. We are not making any representation to any purchaser of the notes regarding the legality of an investment in the notes by such purchaser. You should not consider any information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to be legal, business or tax advice. You should consult your own attorney, business advisor or tax advisor for legal, business and tax advice regarding an investment in the notes.

You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that Radian Group authorizes to be distributed to you. Radian Group has not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with additional or different information, you should not rely on it. Radian Group is not and the underwriters are not making an offer to sell the notes or soliciting an offer to buy the notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, any free writing prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since such respective dates.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, a registration statement on Form S-3, of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. For further information with respect to the Company and the notes offered hereby, you are referred to the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not necessarily complete and, where that contract or other document is an exhibit to the registration statement, each statement is qualified in all respects by the exhibit to which the reference relates.

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We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents contain specific information regarding us. These documents, including any exhibits and schedules, may be inspected without charge at the SEC's principal office in Washington, D.C., and copies of all or any part of such documents may be obtained from the Public Reference Room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that provides online access to reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC at the address <http://www.sec.gov>. Radian Group's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol RDN. Our SEC filings are also available (free of charge) from our website at [www.radian.biz](http://www.radian.biz). Information contained on our website or any other website is not incorporated into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

In addition to historical information, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, contain statements relating to events, developments or results that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future. These statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) and the United States of America ( U.S. ) Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In most cases, forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as anticipate, may, will, could, should, would, expect, intend, plan, goal, contemplate, believe, project, potential, continue, seek, strategy, future, likely or the negative or other variations on these words and other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements, which may include, without limitation, projections regarding our future performance and financial condition, are made on the basis of management's current views and assumptions with respect to future events. Any forward-looking statement is not a guarantee of future performance and actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statement. These statements speak only as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. We operate in a changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all risks that may affect us. The forward-looking statements, as well as our prospects as a whole, are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements, including:

changes in general economic and political conditions, including unemployment rates, changes in the U.S. housing and mortgage credit markets (including declines in home prices and property values), the performance of the U.S. or global economies, the amount of liquidity in the capital or credit markets, changes or volatility in interest rates or consumer confidence and changes in credit spreads, all of which may be impacted by, among other things, legislative activity or inactivity, actual or threatened downgrades of U.S. government credit ratings, or actual or threatened defaults on U.S. government obligations;

changes in the way customers, investors, regulators or legislators perceive the strength of private mortgage insurers;

catastrophic events, increased unemployment, home price depreciation or other negative economic changes generally or in geographic regions where our mortgage insurance exposure is more concentrated;

Radian Guaranty Inc.'s ability to remain eligible under applicable requirements imposed by the Federal Housing Finance Agency ( FHFA ) and by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (collectively, the GSEs ) to insure loans purchased by the GSEs;

our ability to maintain sufficient holding company liquidity to meet our short- and long-term liquidity needs. We expect to contribute a significant amount of our holding company liquidity to support Radian Guaranty Inc.'s compliance with the final financial requirements ( PMIERS Financial Requirements ) of the Private Mortgage Insurer Eligibility Requirements that were issued by the FHFA in final form on April 17, 2015 ( PMIERS ) and which become effective for existing mortgage insurers on December 31, 2015. Our projections regarding the amount of holding company liquidity that we may contribute for Radian Guaranty Inc. ( Radian Guaranty ), a Pennsylvania domiciled insurance subsidiary of Radian Group, to comply with the PMIERS Financial Requirements are based on our estimates of Radian Guaranty's Minimum Required Assets (a risk-based minimum required asset amount, as defined in the PMIERS, calculated based on net risk in force, which approximates the maximum loss exposure at any point in time ( RIF ) and a variety of measures designed to evaluate credit quality) and Available Assets (as defined in the PMIERS, these assets primarily include the liquid assets of a mortgage insurer and its affiliated reinsurers, and exclude premiums received but not

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yet earned ( Unearned Premium Reserves ), which may not prove to be accurate, and which could be impacted by: (1) our ability to receive GSE approval for the amendments to our existing quota share reinsurance arrangements and receive the full PMIERS benefit for these arrangements; (2) whether we elect to convert certain liquid assets into PMIERS-compliant Available Assets; (3) factors affecting the performance of our mortgage insurance business, including our level of defaults, prepayments, the losses we incur on new or existing defaults and the credit characteristics of our mortgage insurance; and (4) how much capital we expect to maintain at our mortgage insurance subsidiaries in excess of the amount required to satisfy the PMIERS Financial Requirements. Contributions of holding company cash and investments from Radian Group will leave less liquidity to satisfy Radian Group's future obligations. Depending on the amount of holding company contributions that we make, we may be required or may decide to seek additional capital by incurring additional debt, by issuing additional equity, or by selling assets, which we may not be able to do on favorable terms, if at all;

our ability to maintain an adequate level of capital in our insurance subsidiaries to satisfy existing and future state regulatory requirements, including new capital adequacy standards that currently are being developed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ( NAIC ) and that could be adopted by certain states in which we write business;

changes in the charters or business practices of, or rules or regulations imposed by or applicable to the GSEs, including: (1) the implementation of the final PMIERS, which (a) will increase the amount of capital that Radian Guaranty is required to hold, and therefore, reduce our current returns on subsidiary capital, (b) impose extensive and more stringent operational requirements in areas such as claim processing, loss mitigation, document retention, underwriting, quality control, reporting and monitoring, among others, that may result in additional costs to achieve and maintain compliance, and (c) require the consent of the GSEs for Radian Guaranty to take certain actions such as paying dividends, entering into various inter-company agreements, and commuting or reinsuring risk, among others; (2) changes that could limit the type of business that Radian Guaranty and other private mortgage insurers are willing to write, which could reduce our new insurance written ( NIW ); (3) changes that could increase the cost of private mortgage insurance, including as compared to the Federal Housing Administration's ( FHA ) pricing, or result in the emergence of other forms of credit enhancement; and (4) changes that could require us to alter our business practices and which may result in substantial additional costs;

our ability to continue to effectively mitigate our mortgage insurance losses, including a decrease in net Rescissions (our legal right, under certain conditions, to unilaterally rescind coverage on our mortgage insurance policies if we determine that a loan did not qualify for insurance), Claim Denials (our legal right, under certain conditions, to deny a claim) or Claim Curtailments (our legal right, under certain conditions, to reduce the amount of a claim, including due to servicer negligence) resulting from an increase in the number of successful challenges to previous Rescissions, Claim Denials or Claim Curtailments (including as part of one or more settlements of disputed Rescissions or Claim Denials), or as a result of the GSEs intervening in or otherwise limiting our loss mitigation practices, including settlements of disputes regarding Loss Mitigation Activities (activities such as Rescissions, Claim Denials, Claim Curtailments and cancellations);

the negative impact that our Loss Mitigation Activities may have on our relationships with our customers and potential customers, including the potential loss of current or future business and the heightened risk of disputes and litigation;

any disruption in the servicing of mortgages covered by our insurance policies, as well as poor servicer performance;

a substantial decrease in the persistency rates of our mortgage insurance policies, which has the effect of reducing our premium income on our premiums on mortgage insurance products paid on a monthly installment basis ( Monthly Premium Policies ) and could decrease the profitability of our mortgage insurance business;

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heightened competition for our mortgage insurance business from others such as the FHA, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other private mortgage insurers (including with respect to other private mortgage insurers, those that have been assigned higher ratings than we have, that may have access to greater amounts of capital than we do, or that are new entrants to the industry, and therefore, are not burdened by legacy obligations) and the impact such heightened competition may have on our returns and our NIW;

the increased demand from lenders for customized (reduced) rates on lender-paid, single premium mortgage insurance products, which could further reduce our overall average premium rates and returns and, to the extent we decide to limit this type of business, could adversely impact our market share and our customer relationships;

changes to the current system of housing finance, including the possibility of a new system in which private mortgage insurers are not required or their products are significantly limited in effect or scope;

the effect of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act on the financial services industry in general, and on our businesses in particular;

the adoption of new or application of existing federal or state laws and regulations, or changes in these laws and regulations or the way they are interpreted, including, without limitation: (1) the resolution of existing, or the possibility of additional, lawsuits, inquiries or investigations (including a recent inquiry from the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance to all private mortgage insurers pertaining to customized insurance rates and terms offered to mortgage insurance customers); (2) changes to the Mortgage Guaranty Insurers Model Act ( Model Act ) being considered by the NAIC that could include more stringent capital and other requirements for Radian Guaranty in states that adopt the new Model Act in the future; and (3) legislative and regulatory changes (a) impacting the demand for our products, (b) limiting or restricting the products we may offer or increasing the amount of capital we are required to hold, (c) affecting the form in which we execute credit protection, or (d) otherwise impacting our existing businesses or future prospects;

the amount and timing of potential payments or adjustments associated with federal or other tax examinations, including deficiencies assessed by the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) resulting from the examination of our 2000 through 2007 tax years, which we are currently contesting;

the possibility that we may fail to estimate accurately the likelihood, magnitude and timing of losses in connection with establishing loss reserves for our mortgage insurance business;

volatility in our results of operations caused by changes in the fair value of our assets and liabilities, including a significant portion of our investment portfolio and certain of our long-term incentive compensation awards;

changes in GAAP (accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S.) or SAP (statutory accounting practices including those required or permitted, if applicable, by the insurance departments of the respective states of domicile of our insurance subsidiaries) rules and guidance, or their interpretation;

legal and other limitations on amounts we may receive from our subsidiaries as dividends or through our tax- and expense-sharing arrangements with our subsidiaries; and



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the possibility that we may need to impair the estimated fair value of goodwill established in connection with our acquisition of Clayton Holdings LLC ( Clayton ), a Delaware domiciled indirect non-insurance subsidiary of Radian Group, the valuation of which requires the use of significant estimates and assumptions with respect to the estimated future economic benefits arising from certain assets acquired in the transaction such as the value of expected future cash flows of Clayton, Clayton s workforce, expected synergies with our other affiliates and other unidentifiable intangible assets.

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For more information regarding these risks and uncertainties as well as certain additional risks that we face, investors should review the discussion under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the discussion under "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the discussion under "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, and those risks detailed in our subsequent reports and registration statements filed from time to time with the SEC. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are current only as of the date of the document in which they are included.

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY**

*This summary contains basic information about us, Radian Group's notes and this offering. It highlights selected information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Because this is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the notes. Before making an investment decision, you should read this entire prospectus supplement, including the section entitled Risk Factors, the accompanying prospectus, our financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements and the other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.*

**About Radian Group Inc.**

We provide mortgage insurance on first-lien mortgage loans and products and services to the mortgage and real estate industries.

We have two business segments Mortgage Insurance and mortgage and real estate services ( Services ):

Our Mortgage Insurance segment provides credit-related insurance coverage, principally through private mortgage insurance, to mortgage lending institutions. We provide our mortgage insurance products mainly through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Radian Guaranty. Private mortgage insurance protects mortgage lenders from all or a portion of default-related losses on residential mortgage loans made to home buyers who generally make down payments of less than 20% of the home's purchase price. Private mortgage insurance also facilitates the sale of these mortgage loans in the secondary mortgage market, most of which are sold to the GSEs.

Our Services segment provides outsourced services, information-based analytics and specialty consulting for buyers and sellers of, and investors in, mortgage loans and other real estate-related loans and securities and other debt instruments. The primary services of our Services segment include: (1) loan review/due diligence; (2) surveillance; (3) valuation and component services; (4) real estate owned ( REO ) management; and (5) EuroRisk mortgage services in the United Kingdom and Europe. These services and solutions are provided primarily through Clayton and its subsidiary Green River Capital LLC.

Currently, our business strategy is focused on: (1) growing our Mortgage Insurance business by writing insurance on high-quality mortgages in the U.S. and by exploring potential international opportunities; (2) leveraging our Services segment product offerings to deepen our Mortgage Insurance customer relationships; (3) growing our fee-based revenues as a percentage of Radian's total revenues, primarily by expanding our presence in the real estate and mortgage finance industries; (4) continuing to manage losses and reduce our legacy exposure; and (5) continuing to effectively manage our capital and liquidity positions, including compliance with the PMIERS Financial Requirements and other regulatory requirements, as well as strengthening our balance sheet and improving our debt maturity profile with the objective of regaining investment-grade credit ratings in the future. In furtherance of our business strategy, from time to time we may, among other things, seek to redeem, repurchase or exchange some of our outstanding debt for cash or for a combination of cash and our common stock or other securities, make acquisitions, investments and enter into strategic transactions or other initiatives.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1601 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Our telephone number is (215) 231-1000. We maintain a website at [www.radian.biz](http://www.radian.biz) where general information about us is available. We are not incorporating the contents of the website into this prospectus supplement. Radian Group was incorporated in Delaware in 1991.

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**SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING**

*Summary details of the offering of the notes under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are set forth below. Certain terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The Description of the Notes section of this prospectus supplement and the Description of Debt Securities section of the accompanying prospectus contain a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the notes.*

<b>Issuer</b>	Radian Group Inc.
<b>Securities Offered</b>	\$      million principal amount of      % Senior Notes due 2020.
<b>Maturity Date</b>	June      , 2020.
<b>Issue Price</b>	% of principal amount, plus accrued interest, if any, from, and including, June      , 2015.
<b>Interest</b>	% per annum. Interest will accrue from June      , 2015, or from the most recent date on which interest has been paid or duly provided for. Interest will be payable semi-annually in arrears on      and      of each year, beginning on      , 2015, except as described in this prospectus supplement.
<b>Optional Redemption</b>	We may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at our option at any time or from time to time prior to maturity at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the notes to be redeemed and (ii) the make-whole amount, which is the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest in respect of the notes to be redeemed discounted at the Treasury Rate plus      basis points, plus, in each case, accrued interest thereon to, but excluding, the redemption date. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption.
<b>Ranking</b>	The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">senior in right of payment to any of our existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">equal in right of payment to our existing and future unsecured indebtedness that is not so subordinated;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">effectively subordinate to certain of our secured indebtedness, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness; and</p>

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structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities, including claims with respect to insured policies and trade payables, of our subsidiaries.

See Description of the Notes Ranking.

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As of March 31, 2015, Radian Group had outstanding \$195.5 million principal amount of 9.000% Senior Notes due in June 2017, \$450 million principal amount of 3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due in November 2017 (the 2017 Convertible Notes ), \$400 million principal amount of 2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due in March 2019, and \$300 million principal amount of 5.500% Senior Notes due in June 2019. At that date we had no secured indebtedness outstanding. However, under the indentures governing Radian Group's 9.000% Senior Notes due in June 2017, Radian Group's 5.500% Senior Notes due in June 2019 and the indenture to be entered into in connection with the notes offered hereby, any lien that we grant on the stock of certain subsidiaries would also have to secure the indebtedness under those indentures, which would cause all such indebtedness to rank equally and ratably. See Description of Other Indebtedness.

Our subsidiaries currently have no indebtedness that would effectively rank senior to the notes. As adjusted to include the sale of the notes we are offering by this prospectus supplement, our total consolidated long-term debt as of March 31, 2015 would have been approximately \$ million and would have represented approximately % of our total capitalization as of that date. See Capitalization.

The indenture governing the notes does not limit the amount of debt that we may incur.

**Use of Proceeds**

The net proceeds from this offering, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses, are expected to be approximately \$ .

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with shares of our common stock, to purchase some of our outstanding 2017 Convertible Notes and thereafter, to repurchase some of our common stock we may issue in connection with such purchases, and otherwise for general corporate purposes.

**Book-Entry Form**

The notes will initially be issued in book-entry form, represented by a global certificate deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, which we refer to as DTC, and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC. Beneficial interests in any of the notes will be shown on, and transfers will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee. Interests in the global certificate may be exchanged for certificated securities only in limited circumstances. See Description of the Notes Book-Entry, Settlement and Clearance.

**Absence of a Public Market for the Notes**

The notes are a new issue of securities, and there is currently no established market for the notes. Accordingly, we cannot assure you

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as to the development or liquidity of any market for the notes. We do not intend to list the notes on any securities exchange or automated dealer quotation system.

**U.S. Federal Tax Consequences**

For a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the notes, see Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.

**Trustee**

U.S. Bank National Association

**Risk Factors**

You should carefully consider the discussion under Risk Factors beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, page 5 of the accompanying prospectus and in the reports we have filed with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to better understand the risks associated with an investment in the notes.

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The following table sets forth our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges and to combined fixed charges from continuing operations. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes, extraordinary items, cumulative effect of accounting changes, equity in net income of affiliates and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and capitalized interest and an estimate of interest expense within rental expense. Radian Group does not have any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended December 31,			
	March 31, 2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
			(In thousands)			
Net earnings (loss) available for fixed charges	\$ 162,201	498,928	(97,708)	(219,327)	(522,574)	(878,569)
Ratio of net earnings (loss) to fixed charges (B)	6.6x	5.4x	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)

(A) For the periods ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010, earnings were not adequate to cover fixed charges in the amount of \$(97,708), \$(219,327), \$(522,574) and \$(878,569), respectively.

(B) Interest on tax accruals that are non-third party indebtedness are excluded from the calculation.



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*Investing in the notes involves risk. Please see the risk factors described in Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and Part II. Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2015, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. These risk factors may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by subsequent filings we make under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.*

*The risks and uncertainties discussed below and in the documents incorporated by reference are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Our business, financial condition, or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks and cause the value of our securities, including the notes offered by this prospectus supplement, to decline. The trading price of our securities, including the notes offered by this prospectus supplement, could decline due to any of these risks, and you could lose all or part of your investment.*

**Risks Related to the Offering and the Notes**

***The notes are unsecured, are effectively subordinated to any future secured indebtedness, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness, and are structurally subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries, including claims with respect to insured policies and trade payables.***

The notes will rank equal in right of payment to our existing and future liabilities that are not expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes. In addition, the notes are unsecured and effectively subordinated in right of payment to certain of our future secured indebtedness, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness, and are structurally subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries, including claims with respect to insured policies and trade payables. As of March 31, 2015, Radian Group had no secured debt outstanding. At that date, Radian Group did have outstanding \$195.5 million principal amount of 9.000% Senior Notes due in June 2017, \$450 million principal amount of 3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due in November 2017, \$400 million principal amount of 2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due in March 2019, and \$300 million principal amount of 5.500% Senior Notes due in June 2019, all of which would rank equally in right of payment with the notes offered hereby. Under the indentures governing our 9.000% Senior Notes due June 2017, our 5.500% Senior Notes due June 2019 and the indenture to be entered into in connection with the notes offered hereby, however, any lien on the stock of certain subsidiaries would also have to secure the indebtedness under these indentures, which would cause all such indebtedness to rank equally and ratably. In the event of our insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or winding up, any of our assets that secure other debt will be available to pay obligations on the notes only after the secured debt has been paid in full. We may not have sufficient assets to pay any or all of the amounts due on the notes then outstanding. See Description of the Notes Ranking. After giving effect to the issuance of the notes and the receipt (but not the use) of proceeds therefrom, our total indebtedness as of March 31, 2015 would have been approximately \$ million and would have represented approximately % of our total capitalization as of that date. See Capitalization.

Radian Group acts principally as a holding company and does not have any significant operations of its own. Because most of its operations are conducted through its subsidiaries, substantially all of its consolidated assets are held by its subsidiaries and most of its cash flow, and consequently, its ability to pay any amounts due on the notes, is dependent on the earnings of those subsidiaries and the transfer of funds by those subsidiaries to it in the form of dividends or permitted payments under tax- and expense-sharing arrangements, supplemented with borrowings. However, the notes are exclusively Radian Group's obligations, and are not guaranteed by any

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of its subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay holders any amounts due on the notes or to make any funds available for payment on the notes, whether by dividends, loans or other payments, although Radian Group does have expense-sharing arrangements in place with its principal operating subsidiaries under which those subsidiaries have agreed to pay Radian Group their share of holding-company-level expenses, including interest expense on long-term debt. These expense-sharing arrangements, as amended, have been, where required, approved by applicable state insurance departments, but such approval may be modified or revoked at any time. Radian Group's insurance subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends to Radian Group is subject to various conditions imposed by the insurance regulations of the states where they are domiciled and by the GSEs and certain rating agencies. As a result, Radian Group may be unable to gain access to the cash flow or assets of its insurance subsidiaries.

*We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to pay the principal of or interest on the notes.*

At maturity, the entire principal amount of the notes then outstanding, plus any accrued and unpaid interest, will become due and payable. We must pay interest in cash on the notes on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, beginning on \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. We may not have enough available cash or be able to obtain sufficient financing at the time we are required to make these payments. Furthermore, our ability to make these payments may be limited by law, by regulatory authority or by agreements governing our future indebtedness. Our failure to pay interest when due, if uncured for 30 days, or our failure to pay the principal amount when due will constitute an event of default under the indenture. A default under the indenture could also lead to a default under agreements governing our existing or future indebtedness. If the repayment of that indebtedness is accelerated as a result, then we may not have sufficient funds to repay that indebtedness or to pay the principal of or interest on the notes.

*Increased leverage as a result of this offering may harm our financial condition and results of operations.*

Upon the sale of the notes we are offering by this prospectus supplement our total consolidated long-term debt as of March 31, 2015 would have been approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million and would have represented approximately \_\_\_\_\_ % of our total capitalization as of that date. See Capitalization. In addition, the indenture for the notes will not restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness. We may also incur additional long-term indebtedness or obtain working capital lines of credit to meet future financing needs. Our indebtedness could have significant negative consequences for our business, financial condition and results of operations including:

increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions;

limiting our ability to obtain additional financing;

requiring the dedication of a substantial portion of the cash flow from our subsidiaries' operations to service our indebtedness, thereby reducing the amount of cash flow available for other purposes;

making it more difficult for us to obtain investment-grade credit ratings in the future;

making it more difficult to conduct our business successfully or to grow our business, or limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business; and

placing us at a possible competitive disadvantage with less leveraged competitors and competitors that may have better access to capital resources.

We cannot assure you that we will continue to maintain sufficient cash reserves or that our business will generate cash flow from operations at levels sufficient to permit us to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, or that our cash needs will not increase. Our cash needs may increase if, among other things, we make acquisitions, investments, or enter into strategic transactions or initiatives in furtherance of our business strategy. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow or otherwise obtain funds necessary to make required payments, or if we fail to comply with the various requirements of our existing indebtedness, the notes or any indebtedness which we may incur in the future, which may be secured, we would be in default, which would



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permit the holders of such indebtedness to accelerate the maturity of that indebtedness and could cause defaults under other indebtedness. Any default on our indebtedness would likely have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

*The indenture under which the notes will be issued will contain only limited protection for holders of the notes in the event Radian Group is involved in certain transactions, including a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction, in the future.*

The indenture under which the notes will be issued may not sufficiently protect holders of notes in the event Radian Group is involved in certain transactions, including a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction. The indenture will not contain any provisions restricting Radian Group's ability to:

incur additional debt, including debt senior in right of payment to the notes;

pay dividends on or purchase or redeem capital stock;

sell assets (other than certain restrictions on Radian Group's ability to consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of its assets and its ability to sell the stock of certain subsidiaries);

enter into transactions with affiliates;

create liens (other than certain limitations on creating liens on the stock of certain subsidiaries) or enter into sale and leaseback transactions; or

create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to Radian Group from its subsidiaries.

Additionally, the indenture will not require Radian Group to offer to purchase the notes in connection with a change of control or require that Radian Group adhere to any financial tests or ratios or specified levels of net worth. Radian Group's ability to recapitalize, incur additional debt and take a number of other actions that are not limited by the terms of the notes could have the effect of diminishing Radian Group's ability to make payments on the notes when due.

***If an active and liquid trading market for the notes does not develop, the market price of the notes may decline and you may be unable to sell your notes.***

The notes are a new issue of securities for which there is currently no public market. We do not intend to list the notes on any national securities exchange or to arrange for quotation of the notes on any automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters have indicated to us that they intend to make a market for the notes after the offering is completed as permitted by applicable law and regulations. However, the underwriters may cease their market-making at any time without notice. In addition, the liquidity of the trading market in the notes, and the market price quoted for the notes, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for this type of security and by changes in our financial performance or prospects or in the prospects for companies in our industry generally. As a result, an active trading market may not develop for the notes. Even if a trading market for the notes develops, the market may not be liquid. If an active trading market does not develop or is not maintained, the market price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected. In that case, you may be unable to sell your notes at a particular time or you may not be able to sell your notes at a favorable price. It is possible that the market for the notes will be subject to disruptions that may have a negative effect on the holders of notes, regardless of our prospects or financial performance.

***An adverse rating of the notes, or a downgrade or potential downgrade of our credit ratings, may cause the trading price of the notes to fall.***

Credit ratings are limited in scope, and do not address all material risks related to an investment in the notes, but rather reflect only the view of each rating agency at the time the rating is issued. Rating agencies may lower



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ratings on the notes in the future. If rating agencies assign a lower-than-expected rating or reduce, or indicate that they may reduce, their ratings in the future, the trading price or liquidity of the notes could significantly decline. A downgrade or potential downgrade of our credit ratings may also cause the trading price of the notes to fall. Ratings on the notes are not a recommendation to buy the notes and such ratings may be withdrawn or changed at any time.

***We may redeem your notes at our option, which may adversely affect your return.***

We may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at our option at any time or from time to time at the applicable redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement. Prevailing interest rates at the time we redeem the notes may be lower than the interest rate on the notes. As a result, you may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an interest rate equal to or higher than the interest rate on the notes. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption for a more detailed description of the conditions under which we may redeem the notes.

***The notes will initially be held in book-entry form and, therefore, you must rely on the procedures and relevant clearing systems to exercise your rights and remedies.***

Unless certificated notes are issued in exchange for book-entry interests in the notes, owners of book-entry interests will not be considered owners or holders of the notes. Instead, DTC, or its nominee, will be the sole holder of the notes. Payments of principal, interest and other amounts owing on or in respect of the notes in global form will be made to the paying agent, which will make payments to DTC. Thereafter, such payments will be credited to DTC participants' accounts that hold book-entry interests in the notes in global form and credited by such participants to indirect participants. Unlike holders of the notes themselves, owners of book-entry interests will not have the direct right to act upon our solicitations for consents or requests for waivers or other actions from holders of the notes. Instead, if you own a book-entry interest, you will be permitted to act only to the extent you have received appropriate proxies to do so from DTC or, if applicable, a DTC participant. We cannot assure you that procedures implemented for the granting of such proxies will be sufficient to enable you to vote on any requested actions on a timely basis.

***Management will have broad discretion to use the proceeds from this offering, and may not use them successfully.***

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with shares of our common stock, to purchase some of our outstanding 2017 Convertible Notes and thereafter, to repurchase some of our common stock we may issue in connection with such purchases, and otherwise for general corporate purposes. Accordingly, you will be relying on the judgment of our management and our board of directors with regard to the use of these proceeds and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether proceeds are being used appropriately.

***We cannot assure you as to the market price for the notes; therefore, you may suffer a loss.***

We cannot assure you as to the market price for the notes. If you are able to resell your notes, the price you receive will depend on many other factors that may vary over time, including:

the number of potential buyers;

the level of liquidity of the notes;

our credit ratings published by major credit ratings agencies;

our financial performance;

the amount of total indebtedness we have outstanding;



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the level, direction and volatility of market interest rates generally;

the market for similar securities;

the repayment and redemption features of the notes; and

the time remaining until the notes mature.

As a result of these and other factors, you may be able to sell your notes only at a price below that which you believe to be appropriate, including a price below the price you paid for them.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_, after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses. We cannot assure you that this offering will be completed.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with shares of our common stock, to purchase some of our outstanding 2017 Convertible Notes and thereafter, to repurchase some of our common stock we may issue in connection with such purchases, and otherwise for general corporate purposes.

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The following table shows our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments and capitalization at March 31, 2015:

on an actual basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to reflect this offering, but does not reflect the use of proceeds.

This table should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our historical financial statements and the accompanying notes in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

	<b>March 31, 2015 (unaudited) (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>As Adjusted</b>
Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and short-term investments	\$ 1,265,704	\$
Long-term obligations:		
% Senior Notes due 2020	\$	\$
9.000% Senior Notes due 2017 (1)	192,870	
3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017 (1)(2)	381,018	
2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due 2019 (1)(2)	345,084	
5.500% Senior Notes due 2019 (1)	300,000	
Total long-term obligations (2)	1,218,972	
Equity component of currently redeemable convertible senior notes (2)	68,982	
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred Stock, par value \$.001 per share; 20,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding		
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share; 485,000,000 shares authorized; 208,974,967 issued and 191,053,530 outstanding	209	
Treasury Stock, at cost, 17,559,241 shares	(893,149)	
Additional paid-in capital	2,541,585	
Retained earnings	498,593	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	59,674	
Total Stockholders' Equity	2,206,912	
Total Capitalization	\$ 3,494,866	\$

- (1) Reflects the amount set forth on the Company's consolidated balance sheet. The outstanding principal amounts as of March 31, 2015 are \$195.5 million of 9.000% Senior Notes due in June 2017, \$450 million of 3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due 2017, \$400 million of 2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due 2019 and \$300 million of 5.500% Senior Notes due in June 2019.
- (2) In accordance with ASC 470-20, convertible debt that may be wholly or partially settled in cash is required to be separated into a liability and an equity component, such that interest expense reflects the issuer's non-convertible debt interest rate. Upon issuance, a debt discount is recognized as a decrease in debt and an increase in equity. The debt component will accrete up to the principal amount (\$450 million for

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the 3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due November 2017 and \$400 million for the 2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due March 2019) over the expected term of the debt. With respect to the Company's 3.000% Convertible Notes due November 2017, because the principal amount must be settled in cash, the equity component has been reclassified as mezzanine equity because, as of March 31, 2015, the holders are able to convert the notes during the quarterly period ending June 30, 2015. ASC 470-20 does not affect the actual amount that we are required to repay, and the amounts shown in the table above for Radian Group's previously issued convertible notes reflect the approximate liability component net of the discount recognized in equity or temporary equity (mezzanine equity), excluding any tax effect.

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES**

Set forth below is a description of the specific terms of the % senior notes due that we refer to in this prospectus supplement as the notes. This description supplements, and should be read together with, the description of the general terms and provisions of the notes set forth in the accompanying prospectus under the caption Description of Debt Securities. In particular, the Terms Applicable to All Debt Securities and the Particular Terms of the Senior Debt Securities in the Description of Debt Securities apply to the notes, unless specified otherwise below. As used in this Description of Notes section, unless the context otherwise requires, references to we, us, our or Radian Group refer to Radian Group Inc. alone without its consolidated subsidiaries.

The following description does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the description in the accompanying prospectus, the senior indenture, dated as of March 4, 2013, between us and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, which we sometimes refer to in this prospectus supplement as the trustee, as amended and supplemented by a supplemental indenture, to be dated as of June , 2015, between Radian Group and the trustee, and the instrument under which we designate the terms of the notes pursuant to the senior indenture. We sometimes refer in this prospectus supplement to the senior indenture, as so amended and supplemented, as the indenture or the senior indenture. The terms of the notes include those expressly set forth in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the Trust Indenture Act ).

You may request a copy of the indenture from us as described under Where You Can Find More Information in the accompanying prospectus.

**General**

The notes will be issued as a series of senior debt securities under the senior indenture. The notes will be initially issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$ . We may, without the consent of the holders of the notes, issue additional notes having the same ranking and interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes (except for the issue price and issue date). Any additional notes having such similar terms, together with the notes, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the senior indenture.

The entire principal amount of the notes will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, on June , 2020. The notes are not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption provision. The notes are available for purchase in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

**Interest**

Each note will bear interest at the rate of % per year from the date of original issuance, payable semiannually in arrears on and of each year, each of which we sometimes refer to in this prospectus supplement as an interest payment date, to the person in whose name such note is registered at the close of business on the fifteenth calendar day on the month prior to such payment date (whether or not a business day). However, in the case of notes that have been called for redemption, interest will in some cases be payable to the holder of the notes on the redemption date. The initial interest payment date will be , 2015. The amount of interest payable will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. In the event that any date on which interest is payable on the notes is not a business day, then payment of the interest payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day which is a business day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay), with the same force and effect as if made on such date. A business day means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in New York, New York or at a place of payment under the senior indenture are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to remain closed.

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### **Ranking**

The notes will be our general unsecured obligations that rank senior in right of payment to all of our existing and future indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes. The notes will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future liabilities that are not so subordinated. However, under certain indentures governing our outstanding senior notes and the indenture to be entered into in connection with the notes offered hereby, any lien that we grant on the stock of certain subsidiaries would also have to secure the indebtedness under these indentures, which would cause all such secured indebtedness to rank equally and ratably. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, the notes will effectively rank subordinate to certain of our secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities, including claims with respect to insured policies and trade payables, of our subsidiaries. Any right of ours to receive the assets of any of our subsidiaries upon its liquidation or reorganization, and the consequent right of the holders of the notes to participate in those assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, except to the extent that we are recognized as a creditor of such subsidiary, in which case our claims would still be subordinated to any security interests in the assets of such subsidiary and any indebtedness of such subsidiary that is senior to that held by us.

We are a holding company and do not have any significant operations of our own. Because most of our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries, most of our cash flow and, consequently, our ability to pay any amounts due on the notes, depend on the earnings of those subsidiaries and the transfer of funds by those subsidiaries to us in the form of dividends or permitted payments under tax- and expense-sharing arrangements, supplemented with borrowings. However, the notes are exclusively our obligations. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay holders any amounts due on the notes or to make any funds available for payment on the notes, whether by dividends, loans or other payments, although we do have expense-sharing arrangements in place with our principal operating subsidiaries under which they have agreed to pay us their share of holding-company-level expenses, including interest expense on most of our long-term debt. These expense-sharing arrangements, as amended, have been, where required, approved by applicable state insurance departments, but such approval may be modified or revoked at any time. Our insurance subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends to us is subject to, among other things, various conditions imposed by the insurance regulations of the states where they are domiciled, by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, and by certain rating agencies (to avoid a downgrade). As a result, we may be unable to gain access to the cash flow or assets of our subsidiaries.

In the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding up, our assets that secure any of our indebtedness will first be used to repay that indebtedness. Any assets remaining after such repayment will be used to satisfy our payment obligations under the notes and other liabilities that rank equally in right of payment to the notes. There may not be sufficient assets to pay any or all of the amounts due on the notes then outstanding.

As of March 31, 2015, we had no secured debt outstanding, but we did have outstanding \$195.5 million principal amount of 9.000% Senior Notes due in June 2017, \$450 million principal amount of 3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due November 2017, \$400 million principal amount of 2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due in March 2019, and \$300 million principal amount of 5.500% Senior Notes due June 2019. Our subsidiaries currently have no indebtedness that would effectively rank senior to the notes. As adjusted to include the sale of the notes we are offering by this prospectus supplement (and without reference to the use of proceeds from this offering), our total consolidated long-term debt as of March 31, 2015 would have been approximately \$      million and would have represented approximately      % of our total capitalization as of that date. See *Description of Other Indebtedness* and *Risk Factors Risks Related to the Offering and the Notes* *The notes are unsecured, are effectively subordinated to any future secured indebtedness, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness, and are structurally subordinated to all liabilities of our subsidiaries, including claims with respect to insured policies and trade payables.*

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The senior indenture does not limit the amount of additional indebtedness, including senior or secured indebtedness, which we may create, incur, assume or guarantee, nor does the indenture limit the amount of indebtedness or other liabilities that our subsidiaries may create, incur, assume or guarantee.

### **Optional Redemption**

We will have the option to redeem the notes, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days notice, at a redemption price, which we sometimes refer to in this prospectus supplement as the Redemption Price, equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed; or

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal of and interest on the notes to be redeemed (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued to the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semiannual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Adjusted Treasury Rate plus basis points, as calculated by an Independent Investment Banker.

In each case, the Redemption Price is payable together with accrued and unpaid interest on the notes to be redeemed to, but excluding, the redemption date.

Adjusted Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date:

the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month); or

if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

The Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be calculated on the second business day preceding the redemption date.

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

Comparable Treasury Price means (1) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

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

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Reference Treasury Dealer means:

each of Goldman, Sachs & Co., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and one other nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a primary U.S. Government securities dealer specified from time to time by us and its respective successors; provided 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 will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer; and

any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by us.

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

If we have given notice of redemption as provided in the senior indenture, the notes to be so redeemed shall, on the date of redemption, become due and payable at the Redemption Price together with any accrued interest thereon, and from and after such date (unless we shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price and accrued interest) such notes shall cease to bear interest. If any note called for redemption shall not be paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal shall, until paid, bear interest from the date of redemption at % per year.

Subject to the foregoing and to applicable law (including, without limitation, United States federal securities laws), we or our affiliates may, at any time and from time to time, purchase outstanding notes by tender, in the open market or by private agreement.

**Certain Covenants**

The notes will include the following additional covenants:

***Limitation on Liens of Stock of Designated Subsidiaries***

Neither we nor any of our subsidiaries will be permitted to create, assume, incur or permit to exist any indebtedness secured by any lien on the present or future capital stock of any designated subsidiary unless the notes, and at our election, any other indebtedness of ours that is not subordinate to the notes and with respect to which the governing instruments require, or pursuant to which we are otherwise obligated, to provide such security, are secured equally and ratably with such indebtedness for at least the time period this indebtedness is so secured. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we may, without securing the notes or such other indebtedness, incur liens existing on such capital stock before the acquisition thereof by us or by any designated subsidiary so long as (1) such lien was in existence prior to, and is not created in contemplation of or in connection with, such acquisition, (2) such lien will not apply to capital stock of any other designated subsidiary and (3) such lien will secure only those obligations which it secures on the date of such acquisition, and extensions, renewals and replacements of the foregoing liens that do not increase the outstanding principal amount secured by such liens and do not extend to capital stock of any other designated subsidiary.

***Limitation on Sales of Capital Stock of Designated Subsidiaries***

Neither we nor any of the designated subsidiaries will be permitted to issue, sell, transfer or dispose of capital stock of a designated subsidiary, except to us or one of our subsidiaries that agrees to hold the transferred shares subject to the terms of this sentence, unless (1) we dispose of the entire capital stock of the designated subsidiary at the same time for cash or property which, in the opinion of our board of directors, is at least equal to

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the fair market value of the capital stock or (2) we sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any capital stock of a designated subsidiary for at least fair market value (in the opinion of our board of directors) and, after giving effect thereto, we and our subsidiaries would own more than 80% of the issued and outstanding voting stock of such designated subsidiary.

### ***Certain Definitions***

Designated subsidiary means any present or future consolidated subsidiary, the consolidated stockholders' equity of which constitutes at least 15% of our consolidated stockholders' equity. As of the date hereof, the only designated subsidiary is Radian Guaranty Inc.

Indebtedness means, with respect to any person:

- (1) the principal of, and any premium and interest on, indebtedness of the person for money borrowed and indebtedness evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments for the payment of which that person is responsible or liable;
- (2) all capitalized lease obligations of that person;
- (3) all obligations of that person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property, all conditional sale obligations and all obligations under any title retention agreement (but excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business and deferred purchase price due and payable within 90 days);
- (4) all obligations of that person for the reimbursement of any obligor on any letter of credit, banker's acceptance or similar credit transaction, other than obligations with respect to letters of credit securing obligations entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (5) all obligations of that person under interest swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest collar agreements and other agreements or arrangements designed to protect that person against fluctuations in interest rates;
- (6) all obligations of the type referred to above of other persons and all dividends of other persons for which that person is responsible or liable as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, except Indebtedness will not include (i) endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business or (ii) financial guaranties made by an insurance company (including a financial guaranty company) as an incident to the conduct of its insurance business and in the ordinary course of such business;
- (7) all obligations of the type referred to above of other persons secured by any lien on any property or asset of that person; and
- (8) any amendments, modifications, refundings, renewals or extensions of any indebtedness or obligation described above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) Indebtedness of a person will not include any Conduit Indebtedness or any Insured Indebtedness of that person or any guaranty of that type of Indebtedness by such person in the ordinary course of its business, and (ii) in connection with the purchase by a person of any business, the term Indebtedness will exclude post-closing payment adjustments to which the seller may become entitled to the extent such payment is determined by a final closing so long as at the time of closing, the amount of any such payment is not determinable and, to the extent such payment thereafter becomes fixed and determined, the amount is paid when due. Conduit Indebtedness means, with respect to a person, Indebtedness of a special purpose entity or subsidiary of such person that is consolidated on such person's financial statements in accordance with GAAP so long as (i) the proceeds of such debt are used by such special purpose entity or



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subsidiary to make loans to, or to purchase assets from, another person that is not an affiliate of such person, in the ordinary course of business and (ii) such Indebtedness and/or any payment with respect to accounts receivable and other assets underlying such Indebtedness are guaranteed by the former person or one or more of its subsidiaries, in the ordinary course of business. Insured Indebtedness means, with respect to a person, any Indebtedness of such person or its subsidiaries that is guaranteed by such person or another subsidiary of such person that is an insurance company (including a financial guaranty company) so long as the proceeds of such Indebtedness are used to purchase securities, instruments, notes or other obligations issued or owed by a person that is not an affiliate of such person, in the ordinary course of business.

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

Subsidiary means, with respect to us:

(1) any corporation of which at least a majority of the outstanding stock having ordinary voting power (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to elect a majority of the directors of such corporation, is at the time, directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by us or by one or more of our subsidiaries (or any combination thereof);

(2) any partnership (a) of which we or one of our subsidiaries is the sole general partner or the managing general partner or (b) the only general partners of which are us or one or more of our subsidiaries (or any combination thereof); or

(3) any other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of equity interests entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by us or one or more of our subsidiaries (or a combination thereof).

## **Methods of Receiving Payments on the Notes**

If a holder of the notes has given us wire transfer instructions, we will pay all principal, interest, and premium, if any, on that holder's notes in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on notes will be made at the office or agency of the paying agent and registrar within the City and State of New York unless we elect to make interest payments by check mailed to the holders at their addresses set forth in the register of notes.

## **Transfer and Exchange**

The notes may be transferred or exchanged in accordance with the senior indenture. The registrar and the trustee may require a holder of the notes, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and we may require a holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the senior indenture. We are not required to transfer or exchange any note selected for redemption. Also, we are not required to transfer or exchange any note for a period of 15 days before a selection of notes to be redeemed.

The registered holder of a note will be treated as its owner for all purposes under the senior indenture.

## **Concerning the Trustee**

U.S. Bank National Association will be the initial trustee and will also serve as the initial registrar and paying agent for the notes. U.S. Bank National Association, in each of its capacities, including without limitation as trustee, registrar and paying agent, assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information concerning us or our affiliates or any other party contained in this document or the related

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documents or for any failure by us or any other party to disclose events that may have occurred and may affect the significance or accuracy of such information. We maintain banking relationships in the ordinary course of business with the trustee and its affiliates.

We may change the trustee, paying agent and/or registrar without prior notice to the holders of the notes.

### **Governing Law**

The indenture provides that the notes and the indenture will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

### **Book-Entry, Settlement and Clearance**

#### ***The Global Notes***

The notes will be initially issued in the form of one or more registered notes in global form, without interest coupons (the global notes). Upon issuance, each of the global notes will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a global note will be limited to persons who have accounts with DTC (DTC participants) or persons who hold interests through DTC participants. We expect that under procedures established by DTC:

upon deposit of a global note with DTC's custodian, DTC will credit portions of the principal amount of the global note to the accounts of the DTC participants designated by the underwriters; and

ownership of beneficial interests in a global note will be shown on, and transfer of ownership of those interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to interests of DTC participants) and the records of DTC participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interests in the global note).

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to holders, includes holders of beneficial interests in such global notes. Beneficial interests in global notes may not be exchanged for notes in physical, certificated form except in the limited circumstances described below.

#### ***Book-entry Procedures for the Global Notes***

All interests in the global notes will be subject to the operations and procedures of DTC. We provide the following summary of those operations and procedures solely for the convenience of investors. The operations and procedures of DTC are controlled by that settlement system and may be changed at any time. Neither we nor the underwriters are responsible for those operations or procedures.

DTC has advised us that it is:

a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York;

a banking organization within the meaning of the New York State Banking Law;

a member of the Federal Reserve System;

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a clearing corporation within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code; and

a clearing agency registered under Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between its participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its

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participants. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriters; banks and trust companies; clearing corporations and other organizations. Indirect access to DTC's system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies; these indirect participants clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC participant, either directly or indirectly. Investors who are not DTC participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through DTC participants or indirect participants in DTC.

So long as DTC's nominee is the registered owner of a global note, that nominee will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by that global note for all purposes under the indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global note:

will not be entitled to have notes represented by the global note registered in their names;

will not receive or be entitled to receive physical, certificated notes; and

will not be considered the owners or holders of the notes under the indenture for any purpose, including with respect to the giving of any direction, instruction or approval to the trustee under the indenture.

As a result, each investor who owns a beneficial interest in a global note must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights of a holder of notes under the indenture (and, if the investor is not a participant or an indirect participant in DTC, on the procedures of the DTC participant through which the investor owns its interest).

Payments of principal and interest with respect to the notes represented by a global note will be made by the trustee to DTC's nominee as the registered holder of the global note. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for the payment of amounts to owners of beneficial interests in a global note, for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of those interests by DTC, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records of DTC relating to those interests.

Payments by participants and indirect participants in DTC to the owners of beneficial interests in a global note will be governed by standing instructions and customary industry practice and will be the responsibility of those participants or indirect participants and DTC.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected under DTC's procedures and will be settled in same-day funds.

***Certificated Notes***

Notes in physical, certificated form will be issued and delivered (i) to each person that DTC identifies as a beneficial owner of the related notes only if (a) DTC notifies us at any time that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the global notes and a successor depository is not appointed within 90 calendar days; or (b) DTC ceases to be registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed within 90 calendar days; or (ii) if an event of default with respect to the notes has occurred and is continuing, to each beneficial owner who requests that its beneficial interests in the notes be exchanged for notes in physical, certificate form.

**No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders**

None of our directors, officers, employees, incorporators or stockholders or those of any of our subsidiaries, as such, shall have any liability for any of our obligations under the notes, the senior indenture, or for any claim based on, in respect of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of notes by accepting a note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws.

**Table of Contents****DESCRIPTION OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS**

The following is a general description of the material provisions of certain of our existing indebtedness in addition to the indebtedness represented by the notes offered by this prospectus supplement. This summary is not a complete description of our indebtedness. You should read the indentures for our 9.000% Senior Notes due June 2017, our 3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due November 2017, our 2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due March 2019, and our 5.500% Senior Notes due June 2019, which are incorporated by reference into exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement forms a part.

**Existing Senior Notes**

As of March 31, 2015, we had the following carrying amounts outstanding on our long-term debt:

	<b>March 31, 2015 (in thousands)</b>
9.000% Senior Notes due June 2017	\$ 192,870
3.000% Convertible Senior Notes due November 2017	381,018
2.250% Convertible Senior Notes due March 2019	345,084
5.500% Senior Notes due June 2019	300,000

During 2013, Radian Group exchanged \$195.5 million aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Notes due June 2015 for a like aggregate principal amount of 9.000% Senior Notes due June 2017. These new notes bear interest at a rate of 9.000% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15, and mature on June 15, 2017. Radian Group has the option to redeem some or all of such notes at any time and from time to time with not less than 30 days' notice at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed or (ii) the present value of the notes to be redeemed discounted at the treasury rate plus 50 basis points.

In November 2010, Radian Group issued \$450 million of unsecured Convertible Senior Notes. These notes bear interest at the rate of 3.000% per annum, payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15. These notes mature in November 2017 and may not be redeemed before maturity. Holders of these notes may convert their notes from August 15, 2017 through the maturity date, subject to certain conditions. Holders of the notes will also be able to exercise their conversion rights prior to August 15, 2017, subject to certain conditions, only under certain circumstances, including if our common stock meets the sale price criteria in any calendar quarter. During the calendar quarter ended March 31, 2015, the sale price of our common stock met the sale price criteria for these notes and therefore, the holders of the notes are currently able to convert the notes, at their option, during the second calendar quarter of 2015. Upon a conversion, we will pay cash up to the aggregate principal amount of the notes to be converted and pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at our election, in respect of the remainder, if any, of our conversion obligation that is in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the notes being converted. The conversion rate will initially be 85.5688 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (corresponding to an initial conversion price of approximately \$11.69 per share of common stock). The conversion rate will be subject to adjustment in certain events, but will not be adjusted for any accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, following certain corporate events, we will increase the conversion rate for a holder who elects to convert their notes in connection with that corporate event in certain circumstances.

In March 2013, Radian Group issued \$400 million of unsecured Convertible Senior Notes. These notes bear interest at the rate of 2.25% per annum, payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1. These notes mature in March 2019 and may be redeemed by Radian Group any time on or after March 8, 2016 if certain trading price conditions are met. The redemption price will generally be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date. Holders of these notes may

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convert their notes from December 1, 2018 through the maturity date, subject to certain conditions. Holders of the notes will also be able to exercise their conversion rights prior to December 1, 2018, subject to certain conditions, only under certain circumstances, including if our common stock meets the sale price criteria in any calendar quarter. During the calendar quarter ended March 31, 2015, the sale price of our common stock met the sale price criteria for these notes and therefore, the holders of the notes are currently able to convert the notes, at their option, during the second calendar quarter of 2015. Upon a conversion, we will pay or deliver, as the case may be, cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at our election. The conversion rate will initially be 94.3396 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (corresponding to an initial conversion price of approximately \$10.60 per share of common stock). The conversion rate will be subject to adjustment for certain events, but will not be adjusted for any accrued and unpaid interest. In addition, following certain corporate events, we will increase the conversion rate for a holder who elects to convert its notes in connection with that corporate event in certain circumstances.

On May 13, 2014, Radian Group issued \$300 million of unsecured Senior Notes due June 2019. These notes bear interest at the rate of 5.500% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1, and mature on June 1, 2019. Radian Group has the option to redeem some or all of such notes at any time and from time to time with not less than 30 days notice at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed or (ii) the present value of the notes to be redeemed discounted at the treasury rate plus 50 basis points.

**Covenants Under Our Existing Senior Notes**

Certain of our existing senior notes contain covenants that, among other things, limit or restrict our ability, and the ability of our subsidiaries, to create liens on or sell stock of certain of our subsidiaries.

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**CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following is a description of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a particular investor's decision to invest in the notes, and does not address certain tax rules that are generally assumed to be understood by investors. This summary is based on the United States Internal Revenue Code, U.S. federal income tax regulations promulgated or proposed thereunder (the "Treasury Regulations"), judicial authority, and published rulings and administrative pronouncements of the IRS, each as of the date of this prospectus supplement and each of which are subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary is limited to beneficial owners that purchase notes in the initial offering at their original issue price (i.e., the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes is sold to purchasers other than bond houses, brokers or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers) for cash and hold the notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally, property held for investment).

This summary does not address the tax consequences to investors that are subject to special rules, such as financial institutions, banks, thrift institutions, real estate investment trusts, personal holding companies, regulated investment companies, insurance companies, tax-exempt entities, qualified retirement plans, brokers and dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities that elect to use mark-to-market method of accounting, persons that hold the notes in a straddle or as part of a hedging, conversion or constructive sale transaction, U.S. holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, partnerships or other entities classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and persons who have ceased to be citizens or residents of the United States. Further, we do not address:

the U.S. federal income tax consequences to stockholders in, or partners or beneficiaries of, an entity that is an owner of the notes;

the U.S. federal estate and gift or alternative minimum tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or sale of the notes; or

any state, local or foreign tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and sale of the notes.

If a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes owns notes, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the partner's status and the activities of the partnership. If you are such a partnership entity investing in notes (or if you are a partner in such a partnership entity), you are urged to consult your own tax advisor about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of the notes.

For purposes of this summary, you are a U.S. holder if you are a beneficial owner of a note and you are:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust if it (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

For purposes of this summary, a non-U.S. holder is a beneficial owner of a note that is not a U.S. holder and is not a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.





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This summary is not binding on the IRS. We have not sought, and do not plan to not seek, any ruling from the IRS with respect to the statements made in this summary, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will not take a position contrary to these statements or that a contrary position taken by the IRS will not be sustained by a court.

**This summary constitutes neither tax nor legal advice. Prospective investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors to determine the specific tax consequences and risks to them of purchasing, holding and disposing of the notes, including the application to their particular situation of any U.S. federal, state, local, and non-U.S. tax laws and of any applicable income tax treaty.**

### **Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders**

This subsection describes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. holder. If you are not a U.S. holder, this subsection does not apply to you and you should refer to [Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders](#) below.

#### ***Interest and Original Issue Discount on the Notes***

It is expected, and therefore this discussion assumes, that the notes will be treated as issued without original issue discount (OID) for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, you will generally be required to include stated interest in income as ordinary income at the time the interest is received or accrued, according to your method of tax accounting.

#### ***Sale, Exchange or Repurchase of the Notes***

You will generally recognize gain or loss upon a sale, exchange or repurchase of a note equal to the difference between (1) the amount of cash proceeds and the fair market value of any property received and (2) your adjusted tax basis in the note. Your adjusted tax basis in notes generally will equal the cost of the notes to you. Any gain or loss you recognize generally will be treated as a capital gain or loss (except to the extent the amount received is attributable to accrued unpaid interest not previously included in income, which will be taxable as ordinary interest income). The capital gain or loss will be long-term if your holding period at that point has exceeded twelve months and will be short-term if your holding period is twelve months or less. A reduced tax rate may apply to individuals and other noncorporate U.S. holders with long-term capital gains. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to certain limitations.

### **Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders**

This subsection describes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences to a non-U.S. holder. If you are not a non-U.S. holder, this subsection does not apply to you and you should refer to [Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders](#) above.

Special rules may apply to certain non-U.S. holders such as controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies and, in certain circumstances, individuals who are U.S. expatriates. If you are a non-U.S. holder that falls within any of the foregoing categories, you should consult your own tax advisor to determine the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences that may be relevant to you. Further, this summary does not address all of the special rules that may be applicable to foreign partnerships or partnerships with foreign partners. If you are a partnership holding notes, you are urged to consult your own tax advisor concerning the tax, withholding and reporting rules that may apply to you.

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***Payments with Respect to the Notes***

If you are a non-U.S. holder, all payments of principal or interest made to you on the notes, and any gain realized on a sale, exchange, conversion, or repurchase of the notes, will be exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax, provided that you satisfy one of two tests. The first test is satisfied if:

you do not (directly or indirectly, actually or constructively) own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of Radian Group's stock that are entitled to vote and are not a controlled foreign corporation related, directly or indirectly, to Radian Group through stock ownership;

you are not a bank for whom the note reflects an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of your trade or business;

you certify to us or our paying agent on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or appropriate substitute form), under penalties of perjury, that you are not a U.S. person. If you hold the notes through a financial institution or other agent acting on your behalf, you will be required to provide appropriate documentation to the agent who will then be required to provide certification to us or our paying agent, either directly or through other intermediaries in the payment chain. Special rules apply to estates and trusts and, in certain circumstances, certifications as to foreign status of trust owners or beneficiaries may have to be provided. In addition, special rules apply to qualified intermediaries that enter into withholding agreements with the IRS; and

in the case of a sale, exchange, conversion, or repurchase of the notes:

if you are an individual non-U.S. holder, you are present in the United States for fewer than 183 days in the taxable year of disposition; and

your holding of the notes is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States.

The second test is satisfied if you are otherwise entitled to the benefits of an income tax treaty under which such interest is exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax, and you (or your agent) provide to us a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or an appropriate substitute form), claiming eligibility for the exemption.

If you cannot satisfy the requirements described above with respect to interest payments, payments of interest will be subject to the 30% U.S. federal withholding tax, unless you provide us with a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI (or successor form) stating that interest paid on the notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States, and, if a tax treaty applies, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment.

If you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest on a note or gain recognized on the sale, exchange, conversion, or repurchase of a note is effectively connected with the conduct of that trade or business, you will be subject to U.S. federal income tax (but not the 30% withholding tax if you provide a Form W-8ECI as described above) on that interest gain on a net income basis in the same manner as if you were a U.S. person as defined under the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, if you are a foreign corporation, you may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or lower applicable income tax treaty rate) of your earnings and profits for the taxable year, subject to certain adjustments, that are effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States. For this purpose, any such interest or gain will be included in the earnings and profits of a foreign corporation. An individual non-U.S. holder who is in the United States for more than 183 days in the taxable year in which the note is sold, exchanged, redeemed or repurchased, and meets certain other conditions, will be subject to a flat 30% U.S. federal income tax (which rate may, however, be reduced if the individual is entitled to the benefit of a nondiscrimination provision of an applicable tax treaty) on any gain recognized on such a disposition, which gain may be offset by such a person's U.S.-source capital losses, if any.



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### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

If you are a U.S. holder of a note, information reporting requirements generally will apply to all payments we make to you and the proceeds from a sale of the note, unless you are an exempt recipient such as a corporation. If you fail to supply your correct taxpayer identification number, underreport your tax liability or otherwise fail to comply with applicable U.S. information reporting or certification requirements, the IRS may require us to backup withhold U.S. federal income tax at the rate set by Section 3406 of the Internal Revenue Code (currently 28%) from those payments.

In general, if you are a non-U.S. holder, you will not be subject to information reporting and backup withholding with respect to payments that we make to you provided that we do not have actual knowledge or reason to know that you are a U.S. person and you have given us the certification described under Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders Payments with Respect to the Notes. In addition, if you are a non-U.S. holder, you will not be subject to information reporting or backup withholding with respect to the proceeds of the sale of a note within the United States or conducted through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries, if the payor receives the certification described above under Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders Payments with Respect to the Notes and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that you are a U.S. person, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code, or you otherwise establish an exemption.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

### **FATCA Withholding**

The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ( FATCA ), which was enacted as part of the HIRE Act of 2010, generally imposes a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% on payments of interest, and payments of the gross proceeds from the sale or other taxable disposition (including a retirement or redemption) of the notes after December 31, 2016, made to non-U.S. financial institutions and certain other non-U.S. nonfinancial entities (including, in some instances, where such an institution or entity is acting as an intermediary) that fail to comply with certain information reporting obligations and the requirement to provide an IRS Form W-8BEN-E that establishes exemption from FATCA withholding.

If a FATCA withholding tax were to apply to a payment made in respect of the notes, neither we, as the issuer, nor any paying agent nor any other person would be required under the terms and conditions of the notes to pay any additional amount as a result of the FATCA withholding. Accordingly, any investor that fails to document its exemption from FATCA may receive less interest or principal than expected.

Prospective investors should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA with respect to an investment in the notes. Accordingly, prospective investors should consult their banks or brokers about the likelihood that payments to those banks or brokers (for credit to such investors) will become subject to withholding in the payment chain. Investors in the notes could be affected by FATCA withholding if a financial institution or other intermediary in the payment chain, such as a bank or broker, through which they hold the notes is subject to withholding because it fails to comply with the reporting requirements.

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Radian Group is offering the notes described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus through Goldman, Sachs & Co., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as representatives (the representatives) of the several underwriters (collectively, the underwriters). Radian Group has entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriters, dated as of June 1, 2015 (the Underwriting Agreement). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, each of the underwriters has severally agreed to purchase the principal amount of the notes listed next to its name in the following table:

<b>Underwriters</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	\$
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.	\$
Total	\$

Radian Group's notes are offered subject to a number of conditions, including receipt and acceptance of the notes by the underwriters.

In connection with this offering, the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute documents to investors electronically.

The notes sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement, plus accrued interest from the original issue date of the notes, if any. If all of the notes are not sold at the public offering price, the representatives may change the offering price and the other selling terms. Sales of the notes made outside of the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriters. The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We have been advised by the underwriters that the underwriters intend to make a market in the notes but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the notes. The offering of the notes by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part.

Radian Group estimates that the total expenses of this offering payable by it, not including the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$ .

**Indemnification and Contribution**

Radian Group has agreed to indemnify the several underwriters and their affiliates, selling agents and controlling persons against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. If Radian Group is unable to provide this indemnification, Radian Group will contribute to the payments the underwriters and their affiliates, selling agents and controlling persons may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

**Price Stabilization, Short Positions and Passive Market Making**

In order to facilitate the offering of the notes, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the notes. Specifically, the underwriters may sell a greater principal amount of notes than they are obligated to purchase under the underwriting agreement, creating a naked short position. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing notes in the open market. A

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naked 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 in the offering. As an additional means of facilitating this offering, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, notes in the open market to stabilize the price of the notes. These activities may raise or maintain the market price of the notes above independent market levels or prevent or delay a decline in the market price of the notes. The underwriters are not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time.

In general, purchases of a security for the purpose of stabilizing or reducing a syndicate short position could cause the price of the security to be higher than it might otherwise be in the absence of such purchases. Neither we nor the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the notes. In addition, neither we nor the underwriters make any representation that the underwriters will engage in such transactions or that such transactions will not be discontinued without notice, once they are commenced.

## **Penalty Bids**

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

## **Affiliations**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. The underwriters and their respective affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, a variety of these services to us and our affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses. In addition, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated are providing investment banking and advisory services to us. Each of Goldman, Sachs & Co., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and their respective affiliates, have in the past received, and will be entitled to receive, separate fees for such services.

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 our assets, securities and/or instruments (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with us. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color 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 should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments.

Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with us routinely hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby.

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### ***Selling Restrictions***

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by Radian Group that would permit a public offering of the notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such notes be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus come are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any notes offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area***

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State ), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State, it has not made and will not make an offer of the notes to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
  - b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the other representatives for any such offer; or
  - c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive;
- provided that no such offer of notes will require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of the above, (i) the expression an offer of notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, and (ii) the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom***

Each underwriter has represented, warranted and agreed that:

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 (the FSMA )) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in circumstances in which Section 21 (1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and

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





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### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong***

The notes may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), 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 laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan***

The notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended; the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law ) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any of the notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

### ***Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore***

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

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust will not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 275(2) of the SFA, or any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; (3) where the transfer is by operation of law; or (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA.

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**VALIDITY OF SECURITIES**

The validity of the securities being offered by this prospectus supplement has been passed upon for us by Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering are being passed upon for the underwriters by Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP has represented and may continue to represent the Company and its affiliates, from time to time, in connection with various legal matters.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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**INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. These documents contain important information about us and our financial condition. This information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and their amendments, except information furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, which is neither deemed filed nor incorporated by reference herein:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed on March 2, 2015.

The information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed on April 10, 2015.

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2015, filed on May 8, 2015.

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K dated February 5, 2015, April 1, 2015, May 13, 2015 and June 15, 2015, and filed, respectively, on February 10, 2015, April 7, 2015, May 14, 2015 and June 15, 2015.

The description of common stock set forth in our registration statement on Form 8-A/A filed on August 12, 2004, including any and all amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

The description of our preferred share purchase rights set forth in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on October 13, 2009, the amendments set forth on Form 8-A/A filed on May 4, 2010 and in any and all amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

Any future filings we make under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including any filings after the date of this registration statement until we terminate this offering.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein may be modified or superseded in the future. Any such statement so modified shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement except as so modified and any statement so superseded shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

You may request a free copy of these filings, other than any exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Radian Group Inc.

1601 Market Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Attention: Investor Relations

(215) 564-6600



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Radian Group Inc., from time to time, may offer, issue and sell, together or separately, (1) shares of common stock; (2) shares of preferred stock; (3) debt securities, which may be senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities or subordinated debt securities; (4) depository shares; (5) warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or other securities; (6) rights to purchase common stock, preferred stock or other securities; (7) stock purchase contracts; and (8) units consisting of two or more classes of the securities registered hereunder.

This prospectus contains a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we issue the securities pursuant to this registration statement we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of that issuance, which also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read carefully this prospectus and any applicable supplements before deciding to invest.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol RDN. We expect that any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be listed on such exchange, subject to official notice of issuance. Any prospectus supplement will contain information, where applicable, as to any other listing on the New York Stock Exchange or any other securities exchange of the other securities covered by the prospectus supplement.

The securities may be sold directly to investors, through agents designated from time to time or to or through underwriters or dealers. See Plan of Distribution on page 39 of this prospectus. If any agents or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered, the names of such agents or underwriters and any applicable commissions or discounts will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The net proceeds we expect to receive from such sale also will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell any securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

**Consider carefully the Risk Factors beginning on page 5, in any accompanying prospectus supplement, and in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus before deciding to invest in any of these securities.**

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

**The date of this prospectus is May 6, 2014.**

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

Unless the context otherwise requires, we use the terms *Company*, *we*, *us*, and *our* to refer to either Radian Group Inc. or to Radian Group Inc. and its subsidiaries. When we use the term *Radian Group* we are only referring to Radian Group Inc. and not its subsidiaries.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the *SEC*) using a *shelf* registration. Under this shelf registration, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell the securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus.

For general information about the distribution of securities offered, please see *Plan of Distribution* on page 39 of this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described in *Where You Can Find More Information* and *Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference*, before you decide whether to invest in any of the securities.

**You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. You may obtain the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus without charge by following the instructions under *Where You Can Find More Information* and *Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference* below. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities or soliciting an offer to buy the securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.**

This prospectus summarizes certain documents and other information, and we refer you to them for a more complete understanding of what we discuss in this prospectus. In making an investment decision, you must rely on your own examination of our Company and the terms of this offering and the securities, including the merits and risks involved.

We are not making any representation to any purchaser of the securities regarding the legality of an investment in the securities by such purchaser. You should not consider any information in this prospectus to be legal, business or tax advice. You should consult your own attorney, business advisor or tax advisor for legal, business and tax advice regarding an investment in the securities.



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**RADIAN GROUP INC.**

We are a credit enhancement company with a primary strategic focus on domestic first-lien residential mortgage insurance.

We have two business segments mortgage insurance and financial guaranty:

- Our mortgage insurance segment provides credit-related insurance coverage, principally through private mortgage insurance, and risk management services to mortgage lending institutions. We conduct our mortgage insurance business primarily through Radian Guaranty Inc. ( Radian Guaranty ), our principal mortgage insurance subsidiary.
- Our financial guaranty segment has provided direct insurance and reinsurance on credit-based risks, and also offered credit protection on various asset classes through financial guaranty policies and credit default swaps. Our principal financial guaranty subsidiary, Radian Asset Assurance Inc. ( Radian Asset Assurance ), is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Radian Guaranty which allows our financial guaranty business to serve as an important source of capital support for our mortgage insurance business. While Radian Asset Assurance discontinued writing new financial guaranty business in 2008, it continues to provide financial guaranty insurance on a portfolio of transactions, consisting primarily of public finance and structured finance transactions.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1601 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Our telephone number is (215) 231-1000. We maintain a website at [www.radian.biz](http://www.radian.biz) where general information about us is available. We are not incorporating the contents of the website into this prospectus. Radian Group was incorporated in Delaware in 1991.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

In addition to historical information, this prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, contains statements relating to events, developments or results that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future. These statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and the United States ( U.S. ) Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In most cases, forward-looking statements may be identified by words such as anticipate, may, will, could, should, would, intend, plan, goal, contemplate, believe, estimate, predict, project, potential, continue, seek, s the negative or other variations on these words and other similar expressions. These statements, which may include, without limitation, projections regarding our future performance and financial condition, are made on the basis of management s current views and assumptions with respect to future events. Any forward-looking statement is not a guarantee of future performance and actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statement. These statements speak only as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. We operate in a changing environment. New risks emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all risks that may affect us. The forward-looking statements, as well as our prospects as a whole, are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements, including:

changes in general economic and political conditions, including unemployment rates, changes in the U.S. housing and mortgage credit markets (including declines in home prices and property values), the performance of the U.S. or global economies, the amount of liquidity in the capital or credit markets, changes or volatility in interest rates or consumer confidence and changes in credit spreads, all of which may be impacted by, among other things, legislative activity or inactivity, actual or threatened

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downgrades of U.S. government credit ratings, or actual or threatened defaults on U.S. government obligations;

changes in the way customers, investors, regulators or legislators perceive the strength of private mortgage insurers or financial guaranty providers, in particular in light of the fact that certain of our former competitors have ceased writing new insurance business and have been placed under supervision or receivership by insurance regulators;

catastrophic events, municipal and sovereign or sub-sovereign bankruptcy filings or other economic changes in geographic regions where our mortgage insurance exposure is more concentrated or where we have financial guaranty exposure;

our ability to maintain sufficient holding company liquidity to meet our short- and long-term liquidity needs;

a reduction in, or prolonged period of depressed levels of, home mortgage originations due to reduced liquidity in the lending market, tighter underwriting standards, or general reduced housing demand in the U.S., which may be exacerbated by regulations impacting home mortgage originations, including requirements established under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act );

our ability to maintain an adequate risk-to-capital position, minimum policyholder position and other surplus requirements for Radian Guaranty, our principal mortgage insurance subsidiary, and an adequate minimum policyholder position and surplus for our insurance subsidiaries that provide reinsurance or capital support to Radian Guaranty;

our ability to continue to effectively mitigate our mortgage insurance and financial guaranty losses;

a more rapid than expected decrease in the levels of mortgage insurance rescissions and claim denials, which have reduced our paid losses and resulted in a significant reduction in our loss reserves, including a decrease in net rescissions or denials resulting from an increase in the number of successful challenges to previously rescinded policies or claim denials (including as part of one or more settlements of disputed rescissions or denials), or by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac (the Government-Sponsored Enterprises or the GSEs ) intervening in or otherwise limiting our loss mitigation practices, including settlements of disputes regarding loss mitigation activities;

the negative impact that our loss mitigation activities may have on our relationships with our customers and potential customers, including the potential loss of current or future business and the heightened risk of disputes and litigation;

the need, in the event that we are unsuccessful in defending our loss mitigation activities, to increase our loss reserves for, and reassume risk on, rescinded or cancelled loans or denied claims, and to pay additional claims, including amounts previously curtailed;

any disruption in the servicing of mortgages covered by our insurance policies, as well as poor servicer performance;

adverse changes in the severity or frequency of losses associated with certain products that we formerly offered (and which remain a small part of our insured portfolio) that are riskier than traditional mortgage insurance or financial guaranty insurance policies;

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a substantial decrease in the persistency rates of our mortgage insurance policies, which has the effect of reducing our premium income on our monthly premium policies and could decrease the profitability of our mortgage insurance business;

heightened competition for our mortgage insurance business from others such as the Federal Housing Administration, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other private mortgage insurers, including with respect to other private mortgage insurers, those that have been assigned higher ratings than we have, that may have access to greater amounts of capital than we do, that are less dependent on capital support from their subsidiaries than we are or that are new entrants to the industry, and therefore, are not burdened by legacy obligations;

changes in requirements for Radian Guaranty to remain an eligible insurer to the GSEs (which are expected to be released in draft form for public comment as early as the second quarter of 2014, and to become effective following an implementation period), which may include, among other items, more onerous risk-to-capital ratio requirements, capital requirements based on a variety of risk characteristics and measures of credit quality and a limitation on the amount of capital credit available for Radian Guaranty's equity in its subsidiaries, including capital attributable to our financial guaranty business; the form of the new eligibility requirements and the timeframe for their implementation remain uncertain, and we cannot give any assurances as to their potential impact on us;

changes in the charters or business practices of, or rules or regulations applicable to, the GSEs;

changes to the current system of housing finance, including the possibility of a new system in which private mortgage insurers are not required or their products are significantly limited in effect or scope;

the effect of the Dodd-Frank Act on the financial services industry in general, and on our mortgage insurance and financial guaranty businesses in particular, including whether and to what extent loans with private mortgage insurance may be considered qualified residential mortgages for purposes of the Dodd-Frank Act securitization provisions;

the application of existing federal or state laws and regulations, or changes in these laws and regulations or the way they are interpreted, including, without limitation: (i) the resolution of existing, or the possibility of additional, lawsuits or investigations (including in particular investigations and litigation relating to captive reinsurance arrangements under the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974); (ii) changes to the Mortgage Guaranty Insurers Model Act (the Model Act) being considered by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) that could include more stringent capital and other requirements for Radian Guaranty in states that adopt the new Model Act in the future; and (iii) legislative and regulatory changes (a) impacting the demand for private mortgage insurance, (b) limiting or restricting the products we may offer or increasing the amount of capital we are required to hold, (c) affecting the form in which we execute credit protection, or (d) otherwise impacting our existing businesses or future prospects;

the amount and timing of potential payments or adjustments associated with federal or other tax examinations, including adjustments proposed by the Internal Revenue Service resulting from the examination of our 2000 through 2007 tax years, which we are currently contesting;

the possibility that we may fail to estimate accurately the likelihood, magnitude and timing of losses in connection with establishing loss reserves for our mortgage insurance or financial guaranty businesses, or to estimate accurately the fair value amounts of derivative instruments in determining gains and losses on these instruments;

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volatility in our earnings caused by changes in the fair value of our assets and liabilities carried at fair value, including our derivative instruments, substantially all of our investment portfolio and certain of our long-term incentive compensation awards;

our ability to realize some or all of the tax benefits associated with our gross deferred tax assets, which will depend, in part, on our ability to generate sufficient sustainable taxable income in future periods;

changes in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America or statutory accounting principles, rules and guidance, or their interpretation;

legal and other limitations on amounts we may receive from our subsidiaries as dividends or through our tax- and expense-sharing arrangements with our subsidiaries; and

our pending acquisition of Clayton Holdings LLC ( Clayton ), including: the potential to not fully realize the benefits anticipated from the acquisition, or to not realize such benefits during the anticipated time frame, including as a result of a loss of customers and/or employees; the potential inability to successfully integrate Clayton's business with our business or the inability to complete such integration during the anticipated time frame; the inability or decision to not complete the acquisition, or to not complete the acquisition on a timely basis; the potential distraction of management time and attention; the risk that we are not able to finance the acquisition as anticipated, or that, if the financing efforts are successful, we are not able to utilize the funds raised efficiently in the event that we do not complete the acquisition.

For more information regarding these risks and uncertainties as well as certain additional risks that we face, you should review the discussion under Risk Factors in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including the discussion under Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and those risks detailed in our subsequent reports and registration statements filed from time to time with the SEC. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are current only as of the date of the document in which they are included.

## **RISK FACTORS**

*Investing in our securities involves risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors contained in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which are incorporated by reference herein, and the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities. These risks could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition and cause the value of our securities to decline. You could lose all or part of your investment.*

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We do not currently know the number or types of securities that ultimately will be sold pursuant to this prospectus or the prices at which such securities will be sold. Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds of any sale of securities under this prospectus for any combination

of the repayment of outstanding indebtedness, working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, capital support for our subsidiaries and general business purposes. Until we use the net proceeds in the manner described above, we may temporarily use them to make short-term investments.



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The following table sets forth our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges and to combined fixed charges from continuing operations. Earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes, extraordinary items, cumulative effect of accounting changes, equity in net income of affiliates and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and capitalized interest and an estimate of interest expense within rental expense. Radian Group does not have any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	Fiscal Years Ended December 31,				
		2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>Net earnings (loss) available for fixed charges</b>	\$222,877	(131,006)	(390,387)	431,519	(1,521,450)	(215,960)
<b>Ratio of net earnings (loss) to fixed charges <sup>(B)</sup></b>	11.0x	(A)	(A)	6.8x	(A)	(A)

(A) For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013, 2012, 2010 and 2009, earnings were not adequate to cover fixed charges in the amount of \$(131,006), \$(390,387), \$(1,521,450) and \$(215,960).

(B) Interest on tax accruals that are non-third party indebtedness are excluded from the calculation.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE OFFERED SECURITIES**

We may from time to time offer under this prospectus, separately or together:

- common stock;
- preferred stock, which may be represented by depositary shares as described below;
- senior, senior subordinated or subordinated debt securities;
- warrants to purchase from us shares of our common stock, preferred stock or other securities;
- rights to purchase from us shares of our common stock, preferred stock or other securities;
- stock purchase contracts; and

- units, each representing a combination of two or more of the foregoing securities.

### **DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK**

The following is a general description of our capital stock. The terms of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws are more detailed than the general information provided below. You should read our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws, which are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

#### ***Authorized and Outstanding Capital Stock***

Radian Group is authorized to issue a total of 505,000,000 shares of our capital stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share. Of the authorized amount, 485,000,000 of the shares are designated as common stock and 20,000,000 of the shares are designated as preferred stock.

As of March 31, 2014, there were 173,166,892 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, and no shares of preferred stock were issued or outstanding.

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### ***Description of Common Stock***

*General.* Each share of our common stock has the same rights and privileges. Holders of our common stock do not have any preferences or any preemptive, redemption, subscription, conversion or exchange rights. All of our outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) under the symbol RDN.

*Voting Rights.* The holders of our common stock are entitled to vote upon all matters submitted to a vote of our stockholders and are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held. There is no cumulative voting.

*Dividends.* Subject to the prior rights and preferences, if any, applicable to shares of preferred stock or any series of preferred stock, the holders of common stock are entitled to participate ratably in all dividends, payable in cash, stock or otherwise, that may be declared by our board of directors out of any funds legally available for the payment of dividends. Each such distribution will be payable to holders of record as they appear on our stock transfer books on such record dates and dividend dates as may be fixed by our board of directors.

*Tax Benefit Preservation Strategy.* As part of our strategy to protect stockholder value by preserving important tax assets of the Company, our board of directors has adopted (1) a tax benefit preservation plan, (2) an amendment to our amended and restated bylaws, and (3) an amendment to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. The tax benefit preservation plan and amendment to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation were both approved by our stockholders at our 2010 annual meeting of stockholders and re-approved by our stockholders at our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders. Pursuant to our tax benefit preservation plan, our board of directors authorized and declared one preferred share purchase right for each outstanding share of common stock. Any future issued shares of common stock will include an associated preferred share purchase right. Descriptions of the tax benefit preservation plan and the related bylaw and charter amendments are set forth in more detail below under Anti-takeover Provisions Other Transfer Restrictions.

*Liquidation and Distribution.* If we voluntarily or involuntarily liquidate, dissolve or wind-up, or upon any distribution of our assets, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to receive, after distribution in full of the preferential amounts, if any, to be distributed to the holders of preferred stock or any series of preferred stock, all of the remaining assets available for distribution equally and ratably in proportion to the number of shares of common stock held by them.

### ***Description of Preferred Stock***

*General.* The preferred stock authorized under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may be issued from time to time in one or more series. Our board of directors has the full authority permitted by law to establish, without further stockholder approval, one or more series and the number of shares constituting each such series and to fix by resolution full or limited, multiple or fractional, or no voting rights, and such designations, preferences, qualifications, privileges, limitations, restrictions, options, conversion rights and other special or relative rights of any series of the preferred stock that may be desired. Subject to the limitation on the total number of shares of preferred stock that we have authority to issue under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, the board of directors is also authorized to increase or decrease the number of shares of any series, subsequent to the issue of that series, but not below the number of shares of such series then-outstanding. In case the number of shares of any series is so decreased, the shares constituting such decrease will resume the status that they had prior to the adoption of the resolution originally fixing the number of shares of such series. We may amend from time to time our certificate of incorporation and bylaws to increase the number of authorized shares of preferred stock or common stock or to make other changes or additions.

Any preferred stock that we issue under this prospectus will have the voting, dividend, liquidation, redemption and conversion rights described below, unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to a

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particular series of preferred stock. You should read the prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of preferred stock for specific terms of the series, including:

- the title and liquidation preference per share and the number of shares offered;
- the price at which shares of the series will be sold;
- the form of dividend and dividend rate, if any, or method of calculation of dividends, the dates on which dividends will be payable, whether such dividends shall be cumulative or noncumulative and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends will commence to accumulate;
- any redemption or sinking fund provisions;
- any conversion provisions; and
- any additional dividend, liquidation, redemption or sinking fund provisions and other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations and restrictions of such preferred stock.

When issued, the preferred stock will be fully paid and nonassessable. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock, in the event of a liquidation, each series of preferred stock will rank on a parity as to dividends and distributions with all other outstanding preferred stock, if any. The following is a discussion of terms we expect to be generally applicable to the preferred stock that we may issue from time to time. The particular terms relating to a series of preferred stock that we offer pursuant to this prospectus, which may be different from or in addition to the terms described below, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to such series of preferred stock.

*Voting Rights.* If we issue shares of any series of preferred stock, holders of such shares will be entitled to one vote for each share held on matters on which holders of such series are entitled to vote, as set forth in the prospectus supplement with respect to such series or as expressly required by applicable law.

The affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of each series of preferred stock, unless our board of directors establishes a higher amount, voting as a separate class, will be required for any amendment of our certificate of incorporation that adversely changes any rights or preferences of such series of preferred stock.

*Dividend Rights.* Holders of the preferred stock of a particular series will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of our assets legally available therefor, cash dividends at such rates and on such dates as are set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. The rate may be fixed or variable or both. Dividends will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on our stock books on the record dates and dividend dates fixed by our board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof. Dividends on any series of preferred stock may be cumulative or noncumulative, as provided in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of preferred stock. If our board of directors fails to declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any series

of preferred stock for which dividends are noncumulative, then the right to receive a dividend in respect of the dividend period ending on such dividend payment day will be lost, and we will have no obligation to pay the dividend accrued for that period, whether or not dividends are declared for any subsequent period.

If the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock so provides, when dividends are not paid in full upon any series of preferred stock and any other preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends with such series of preferred stock, all dividends declared upon such series of preferred stock and any other preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends will be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share on such series and such other preferred stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued

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dividends per share on such series of preferred stock and such other preferred stock bear to each other. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, unless full dividends, including, in the case of cumulative preferred stock, accumulations, if any, in respect of prior dividend payment periods on all outstanding shares of any series of preferred stock have been paid, no dividends, other than in shares of common stock or another stock ranking junior to such series of preferred stock as to dividends and upon liquidation, will be declared or paid or set aside for payment or other distributions made upon our common stock or any of our other stock ranking junior to such preferred stock (including other series of preferred stock ranking junior to such series of preferred stock) as to dividends. If the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock so provides, no common stock or any other stock (including other series of preferred stock) ranking junior to or on a parity with such series of preferred stock as to dividends or upon liquidation may be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration, or any monies paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any shares of any such stock, by us, while such preferred stock remains outstanding, except by conversion into or exchange for our stock ranking junior to such series of preferred stock as to dividends and upon liquidation.

The amount of dividends payable for each dividend period will be computed by annualizing the applicable dividend rate and dividing by the number of dividend periods in a year, except that the amount of dividends payable for the initial dividend period or any period shorter than a full dividend period will be computed on the basis of 30-day months, a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed in the period.

*Liquidation and Distribution.* In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our business, the holders of each series of preferred stock will be entitled to receive out of our assets available for distribution to stockholders, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of common stock or any other class of stock ranking junior to such series of preferred stock upon liquidation, liquidating distributions in the amount set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of preferred stock. If, upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our business, the amounts payable with respect to the preferred stock of any series and any other shares of our stock ranking as to any such distribution on a parity with such series of preferred stock are not paid in full, the holders of the preferred stock of such series and of such other shares will share ratably in any such distribution of our assets in proportion to the full respective preferential amounts to which they are entitled.

*Redemption.* A series of preferred stock may be redeemable, in whole or in part, at our option, and may be subject to mandatory redemption pursuant to a sinking fund or otherwise, in each case upon terms, at the times and the redemption prices and for the types of consideration set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series.

*Conversion or Exchange Rights.* The prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock will state the terms, if any, on which shares of that series are convertible or exchangeable into shares of our common stock, debt securities or another series of our preferred stock. These provisions may allow or require the number of our shares of common stock or other securities to be received by holders of shares of preferred stock to be adjusted upon the occurrence of events described in the applicable prospectus supplement, including: the issuance of a stock dividend to common stockholders or a combination, subdivision or reclassification of common stock; the issuance of rights, warrants or options to all common and preferred stockholders entitling them to purchase common stock for an aggregate purchase price per share less than the current market price per share of common stock; and any other events described in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock so provides, our preferred stock will have no preemptive rights.

***Anti-takeover Provisions***

*Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws.* Certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws summarized below may delay, defer or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt,

including attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for our securities.



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Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide:

- that directors can be removed only for cause and only upon the vote of the holders of shares entitled to cast a majority of the votes that all stockholders are entitled to cast in an election of directors;
- that we may issue preferred stock with such rights, preferences, privileges and limitations as our board of directors may, without prior stockholder approval, establish;
- that special meetings of stockholders may only be called by the chairman of the board, a majority of our board of directors or the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock then-outstanding;
- advance notice procedures with regard to the nomination, other than by or at the direction of our board of directors or a committee of the board, of candidates for election as directors; and
- transfer restrictions in the amended and restated bylaws and amended and restated certificate of incorporation that prohibit any person from transferring, directly or indirectly, any of the shares of common stock if the transfer would
  - i create or result in a person becoming a five-percent shareholder under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code ( Section 382 ), or
  - i increase the stock ownership of any existing five-percent shareholder under Section 382.

These restrictions apply to all shares of our common stock issued after April 30, 2010, and to any shares of common stock owned, at the time of the stockholder vote to amend the amended and restated certificate of incorporation to include such transfer restrictions, by any stockholder who voted in favor of that amendment.

*Restrictions on Ownership Under Insurance Laws.* The application of various state insurance laws could be a significant deterrent to any person interested in acquiring control of us. The insurance and insurance holding company laws of each of the jurisdictions in which our insurance subsidiaries are incorporated or commercially domiciled govern any acquisition of control of our insurance subsidiaries or of us. In general, these laws provide that no person or entity may directly or indirectly acquire control of an insurance company unless that person or entity has received the prior approval of the insurance regulatory authorities. An acquisition of control generally is presumed in the case of any person or entity who purchases 10% or more of the outstanding common stock, unless a request for an exemption from the acquisition of control is filed by the acquirer and subsequently approved by all of the applicable insurance regulatory authorities.

*Delaware General Corporation Law.* Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law applies to Radian Group because it is listed on a national securities exchange. Pursuant to Section 203, with certain exceptions, a Delaware corporation may not engage in any of a broad range of business combinations, such as mergers, consolidations and sales of assets, with an interested stockholder, as defined below, for a period of three years from the date that person

became an interested stockholder, unless:

- the transaction that results in a person becoming an interested stockholder or the business combination is approved by the board of directors of the corporation before the person becomes an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned 85% or more of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers and shares owned by certain employee stock plans; or

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- at or after the time the person becomes an interested stockholder, the business combination is approved by the corporation's board of directors and by holders of at least two-thirds of the corporation's outstanding voting stock, excluding shares owned by the interested stockholder, at a meeting of stockholders.

Under Section 203, an interested stockholder is defined as any person, other than the corporation and any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary, that is:

- the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation; or
- an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation at any time within the three-year period immediately before the date on which it is sought to be determined whether such person is an interested stockholder.

*Other Transfer Restrictions.* On October 8, 2009, our board of directors adopted a Tax Benefit Preservation Plan (the Plan), which, as amended, was approved by our stockholders at our 2010 and 2013 annual stockholder meetings. We also adopted certain amendments to our amended and restated bylaws ( Bylaw Amendment ) and at our 2010 and 2013 annual meetings, our stockholders approved certain amendments to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation ( Charter Amendment ). The Plan, the Bylaw Amendment and the Charter Amendment were implemented in order to protect our ability to utilize our net operating losses ( NOLs ) and other tax assets, which can generally be used to offset our future taxable income and therefore reduce our U.S. federal income tax obligations, by preventing an ownership change under U.S. federal income tax rules. In general, an ownership change will occur if the five-percent shareholders, as defined under Section 382, collectively increase their ownership in Radian Group (as determined for Section 382 purposes) by more than 50 percentage points over the lowest percentage of stock of Radian Group owned by such shareholders at any time during a rolling three-year testing period. The provisions in the Plan, the Bylaw Amendment and the Charter Amendment restrict or discourage certain transfers of our common stock that would (1) create or result in a person becoming a five-percent shareholder under Section 382 or (2) increase the stock ownership of any existing five-percent shareholder under Section 382. The Plan, the Bylaw Amendment and the Charter Amendment will no longer be effective if the Plan and the Charter Amendment are not re-approved every three years by a majority of our stockholders at our annual meeting of stockholders. If the Plan is not re-approved, it will terminate, and if the Charter Amendment is not re-approved, the transfer restrictions in the Charter Amendment and the Bylaw Amendment will terminate. Our stockholders re-approved the Plan and the Charter Amendment at our 2013 annual meeting of stockholders. Assuming they are not terminated before then, the next time we are required to submit the Plan and Charter Amendment for re-approval by our stockholders will be in connection with the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders. Our board of directors also considers, at least annually, whether a limitation on the use of the tax benefits under Section 382 would no longer be material to the Company. If it makes such a determination, the Plan and the transfer restrictions will terminate, as described below.

The rules for determining ownership for the purposes of the Plan, the Bylaw Amendment, and the Charter Amendment track the definition of ownership for the purposes of Section 382, which differs from the traditional concepts of beneficial ownership under the federal securities laws. In particular, ownership for Section 382 purposes is determined primarily by an economic test, while the definition of beneficial ownership under the federal securities laws focuses generally on the right to vote or control the disposition of the shares. For example, different portfolios in a single mutual fund complex or groups of customers advised by the same investment advisor would normally not be aggregated for Section 382 purposes even though they may be aggregated for determining beneficial ownership under SEC rules and reporting requirements. Consequently, although the Section 382 definition of ownership is different from and generally is narrower than the definition of beneficial ownership under the federal securities laws, an investor in our common stock is not able to rely upon the definition of beneficial ownership under the federal

securities laws in determining whether or not such investor is in compliance with the requirements of the Plan, the Bylaw Amendment, and the Charter Amendment, which

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may lead to ambiguity for such investor. For purposes of Section 382 and under the Plan, the Bylaw Amendment and the Charter Amendment, unless the Company has actual knowledge to the contrary, the Company is entitled to rely on filings of Schedules 13D, 13F and 13G to identify the holders of our common stock who may be subject to such provisions.

Pursuant to the Plan, our board of directors authorized and declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right (a Right ) for each outstanding share of common stock. Any future issued shares of common stock will include an associated Right for so long as the Plan remains in effect. The dividend was paid on October 19, 2009 to the stockholders of record as of the close of business on that date. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from us one one-thousandth of a share of our Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock (the Preferred Stock ) at a price of \$70.00 per one one-thousandth of a share of Preferred Stock (the Purchase Price ), subject to adjustment. The Rights become exercisable if any person becomes an acquiring person by becoming the owner (for Section 382 purposes) of 4.90% or more of our outstanding common stock or by adding to a position of 4.90% or more of our outstanding common stock. If the Rights are triggered, each holder of a Right (other than the acquiring person, related persons, and transferees) will have the right to receive upon exercise of a Right (including payment of the Purchase Price) that number of shares of common stock having a market value of two times the Purchase Price. The Plan also provides for other methods of exercise or exchange in the discretion of our board of directors.

Both the Bylaw Amendment and the Charter Amendment impose substantially similar transfer restrictions designed to protect our important tax assets. The transfer restrictions prohibit any person from attempting to transfer, directly or indirectly, any of the shares of common stock so restricted if the transfer would (1) create or result in a person becoming a Section 382 five-percent shareholder or (2) increase the stock ownership of any such existing Section 382 five-percent shareholder. Transfers that violate the provisions of the Bylaw Amendment or Charter Amendment will be null and void and will not be effective to transfer any record, legal, beneficial or any other ownership of the number of shares which result in the violation of the restrictions (which shares are referred to as excess shares ). The purported transferee will not be entitled to any rights as a Radian Group stockholder with respect to the excess shares. Instead, the purported transferee would be required, upon demand by us, to transfer the excess shares to our designated agent for the limited purpose of consummating an orderly arm s-length sale of such excess shares, primarily in the open market. Any such sales would occur in privately negotiated transactions or over a national securities exchange or national securities quotation system on which our securities may be traded. The net proceeds of the sale would be distributed first to reimburse the agent for any costs associated with the sale, second to the purported transferee to the extent of the price it paid, and finally any additional amount would go to the original transferor, or, if the original transferor cannot be readily identified, to a charity designated by our board of directors.

The Bylaw Amendment imposes these transfer restrictions on our shares of common stock issued after the effective date of the amendment, including any shares of common stock issued pursuant to this registration statement and any shares of common stock issued upon conversion or exchange of securities issued pursuant to this registration statement. The Charter Amendment is enforceable against the holders of the shares that voted in favor of the amendment, their transferees, and holders of shares of common stock issued after the amendment was approved. We intend to presume, with regard to each share of common stock issued before the effectiveness of the Charter Amendment that is proposed to be transferred, that it was voted in favor of the Charter Amendment, or is subject to the transfer restrictions in the amended and restated bylaws, unless the stockholder can demonstrate otherwise to our reasonable satisfaction. In certain circumstances, we also intend to assert that stockholders have waived the right to challenge or are estopped from challenging the enforceability of the Charter Amendment, unless a stockholder establishes, to our satisfaction, that such stockholder did not vote in favor of the Charter Amendment. However, it is possible that one or more stockholders could challenge the enforceability of the transfer restrictions contained in the Charter Amendment, and a court could find that the Charter Amendment is unenforceable, either in general or as applied to a particular stockholder or particular fact situation. However, as Radian Group currently intends to retain

the Plan in place, it is unlikely that any investor will seek to exceed the limits included in the Plan and so will not likely have any reason to challenge the Charter Amendment.

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