

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL

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**The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to Completion**

**Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated August 10, 2015**

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

**(To prospectus dated June 6, 2013)**

**\$300,000,000**

**Service Corporation International**

**5.375% Senior Notes due 2024**

We are offering \$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 (the notes). We will pay interest on the notes on May 15 and November 15 of each year, beginning November 15, 2015. The notes will mature on May 15, 2024.

The notes offered hereby form a part of the series of our outstanding 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 and have the same terms as the existing notes of this series issued by us. The notes will have the same CUSIP number as the existing notes and will trade interchangeably with the existing notes immediately upon settlement. The notes offered hereby and the existing notes previously issued by us will constitute a single series under the indenture for all purposes. Upon issuance of the notes, the aggregate principal amount outstanding of our 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 will be \$850 million.

We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time on or after May 15, 2019 at redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, and prior to such date at a

make-whole redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. If a change of control occurs, we will be required to offer to purchase the notes from the holders.

The notes will be our general unsecured senior obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other unsubordinated indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the collateral securing such indebtedness and to all indebtedness and other obligations of our subsidiaries, whether or not secured, including subsidiary guarantees of obligations under our senior credit facilities.

**Investing in the notes involves risks that are described in the Risk factors section beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement.**

	Per note	Total
Public offering price <sup>(1)</sup>	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us <sup>(1)</sup>	%	\$

<sup>(1)</sup> The public offering price above and the proceeds to us do not include accrued interest. Accrued interest on the notes must be paid by the purchaser for the period from May 15, 2015 to \_\_\_\_\_, 2015. We expect that delivery of the notes will be made to investors on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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

The notes will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

***Joint Book-Running Managers***

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**J.P. Morgan**

**Wells Fargo Securities**

***Senior Co-Manager***

**SunTrust Robinson Humphrey**

*Lead Co-Managers*

**Scotiabank**

**BBVA**

*Co-Managers*

**BB&T Capital Markets**

**Fifth Third Securities**  
The date of this prospectus supplement is

**Raymond James**  
, 2015

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectuses we may provide to you in connection with this offering. We have not, and the underwriters 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 as having been authorized by us or the underwriters. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference herein and any free writing prospectuses we may provide to you in connection with this offering is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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**About this prospectus supplement**

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part is the prospectus, which describes more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the information incorporated by reference herein as set forth under the heading "Incorporation of certain information by reference" on page S-39.

In this prospectus supplement, the terms "SCI," "the Company," "we," "our" and "us" refer to Service Corporation International and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires. References to "underwriters" refer to the firms listed on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. If the information set forth in this prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in this prospectus supplement.

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**Summary**

*This summary highlights selected information about us and this offering, including information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. You should read this summary together with the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, as well as the information in the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference or deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters discussed in the sections titled *Risk factors* on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015.*

**Our business**

Service Corporation International is North America's largest provider of deathcare products and services, with a network of funeral service locations and cemeteries unequalled in geographic scale and reach. At June 30, 2015, we operated 1,550 funeral service locations and 467 cemeteries (including 262 combination locations) in North America, which are geographically diversified across 45 states, eight Canadian provinces, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Our funeral and cemetery operations consist of funeral service locations, cemeteries, funeral service/cemetery combination locations, crematoria and related businesses. We sell cemetery property and funeral and cemetery merchandise and services at the time of need and on a preneed basis.

We were incorporated in Texas in July of 1962. Our principal executive offices are located at 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019. Our telephone number at that address is (713) 522-5141. Our website is located at [www.sci-corp.com](http://www.sci-corp.com). Other than as described in *Where you can find more information* and *Incorporation of certain information by reference* below, the information on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus supplement. Our web site address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

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**The offering**

*The following summary contains basic information about the notes and it is not intended to be complete. It may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete description of the notes, see Description of the notes. In this summary of the offering, the words we, us and our refer only to Service Corporation International and not to any of its subsidiaries.*

<b>Issuer</b>	Service Corporation International, a Texas corporation.
<b>Notes Offered</b>	\$300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.375% senior notes due 2024. The notes offered hereby form a part of the series of our outstanding 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 and have the same terms as the existing notes of this series issued by us. The notes will have the same CUSIP number as the existing notes and will trade interchangeably with the existing notes immediately upon settlement. The notes offered hereby and the existing notes previously issued by us will constitute a single series under the indenture for all purposes. Upon issuance of the notes, the aggregate principal amount outstanding of our 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 will be \$850 million.
<b>Maturity</b>	May 15, 2024.
<b>Interest</b>	5.375% per annum. Interest on the notes will accrue from May 15, 2015 and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on May 15 and November 15 of each year, beginning on November 15, 2015.
<b>Ranking</b>	The notes will be our general unsecured obligations and:  will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other unsecured indebtedness;  will rank senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness; and  will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the collateral securing such indebtedness and to all indebtedness and other obligations of our subsidiaries, whether or not secured, including subsidiary guarantees of obligations under our senior credit facilities.



As of June 30, 2015, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, the redemption of all of our outstanding 6.750% Senior Notes due 2016 (the 2016 notes ) and the repayment of approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility (as such term is defined under Description of Other Indebtedness ) with the proceeds of this offering:

we would have had approximately \$2,887 million of outstanding senior indebtedness, with \$517 million outstanding under our senior credit facilities, \$2,370 million of currently outstanding

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senior notes and undrawn availability of \$291 million under our Revolving Facility; and

our subsidiaries would have had approximately \$1,562 million of total indebtedness and other liabilities outstanding, including trade payables and guarantees of remaining debt obligations under our senior credit facilities, and excluding intercompany obligations, deferred revenue, deferred receipts held in trust and care trusts corpus.

As of June 30, 2015, we had \$188 million of secured indebtedness outstanding.

**Optional Redemption**

Prior to May 15, 2019, we may redeem the notes at our option, at any time in whole or in part, pursuant to a make-whole redemption at the make-whole redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. On or after May 15, 2019, we may redeem the notes at our option, at any time in whole or in part, at the redemption prices specified in Description of the notes Optional redemption, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

**Change of Control**

If we experience a Change of Control (as defined in Description of the notes Change of control ), each holder of the notes may require us to repurchase such holder's notes, in whole or in part, at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the purchase date.

**Guarantees**

None.

**Covenants**

Under the indenture, we have agreed to certain restrictions on our ability to create or incur liens and to enter into certain sale/leaseback transactions. These covenants are subject to important exceptions and qualifications. See Description of the notes Certain covenants.

**Use of Proceeds**

We expect the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to be approximately \$ , after deduction of offering-related expenses and the underwriting discount. We will use the net proceeds from this offering to redeem all of the outstanding 2016 notes and to repay approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility.

**Additional Notes**

The indenture does not limit the amount of notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness that we may issue and provides that notes may be issued from time to time in one or more series.

**Denomination and Form**

We will issue the notes in the form of one or more fully registered global notes registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ( DTC ). Beneficial interests in the notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect

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participants in DTC. Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, will hold interests on behalf of their participants through their respective U.S. depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in accounts as participants of DTC. Except in the limited circumstances described in this prospectus supplement, owners of beneficial interests in the notes will not be entitled to have notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive notes in definitive form and will not be considered holders of notes under the indenture. The notes will be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

**Risk Factors**

Investment in the notes involves certain risks. You should carefully read and consider the information set forth in Risk factors beginning on page S-7 and the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and in our Quarterly Reports on form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015 before investing in the notes.

**Trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

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The following table sets forth SCI's summary historical financial information and other data for the periods ended, and as of the dates, indicated below. SCI's summary historical financial information for the fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014 has been derived from SCI's audited annual financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The summary historical financial information for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2015 has been derived from SCI's unaudited interim financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. As described in more detail in note 1 below, one component of Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA has not been derived from SCI's historical financial statements. Operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year period.

	Year ended December 31,			Six months ended	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
	(Dollars in millions)				
<b>Statement of operations data:</b>					
Revenues	\$ 2,404	\$ 2,550	\$ 2,994	\$ 1,492	\$ 1,502
Gross profits	523	549	676	322	345
(Losses) gains on divestitures & impairment charges, net	(2)	(6)	117	32	(7)
Operating income	399	388	608	252	269
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	245	245	403	133	183
Income from continuing operations	155	152	177	73	115
Net income attributable to common stockholders	154	147	172	67	114
<b>Financial and other data:</b>					
EBITDA (as defined) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 569	\$ 580	\$ 820	\$ 340	\$ 379
Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA (as defined) <sup>(1)</sup>	617	776	787	372	400
Capital expenditures	(115)	(113)	(144)	(57)	(65)
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(2)</sup>	189	192	237	116	111
Net cash provided by operating activities	369	385	317	171	283
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(175)	(1,157)	257	77	(84)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(232)	825	(538)	(250)	(175)
<b>Balance sheet data (at period end):</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 89	\$ 142	\$ 177	\$ 141	\$ 199
Working capital <sup>(3)</sup>	(130)	(294)	(155)	(209)	(364)
Total assets	9,589	12,834	11,924	12,857	11,925
Total debt	1,948	3,302	3,055	3,152	3,060
Stockholders' equity	1,395	1,470	1,369	1,417	1,325

(1) EBITDA represents net income plus (i) provision for income taxes, (ii) interest expense and (iii) depreciation and amortization less (iv) interest income.

Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA further adjusted to reflect the impact of (i) losses (gains) on early extinguishment of debt, (ii) non-cash stock compensation expenses, (iii) acquisition, restructuring & system transition

costs, (iv) losses (gains) on divestitures and impairment charges, net, (v) pro-forma effect of acquisitions (divestitures), net and (vi) other adjustments.

The adjustment described in the foregoing clause (v) is derived from the acquired company's financial statements, and not SCI's historical financial statements.

We believe that EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA facilitate company-to-company performance comparisons by removing potential differences caused by variations in capital structure, taxation and the age and depreciation of facilities and equipment, which may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to general performance. Our calculations of EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA are not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

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EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA are not measures of performance under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ( GAAP ) and should not be used in isolation or as a substitute for net income (loss), income from continuing operations or other statement of operations data prepared in accordance with GAAP.

**We do not intend to provide EBITDA or Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA information for future periods in earnings press releases, filings with the SEC or in response to inquiries.**

The following table provides a reconciliation from net income to EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA for the periods indicated:

	Year ended December 31,			Six months ended	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
	(Dollars in millions)				
Net income	\$ 155.4	\$ 152.6	\$ 178.8	\$ 73.2	\$ 114.6
Provision for income taxes	90.1	93.0	226.0	60.1	67.7
Interest expense, net	135.1	142.4	177.6	91.3	85.9
Depreciation and amortization	188.7	192.4	237.1	115.7	110.9
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>569.3</b>	<b>580.4</b>	<b>819.5</b>	<b>340.3</b>	<b>379.1</b>
Losses (gains) on early extinguishment of debt	22.7	(0.5)	29.2	29.2	
Non-cash stock compensation expenses	11.0	11.9	13.1	6.4	7.3
Acquisition, restructuring & system transition costs	9.1	56.0	67.4	48.1	3.9
Losses (gains) on divestitures & impairment charges, net	1.5	6.3	(116.6)	(32.2)	7.4
Pro-forma effect of acquisitions (divestitures), net <sup>(a)</sup>	9.3	123.1	(19.7)	(16.5)	2.7
Other <sup>(b)</sup>	(5.8)	(1.4)	(5.5)	(2.9)	(0.4)
<b>Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(c)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 617.1</b>	<b>\$ 775.8</b>	<b>\$ 787.4</b>	<b>\$ 372.4</b>	<b>\$ 400.0</b>

- (a) Pro-forma effect of acquisitions (divestitures), net reflects the following pro-forma adjustments: (i) include EBITDA of acquired operations from the beginning of the period for which Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA is presented until the date of acquisition, (ii) deduct EBITDA of divested assets that have been included in EBITDA to the extent positive or add EBITDA of divested assets to the extent negative and (iii) reflect the impact on EBITDA of synergies related to certain acquisitions consistent with criteria in the Credit Agreement.
- (b) Other includes the following adjustments (consistent with the definition of EBITDA in the Credit Agreement): non-recurring and non-cash income or expense, expenses related to surety premiums and income from discontinued operations for assets that have not been divested during the current period.
- (c) The calculation of Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA is consistent with the calculation of EBITDA as defined in Article I of the Credit Agreement.

- (2) Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2015 exclude the amortization of deferred loan costs of \$4.9 million, \$15.9 million and \$8.8 million and \$4.0 million and \$4.9 million, respectively, which are included in the statement of cash flows for these periods.
- (3) Working capital represents current assets less current liabilities.



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**Risk factors**

*An investment in the notes involves risks. Before deciding whether to purchase the notes, you should consider the risks discussed below and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus, including those set forth under the heading **Forward-looking statements** on page 1 of the accompanying prospectus. You should also consider the risks set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also impair our business operations.*

*Any of the risks discussed below or elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in our SEC filings incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and other risks we have not anticipated or discussed, could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations. In that case, our ability to pay interest on the notes when due or to repay the notes at maturity could be adversely affected, and the trading price of the notes could decline substantially.*

**Risks related to the notes**

***Our level of indebtedness following the completion of this offering could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under our indebtedness, including the notes.***

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of June 30, 2015, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, the redemption of all of the outstanding 2016 notes and the repayment of approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility, we would have had approximately \$2,887 million of outstanding senior indebtedness, with \$517 million outstanding under our senior credit facilities, \$2,370 million currently outstanding senior notes and undrawn availability of \$291 million under our Revolving Facility. As of June 30, 2015, we had \$188 million of secured indebtedness outstanding.

Our substantial indebtedness could have important consequences to you, including the following:

it may limit our ability to obtain additional debt or equity financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements and general corporate or other purposes;

a substantial portion of our cash flows from operations will be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, including indebtedness we may incur in the future, and will not be available for other purposes, including to finance our working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and general corporate or other purposes;

it could limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate and place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt;

it could make us more vulnerable to downturns in general economic or industry conditions or in our business, or prevent us from carrying out activities that are important to our growth;

it could increase our interest expense if interest rates in general increase because a portion of our indebtedness, including all of our indebtedness under our senior credit facilities, bears interest at floating rates; and

it could make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness, including under the notes, and any failure to comply with the obligations of any of our debt instruments, including any financial and other restrictive covenants, could result in an event of default

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under the indenture governing the notes or under the agreements governing our other indebtedness which, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of our indebtedness under our senior credit facilities and under the notes offered hereby.

Any of the above listed factors could materially affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to our high level of indebtedness, we also have significant rental and other obligations under our operating and capital leases for funeral service locations, cemetery operating and maintenance equipment and transportation equipment. These obligations could further increase the risks described above.

***To service our indebtedness, we will require a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate cash depends on many factors beyond our control, and any failure to meet our debt service obligations could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.***

A significant portion of our cash flow from operations is dedicated to pay principal and interest on outstanding debt. Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby, and to fund our operations, working capital, capital expenditures and any future acquisitions, will principally depend upon our ability to generate cash flow from our future operations. To a certain extent, our cash flow is subject to general economic, industry, financial, competitive, operating, legislative, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. In addition, a portion of our indebtedness, as well as any future indebtedness under our senior credit facilities, bears interest at floating rates, and, therefore, if interest rates increase, our debt service requirements will increase.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or that future borrowings will be available to us under our senior credit facilities in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby, or to fund other liquidity needs.

***Despite our substantial indebtedness, we may still incur significantly more debt, which could further exacerbate the risks described above.***

The indenture governing the notes offered hereby and our existing debt securities does not limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness. Although covenants in our senior credit facilities limit our ability and the ability of our present and future subsidiaries to incur certain additional indebtedness, the terms of the senior credit facilities permit us to incur significant additional indebtedness, including unused availability under our Revolving Facility. As of June 30, 2015, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, the redemption of all of the outstanding 2016 notes and the repayment of approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility, we would have had \$291 million available for additional borrowing under our Revolving Facility. In addition, neither our senior credit facilities nor the indenture will prevent us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness (as defined in those documents) or prevent our subsidiaries from incurring certain obligations. To the extent that we incur additional indebtedness or such other obligations, the risks associated with our substantial leverage described above, including our possible inability to service our debt, would increase.

***The notes lack certain covenants typically found in other comparably rated public debt securities.***

Although the notes are rated below investment grade by both Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service, they lack the protection of several restrictive covenants typically associated with comparably rated public debt securities, including:

incurrence of additional indebtedness;

payment of dividends and other restricted payments;

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sale of assets and the use of proceeds therefrom;

transactions with affiliates; and

dividend and other payment restrictions affecting subsidiaries.

***We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control, which would result in a default under the indenture governing the notes and would adversely affect our business and financial condition.***

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control events, we must offer to purchase the notes at 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest to the purchase date. We may not have sufficient funds available to make any required repurchases of the notes, and restrictions under our senior credit facilities may not allow that repurchase. If we fail to repurchase notes in that circumstance, we will be in default under the indenture governing the notes and, in turn, under our senior credit facilities. In addition, certain change of control events will constitute an event of default under our senior credit facilities. A default under our senior credit facilities would result in an event of default under the indenture if the administrative agent or the lenders accelerate our debt thereunder. Upon the occurrence of a change of control, we could seek to refinance the indebtedness under our senior credit facilities and the notes or obtain a waiver from the lenders or the holders of the notes. We cannot assure you, however, that we would be able to obtain a waiver or refinance our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Any future debt that we incur may also contain restrictions on repayment of the notes upon a change of control. See Description of the notes Change of control.

***Our subsidiaries are not guarantors of the notes and, therefore, the notes will be structurally subordinated in right of payment to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our existing and future subsidiaries.***

The claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will be required to be paid before the holders of the notes have a claim, if any, against our subsidiaries and their assets. Therefore, if there was a dissolution, bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, the holders of the notes would not receive any amounts with respect to the notes from the assets of such subsidiary until after the payment in full of the claims of the creditors of such subsidiary.

As of June 30, 2015, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, the redemption of all of the outstanding 2016 notes and the repayment of approximately \$88 million of our outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility, our subsidiaries would have had approximately \$1,562 million of total indebtedness and other liabilities outstanding, including trade payables and guarantees of remaining debt obligations under our senior credit facilities, and excluding intercompany obligations, deferred revenues, deferred receipts held in trust and care trusts corpus. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries would be guarantors of any additional indebtedness that we may incur under our senior credit facilities.

***We are a holding company; therefore, our ability to repay our indebtedness, including the notes, is dependent on cash flow generated by our subsidiaries and their ability to make distributions to us.***

We are a holding company with no significant operations or material assets other than the capital stock of our subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to repay our indebtedness, including the notes, is dependent on the generation of cash flow by our subsidiaries and their ability to make such cash available to us by dividend, intercompany debt repayment or otherwise. Our subsidiaries are not guarantors of the notes and do not have any obligation to pay amounts due on the notes or to make funds available for that purpose. In addition, our subsidiaries may not be able to, or be permitted to, make distributions to enable us to make payments in respect of our indebtedness, including with

respect to the notes. Each of our subsidiaries is a distinct legal entity and, under certain circumstances, legal and contractual restrictions, as well as the financial condition and operating requirements of our subsidiaries, may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries.

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***The notes are unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured obligations to the extent of the collateral securing such obligations.***

The notes are unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured obligations to the extent of the collateral securing such obligations. As of June 30, 2015, we had approximately \$188 million of secured indebtedness, which is effectively senior to the notes.

***An active trading market for the notes may not develop.***

The notes are a new issue of securities for which there is no established trading market. Although the underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market for the notes, they have no obligation to do so, and may discontinue their market-making activities at any time without notice. In addition, any market-making activity will be subject to limits imposed by federal securities laws and may be limited during the offering of the notes.

The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend upon the number of holders of the notes, our operating performance and financial condition, the market for similar securities, the interest of securities dealers in making a market for the notes, prevailing interest rates and other factors. If an active market does not develop or is not maintained, the price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected. Historically, the market for non-investment grade debt has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the notes. We cannot assure you that the market for the notes, if any, will be free from similar disruptions or that any such disruptions will not adversely affect the prices at which the holders may sell their notes. In addition, subsequent to their initial issuance, the notes may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar notes, our operating performance and financial condition and other factors.

***A downgrade, suspension or withdrawal of the rating assigned by a rating agency to the notes, if any, could cause the liquidity or market value of the notes to decline.***

We anticipate that the notes will be assigned ratings by rating agencies. We cannot assure you that any rating assigned will remain for any given period of time or that a rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency if, in that rating agency's judgment, circumstances relating to the basis of the rating, such as adverse changes in our business, so warrant. Any lowering or withdrawal of a rating by a rating agency could reduce the liquidity or market value of the notes.

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**Use of proceeds**

We expect the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to be approximately \$ , after deduction of offering-related expenses and the underwriting discount. We will use the net proceeds from this offering to redeem all of the outstanding 6.750% Senior Notes due 2016 and to repay approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility which matures in July 2018. As of June 30, 2015, we had approximately \$265 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility at an interest rate of 2.190%. The amount of outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Facility immediately prior to the time of this offering is expected to be approximately \$297 million.

In order to effectuate the redemption of the 2016 notes, we intend, prior to or promptly upon consummation of this offering, to deliver notice to holders of the 2016 notes of the redemption, which notice must be delivered at least 30 days prior to the redemption date. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute a notice of redemption or an obligation to issue a notice of redemption with respect to such notes.

Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are lenders under our existing senior credit facilities and will receive a portion of the amounts repaid under our Revolving Facility with the proceeds of the notes. Additionally, an affiliate of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is the administrative agent under our existing senior credit facilities. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are holders of the 2016 notes to be redeemed with the net proceeds of this offering as described above, and therefore such underwriters or their affiliates will receive a portion of the net proceeds of this offering. See Underwriting.



**Table of Contents****Capitalization**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of June 30, 2015 and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, the redemption of all of the outstanding 2016 notes and the repayment of approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility. The following information should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference herein.

	<b>As of June 30, 2015</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>As adjusted</b>
	<b>(Unaudited, dollars in millions)</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 199	\$ 193
Debt:		
Revolving Facility <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 265	\$ 177
Term Loan due 2018	340	340
Additional 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 offered hereby		300
6.750% senior notes due 2016	197	
7.000% senior notes due 2017	295	295
7.625% senior notes due 2018	250	250
4.500% senior notes due 2020	200	200
8.000% senior notes due 2021	150	150
5.375% senior notes due 2022	425	425
5.375% senior notes due 2024	550	550
7.500% senior notes due 2027	200	200
Other debt	188	188
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>3,075</b>
Total stockholders' equity <sup>(3)</sup>	1,325	1,315
Non-controlling interests	9	9
<b>Total capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 4,394</b>	<b>\$ 4,399</b>

- (1) Cash and cash equivalents will decrease by \$6 million to pay accrued interest due with the extinguishment of the 2016 notes.
- (2) The amount of outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Facility immediately prior to the time of this offering is expected to be approximately \$297 million, which consists of \$265 million of outstanding revolving loans and \$32 million of undrawn letters of credit. The Revolving Facility provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$500 million.
- (3) Total stockholders' equity will decrease by \$10 million due to our loss on early extinguishment of debt, attributable to make-whole premiums, professional fees and costs and the write-off of remaining discounts associated with the extinguishment of the 2016 notes.



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**Description of other indebtedness**

**Senior credit facilities**

On July 2, 2013, we entered into a new credit agreement, with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and certain other financial institutions as lenders, which provided for a \$600 million senior term loan facility, maturing in July 2018 (the Term Loan A ), and a revolving credit facility providing for borrowings of up to \$500 million, with sub-limits for the issuance of letters of credit and for swingline borrowings, with commitments expiring and loans maturing in July 2018 (the Revolving Facility and, together with the Term Loan A, the senior credit facilities ). Our ability to draw under the Revolving Facility is conditioned upon, among other things, our ability to make the representations and warranties contained in the credit agreement and the absence of any default or event of default.

Under each of the Term Loan A and the Revolving Facility, loans bear interest, at our option, at an annual rate equal to (i) the highest of (a) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate and (c) the one month LIBO rate plus 1.00%, or (ii) the LIBO rate, in each case, plus an applicable margin and subject to applicable floors.

**Prepayments**

***Voluntary prepayments***

We are permitted to voluntarily repay outstanding loans under the senior credit facilities at any time, in whole or in part, subject to customary breakage costs with respect to Eurodollar loans and, with respect to the Revolving Facility only, to subsequently reborrow amounts prepaid. We may reduce commitments under the Revolving Facility at any time, in whole or in part, subject to minimum amounts.

***Term Loan A prepayments***

The Term Loan A requires us to prepay outstanding term loans, subject to certain exceptions, with:

When the Leverage Ratio (as defined therein) exceeds 3.75 to 1.00, 100% of the net cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its restricted subsidiaries from all non-ordinary course asset sales or other dispositions of property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (including insurance and condemnation proceeds, in each case, subject to a *de minimis* threshold), subject to reinvestment rights and other limited exceptions; *provided* that such reinvestment rights shall apply solely to the extent the aggregate amount of such prepayments of the Term Loan A would exceed \$200,000,000; and

100% of the net proceeds of any issuance or incurrence of any indebtedness of the Company or any of its restricted subsidiaries, other than permitted indebtedness under the senior credit facilities.

**Amortization**

The Term Loan A amortizes in quarterly installments payable on the last day of each full fiscal quarter, having commenced with the quarter ended March 31, 2014, in the following amounts (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount outstanding on December 23, 2013), with the balance payable at maturity:

<b>Quarter ending</b>	<b>Amount</b>
March 31, 2014 through December 31, 2014	1.25%
March 31, 2015 through December 31, 2016	2.50%
March 31, 2017 and subsequent	3.75%

### **Guarantees**

All obligations under the senior credit facilities and any interest rate protection and other permitted hedging arrangements and overdrafts resulting from cash management arrangements are unconditionally guaranteed by certain of our existing and subsequently acquired or organized subsidiaries.

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**Certain covenants**

The senior credit facilities contain a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability or the ability of our subsidiaries to:

incur additional indebtedness (including guarantee obligations);

create liens on assets;

enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

engage in mergers, liquidations and dissolutions;

sell assets;

enter into leases;

pay dividends, distributions and other payments in respect of capital stock, and purchase our capital stock in the open market;

make investments, loans or advances;

repay subordinated indebtedness or amend the agreements relating thereto;

engage in certain transactions with affiliates;

change our fiscal year;

create restrictions on our ability to receive distributions from subsidiaries; and

change our lines of business.

In addition, the senior credit facilities require us to maintain the following financial covenants:

a maximum total leverage ratio; and

a minimum interest coverage ratio.

The senior credit facilities contain customary affirmative covenants.

### Events of default

The senior credit facilities contain certain customary events of default, including, among others: failure to pay principal, interest or other amounts; inaccuracy of representations and warranties; violation of covenants; cross events of default; certain bankruptcy and insolvency events; certain ERISA events; certain undischarged judgments; and change of control.

### Existing SCI indebtedness

As of June 30, 2015, we had the following outstanding existing notes in the principal amounts set forth in the table below:

	<b>June 30, 2015</b>	
	<b>(dollars in millions)</b>	
6.750% senior notes due 2016	\$	197
7.000% senior notes due 2017		295
7.625% senior notes due 2018		250
4.500% senior notes due 2020		200
8.000% senior notes due 2021		150
5.375% senior notes due 2022		425
5.375% senior notes due 2024		550
7.500% senior notes due 2027		200

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All of the existing notes and debentures listed above were issued under our senior indenture dated February 1, 1993, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee to The Bank of New York, as trustee. These senior debt securities are our general unsecured obligations, which rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby. The indenture contains covenants that, among other things, restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to create liens on assets and enter into sale and leaseback transactions. The indenture contains customary events of default. These senior debt securities are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus a make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. Certain of these senior debt securities are also redeemable at our option after scheduled dates at redemption premiums that decline ratably to par over specified annual periods.

As of June 30, 2015, we also had outstanding \$4 million of existing mortgage notes and other indebtedness with various maturities through 2050, \$186 million of capital leases and \$3 million of discounts, net. Our capital leases principally relate to funeral home facilities and transportation equipment.

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**Description of the notes**

SCI will issue \$300 million aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 (the new notes ) as Additional Notes (as defined below) under our senior indenture, dated February 1, 1993 (as supplemented, the Indenture ), between us and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The terms of the notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made a part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

SCI previously issued \$550 million aggregate principal amount of 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 (the existing notes ) under the Indenture, all of which will remain outstanding following this offering. The new notes form a part of the series of the existing notes and have the same terms as the existing notes. The new notes will have the same CUSIP number as the existing notes and will trade interchangeably with the existing notes immediately upon settlement. The new notes and the existing notes will constitute a single series under the indenture for all purposes. Upon issuance of the new notes, the aggregate principal amount outstanding of our 5.375% Senior Notes due 2024 will be \$850 million. Unless the context requires otherwise, for all purposes of the Indenture and this Description of the notes, references to the notes include the new notes, the existing notes and any Additional Notes that are actually issued.

In this description, the words Company, SCI, we, us and our refer only to Service Corporation International and any of its subsidiaries.

The following description is only a summary of the material provisions of the Indenture and the notes, does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the Indenture and the notes, including definitions therein of certain terms. We urge you to read the Indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as Holders of the notes. You may request copies of the Indenture at our address set forth under the heading Where you can find more information.

**Brief description of the notes**

The notes:

are general unsecured obligations of the Company;

are senior in right of payment to all future subordinated debt of the Company;

are equal in right of payment to all existing and future senior debt of the Company;

are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the Company's existing and future secured debt to the extent of the collateral securing that debt; and

are structurally subordinated in right of payment to all of the liabilities and obligations, including trade payables, of each of our subsidiaries, including subsidiary guarantees of our existing senior credit facilities.

***Principal, maturity and interest***



The Company will issue the new notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$300 million. The notes will mature on May 15, 2024. The Company will issue the new notes in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. We are permitted to issue more notes from time to time under the Indenture on the same terms and conditions as the notes being offered hereby in an unlimited additional aggregate principal amount (the Additional Notes ). The notes and the Additional Notes, if any, will be treated as a single class for all purposes of the Indenture, including waivers, amendments and redemptions.

Interest on the notes will accrue at a rate of 5.375% per annum and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on May 15 and November 15, commencing on November 15, 2015. We will make each interest payment to the Holders of record of the notes at the close of business on the immediately preceding May 1 and November 1.

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Interest on the notes will accrue from the date of original issuance. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

***Optional redemption***

Prior to May 15, 2019, the notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at our option at any time, upon at least 30 days and not more than 60 days notice to the Holders, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of such notes to be redeemed; and
- (2) as determined by the Quotation Agent, the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal (at the redemption price set forth in the table below as if redeemed on May 15, 2019) and interest thereon (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption) through May 15, 2019 discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at the Adjusted Treasury Rate, plus 50 basis points,

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

On and after May 15, 2019, the notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at our option at any time, upon at least 30 days and not more than 60 days notice to the Holders, at the redemption prices (expressed in percentages of principal amount on the redemption date), plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, if redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on May 15 of the years set forth below:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Redemption price</b>
2019	102.688%
2020	101.792%
2021	100.896%
2022 and thereafter	100.000%

**Selection**

If we redeem less than all of the notes at any time, the notes to be redeemed will be selected by lot in accordance with DTC's applicable procedures. In the event of a partial redemption, the Trustee may select for redemption portions of the principal amount of any note of a denomination larger than \$1,000.

**Mandatory redemption; open market purchases**

We are not required to make any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the notes. However, under certain circumstances, we may be required to offer to purchase notes as described under the caption "Change of control." We may at any time and from time to time purchase notes in the open market or otherwise.

**Ranking*****Senior indebtedness versus notes***

The notes will be our general unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other unsubordinated indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness. The notes

will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

As of June 30, 2015, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, the redemption of all of the outstanding 2016 notes and the repayment of approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility, we would have had approximately \$2,887 million of outstanding senior indebtedness, with \$517 million outstanding under our senior credit facilities, \$2,370 million of outstanding senior notes and undrawn availability of \$291 million under our Revolving Facility.

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***Liabilities of subsidiaries versus notes***

Substantially all of our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries. The notes are not guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries, including trade creditors and creditors holding indebtedness or guarantees issued by our subsidiaries, and claims of preferred stockholders of our subsidiaries, generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of our subsidiaries over the claims of our creditors, including Holders of the notes. Accordingly, the notes will be effectively subordinated to creditors (including trade creditors) and preferred stockholders, if any, of our subsidiaries. At June 30, 2015, on an adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, the redemption of all of the outstanding 2016 notes and the repayment of approximately \$88 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility, our subsidiaries would have had approximately \$1,562 million of total indebtedness, including trade payables and guarantees of remaining debt outstanding under our senior credit facilities, and excluding intercompany obligations and deferred revenues. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries are guarantors of our indebtedness that we may incur under our senior credit facilities.

**Change of control**

Upon the occurrence of any of the following events (each a **Change of Control** ), each Holder shall have the right to require that the Company repurchase all or any part of such Holder's notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date):

(1) any person (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act** )) becomes the **beneficial owner** (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that for purposes of this clause (1) such person shall be deemed to have **beneficial ownership** of all shares that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of the Company;

(2) individuals who on the Issue Date constituted the board of directors (together with any new directors whose election by such board of directors or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors of the Company then still in office who were either directors on the Issue Date or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the board of directors then in office;

(3) the Company is liquidated or dissolved or adopts a plan of liquidation or dissolution; or

(4) the merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person or the merger of another Person with or into the Company, or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company (determined on a consolidated basis) to another Person, other than a transaction following which (i) in the case of a merger or consolidation transaction, holders of securities that represented 100% of the Voting Stock of the Company immediately prior to such transaction (or other securities into which such securities are converted as part of such merger or consolidation transaction) own directly or indirectly at least a majority of the voting power of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person in such merger or consolidation transaction immediately after such transaction and (ii) in the case of a sale of assets transaction, each transferee becomes an obligor in respect of the notes and a subsidiary of the transferor of such assets.

Within 30 days following any Change of Control, we will mail a notice to each Holder with a copy to the Trustee (the **Change of Control Offer** ) stating:

(1) that a Change of Control has occurred and that such Holder has the right to require us to purchase such Holder's notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof on the date of purchase, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest on the relevant interest payment date);

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(2) the circumstances and relevant facts regarding such Change of Control (including information with respect to pro-forma historical income, cash flow and capitalization, in each case after giving effect to such Change of Control);

(3) the purchase date (which shall be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed); and

(4) the instructions, as determined by us, consistent with the covenant described hereunder, that a Holder must follow in order to have its notes purchased.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer with respect to notes following a Change of Control if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by us and purchases all notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer or (2) notice of redemption of all such notes has been given pursuant to the Indenture as described herein under the caption **Optional redemption** unless and until there has been a default in payment of the applicable redemption price.

A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon the Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of the making of the Change of Control Offer.

We will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the repurchase of notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of the covenant described hereunder, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the covenant described hereunder by virtue of our compliance with such securities laws or regulations.

The Change of Control purchase feature of the notes may in certain circumstances make more difficult or discourage a sale or takeover of the Company and, thus, the removal of incumbent management. The Change of Control purchase feature is a result of negotiations between the Company and the underwriters. The Company does not have the present intention to engage in a transaction involving a Change of Control, although it is possible that we could decide to do so in the future. Subject to the limitations discussed below, we could, in the future, enter into certain transactions, including acquisitions, refinancings or other recapitalizations, that would not constitute a Change of Control under the Indenture, but that could increase the amount of indebtedness outstanding at such time or otherwise affect our capital structure or credit ratings. Restrictions on our ability to incur additional secured indebtedness or permit our assets to become subject to liens are contained in the covenant described under **Certain covenants Limitation on liens**. Such restrictions can only be waived with respect to the notes with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes then outstanding. Except for the limitations contained in such covenant, however, the Indenture will not contain any covenants or provisions that may afford Holders of the notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction.

Our senior credit facilities prohibit us from purchasing any notes upon a Change of Control prior to the maturity of the borrowings thereunder, and also provide that the occurrence of certain change of control events would constitute a default thereunder. In the event that at the time of such Change of Control the terms of our senior credit facilities restrict or prohibit the purchase of notes following such Change of Control, then prior to the mailing of the notice to Holders but in any event within 30 days following any Change of Control, we undertake to (1) repay in full all such indebtedness under the senior credit facilities or (2) obtain the requisite consents under the senior credit facilities to permit the repurchase of the notes. If we do not repay such indebtedness or obtain such consents, we will remain

prohibited from purchasing notes. In such case, our failure to comply with the foregoing undertaking, after appropriate notice and lapse of time, would result in an Event of Default under the Indenture, which would, in turn, constitute a default under the credit agreement.

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Future indebtedness that we may incur may contain prohibitions on the occurrence of certain events that would constitute a Change of Control or require the repurchase of such indebtedness upon a Change of Control. Moreover, the exercise by the Holders of their right to require us to repurchase their notes could cause a default under such indebtedness, even if the Change of Control itself does not, due to the financial effect of such repurchase on us. Finally, our ability to pay cash to the Holders of notes following the occurrence of a Change of Control may be limited by our then-existing financial resources. We cannot assure you that sufficient funds will be available when necessary to make any required repurchases.

The definition of *Change of Control* includes a disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to another Person. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase *substantially all*, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve a disposition of *all or substantially all* of the assets of the Company. As a result, it may be unclear as to whether a Change of Control has occurred and whether a Holder of notes may require the Company to make an offer to repurchase the notes as described above. The provisions under the Indenture relative to our obligation to make an offer to repurchase the notes as a result of a Change of Control may be waived or modified with respect to the notes with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes.

## **Certain covenants**

### ***Limitation on liens***

We will not, and we will not permit any of our subsidiaries to, mortgage, pledge, encumber or subject to any lien or security interest to secure any of our indebtedness or any indebtedness of any subsidiary (other than indebtedness owing to us or a wholly owned subsidiary) any assets without providing that the senior debt securities issued pursuant to the Indenture, including the notes, shall be secured equally and ratably with (or prior to) any other indebtedness so secured, unless, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate outstanding amount of all such secured indebtedness of us and our subsidiaries (excluding secured indebtedness existing as of March 31, 2014, and any extensions, renewals or refundings thereof that do not increase the principal amount of indebtedness so extended, renewed or refunded and excluding secured indebtedness incurred as set forth in the next paragraph), together with all outstanding *Attributable Indebtedness from sale and leaseback transactions* described in the first bullet point under *Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions* below, would not exceed 15% of *Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets* of us and our subsidiaries on the date such indebtedness is so secured.

This restriction will not prevent us or any subsidiary:

from acquiring and retaining property subject to mortgages, pledges, encumbrances, liens or security interests existing thereon at the date of acquisition thereof, or from creating within one year of such acquisition mortgages, pledges, encumbrances or liens upon property acquired by us or any subsidiary after March 31, 2014, as security for purchase money obligations incurred by us or any subsidiary in connection with the acquisition of such property, whether payable to the person from whom such property is acquired or otherwise;

from mortgaging, pledging, encumbering or subjecting to any lien or security interest current assets to secure current liabilities;



from mortgaging, pledging, encumbering or subjecting to any lien or security interest property to secure indebtedness under one or more senior credit facilities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500 million;

from extending, renewing or refunding any indebtedness secured by a mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, lien or security interest on the same property theretofore subject thereto, *provided* that the principal amount of such indebtedness so extended, renewed or refunded shall not be increased; or

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from securing the payment of workmen's compensation or insurance premiums or from making good faith pledges or deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than contracts for the payment of money) or leases, deposits to secure public or statutory obligations, deposits to secure surety or appeal bonds, pledges or deposits in connection with contracts made with or at the request of the United States government or any agency thereof, or pledges or deposits for similar purposes in the ordinary course of business.

***Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions***

We will not, and we will not permit any of our subsidiaries to, enter into any transaction with any bank, insurance company or other lender or investor, or to which any such lender or investor is a party, providing for the leasing to us or a subsidiary of any real property (except a lease for a temporary period not to exceed three years by the end of which it is intended that the use of such real property by the lessee will be discontinued) which has been or is to be sold or transferred by us or such subsidiary to such lender or investor or to any person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such lender or investor on the security of such real property unless either:

such transaction is the substantial equivalent of a mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, lien or security interest which we or any subsidiary would have been permitted to create under the covenant described in Limitation on liens without equally and ratably securing all senior debt securities (including the notes) then outstanding under the Indenture; or

within 120 days after such transaction we applied (and in any such case we covenant that we will so apply) an amount equal to the greater of:

the net proceeds of the sale of the real property leased pursuant to such transaction; or

the fair value of the real property so leased at the time of entering into such transaction (as determined by our board of directors),

to the retirement of Funded Debt of SCI; *provided* that the amount to be applied to the retirement of Funded Debt of SCI shall be reduced by: (1) the principal amount of any senior debt securities outstanding under the Indenture delivered within 120 days after such sale to the Trustee for retirement and cancellation and (2) the principal amount of Funded Debt, other than senior debt securities outstanding under the Indenture, voluntarily retired by us within 120 days after such sale; *provided*, that no retirement referred to in this clause (2) may be effected by payment at maturity or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund payment or any mandatory prepayment provision.

***Reports***

Whether or not required by the SEC, so long as any notes are outstanding, we will furnish to the Trustee and to any Holders of the notes who so request, within 15 days of the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations:

(1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if we were required to file such Forms, including a Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by our independent accountants; and

(2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if we were required to file such reports.

In addition, whether or not required by the SEC, we will file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the SEC for public availability within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

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***Consolidation, merger or sale of assets***

We may consolidate or merge with or into any other corporation, and may sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our property and assets to any other corporation authorized to acquire and operate the same, *provided*, that, in any such case,

immediately after such transaction we or such other corporation formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger, or to which such sale, lease, exchange or other disposition shall have been made, will not be in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants and conditions in the Indenture to be kept or performed by us;

the corporation (if other than SCI) formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger, or to which such sale, lease, exchange or other disposition shall have been made, shall be a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia; and

the corporation (if other than SCI) formed by such consolidation, or into which we shall have been merged, or the corporation which shall have acquired or leased such property and assets, shall assume, by a supplemental indenture, our obligations under the Indenture.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale, lease, exchange or other disposition and upon any such assumption by the successor corporation, such successor corporation shall succeed to and be substituted for us, with the same effect as if it had been named in the Indenture as SCI, and, except in the case of a lease, we shall be relieved of any further obligation under the Indenture and any senior debt securities, including the notes, issued thereunder.

**Discharge and defeasance**

We may discharge or defease our obligations with respect to the notes as set forth below.

We may discharge all of our obligations (except those set forth below) to Holders of the notes that have not already been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation and which either have become due and payable or are by their terms due and payable within one year (or are to be called for redemption within one year) by irrevocably depositing with the Trustee cash or U.S. government obligations, or a combination thereof, as trust funds in an amount certified to be sufficient to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all outstanding notes.

We may also discharge at any time all of our obligations (except those set forth below) to Holders of the notes ( defeasance ) if, among other things:

we irrevocably deposit with the Trustee cash or U.S. government obligations, or a combination thereof, as trust funds in an amount certified to be sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all outstanding notes when due, and such funds have been so deposited for 91 days;

such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or cause a default under, any agreement or instrument to which we are a party or by which we are bound; and

we deliver to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the Holders of the notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance, and that such defeasance will not otherwise alter the United States federal income tax treatment of principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on the notes. Such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in United States federal income tax law, since such a result would not occur under current tax law.

In the event of such discharge and defeasance of the notes, the Holders thereof would be entitled to look only to such trust funds for payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes.

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Notwithstanding the preceding, no discharge or defeasance described above shall affect the following obligations to or rights of the Holders of such notes:

- (1) rights of registration of transfer and exchange of notes;
- (2) rights of substitution of mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen notes;
- (3) rights of Holders of notes to receive payments of principal thereof, premium, if any, and interest thereon when due from the trust funds held by the Trustee;
- (4) the rights, obligations, duties and immunities of the Trustee;
- (5) the rights of Holders of notes as beneficiaries with respect to property deposited with the Trustee payable to all or any of them; and
- (6) our obligation to maintain an office or agency for notice, payments and transfers in respect of notes.

**Modification of the indenture**

SCI and the Trustee may enter into supplemental indentures without the consent of any Holders of senior debt securities outstanding thereunder to:

evidence the assumption by a successor corporation of our obligations under the Indenture;

add covenants or make the occurrence and continuance of a default in such additional covenants a new Event of Default for the protection of the Holders of debt securities;

cure any ambiguity or correct any inconsistency in the Indenture or amend the Indenture in any other manner which we may deem necessary or desirable and which will not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of senior debt securities issued thereunder;

establish the form and terms of any series of senior debt securities to be issued pursuant to the Indenture;

evidence the acceptance of appointment by a successor Trustee; or

secure the senior debt securities with any property or assets.

The Indenture also contains provisions permitting us and the Trustee, with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, to add any provisions to, or change in any manner or eliminate any of the provisions of, the Indenture or modify in any manner the rights of the Holders of notes; *provided* that neither we nor the Trustee may, without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding note:

extend the stated maturity of the principal of the notes, reduce the principal amount thereof, reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of any interest thereon, reduce or alter the method of computation of any amount payable on redemption thereof, change the coin or currency in which principal, premium, if any, and interest are payable, or impair or affect the right of any Holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment thereof; or

reduce the percentage in aggregate principal amount of notes, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such modification.

**Events of default**

An Event of Default with respect to the notes is defined as being any one or more of the following events:

- (1) failure to pay any installment of interest on such notes for 30 days;
- (2) failure to pay the principal of or premium, if any, on any of the notes when due;
- (3) failure to perform any other of the covenants or agreements in the notes or in the Indenture that continues for a period of 60 days after being given written notice;

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(4) if a court having jurisdiction enters a bankruptcy order or a judgment, order or decree adjudging SCI bankrupt or insolvent, or an order for relief for reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of SCI and the judgment, order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days;

(5) if we institute a voluntary case in bankruptcy, or consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against us, or file a petition seeking, or seek or consent to, reorganization, arrangement, composition or relief, or consent to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of a receiver, custodian, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of SCI or of substantially all of our property, or we shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or

(6) default under any bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness for money borrowed by us or any subsidiary or under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by us or any subsidiary (other than non-recourse indebtedness), whether such indebtedness exists on the date of the Indenture or shall thereafter be created, which default shall have resulted in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, or any default in payment of such indebtedness (after the expiration of any applicable grace periods and the presentation of any debt instruments, if required), if the aggregate amount of all such indebtedness which has been so accelerated and with respect to which there has been such a default in payment shall exceed \$10,000,000, without each such default and acceleration having been rescinded or annulled within a period of 30 days after there shall have been given to us by the Trustee by registered mail, or to us and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, a written notice specifying each such default and requiring us to cause each such default and acceleration to be rescinded or annulled and stating that such notice is a Notice of Default under the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to the notes then outstanding occurs and is continuing, then, and in each and every such case, unless the principal of all of the notes then outstanding shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, by notice in writing to us (and to the Trustee if given by Holders of notes), may declare the unpaid principal amount of all notes then outstanding and the optional redemption premium, if any, and interest accrued thereon to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become and shall be immediately due and payable. This provision, however, is subject to the condition that, if at any time after the unpaid principal amount of the notes shall have been so declared due and payable and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the moneys due shall have been obtained or entered, we shall pay or shall deposit with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest upon all notes and the principal of any and all notes which shall have become due otherwise than by acceleration (with interest on overdue installments of interest to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law and on such principal at the rate borne by such notes to the date of such payment or deposit) and the reasonable compensation, disbursements, expenses and advances of the Trustee, and any and all defaults under the Indenture, other than the nonpayment of such portion of the principal amount of and accrued interest on such notes which shall have become due by acceleration, shall have been cured or shall have been waived in accordance with the Indenture or provision deemed by the Trustee to be adequate shall have been made therefor, then and in every such case the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, by written notice to us and to the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences; but no such rescission and annulment shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default, or shall impair any right consequent thereon. If any Event of Default with respect to us specified in clause (4) or (5) above occurs, the unpaid principal amount and accrued interest on all notes then outstanding shall ipso facto become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any Holder of notes.



If the Trustee shall have proceeded to enforce any right under the Indenture and such proceedings shall have been discontinued or abandoned because of such rescission or annulment or for any other reason or shall have been determined adversely to the Trustee, then and in every such case we, the Trustee and the Holders of such

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notes shall be restored respectively to their several positions and rights under the Indenture, and all rights, remedies and powers of SCI, the Trustee and the Holders of such notes shall continue as though no such proceeding had been taken. Except with respect to an Event of Default pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above, the Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Event of Default unless written notice thereof shall have been given to the Trustee by us, a paying agent or any Holder of such notes.

The Indenture provides that, subject to the duty of the Trustee during default to act with the required standard of care, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of the notes, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity.

No Holder of notes then outstanding shall have any right by virtue of or by availing of any provision of the Indenture to institute any suit, action or proceeding in equity or at law upon or under or with respect to the Indenture or the notes or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or similar official, or for any other remedy under the Indenture or under the notes, unless such Holder previously shall have given to the Trustee written notice of default and of the continuance thereof, and unless the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of such notes then outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute such action, suit or proceeding in its own name as Trustee and shall have offered to the Trustee such reasonable indemnity as it may require against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby, and the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity, shall have neglected or refused to institute any such action, suit or proceeding. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Indenture, however, the right of any Holder of notes to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such notes, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such notes, or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

The Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with respect to such notes; *provided* that (subject to certain exceptions) the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee shall determine upon advice of counsel that the action or proceeding so directed may not lawfully be taken or if the Trustee in good faith shall determine that the action or proceeding so directed would involve the Trustee in personal liability. The Holders of at least 66  $\frac{2}{3}$ % in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding may on behalf of the Holders of all notes waive any past default or Event of Default and its consequences except a default in the payment of premium, if any, or interest on, or the principal of, such notes. Upon any such waiver we, the Trustee and the Holders of all notes shall be restored to our and their former positions and rights under the Indenture, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon. Whenever any default or Event of Default shall have been waived as permitted, said default or Event of Default shall for all purposes of the notes and the Indenture be deemed to have been cured and to be not continuing.

The Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of a default, with respect to the notes then outstanding, mail to all Holders of such notes, as the names and the addresses of such Holders appear upon the applicable notes register, notice of all defaults known to the Trustee with respect to such notes, unless such defaults shall have been cured before the giving of such notice (the term "defaults" for the purpose of these provisions being hereby defined to be the events specified in clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) above, not including periods of grace, if any, provided for therein and irrespective of the giving of the written notice specified in said clause (3) or (6) but in the case of any default of the character specified in said clause (3) or (6) no such notice to Holders of the notes shall be given until at least 60 days after the giving of written notice thereof to us pursuant to said clause (3) or (6), as the case may be); *provided* that, except in the case of default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any of

the notes, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the best interests of the Holders of such notes.

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We are required to furnish to the Trustee annually a statement as to the fulfillment by us of all of our obligations under the Indenture.

## **Governing law**

The Indenture and the notes are governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

## **Definitions**

For all purposes of the Indenture, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below (except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise clearly requires). All accounting terms used in the Indenture and herein and not expressly defined shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the term *generally accepted accounting principles* means such accounting principles as are generally accepted at the Issue Date.

*Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets* means, at the time of determination, the aggregate amount of total assets included in SCI's most recent quarterly or annual consolidated balance sheet prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, net of applicable reserves reflected in such balance sheet, after deducting the following amounts reflected in such balance sheet:

goodwill;

deferred charges and other assets;

preneed funeral receivables and trust investments;

preneed cemetery receivables and trust investments;

cemetery perpetual care trust investments;

current assets of discontinued operations;

non-current assets of discontinued operations;

other like intangibles; and

current liabilities (excluding, however, current maturities of long-term debt).

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

*Attributable Indebtedness*, when used with respect to any sale and leaseback transaction, means, at the time of determination, the present value (discounted at the rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease included in such transaction) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments (other than amounts required to be paid on account of property taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating and labor costs and other items that do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining term of the lease included in such transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended). In the case of any lease that is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty or other termination payment, such amount shall be the lesser of the amount determined assuming termination upon the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the amount shall also include the amount of the penalty or termination payment, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) or the amount determined assuming no such termination.

*Capital Stock* of any Person means any and all shares, interests (including partnership interests), rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of such Person, including any preferred stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

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*Comparable Treasury Issue* means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity most nearly equal to May 15, 2019 that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities with a maturity of May 15, 2019.

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

*Funded Debt* means indebtedness for money borrowed which by its terms matures at or is extendible or renewable at the option of the obligor to a date more than 12 months after the date of the creation of such indebtedness.

*Holder* means, in the case of any note, the Person in whose name such note is registered in the security register kept by the Company for that purpose in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

*Issue Date* means \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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

*Prospectus Supplement* means the prospectus supplement relating to the issuance of the notes, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

*Quotation Agent* means the Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by SCI.

*Reference Treasury Dealer* means each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC (and its successors) and any other nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a primary U.S. government securities dealer specified from time to time by SCI.

*Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations* means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by SCI, 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 SCI by such Reference Treasury Dealer as of 5:00 p.m., New York time, on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

*Trustee* means The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., and any successor trustee.

*Underwriters* means Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., BBVA Securities Inc., BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, Fifth Third Securities, Inc., Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc.

*Voting Stock* of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof.

**Paying agent and registrar for the notes**

The Trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar. We may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the Holders of the notes, and we may act as paying agent or registrar.

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### **Transfer and exchange**

A Holder may transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the Indenture. The registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, 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 Indenture.

The registered Holder of a note will be treated as its owner for all purposes.

### **Notices**

Notices to Holders of the notes will be given by mail to the addresses of such Holders as they appear in the security register.

### **No personal liability of officers, directors or stockholders**

No director, officer or stockholder, as such, of SCI will have any personal liability in respect of our obligations under the Indenture or the notes by reason of his, her or its status as such.

### **Concerning the trustee**

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is the Trustee under the Indenture.

The Indenture contains certain limitations on the right of the Trustee, should it become our creditor, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize for its own account on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The Trustee is permitted to engage in certain other transactions. However, if it acquires any conflicting interest within the meaning of the Indenture when a default has occurred and is continuing, it must eliminate the conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee or resign.

### **Book-entry delivery and form**

The notes will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global notes which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and registered in the name of the Cede & Co., DTC's nominee. Beneficial interests in the global notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through DTC, Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg ( Clearstream ), or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ( Euroclear ) if they are participants of such systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositaries. Clearstream's and Euroclear's depositaries will hold interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositaries' names on the books of DTC. Except as set forth below, the global notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee.

DTC has advised us that it is (1) a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, (2) a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, (3) a member of the Federal Reserve System, (4) a clearing corporation within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code, as amended and (5) a clearing agency registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical transfer and



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

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According to DTC, the foregoing information with respect to DTC has been provided to the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind. We make no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Clearstream has advised that it is incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations ( Clearstream participants ). Clearstream facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream participants, eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a professional depository, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (CSSF). Clearstream participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream participant, either directly or indirectly.

Distributions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Clearstream, with respect to the notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream participants in accordance with its rules and procedures.

Euroclear has advised that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for its participants ( Euroclear participants ) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and eliminating any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear provides various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the Euroclear Operator ) under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the Cooperative ).

All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear participants. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly. The Euroclear Operator has advised us that it is licensed by the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission to carry out banking activities on a global basis. As a Belgian bank, it is regulated and examined by the Belgian Banking Commission.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the Terms and Conditions ). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants.

Distributions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depositary for Euroclear, with respect to notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

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If (1) we notify the trustee in