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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-3**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**CUI Global, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Charter)

Colorado	84-1463284
(State or jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public: From time to time after the Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. "

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box: x

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer "

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company "

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount to be Registered <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Unit or Share <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Amount of Registration Fee <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	15,360,983	\$ 6.51	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 11,590
Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share				
Debt Securities				
Warrants				
Rights				
Units				
Total	15,360,983		\$ 100,000,000	\$ 11,590

The registrant is hereby registering an indeterminate amount and number of each identified class of the identified securities up to a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$100,000,000, which may be offered from time to time at indeterminate prices, including securities that may be purchased by underwriters. The registrant has estimated the proposed maximum aggregate offering price solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act. Securities registered hereunder may be sold separately, together or as units with other securities registered hereunder.

(1) The registrant is hereby registering an indeterminate amount and number of each identified class of the identified securities as may be issued upon conversion, exchange, exercise or settlement of any other securities that provide for such conversion, exchange, exercise or settlement.

(2) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act. Paid herewith.

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This registration statement contains two prospectuses:

- a base prospectus which covers the offering, issuance and sale by the registrant of up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$100,000,000 of the registrant's common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, rights and/or units; and
- an offering agreement prospectus supplement covering the offering, issuance and sale by the registrant of up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$30,000,000 of the registrant's common stock that may be issued and sold under an At the Market Offering Agreement, dated March 14, 2017, with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC.

**The base prospectus immediately follows this explanatory note. The offering agreement prospectus supplement immediately follows the base prospectus. The common stock that may be offered, issued and sold by the registrant under the offering agreement prospectus supplement is included in the \$100,000,000 of securities that may be offered, issued and sold by the registrant under the base prospectus.**

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**Subject to Completion, Dated March \_\_\_\_, 2017**

**\$100,000,000**

**Common Stock**

**Preferred Stock**

**Debt Securities**

**Warrants**

**Rights**

**Units**

**INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. YOU SHOULD REVIEW CAREFULLY THE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES DESCRIBED UNDER THE HEADING "RISK FACTORS" ON PAGE 5 AND CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT, ANY RELATED FREE WRITING PROSPECTUS AND OUR FILINGS MADE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION THAT ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS.**

From time to time, we may offer and sell our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, rights to purchase such securities, either individually or in units, with a total value of up to \$100,000,000 in one or more offerings, in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of any such offering.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "CUI." On March 2, 2017, the last reported sale price for our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$6.51 per share. The applicable prospectus supplement will contain information, where applicable, as to any other listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market or any securities market or other exchange of the securities, if any, covered by the prospectus supplement.

As of March 2, 2017, the aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates, or the public float, was approximately \$104,681,081 based on 20,949,119 shares of outstanding stock, of which 16,080,504 are held by non-affiliates, and a per share price of \$6.51, which was the closing sale price of our common stock on March 2, 2017.

We will provide specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will also describe the specific manner in which we will offer the securities and may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this document. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before you purchase any of our securities.

**THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO OFFER AND SELL SECURITIES UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.**

We may offer the securities in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of offering. We may sell the securities directly to you, through agents we select or through underwriters and dealers we select. If we use agents, underwriters or dealers to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement. The price to the public of such securities and the net proceeds we may expect to receive from such sale will also be set forth in a prospectus supplement.

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

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, offer and sell the securities described in the prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total of \$100,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell the securities under this shelf registration, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus or in any documents that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. To the extent that any statement that we make in a prospectus supplement is inconsistent with statements made in this prospectus or in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the statements made or incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed modified or superseded by those made in the prospectus supplement. You should carefully read this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein by reference as described under the heading "Where You Can Find Additional Information."

You should rely only on the information that we have provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus and the accompanying supplement to this prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus, and any applicable prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus, and any applicable prospectus supplement is delivered or securities sold on a later date.

For investors outside the United States, we have not done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. You are required to inform yourselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus outside of the United States.

Unless the context requires otherwise or unless otherwise noted, all references to "CUI," "the Company," "we," "us," or "our" are to CUI Global, Inc., a Colorado corporation, and its subsidiaries.

## **WHO WE ARE**

We are a specialized provider of natural gas inferential quality metering devices and power management and other electromechanical components for electronic devices and equipment. We offer both standardized products and customized solutions to our customer base. Our product portfolio is extensive and we are dedicated to, and focused on, growing it further by acquiring, developing, and commercializing innovative electronic technologies and products.

We are led by a management team and board of directors that possess substantial experience in our industries. We have decades of experience in the natural gas and electronics industries that we use to identify and acquire or license market-ready technologies. Small product engineering firms, individual entrepreneurs, and a variety of other sources comprise our potential pool of acquisition targets and technology licensing partners. These entities often possess exciting technologies, but lack the necessary manufacturing, distribution, and financial resources to commercialize their ideas. We possess these capabilities and can serve as a value-added partner in commercialization, developing supplier-customer relationships, and providing liquidity to the technology owner. We believe we have a track record of acquiring or licensing, and then commercializing advanced, market-ready technologies due to our management team's history, as well as to the marketing, sales, research and development and engineering resources that we are willing to dedicate to commercializing new products.

After we identify potential market-ready technologies, we put considerable effort into our due diligence process to verify that demand for the technology exists, that the technology will have synergies with our diverse product portfolio, and that the technology will achieve its intended design capabilities. If we are successful in completing an acquisition, we assign a team of engineers, market specialists, and sales executives to implement our commercialization strategy. Our "end-to-end" strategy incorporates branding; conducting market and product surveys to determine demand, the potential customer base, target geographic and end markets; and identifying appropriate commercialization partners. We utilize contract manufacturers located in mainland China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom for production.

Additional details on these products are contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 14, 2017.

### Securities We Are Offering

We may offer shares of common stock, shares of preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, rights to purchase such securities, either individually or in units, with a total value of up to \$100,000,000 from time to time under this prospectus at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of the offering. Our common stock currently is quoted on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "CUI." Shares of common stock that may be offered in this offering will, when issued and paid for, be fully paid and non-assessable.

We refer to our common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, warrants, rights and units in this prospectus as "securities." This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer a type or series of securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and other important terms of the securities, as described below under "Plan of Distribution."

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to invest in our securities, you should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described under the heading “Risk Factors” contained in an applicable prospectus supplement and discussed under the section entitled “Risk Factors” contained in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as any amendments thereto reflected in subsequent filings with the Commission. These filings are incorporated by reference into this prospectus in their entirety, together with other information in this prospectus, documents incorporated by reference. The risks described in these documents are not the only ones we face, but those that we consider to be material. There may be other unknown or unpredictable economic, business, competitive, regulatory or other factors that could have material adverse effects on our future results. Past financial performance may not be a reliable indicator of future performance and historical trends should not be used to anticipate results or trends in future periods. If any of these risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flow could be seriously harmed. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment. Please also read carefully the section entitled “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

## **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING**

### **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus, each prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and each prospectus supplement contain certain statements that constitute “forward looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). The words “believe,” “may,” “will,” “potentially,” “estimate,” “contingent,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “could,” “would,” “project,” “plan,” “expect” and the negative and plural forms of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements, but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Those statements appear in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference, particularly in the section titled “Risk Factors,” and include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of the Company and management that are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions.

This prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement also contain statements that are based on the current expectations of our Company and management. You are cautioned that any such forward looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and that actual results may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors.

Because forward looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified, you should not rely upon forward looking statements as predictions of future events. The events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, including the securities laws of the United States and the rules and regulations of the Commission, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein after we distribute this prospectus, whether as a result of any new information, future events or otherwise.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of securities offered by this prospectus will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include operating expenses, working capital to improve and promote our commercially available products, advance product candidates, future acquisitions or share repurchases, expand international presence and commercialization, general capital expenditures and satisfaction of debt obligations. We will have significant discretion in the use of any net proceeds. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily in interest-bearing accounts and investment grade short-term interest-bearing securities until they are used

for their stated purpose. We may provide additional information on the use of the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities in an applicable prospectus supplement relating to the offered securities.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of our common stock and preferred stock, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the common stock and preferred stock that we may offer under this prospectus. It may not contain all the information that is important to you. For the complete terms of our common stock and preferred stock, please refer to our restated articles of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws, which are incorporated by reference into the registration statement which includes this prospectus. The Colorado Business Corporation Act, as revised, may also affect the terms of these securities. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any future common stock and preferred stock that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of these securities in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we so indicate in a prospectus supplement, the terms of any security we offer under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms we describe below.

Our restated articles of incorporation provides for one class of common stock. In addition, our restated articles of incorporation authorizes shares of undesignated preferred stock, the rights, preferences and privileges of which may be designated from time to time by our board of directors.

Our authorized capital stock consists of 335,000,000 shares, all with a par value of \$0.001 per share, of which:

325,000,000 shares are designated as common stock; and  
10,000,000 shares are designated as preferred stock.

### Common Stock

As of December 31, 2016, the Company's issued and outstanding 20,916,848 shares of common stock of which 20,421,683 shares are freely tradable without restriction or limitation under the Securities Act. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had in excess of 3,000 beneficial holders of our common stock and in excess of 2,300 shareholders of record. The actual number of shareholders is greater than this number of record holders and includes shareholders who are beneficial owners, but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees.

*Voting Rights.* Under our restated articles of incorporation, each share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote with respect to each matter presented to our stockholders on which the holders of common stock are entitled to vote. Subject to any rights that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, our common stock votes as a single class on all matters relating to the election and removal of directors and as provided by law. Holders of our

common stock do not have cumulative voting rights and do not have any pre-emptive or other rights to subscribe for or purchase additional shares of capital stock and no conversion rights, redemption or sinking-fund provisions.

*Dividends.* Subject to preferences that may apply to any shares of preferred stock outstanding at the time, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to share equally, identically and ratably in any dividends that our board of directors may determine to issue from time to time. We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock. We do not anticipate paying periodic cash dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. Any future determination about the payment of dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our earnings, if any, capital requirements, operating and financial conditions and on such other factors as the board of directors deems relevant.

*Liquidation Rights.* In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of our common stock would be entitled to share ratably in our assets that are legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of our debts and other liabilities. If we have any preferred stock outstanding at such time, holders of the preferred stock may be entitled to distribution and/or liquidation preferences. In either such case, we must pay the applicable distribution to the holders of our preferred stock before we may pay distributions to the holders of our common stock.

*Other Rights.* Our stockholders have no preemptive, conversion or other rights to subscribe for additional shares. All outstanding shares are, and all shares offered by this prospectus will be when sold, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

*Listing.* Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “CUI.”

*Transfer Agent and Registrar.* The transfer agent for our common stock is Computershare Trust Company N.A. Its address is 8742 Lucent Blvd., Suite 225, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129.

## Preferred Stock

Under our restated articles of incorporation, we have authority, subject to any limitations prescribed by law and without further stockholder approval, to issue from time to time up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, in one or more series. As of March 2, 2017, no shares of preferred stock are currently issued and outstanding.

Pursuant to our restated articles of incorporation, we are authorized to issue “blank check” preferred stock, which may be issued from time to time in one or more series upon authorization by our board of directors. Our board of directors, without further approval of the stockholders, is authorized to fix the designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions applicable to each series of the preferred stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with capital raising and other corporate purposes could, among other things, adversely affect the voting power or rights of the holders of our common stock and, under certain circumstances, make it more difficult for a third party to gain control of us, discourage bids for our common stock at a premium or otherwise adversely affect the market price of the common stock.

The following summary description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to any preferred stock that will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8K, if we offer preferred stock.

The preferred stock will have the terms described below unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of the preferred stock. You should read the prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of the preferred stock being offered for specific terms, including:

- the designation and stated value per share of the preferred stock and the number of shares offered;

the amount of liquidation preference per share;  
the price at which the preferred stock will be issued;  
the dividend rate, or method of calculation of any dividend, the dates on which dividends will be payable, whether dividends will be cumulative or noncumulative and, if cumulative, the dates from which dividends will accumulate;  
any redemption or sinking fund provisions;  
if other than the currency of the United States, the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which the preferred stock is denominated and/or in which payments will or may be payable;  
any conversion provisions; and  
any other rights, preferences, privileges, qualifications, limitations and restrictions on the preferred stock.

The preferred stock will, when issued, be duly authorized, fully paid and non-assessable. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, each series of the preferred stock will rank equally as to dividends and liquidation rights in all respects with any other series of preferred stock. The rights of holders of shares of each series of preferred stock will be subordinate to those of our general creditors.

*Rank.* Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the preferred stock will, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, rank:

senior to all classes or series of our common stock and to all equity securities ranking junior to such preferred stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;  
on a parity with all equity securities issued by us, the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank on a parity with the preferred stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs; and  
junior to all equity securities issued by us, the terms of which specifically provide that such equity securities rank senior to the preferred stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs.

The term “equity securities” does not include convertible debt securities.

*Dividends.* Holders of the preferred stock of each series will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, cash dividends at such rates and on such dates described in the prospectus supplement. Different series of preferred stock may be entitled to dividends at different rates or based on different methods of calculation. The dividend rate may be fixed or variable or both. Dividends will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on our stock books on record dates fixed by our board of directors, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Dividends on any series of the preferred stock may be cumulative or noncumulative, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. If our board of directors does not declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any series of noncumulative preferred stock, then the holders of that noncumulative preferred stock will have no right to receive a dividend for that dividend payment date, and we will have no obligation to pay the dividend accrued for that period, whether or not dividends on that series are declared payable on any future dividend payment dates. Dividends on any series of cumulative preferred stock will accrue from the date we initially issue shares of such series or such other date specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

*Liquidation Preference.* Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, before we make any distribution or payment to the holders of any common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock ranking junior to the preferred stock in the distribution of assets upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, the holders of each series of preferred stock shall be entitled to receive out of assets legally available for distribution to stockholders, liquidating distributions in the amount of the liquidation preference per share set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon. Such dividends will not include any accumulation in respect of unpaid noncumulative dividends for prior dividend periods. Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, after payment of the full amount of their liquidating distributions, the holders of preferred stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. Upon any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if our available assets are insufficient to pay the amount of the liquidating distributions on all outstanding preferred stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all other classes or series of our capital stock ranking on parity with the preferred stock and all other such classes or series of shares of capital stock ranking on parity with the preferred stock in the distribution of assets, then the holders of the preferred stock and all other such classes or series of capital stock will share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be entitled.

*Redemption.* If so provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the preferred stock will be subject to mandatory redemption or redemption at our option, as a whole or in part, in each case upon the terms, at the times and at the redemption prices set forth in such prospectus supplement.

*Voting Rights.* Except as otherwise required by law, or as otherwise fixed by resolution or resolutions of the board of directors with respect to one or more series of preferred stock and indicated in the applicable prospective supplement, the entire voting power and all voting rights shall be vested exclusively in the common stock.

*Conversion Rights.* The terms and conditions, if any, upon which any series of preferred stock is convertible into common stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating thereto. Such terms will include the number of shares of common stock into which the shares of preferred stock are convertible, the conversion price, rate or manner of calculation thereof, the conversion period, provisions as to whether conversion will be at our option or at the option of the holders of the preferred stock, the events requiring an adjustment of the conversion price and provisions affecting conversion in the event of the redemption.

*Transfer Agent and Registrar.* Any transfer agent and registrar for the preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Certain Effects of Authorized but Unissued Stock

We have shares of common stock and preferred stock available for future issuance without stockholder approval. We may issue these additional shares for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public or private offerings to raise additional capital or to facilitate corporate acquisitions or for payment as a dividend on our capital stock. The existence of unissued and unreserved preferred stock may enable our board of directors to issue shares of preferred stock with terms that could render more difficult or discourage a third-party attempt to obtain control of us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, thereby protecting the continuity of our management. In addition, if we issue preferred stock, the issuance could adversely affect the voting power of holders of common stock and the likelihood that holders of common stock will receive dividend payments or payments upon liquidation.

## Select Provisions of Our Bylaws

Effective December 10, 2015, the CUI Global board of directors adopted amended and restated corporate bylaws to implement specific requirements for the nominations of persons for election to the board of directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the corporation's stockholders at any meeting of stockholders by or at the direction of the board of directors or by any stockholder of the corporation. The amended and restated bylaws adopt notice procedures and incorporate the provisions of Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Our amended and restated bylaws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder proposals to be brought before an annual stockholders meeting, including proposed nominations of persons for election to our board of directors. At an annual stockholders meeting, stockholders may only consider proposals or nominations specified in the notice of meeting or otherwise properly brought before the meeting by our board of directors. Stockholders may also consider a proposal or nomination by a person who was a stockholder of record on the record date for the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has given to the secretary of the Company timely written notice, in proper form, of his or her intention to bring that business before the annual stockholders meeting. The amended and restated bylaws do not give our board of directors the power to disapprove stockholder nominations of candidates or proposals regarding other business to be conducted at a special or annual meeting of the stockholders. However, our amended and restated bylaws may have the effect of precluding the conduct of business at a meeting if the proper procedures are not followed.

Our amended and restated bylaws also provide that only our board of directors, the chairperson of the board or the President/Chief Executive Officer may call a special meeting of stockholders. Because our stockholders do not have the right to call a special meeting, a stockholder could not force stockholder consideration of a proposal over the opposition of our board of directors by calling a special meeting of stockholders prior to such time as a majority of our board of directors, the chairperson of the board or the President/Chief Executive Officer believed the matter should be considered or until the next annual meeting provided that the requestor met the notice requirements. The restriction on the ability of stockholders to call a special meeting means that a proposal to replace the board also could be delayed until the next annual stockholders meeting.

These provisions may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers or delaying changes in our control or management. These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continued stability in the composition of our board of directors and its policies and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened acquisition of us. These provisions are designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal. The provisions also are intended to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and, as a consequence, they also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our stock that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any future debt securities we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any debt securities that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any debt securities we offer under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms we describe below.

The following summary description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the indenture, any indenture supplement and the terms of the debt securities, including, in each case, the definitions therein of certain terms. We will file each of these documents, as applicable, with the Commission and incorporate them by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part on or before the time we issue a series of debt securities. See “Where You Can Find Additional Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference” below for information on how to obtain a copy of a document when it is filed. The specific terms of the debt securities as described in a prospectus supplement, information incorporated by reference, or free writing prospectus will supplement and, if applicable, may modify or replace the general terms described in this section.

The indentures will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. We use the term “debenture trustee” to refer to either the trustee under the senior indenture or the trustee under the subordinated indenture, as applicable.

The following summaries of material provisions of the senior debt securities, the subordinated debt securities and the indentures are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the indenture applicable to a particular series of debt securities. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the debt securities that we sell under this prospectus, as well as the indenture that would contain the terms of the debt securities. Except as we may otherwise indicate, the terms of the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture would be identical.

## General

We will describe in each prospectus supplement the following terms relating to a series of debt securities:

- the title;
- the principal amount being offered and, if a series, the total amount authorized and the total amount outstanding;  
any limit on the amount that may be issued;
- whether or not we will issue the series of debt securities in global form, the terms and who the depository will be;  
the maturity date;
- whether and under what circumstances, if any, we will pay additional amounts on any debt securities held by a person who is not a U.S. person for tax purposes and whether we can redeem the debt securities if we have to pay such additional amounts;
- the annual interest rate, which may be fixed or variable, or the method for determining the rate and the date interest will begin to accrue, the dates interest will be payable and the regular record dates for interest payment dates or the method for determining such dates;

- whether or not the debt securities will be secured or unsecured, and the terms of any secured debt;
- the terms of the subordination of any series of subordinated debt;
- the place where payments will be payable;

restrictions on transfer, sale or other assignment, if any;

our right, if any, to defer payment of interest and the maximum length of any such deferral period;

the date, if any, after which, and the price at which, we may, at our option, redeem the series of debt securities pursuant to any optional or provisional redemption provisions and the terms of those redemptions provisions;

the date, if any, on which, and the price at which we are obligated, pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund or analogous fund provisions or otherwise, to redeem, or at the holder's option to purchase, the series of debt securities and the currency or currency unit in which the debt securities are payable;

whether the indenture will restrict our ability and/or the ability of our subsidiaries to:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- issue additional securities;
- create liens;

pay dividends and make distributions in respect of our capital stock and the capital stock of our subsidiaries;

- redeem capital stock;

place restrictions on our subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends, make distributions or transfer assets;

- make investments or other restricted payments;
- sell or otherwise dispose of assets;
- enter into sale-leaseback transactions;
- engage in transactions with stockholders and affiliates;
- issue or sell stock of our subsidiaries; or
- effect a consolidation or merger;

whether the indenture will require us to maintain any interest coverage, fixed charge, cash flow-based, asset-based or other financial ratios;

a discussion of any material or special U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the debt securities;

- information describing any book-entry features;
- provisions for a sinking fund purchase or other analogous fund, if any;

whether the debt securities are to be offered at a price such that they will be deemed to be offered at an "original issue discount" as defined in paragraph (a) of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code;

the denominations in which we will issue the series of debt securities, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof; and

any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of, or restrictions on, the debt securities, including any additional events of default or covenants provided with respect to the debt securities, and any terms that may be required by us or advisable under applicable laws or regulations.

### Conversion or Exchange Rights

We will set forth in the prospectus supplement the terms on which a series of debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock or our other securities. We will include provisions as to whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option. We may include provisions pursuant to which the number of shares of our common stock or our other securities that the holders of the series of debt securities receive would be subject to adjustment.

## Consolidation, Merger or Sale

Any successor to or acquiror of the indentures must assume all of our obligations under the indentures or the debt securities, as appropriate. If the debt securities are convertible for our other securities or securities of other entities, the person with whom we consolidate or merge or to whom we sell all of our property must make provisions for the conversion of the debt securities into securities that the holders of the debt securities would have received if they had converted the debt securities before the consolidation, merger or sale.

## Events of Default Under the Indenture

Unless otherwise provided in any applicable prospectus supplement, documents incorporated by reference or free writing prospectus, the following will be events of default under the indenture with respect to each series of debt securities issued thereunder:

- (a) if we fail to pay interest when due and payable and our failure continues for 30 days, or within such other time period as may be specified in the applicable indenture, and the time for payment has not been extended or deferred;
- (b) if we fail to pay the principal, premium or sinking fund payment, if any, when due and payable and the time for payment has not been extended or delayed;
  - (c) if specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur; and
- (d) if we fail to observe or perform any other covenant contained in the debt securities or the indentures, other than a covenant specifically relating to another series of debt securities, and our failure continues for 60 days, or within such other time period as may be specified in the applicable indenture, after we receive notice from the debenture trustee or holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of an affected series, or such other percentage as may be specified in the applicable indenture, in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the applicable series.

If an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series occurs and is continuing, other than an event of default specified in subsection (d) above, the debenture trustee or the holders of at least 25%, or such other percentage as may be specified in the applicable indenture, in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series, by notice to us in writing, and to the debenture trustee if notice is given by such holders, may declare the unpaid principal of, premium, if any, and accrued interest, if any, due and payable immediately. If an event of default specified in subsection (d) above occurs with respect to us, the principal amount of and accrued interest, if any, of each issue of debt securities then outstanding shall be due and payable without any notice or other action on the part of the debenture trustee or any holder.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of an affected series may waive any default or event of default with respect to the series and its consequences, except defaults or events of default regarding payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, unless we have cured the default or event of default in accordance with the indenture. Any waiver shall cure the default or event of default.

Subject to the terms of the indentures, if an event of default under an indenture shall occur and be continuing, the debenture trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under such indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of the applicable series of debt securities, unless such holders have offered the debenture trustee reasonable indemnity. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the debenture trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the debenture trustee, with respect to the debt securities of that series, provided that:

the direction so given by the holder is not in conflict with any law or the applicable indenture; and subject to its duties under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the debenture trustee need not take any action that might involve it in personal liability or might be unduly prejudicial to the holders not involved in the proceeding.

A holder of the debt securities of any series will only have the right to institute a proceeding under the indentures or to appoint a receiver or trustee, or to seek other remedies if:

the holder has given written notice to the debenture trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to that series; the holders of at least 25% (or, in the case of a default of the type described under subsection (d) above, a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of an affected series) or such other percentage as may be specified in the applicable indenture, in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made written request, and such holders have offered reasonable indemnity to the debenture trustee to institute the proceeding as trustee; and the debenture trustee does not institute the proceeding, and does not receive from the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series other conflicting directions within 60 days, or within such other time period as may be specified in the applicable indenture, after the notice, request and offer of indemnity.

These limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by a holder of debt securities if we default in the payment of the principal premium, if any, or interest on, the debt securities.

We will periodically file statements with the debenture trustee regarding our compliance with specified covenants in the indentures.

#### Modification of Indenture; Waiver

We and the debenture trustee may change an indenture without the consent of any holders with respect to specific matters:

to evidence the succession of another corporation to us and the assumption by any such successor of our covenants in such indenture and in the debt securities issued thereunder;

- to add to our covenants or to surrender any right or power conferred on us pursuant to the indenture;
- to establish the form and terms of debt securities issued thereunder;

to evidence and provide for a successor trustee under such indenture with respect to one or more series of debt securities issued thereunder or to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts under such indenture by

more than one trustee;

to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision in the indenture that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision of the indenture or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under such indenture; provided that no such action adversely affects the interests of the holders of any series of debt securities issued thereunder in any material respect;

to add to, delete from or revise the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms or purposes of issue, authentication and delivery of securities under the indenture;

· to add any additional events of default with respect to all or any series of debt securities;

to supplement any of the provisions of the indenture as may be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities, provided that such action does not adversely affect the interests of any holder of an outstanding debt security of such series or any other security in any material respect;

- to make provisions with respect to the conversion or exchange rights of holders of debt securities of any series;
  - to pledge to the trustee as security for the debt securities of any series any property or assets;
  - to add guarantees in respect of the debt securities of one or more series;
- to change or eliminate any of the provisions of the indenture, provided that any such change or elimination becomes effective only when there is no security of any series outstanding created prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture which is entitled to the benefit of such provision;
  - to provide for certificated securities in addition to or in place of global securities;
  - to qualify such indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended;

with respect to the debt securities of any series, to conform the text of the indenture or the debt securities of such series to any provision of the description thereof in our offering memorandum or prospectus relating to the initial offering of such debt securities, to the extent that such provision, in our good faith judgment, was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision of the indenture or such securities; or

to make any other change that does not adversely affect the rights of holders of any series of debt securities issued thereunder in any material respect.

In addition, under the indentures, the rights of holders of a series of debt securities may be changed by us and the debenture trustee with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series that is affected. However, we and the debenture trustee may only make the following changes with the consent of each holder of any outstanding debt securities affected:

- extending the fixed maturity of the series of debt securities; or
- reducing the principal amount, reducing the rate of or extending the time of payment of interest, or reducing any premium payable upon the redemption of any debt securities; or
- reducing the percentage of debt securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any amendment, supplement, modification or waiver; or
- make any change that adversely affects the right to convert or exchange any security into or for common stock or other securities, cash or other property in accordance with the terms of the applicable debt security.

Each indenture provides that we can elect to be discharged from our obligations with respect to one or more series of debt securities, except for specified obligations, including obligations to:

- register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of the series;
- replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities of the series;
- maintain paying agencies;
- hold monies for payment in trust;
- recover excess money held by the debenture trustee;
- compensate and indemnify the debenture trustee; and
- appoint any successor trustee.

In order to exercise our rights to be discharged, we must deposit with the debenture trustee money or government obligations sufficient to pay all the principal of, any premium, if any, and interest on, the debt securities of the series on the dates payments are due.

Form, Exchange and Transfer

We will issue the debt securities of each series only in fully registered form without coupons and, unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. The indentures provide that we may issue debt securities of a series in temporary or permanent global form and as book-entry securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC or another depository named by us and identified in a prospectus supplement with respect to that series. See “Legal Ownership of Securities” for a further description of the terms relating to any book-entry securities.

At the option of the holder, subject to the terms of the indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the holder of the debt securities of any series can exchange the debt securities for other debt securities of the same series, in any authorized denomination and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount.

Subject to the terms of the indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the debt securities may present the debt securities for exchange or for registration of transfer, duly endorsed or with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed if so required by us or the security registrar, at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for this purpose. Unless otherwise provided in the debt securities that the holder presents for transfer or exchange, we will make no service charge for any registration of transfer or exchange, but we may require payment of any taxes or other governmental charges.

We will name in the applicable prospectus supplement the security registrar, and any transfer agent in addition to the security registrar, that we initially designate for any debt securities. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of each series.

If we elect to redeem the debt securities of any series, we will not be required to:

issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any debt securities of that series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days, or within such other time period as may be specified in the applicable indenture, before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any debt securities that may be selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of the mailing; or

register the transfer of or exchange any debt securities so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt securities we are redeeming in part.

#### Repurchases on the Open Market

We, or an affiliate of ours, may at any time or from time to time repurchase any debt security in the open market or otherwise. Such debt securities may, at our option (or our affiliate's option), be held, resold or surrendered to the trustee for cancellation.

#### Information Concerning the Debenture Trustee

The debenture trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of an event of default under an indenture, undertakes to perform only those duties as are specifically set forth in the applicable indenture. Upon an event of default under an indenture, the debenture trustee must use the same degree of care as a prudent person would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the debenture trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers given him or her by the indentures at the request of any holder of debt securities unless he or she is offered reasonable security and indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that he or she might incur.

## Payment and Paying Agents

Unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make payment of the interest on any debt securities on any interest payment date to the person in whose name the debt securities, or one or more predecessor securities, are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for the interest.

We will pay principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of a particular series at the office of the paying agents designated by us, except that, unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make interest payments by check that we will mail to the holder or by wire transfer to certain holders. Unless we otherwise indicate in a prospectus supplement, we will designate the corporate trust office of the debenture trustee as our sole paying agent for payments with respect to debt securities of each series. We will name in the applicable prospectus supplement any other paying agents that we initially designate for the debt securities of a particular series. We will maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of a particular series.

All money we pay to a paying agent or the debenture trustee for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any debt securities that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of the debt security thereafter may look only to us for payment thereof.

## Governing Law

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

## Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities

The subordinated debt securities will be unsecured and will be subordinate and junior in priority of payment to certain of our other indebtedness to the extent described in a prospectus supplement. The subordinated indenture does not limit the amount of subordinated debt securities that we may issue. It also does not limit us from issuing any other secured or unsecured debt.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any warrants offered under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

The following summary description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the form of warrant agreement and form of warrant certificate relating to each series of warrants that will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K, if we offer warrants.

## General

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of warrants, including:

- the offering price and aggregate number of warrants offered;
- the currency for which the warrants may be purchased;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- in the case of warrants to purchase common stock, the number of shares of common stock purchasable upon the exercise of one warrant and the price at which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;
- the effect of any merger, consolidation, sale or other disposition of our business on the warrant agreements and the warrants;
- the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;
- any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;
- the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and expire;
- the manner in which the warrant agreements and warrants may be modified;
- federal income tax consequences of holding or exercising the warrants;
- the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of or restrictions on the warrants.

Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or, payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

### Exercise of Warrants

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the securities that we specify in the applicable prospectus supplement at the exercise price that we describe in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants by delivering the warrant certificate representing the warrants to be exercised together with specified information, and paying the required amount to the warrant agent in immediately

available funds, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will set forth on the reverse side of the warrant certificate and in the applicable prospectus supplement the information that the holder of the warrant will be required to deliver to the warrant agent.

Upon receipt of the required payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue and deliver the securities purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, then we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining amount of warrants. If we so indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may surrender securities as all or part of the exercise price for warrants.

## Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Warrants

Any warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single warrant agent may act as warrant agent for more than one issue of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, its warrants.

## DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS

We may issue rights to purchase our debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities. These rights may be issued independently or together with any other security offered hereby and may or may not be transferable by the stockholder receiving the rights in such offering. In connection with any offering of such rights, we may enter into a standby arrangement with one or more underwriters or other purchasers pursuant to which the underwriters or other purchasers may be required to purchase any securities remaining unsubscribed for after such offering.

Each series of rights will be issued under a separate rights agreement which we will enter into with a rights agent, all which will be set forth in the relevant offering material. The rights agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the certificates relating to the rights and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holders of rights certificates or beneficial owners of rights.

The following description is a summary of selected provisions relating to rights that we may offer. The summary is not complete. When rights are offered in the future, a prospectus supplement, information incorporated by reference or a free writing prospectus, as applicable, will explain the particular terms of those securities and the extent to which these general provisions may apply. The specific terms of the rights as described in a prospectus supplement, information incorporated by reference, or free writing prospectus will supplement and, if applicable, may modify or replace the general terms described in this section.

This summary and any description of rights in the applicable prospectus supplement, information incorporated by reference or free writing prospectus is subject to and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the rights agreement and the rights certificates. We will file each of these documents, as applicable, with the Commission and incorporate them by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part on or before the time we issue a series of rights. See “Where You Can Find Additional Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Documents by

Reference” below for information on how to obtain a copy of a document when it is filed.

The applicable prospectus supplement, information incorporated by reference or free writing prospectus may describe:

in the case of a distribution of rights to our stockholders, the date of determining the stockholders entitled to the rights distribution;

in the case of a distribution of rights to our stockholders, the number of rights issued or to be issued to each stockholder;

the exercise price payable for the underlying debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities upon the exercise of the rights;

the number and terms of the underlying debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities which may be purchased per each right;

the extent to which the rights are transferable;

the date on which the holder's ability to exercise the rights shall commence and the date on which the rights shall expire;

the extent to which the rights may include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities; if applicable, the material terms of any standby underwriting or purchase arrangement entered into by us in connection with the offering of such rights; and

any other terms of the rights, including, but not limited to, the terms, procedures, conditions and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the rights.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under "Description of Debt Securities" and "Description of Capital Stock" above, will apply, as applicable, to any rights we offer.

## DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the units that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any units that we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any series of units in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any units offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. The following summary description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of unit agreement and form of unit certificate relating to each series of units that will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K, if we offer units.

### General

We may issue units comprised of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. treasury securities, warrants or any combination thereof. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of units, including:

the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;

- any provisions of the governing unit agreement that differ from those described below; and

any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under “Description of Capital Stock,” “Description of Debt Securities” and “Description of Warrants” will apply to each unit and to any common stock, preferred stock, debt security or warrants included in each unit, respectively.

### **Issuance in Series**

We may issue units in such amounts and in such numerous distinct series as we determine.

### **Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Units**

Any unit agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable unit agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any unit. A single unit agent may act as unit agent for more than one series of units. A unit agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable unit agreement or unit, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a unit may, without the consent of the related unit agent or the holder of any other unit, enforce by appropriate legal action its rights as holder under any security included in the unit.

### **Title**

We, any unit agents and any of their agents may treat the registered holder of any unit certificate as an absolute owner of the units evidenced by that certificate for any purpose and as the person entitled to exercise the rights attaching to the units so requested, despite any notice to the contrary. See “Legal Ownership of Securities” below.

For a more thorough description and historical analysis of our common equity, please see the section of our Form 10-K filed with the Commission on March 14, 2017, Item 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

### **LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

We can issue securities in registered form or in the form of one or more global securities. We describe global securities in greater detail below. We refer to those persons who have securities registered in their own names on the books that we or any applicable trustee, depository or warrant agent maintain for this purpose as the “holders” of those securities. These persons are the legal holders of the securities. We refer to those persons who, indirectly through others, own beneficial interests in securities that are not registered in their own names, as “indirect holders” of those securities. As we discuss below, indirect holders are not legal holders, and investors in securities issued in book-entry form or in street name will be indirect holders.

#### Book-Entry Holders

We may issue securities in book-entry form only, as we will specify in the applicable prospectus supplement. This means securities may be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a financial institution that holds them as depository on behalf of other financial institutions that participate in the depository’s book-entry system. These participating institutions, which are referred to as participants, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the securities on behalf of themselves or their customers.

Only the person in whose name a security is registered is recognized as the holder of that security. Securities issued in global form will be registered in the name of the depositary or its participants. Consequently, for securities issued in global form, we will recognize only the depositary as the holder of the securities and we will make all payments on the securities to the depositary. The depositary passes along the payments it receives to its participants, which in turn, pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depositary and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers; they are not obligated to do so under the terms of the securities.

As a result, investors in a book-entry security will not own securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depositary's book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the securities are issued in global form, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the securities.

#### Street Name Holders

We may terminate a global security or issue securities in non-global form. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their securities in their own names or in "street name." Securities held by an investor in street name would be registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution that the investor chooses and the investor would hold only a beneficial interest in those securities through an account he or she maintains at that institution.

For securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the securities are registered as the holders of those securities and we will make all payments on those securities to them. These institutions pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold securities in street name will be indirect holders, not holders, of those securities.

#### Legal Holders

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of any applicable trustee and of any third parties employed by us or a trustee, run only to the legal holders of the securities. We do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect holder of a security or has no choice because we are issuing the securities only in global form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders, but does not do so. Similarly, we may want to obtain the approval of the holders to amend an indenture, to relieve us of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of the indenture or for other purposes. In such an event, we would seek approval only from the holders, and not the indirect holders, of the securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect holders is up to the holders.

#### Special Considerations for Indirect Holders

If you hold securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

- how it handles securities payments and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required;
- whether and how you can instruct it to send you securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future;

how it would exercise rights under the securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and

- if the securities are in book-entry form, how the depositary's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

## Global Securities

A global security is a security that represents one or any other number of individual securities held by a depositary. Generally, all securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms.

Each security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depositary. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, Computershare Trust Company, 8742 Lucent Blvd., Suite 225, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129 will be the depositary for all securities issued in book-entry form.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depositary, its nominee or a successor depositary, unless special termination situations arise. We describe those situations below under "Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated." As a result of these arrangements, the depositary, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all securities represented by a global security, and investors will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depositary or with another institution that does. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

If the prospectus supplement for a particular security indicates that the security will be issued in global form only, then the security will be represented by a global security at all times unless and until the global security is terminated. If termination occurs, we may issue the securities through another book-entry clearing system or decide that the securities may no longer be held through any book-entry clearing system.

## Special Considerations for Global Securities

As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depositary, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. We do not recognize an indirect holder as a holder of securities and instead deal only with the depositary that holds the global

security.

If securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

- An investor cannot cause the securities to be registered in his or her name and cannot obtain non-global certificates for his or her interest in the securities, except in the special situations we describe below;
- An investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the securities, as we describe above;
- An investor may not be able to sell interests in the securities to some insurance companies and to other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in non-book-entry form;

An investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective;

The depositary's policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security. We and any applicable trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depositary's actions or for its records of ownership interests in a global security. We and the trustee also do not supervise the depositary in any way;

The depositary may, and we understand that Computershare Trust Company, N.A. will, require that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security within its book-entry system use immediately available funds, and your broker or bank may require you to do so as well; and

Financial institutions that participate in the depositary's book-entry system and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the securities.

There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. We do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any of those intermediaries.

#### Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated

In a few special situations described below, the global security will terminate and interests in it will be exchanged for physical certificates representing those interests. After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in securities transferred to their own name, so that they will be direct holders. We have described the rights of holders and street name investors above.

The global security will terminate when the following special situations occur:

if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depositary for that global security and we do not appoint another institution to act as depositary within 90 days;

if we notify any applicable trustee that we wish to terminate that global security; or

if an event of default has occurred with regard to securities represented by that global security and has not been cured or waived.

The prospectus supplement may also list additional situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of securities covered by the prospectus supplement. When a global security terminates, the depositary, and not we or any applicable trustee, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions that will be the initial direct holders.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities being offered by this prospectus separately or together through any of the following methods:

- to or through one or more underwriters or dealers in a public offering and sale by them;
  - directly to investors;
  - through agents;
- through block trades in which the broker or dealer engaged to handle the block trade will attempt to sell the securities as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
  - through any combination if these methods of sale; or

in any manner, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may distribute securities from time to time in one or more transactions:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the times of sale;
- at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

We will describe the method of distribution of the securities in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may also determine the price or other terms of the securities offered under this prospectus by use of an electronic auction. We will describe how any auction will determine the price or any other terms, how potential investors may participate in the auction and the nature of the obligations of the underwriter, dealer or agent in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each class or series of securities will be a new issue with no established trading market, other than our common stock, which is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on any exchange, but we are not obligated to do so. It is possible that one or more underwriters may make a market in a class or series of securities, but the underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot give any assurance as to the liquidity of the trading market for any of the securities.

Underwriters, dealers or agents may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from us or our purchasers (as their agents in connection with the sale of the securities). In addition, underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they act as agent. These underwriters, dealers or agents may be considered to be underwriters under the Securities Act. As a result, discounts, commissions, or profits on resale received by the underwriters, dealers or agents may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions. The prospectus supplement will identify any such underwriter, dealer or agent, and describe any compensation received by them from us. Only underwriters named in the prospectus supplement are underwriters of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

We may sell the securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of securities and we will describe any commissions we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may authorize agents or underwriters to solicit offers by certain types of institutional investors to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. We will describe the conditions to these contracts and the commissions we must pay for solicitation of these contracts in the prospectus supplement.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments made by the underwriters, dealers or agents, under agreements between us and the underwriters, dealers and agents.

Any person participating in the distribution of common stock registered under the registration statement that includes this prospectus will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and the applicable Commission rules and regulations, including, among others, Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of our common stock by any such person. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of our common stock to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock. These restrictions may affect the marketability of our common stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to our common stock.

We may grant underwriters who participate in the distribution of the securities an option to purchase additional securities to cover overallotments, if any, in connection with the distribution. Any underwriter may engage in overallotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the offered securities. Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Short covering transactions involve purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution is completed to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the common stock originally sold by the dealer is purchased in a covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the common stock to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time. If any such activities will occur, they will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Underwriters or agents and their associates may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business and any such relationships will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If more than 10% of the net proceeds of any offering of securities made under this prospectus will be received by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) members participating in the offering or affiliates or associated persons of such FINRA members, the offering will be conducted in accordance with FINRA Conduct Rule 5110(h).

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution.

## **INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL**

Legal matters

Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP, Clearwater, Florida will pass upon the validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel that we name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

No expert or counsel named in this prospectus as having prepared or having certified any part of this prospectus or having given an opinion upon the validity of the securities being registered or upon other legal matters in connection with the registration or offering of the common stock was employed on a contingency basis or had, or is to receive, in connection with the offering, a substantial interest, direct or indirect, in the registrant or any of its parents or subsidiaries. Nor was any such person connected with the registrant or any of its parent or subsidiaries as a promoter, managing or principal underwriter, voting trustee, director, officer or employee.

## Experts

The consolidated financial statements of CUI Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of Perkins & Company, P.C., independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We have filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the offer, issuance and sale of the shares of our common stock being registered herein. This Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. For further information with respect to us and the shares of our common stock to be sold in this offering, we make reference to the registration statement.

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. You may read and copy all or any portion of the registration statement or any other information, which we filed at the Commission's public reference rooms in Washington, D.C., New York, New York and Chicago, Illinois. The address for the Commission's public reference room in Washington, D.C. is U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 "F" Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may request copies of these documents, upon payment of a duplicating filing fee, by writing to the Commission. Please call the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms. Our filings with the Commission are also available to you free of charge at the Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov> and our Company website at [www.CUIGlobal.com](http://www.CUIGlobal.com).

## **INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

The Commission allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them under certain conditions, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus and any information that we file subsequent to this prospectus with the Commission will automatically update and supersede this information. Our Exchange Act reports are filed under Commission file number 0-29923. The documents we are incorporating by reference are as follows:

- Our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 filed with the Commission March 14, 2017;
- Our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 1, 2016 and December 11, 2015;
    - Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Form 14A filed with the Commission on October 11, 2016.

All documents filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the initial filing date of this prospectus, through the date declared effective, until the termination of the offering of securities contemplated by this prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. These documents that we file later with the Securities and Exchange Commission and that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus will automatically update information contained in this prospectus or that was previously incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You will be deemed to have notice of all information incorporated by reference in this prospectus as if that information was included in this prospectus.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. Do not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of these documents.

The Company will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered:

(i) a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in the prospectus, but not delivered with the prospectus;

(ii) we will provide this information upon written or oral request;

(iii) we will provide this information at no cost to the requester.

Contact us at: CUI Global, Inc.  
20050 SW 112th Avenue  
Tualatin, Oregon 97062  
Phone us at: (503) 612-2300  
Email us at: Investors@CUIGlobal.com  
Copies online at: [www.CUIGlobal.com](http://www.CUIGlobal.com).

## **DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION POSITION ON INDEMNIFICATION**

### **FOR SECURITIES ACT LIABILITIES**

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities may be invoked to disclaim liability for damages arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1934 (collectively, the "Acts"), as amended, it is the position of the Commission that such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Acts and are therefore, unenforceable.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**Prospectus Supplement Subject to Completion, Dated March \_\_\_\_, 2017**

**Up to \$30,000,000**

**Common Stock**

CUI Global, Inc. (“CUI”) has entered into an At the Market Offering Agreement with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC (“H.C. Wainwright”), or the offering agreement, relating to shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001, offered by this prospectus supplement. In accordance with the terms of the offering agreement, we may offer and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$30,000,000 from time to time through H.C. Wainwright, acting as agent. Sales of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement may be made in sales deemed to be “at-the-market” equity offerings as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act.

Our common stock trades on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “CUI.” On March 2, 2017, the last reported sale price of the common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$6.51 per share.

H.C. Wainwright will act as sales agent and use commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell on our behalf all of the shares of common stock requested to be sold by us, on mutually agreed terms between H.C. Wainwright and us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in any escrow, trust or similar arrangement. H.C. Wainwright will be entitled to a placement fee equal to 1.5% of the gross sales price of the shares sold. In connection with the sale of our common stock on our behalf, H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act and the compensation of H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts.

As of March 2, 2017, the aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates, or the public float, was approximately \$104,684,081 based on 20,949,119 shares of outstanding stock, of which 16,080,504 are held by non-affiliates, and a per share price of \$6.51, which was the closing sale price of our common stock on March 2, 2017.

**INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK. YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY READ AND CONSIDER THE RISK FACTORS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT, THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS AND IN THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT. SEE “RISK FACTORS” BEGINNING ON PAGE S-7.**

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

**Rodman & Renshaw**

**a unit of H.C. Wainwright & Co.**

**The date of this prospectus supplement is     , 2017**

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, (the “SEC”), utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this process, we may, from time to time, offer shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$30,000,000, from time to time, under this prospectus supplement at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of offering.

We provide information to you about this offering of shares of our common stock in two separate documents that are bound together: (1) this offering agreement prospectus supplement, which describes the specific details regarding this offering; and (2) the accompanying base prospectus, which provides general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to this “prospectus,” we are referring to both documents combined. If information in this offering agreement prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying base prospectus, you should rely on this prospectus supplement. However, if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date, for example, a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus, the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement as our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the earlier dates.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference herein were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreement, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and

covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

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You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus and in any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering. We have not, and H.C. Wainwright has not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and H.C. Wainwright is not, making an offer to sell or soliciting an offer to buy our securities in any jurisdiction in which an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making that offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and in any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering, is accurate only as of the date of those respective documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. You should read this prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering, in their entirety before making an investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in the sections of this prospectus entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Documents By Reference."

We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus and the offering of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

Unless the context requires otherwise or unless otherwise noted, all references to "CUI," "the Company," "we," "us" or "our" are to CUI Global, Inc., a Colorado corporation, and its subsidiaries.

This prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein and therein include trademarks, service marks and trade names owned by us or other companies. All trademarks, service marks and trade names included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*The following summary highlights certain information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus, any free writing prospectus that we have been authorized to use and the documents incorporated by reference herein and in the accompanying base prospectus. This summary does not contain all the information you will need in making your investment decision. You should carefully read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus, any free writing prospectus that we have been authorized to use and the documents incorporated by reference herein and in the accompanying base prospectus. You should pay special attention to the “Risk Factors” section of this prospectus and the financial statements and other information incorporated by reference in this prospectus.*

### Company Overview

We are a specialized provider of natural gas inferential quality metering devices and power management and other electromechanical components for electronic devices and equipment. We offer both standardized products and customized solutions to our customer base. Our product portfolio is extensive and we are dedicated to, and focused on, growing it further by acquiring, developing, and commercializing innovative electronic technologies and products.

We are led by a management team and board of directors that possess substantial experience in our industries. We have decades of experience in the natural gas and electronics industries that we use to identify and acquire or license market-ready technologies. Small product engineering firms, individual entrepreneurs, and a variety of other sources comprise our potential pool of acquisition targets and technology licensing partners. These entities often possess exciting technologies, but lack the necessary manufacturing, distribution, and financial resources to commercialize their ideas. We possess these capabilities and can serve as a value-added partner in commercialization, developing supplier-customer relationships, and providing liquidity to the technology owner. We believe we have a track record of acquiring or licensing and then commercializing advanced, market-ready technologies due to our management team’s history, as well as to the marketing, sales, research and development and engineering resources that we are willing to dedicate to commercializing new products.

After we identify potential market-ready technologies, we put considerable effort into our due diligence process to verify that demand for the technology exists, that the technology will have synergies with our diverse product portfolio, and that the technology will achieve its intended design capabilities. If we are successful in completing an acquisition, we assign a team of engineers, market specialists, and sales executives to implement our commercialization strategy. Our “end-to-end” strategy incorporates branding; conducting market and product surveys to determine demand, the potential customer base, target geographic and end markets; and identifying appropriate commercialization partners. We utilize contract manufacturers located in mainland China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom for production.

Additional details on these products are contained in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 14, 2017.

### **Company Information**

Our corporate headquarters are located at 20050 SW 112 Avenue, Tualatin, Or 97062. Our telephone number is (503) 612-2300, and our website address is [www.CUIGlobal.com](http://www.CUIGlobal.com). The information on or accessible through our website does not constitute part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus and should not be relied upon in connection with making any investment in our securities.

The common stock of CUI Global, Inc. is listed on Nasdaq under symbol "CUI".

## THE OFFERING

Common stock to be offered by us	Shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$30,000,000.
Common shares outstanding after this offering *	Up to 25,557,414 shares, assuming sales price of \$6.51 per share, which was the closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ on March 2, 2017. The actual number of shares issued will vary depending on the sales price under this offering.*
Manner of offering	An “at-the-market” offering of shares of common stock that may be made from time to time through our sales agent, H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC. See “Plan of Distribution” on page S-11.
Use of Proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds primarily for general corporate purposes, which may include operating expenses, working capital to improve and promote our commercially available products, advance product candidates, future acquisitions or share repurchases, expand international presence and commercialization, general capital expenditures and satisfaction of debt obligations. See “Use of Proceeds” on page S-9.
NASDAQ Capital Market symbol	“CUI”
Risk factors	Before investing in our common stock, you should carefully read and consider the “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-7 of this prospectus, and the risks set forth under the caption of Item 1A Risk Factors included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and any documents incorporated by reference, for certain considerations relevant to an investment in our common stock.

\* The number of shares of common stock outstanding after this offering is based on approximately 20,949,119 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 2, 2017, and a total offering of an aggregate of 4,608,295 shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$6.51 per share, which was the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on March 2, 2017, and excludes as of March 2, 2017, 964,680 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding at a weighted average exercise price of \$6.32 per share and 1,527,695 additional shares of common stock reserved for issuance under our stock option plan.

## RISK FACTORS

*Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the specific risks described below and the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus in their entirety, as well as the other information contained in this prospectus and the other documents incorporated by reference, before making an investment decision. See the sections of this prospectus entitled “Where You Can Find Additional Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference.” Any of the risks we describe below or in the information incorporated herein by reference in this prospectus could cause our business, financial condition or operating results to suffer. The market price of our common stock could decline if one or more of these risks and uncertainties develop into actual events. You could lose all or part of your investment.*

**A substantial number of shares may be sold in the market following this offering, which may depress the market price for our common stock.**

Sales of additional shares of our common stock in the public market during this offering could cause the market price of our common stock to decline. Although, there can be no assurance that all \$30,000,000 worth of shares being offered under this prospectus will be sold or the price at which any such shares might be sold, assuming that an aggregate of 4,608,295 shares of our common stock are sold during the term of the offering agreement with H.C. Wainwright, for example, at a price of \$6.51 per share which was the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on March 2, 2017. Upon completion of this offering, based on our shares outstanding as of March 2, 2017, we will have outstanding an aggregate of 25,557,414 shares of common stock, assuming no exercise of outstanding stock options and no purchases of stock under our employee stock incentive plan. A substantial majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock are, and all of the shares sold in this offering upon issuance will be, freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, unless these shares are owned or purchased by “affiliates” as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act. In addition, we have also registered all of the shares of common stock that we may issue under our outstanding employee stock incentive plans. As of March 2, 2017, 964,680 shares of common stock were issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$6.32 per share and 1,527,695 additional shares of common stock reserved for issuance under our stock option plan.

**Management will have broad discretion as to the use of proceeds from this offering and we may use the net proceeds in ways with which you may disagree.**

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes, which may include operating expenses, working capital to improve and promote our commercially available products, advance product candidates, expand international presence and commercialization, general capital expenditures and satisfaction of debt

obligations. Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering and could spend the proceeds in ways that do not improve our results of operations or enhance the value of our common stock. Accordingly, you will be relying on the judgment of our management with regard to the use of net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. Our failure to apply these funds effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, delay the development of our product candidates and cause the price of our common stock to decline.

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**You may experience future dilution as a result of this offering, future equity offerings or other equity issuances.**

We cannot assure you that we will not need to raise substantial capital in addition to the amounts we may raise in this offering. In order to raise such capital, we may in the future offer and issue additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock. We cannot assure you that we will be able to sell shares or other securities in any other offering at a price per share that is equal to or greater than the price per share paid by investors in this offering from time to time, and investors purchasing shares or other securities in the future could have rights superior to existing stockholders. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock in future transactions may be higher or lower than the price per share in this offering.

**We do not anticipate paying dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.**

We currently plan to invest all available funds, including the proceeds from this offering, and future earnings, if any, in the development and growth of our business. We currently do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. As a result, a rise in the market price of our common stock, which is uncertain and unpredictable, will be your sole source of potential gain in the foreseeable future and you should not rely on an investment in our common stock for dividend income.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING INFORMATION**

This prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus contains forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included or incorporated in this prospectus regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, future revenues, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. We may, in some cases, use words such as “believe,” “anticipate,” “should,” “intend,” “plan,” “will,” “estimate,” “project,” “expect” and similar expressions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These statements are based on assumptions and assessments made by our management in light of its experience and its perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors our management believes to be appropriate. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including those risks described or incorporated by reference in this prospectus under “Risk Factors” above.

Forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus include, for example, statements about: our plans to target our existing products or product variations for new markets and for new uses and applications; our plans and expectations with respect to growth in sales of our Power Segment product lines and with

respect to our GasPT and VE-Probe technologies; our ability and plans to develop, register and commercialize additional new product candidates and bring new products to market across multiple categories faster and at a lower cost than other developers of electromechanical and power and energy products, including research, development and field trial plans; our belief that challenges facing the use of GasPT and VE-Probe technologies will continue to grow; our beliefs regarding market adoption of our energy products and our ability to compete in our target markets; our intention to maintain existing, and develop new supply, sales and distribution channels and extend market access; expectations regarding potential future payments under strategic collaboration and development agreements; our plans and expectations relating to our debt agreements our plans to grow our business while improving efficiency; taking measures to reduce expenses and expanding our sales and marketing team; our plans with respect to manufacturing; our plans to seek third-party collaborations to develop and commercialize more product candidates; our intention to continue to devote significant resources toward our proprietary technology and research and development; our ability to protect our intellectual property in the United States and abroad; our anticipated impact of certain accounting pronouncements; our ability to use tax carryforwards; our expectations regarding market risk, including interest rate changes, foreign currency fluctuations and commodity price changes; and our future financial and operating results.

Any such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results, developments and business decisions may differ from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. We disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements. You should also carefully consider other information set forth in reports or other documents that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The amount of proceeds from this offering will depend upon the number of shares of our common stock sold and the market price at which they are sold. There can be no assurance that we will be able to sell any shares under or fully utilize the offering agreement with H.C. Wainwright.

The net proceeds from the sale of securities offered by this prospectus will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include operating expenses, working capital to improve and promote our commercially available products, advance product candidates, future acquisitions or share repurchases, expand international presence and commercialization, general capital expenditures and satisfaction of debt obligations. We will have significant discretion in the use of any net proceeds. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily in interest-bearing accounts and short-term interest-bearing securities until they are used for their stated purpose. We may provide additional information on the use of the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities in an applicable prospectus supplement relating to the offered securities.

## **DILUTION**

Dilution per share to new investors is defined herein as the difference between the amount per share paid by purchasers for our common stock in this offering and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock immediately following the completion of this offering.

If you invest in our common stock, your interest will be diluted immediately to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share of our common stock and the as adjusted net tangible book value per share of common stock after this offering.

Net tangible book value per share represents the amount of our total tangible assets less total liabilities divided by the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding.

The net tangible book value of our common stock as of December 31, 2016, was approximately \$12,309,026 , or approximately \$0.59 per share.

After giving effect to the sale of shares of common stock offered by this prospectus at an assumed public offering price of \$6.51 per share (the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on March 2, 2017), and after deducting commissions and estimated aggregate offering expenses payable by us, our adjusted net tangible book value as of December 31, 2016, would have been approximately \$41,691,936, or approximately \$1.63 per share. This represents an immediate increase in adjusted net tangible book value per share of approximately \$1.04 and an immediate dilution in adjusted net tangible book value per share to purchasers of our common stock in this offering of approximately \$4.88, as illustrated by the following table:

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Assumed public offering price per share	\$6.51
Net tangible book value per share at December 31, 2016	\$0.59
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to investors purchasing our common stock in this offering	\$1.04
As adjusted net tangible book value per share as of December 31, 2016, after giving effect to this offering	\$1.63
Dilution per share to investors purchasing our common stock in this offering	\$4.88

The table above assumes for illustrative purposes that an aggregate of 4,608,295 shares of our common stock are sold at a price of \$6.51 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on March 2, 2017, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$30,000,000. The shares sold in this offering, if any, will be sold from time to time at various prices. An increase of \$1.00 per share in the price at which the shares are sold from the assumed offering price of \$6.51 per share shown in the table above, assuming all of our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$30,000,000 is sold at that price, would increase our as adjusted net tangible book value per share after the offering to \$1.67 per share and would increase the dilution in net tangible book value per share to new investors to \$5.84 per share, after deducting commissions and estimated aggregate offering expenses payable by us. A decrease of \$1.00 per share in the price at which the shares are sold from the assumed offering price of \$6.51 per share shown in the table above, assuming all of our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$30,000,000 is sold at that price, would increase our as adjusted net tangible book value per share after the offering to \$1.58 per share and would decrease the dilution in net tangible book value per share to new investors to \$3.93 per share, after deducting commissions and estimated aggregate offering expenses payable by us.

The information discussed above is illustrative only and will adjust based on the actual public offering price and other terms of this offering as determined at pricing.

The above table is based on 20,949,119 shares outstanding as of March 2, 2017, and excludes as of such date 964,680 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding under our stock option plans at a weighted average exercise price of \$6.32 per share, and 1,527,695 additional shares of common stock reserved for issuance under outstanding stock options.

To the extent that outstanding options or warrants are exercised or restricted stock units are settled, you will experience further dilution. In addition, we anticipate the need to raise substantial additional capital, and to the extent that additional capital is raised through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities at the same or lower price per share, the issuance of these securities could result in further dilution to our stockholders.

## PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the trading symbol “CUI.” The following table sets forth, the high and low sales prices of our common stock on the NASDAQ during each quarter of the two most recent years.

	High	Low
2016		
First Quarter	\$9.42	\$6.18
Second Quarter	8.40	4.85
Third Quarter	6.14	4.01
Fourth Quarter	7.39	4.30
2015		
First Quarter	\$7.57	\$5.17
Second Quarter	6.02	4.68
Third Quarter	6.02	4.12
Fourth Quarter	7.69	5.12

Dividend Policy

The Company has never paid cash dividends on its common stock and the company does not expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

The Company currently has authorized 325,000,000 common shares, par value \$0.001 per share, and as of March 2, 2017, the Company’s issued and outstanding shares consisted of 20,949,119 shares of common stock of which approximately 20,421,683 shares are freely tradable without restriction or limitation under the Securities Act. As of March 2, 2017, the Company had in excess of 3,000 beneficial holders of our common stock and in excess of 2,300 shareholders of record. The actual number of shareholders is greater than this number of record holders and includes shareholders who are beneficial owners, but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees.

The holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share and do not have cumulative voting rights. Holders of the Company’s Common Stock do not have any pre-emptive or other rights to subscribe for or purchase additional shares of capital stock and no conversion rights, redemption or sinking-fund provisions.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have entered into an offering agreement with H.C. Wainwright, under which we may issue and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$30,000,000 from time to time through H.C. Wainwright acting as a sales agent. Such agreement provides that sales of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement may be made in sales deemed to be “at-the-market” equity offerings as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. The offering agreement has been filed as an exhibit to our registration statement on Form S-3 of which this prospectus forms a part.

H.C. Wainwright will offer the shares of our common stock subject to the terms and conditions of the offering agreement on a daily basis or as otherwise agreed upon by us and H.C. Wainwright on any day that: (i) is a trading day for the Nasdaq Capital Market; (ii) we have instructed H.C. Wainwright by telephone to make such sales; and (iii) we have satisfied the conditions under Section 6 of the offering agreement. We will designate the maximum number of shares of common stock to be sold through H.C. Wainwright on a daily basis. Subject to the terms and conditions of the offering agreement, H.C. Wainwright will use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell on our behalf all of the shares of common stock so designated or determined. We or H.C. Wainwright may suspend the offering of shares of common stock being made through H.C. Wainwright under the offering agreement upon proper notice to the other party.

We will pay H.C. Wainwright commissions, in cash, for its services in acting as agent in the sale of our common stock. H.C. Wainwright will be entitled to a placement fee of 1.5% of the gross sales price of the shares sold. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to close this offering, the actual total public offering amount, commissions and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. We have also agreed to reimburse H.C. Wainwright for certain specified expenses, including the fees and disbursements of its legal counsel in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, as provided in the offering agreement. We estimate that the total expenses for the offering, excluding compensation and reimbursements payable to H.C. Wainwright under the terms of the offering agreement, will be approximately \$167,090.

Settlement for sales of common stock will occur at 10:00 a.m. (New York City time), or at some other time that is agreed upon by us and H.C. Wainwright in connection with a particular transaction, on the third business day following delivery of the shares issued, in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. Sales of our common stock as contemplated in this prospectus will be settled through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company or by such other means as we and H.C. Wainwright may agree upon. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

H.C. Wainwright will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell on our behalf all of the shares of common stock requested to be sold by us, subject to the conditions set forth in the offering agreement. In connection with the sale of the common stock on our behalf, H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be an “underwriter” within the meaning of the Securities Act and the compensation of H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to H.C. Wainwright against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The offering of our common stock pursuant to the offering agreement will terminate as permitted therein. We may terminate the offering agreement at any time upon 5 days’ prior notice.

H.C. Wainwright and its affiliates may in the future provide various investment banking, commercial banking and other financial services for us and our affiliates, for which services they may in the future receive customary fees, although we have no current agreements to do so. To the extent required by Regulation M, H.C. Wainwright will not engage in any market making activities involving our common stock while the offering is ongoing under this prospectus.

This prospectus in electronic format may be made available on a website maintained by H.C. Wainwright and H.C. Wainwright may distribute this prospectus electronically.

LEGAL MATTERS

Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP, Clearwater, Florida will pass upon the validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. H.C. Wainwright is being represented in connection with this offering by Ellenoff Grossman & Schole LLP. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel that we name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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No expert or counsel named in this prospectus as having prepared or having certified any part of this prospectus or having given an opinion upon the validity of the securities being registered or upon other legal matters in connection with the registration or offering of the common stock was employed on a contingency basis, or had, or is to receive, in connection with the offering, a substantial interest, direct or indirect, in the registrant or any of its parents or subsidiaries. Nor was any such person connected with the registrant or any of its parent or subsidiaries as a promoter, managing or principal underwriter, voting trustee, director, officer or employee.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of CUI Global, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of Perkins & Company, P.C., independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act, of which this prospectus forms a part. The rules and regulations of the SEC allow us to omit from this prospectus certain information included in the registration statement. For further information about us and the securities we are offering under this prospectus, you should refer to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed with the registration statement. With respect to the statements contained in this prospectus regarding the contents of any agreement or any other document, in each instance, the statement is qualified in all respects by the complete text of the agreement or document, a copy of which has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings, including the registration statement and exhibits, are available to the public at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read, without charge, and copy the documents we file, at the SEC's public reference rooms at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of these documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms.

We maintain an Internet site at [www.cuiglobal.com](http://www.cuiglobal.com). Webcasts of presentations we make regarding our quarterly earnings may be available on our website from time to time. We have not incorporated by reference into this

prospectus the information on our website and you should not consider any of the information posted on or hyper-linked to our website to be a part of this prospectus.

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## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Commission allows us to “incorporate by reference” the information we file with the Commission, which means we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus and certain information that we will later file with the Commission will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below as well as any future filings made with the Commission under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus until we sell all of the securities under this prospectus, except that we do not incorporate any document or portion of a document that is “furnished” to the Commission, but not deemed “filed.” The following documents filed with the SEC are incorporated by reference in this prospectus:

- Our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 filed with the Commission March 14, 2017;
- Our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 1, 2016 and December 11, 2015;
- Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Form 14A filed with the Commission on October 11, 2016.

All documents filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the initial filing date of this prospectus, through the date declared effective, until the termination of the offering of securities contemplated by this prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus. These documents that we file later with the Commission and that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus will automatically update information contained in this prospectus or that was previously incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You will be deemed to have notice of all information incorporated by reference in this prospectus as if that information was included in this prospectus.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. Do not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of these documents.

The Company will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered:

- (iv) a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in the prospectus, but not delivered with the prospectus;
  - (v) we will provide this information upon written or oral request;
  - (vi) we will provide this information at no cost to the requester.

Contact us at: CUI Global, Inc.  
20050 SW 112th Avenue  
Tualatin, Oregon 97062  
Phone us at: (503) 612-2300  
Email us at: Investors@CUIGlobal.com  
Copies online at: [www.CUIGlobal.com](http://www.CUIGlobal.com).

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**Up to \$30,000,000**

**Prospectus Supplement**

March \_\_, 2017

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**PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following table sets forth various expenses, which will be incurred in connection with the registration of our securities. Other than the SEC Registration Fee, the amounts set forth below are estimates:

FINRA fee	\$ 15,500
SEC Registration fee	\$ 11,590
Printing expense	\$ 5,000
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 60,000
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 50,000
Transfer Agent and registrar fees	\$ 10,000
Miscellaneous expenses	\$ 15,000
Total	\$ 167,090

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

The Colorado General Corporation Act, as revised, provides that if provided in the articles of incorporation, the corporation may eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or to its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director; except that any such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director to the corporation or to its shareholders for monetary damages for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or to its shareholders, acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, unlawful distributions, or any transaction from which the director directly or indirectly derived an improper personal benefit.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws provide that a person who is performing his or her duties shall not have any liability by reason of being or having been a director of the corporation and that the Company shall indemnify and advance expenses to a director or officer in connection with a proceeding to the fullest extent permitted or required by and in accordance with the indemnification sections of the Colorado General Corporation Act, as revised.

The above discussion of our articles of incorporation and the Colorado General Corporation Act, as revised, is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of each of the foregoing.

We have purchased and intend to maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer against any loss arising from any claim asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in that capacity, subject to certain exclusions and limits of the amount of coverage.

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Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference:

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1 <sup>4</sup>	At the Market Offering Agreement, dated March 14, 2017, by and between the Company and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC
1.2 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Common Stock)
1.3 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Preferred Stock)
1.4 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Debt Securities)
1.5 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Warrants)
1.6 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Units)
3.11(i) <sup>2</sup>	Restated Articles of Incorporation that compile prior amendments into a single document.
3.12(ii) <sup>3</sup>	Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws that compile requirements for the nomination of persons for election to the board of directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the corporation's stockholders.
4.1 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Common Stock Certificate
4.2 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Preferred Stock Certificate
4.3 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Designation of Preferred Stock
4.4 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Common Stock Warrant Agreement (including warrant certificate)
4.5 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement (including warrant certificate)
4.6 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Unit Agreement (including form of unit certificate)
4.7 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Rights Agreement (including form of rights certificate)
4.8 <sup>4</sup>	Form of Indenture
5.1 <sup>4</sup>	Opinion of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP regarding legality.

- 23.8<sup>4</sup> Consent of Perkins & Company, P.C., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 23.9<sup>4</sup> Consent of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement)
- 25.1<sup>5</sup> Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility under Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of Debt Trustee (to be filed prior to any issuance of Debt Securities)

Footnotes to Exhibits

1. To be filed by amendment or by a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
2. Incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement and Notice of 2013 Annual Shareholder Meeting filed with the Commission September 17, 2013.
3. Incorporated by reference to our Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 11, 2015.
4. Filed herewith.
5. To be filed in accordance with the requirements of Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

**Item 17. Undertakings**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933

To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement and

(ii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement

(iii) *provided, however*, that the undertakings set forth in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective

(2) amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser,

- (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement and

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Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424
  - (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by the registrant is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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(d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(e) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

(f) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or cause to be delivered with the prospectus, to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation S-X are not set forth in the prospectus, to deliver, or cause to be delivered to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the prospectus to provide such interim financial information.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements of filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Tualatin, State of Oregon on March 14, 2017.

CUI Global, Inc.

By: /s/ William J. Clough, Esq. William J. Clough, Esq., Chief Executive Officer/President	/s/ Daniel N. Ford Daniel N. Ford, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name	Title	Date
/s/ William J. Clough William J. Clough	Director	March 14, 2017
/s/ Thomas A. Price Thomas A. Price	Director	March 14, 2017
/s/ Sean P. Rooney Sean P. Rooney	Director	March 14, 2017
/s/ Corey Lambrecht Corey Lambrecht	Director	March 14, 2017
/s/ Matthew M. McKenzie Matthew M McKenzie	Director	March 14, 2017
/s/ Paul D. White Paul D. White	Director	March 14, 2017



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1 <sup>4</sup>	At the Market Offering Agreement, dated March 14, 2017, by and between the Company and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC
1.2 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Common Stock)
1.3 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Preferred Stock)
1.4 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Debt Securities)
1.5 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Warrants)
1.6 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Underwriting Agreement (for Units)
3.11(i) <sup>2</sup>	Restated Articles of Incorporation that compile prior amendments into a single document.
3.12(ii) <sup>3</sup>	Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws that compile requirements for the nomination of persons for election to the board of directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by the corporation's stockholders.
4.1 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Common Stock Certificate
4.2 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Preferred Stock Certificate
4.3 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Designation of Preferred Stock
4.4 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Common Stock Warrant Agreement (including warrant certificate)
4.5 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Preferred Stock Warrant Agreement (including warrant certificate)
4.6 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Unit Agreement (including form of unit certificate)
4.7 <sup>1</sup>	Form of Rights Agreement (including form of rights certificate)
4.8 <sup>4</sup>	Form of Indenture
5.1 <sup>4</sup>	Opinion of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP regarding legality.
23.8 <sup>4</sup>	Consent of Perkins & Company, P.C., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
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Consent of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement)

- 25.1<sup>5</sup> Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility under Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of Debt Trustee (to be filed prior to any issuance of Debt Securities)

Footnotes to Exhibits

1. To be filed by amendment or by a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
2. Incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement and Notice of 2013 Annual Shareholder Meeting filed with the Commission September 17, 2013.
3. Incorporated by reference to our Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on December 11, 2015.
4. Filed herewith.
5. To be filed in accordance with the requirements of Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

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