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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Class of securities offered	Amount to be registered	Maximum offering price per unit	Maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
4.700% Senior Notes due 2022	\$500,000,000.00	99.992 %	\$499,960,000.00	\$57,295.42(1)

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

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated October 27, 2011)

\$500,000,000

Jabil Circuit, Inc.

4.700% Senior Notes due 2022

The Company:

We are one of the leading providers of worldwide electronic manufacturing services and solutions. We provide comprehensive electronics design, production and product management services to companies in the aerospace, automotive, computing, consumer, defense, industrial, instrumentation, medical, networking, peripherals, solar, storage and telecommunications industries.

The Offering:

Offered Securities: We are offering \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.700% Senior Notes due 2022 (the notes).

Use of Proceeds: We will use the net proceeds from this offering (i) to repay outstanding borrowings under our revolving Credit Facility and (ii) for general corporate purposes. See Use of proceeds.

The Senior Notes:

Maturity: The notes will mature on September 15, 2022.

Interest Payments: The notes will pay interest semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing on March 15, 2013.

Guarantees: The notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and will therefore be structurally subordinated to all of the liabilities of our subsidiaries.

Ranking: The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior and unsecured debt obligations, including our outstanding 5.625% senior notes due 2020, 7.750% senior notes due 2016, 8.250% senior notes due 2018 and senior credit facility. The notes will be structurally subordinated to existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. In addition, the notes will be effectively subordinated to our present and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value securing the collateral.

Optional Redemption: We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof plus a make-whole premium as described herein. See Description of notes.

Redemption at the Option of the Holder: We must offer to purchase the notes if we experience specific kinds of changes of control or sell assets under certain circumstances.

This investment involves risks. See Risk factors beginning on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement.

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus. We and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus supplement.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the notes we are currently offering and certain other matters relating to us and our financial condition. The second part is the accompanying prospectus dated October 27, 2011, which gives more general information about the securities that we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the notes that we are currently offering. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the documents incorporated by reference and the additional information described below under the heading **Incorporation of certain documents by reference**.

If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Any statement in this prospectus supplement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement. See **Incorporation of certain documents by reference** in this prospectus supplement.

In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the terms **the Company**, **Jabil**, **we**, **our** or **us** refer to Jabil Circuit, Inc. together with its subsidiaries unless otherwise indicated or the context suggests otherwise.

MARKET AND INDUSTRY INFORMATION

Market data and certain industry forecasts used throughout this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference in the prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus were obtained from internal surveys, reports and studies, where appropriate, as well as market research, publicly available information and industry publications. Industry publications generally state that the information they contain has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but that the accuracy and completeness of such information is not guaranteed. Similarly, internal surveys, estimates and market research, while believed to be reliable, have not been independently verified.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus contain certain statements that are, or may be deemed to be, **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**), which are made in reliance upon the protections provided by such acts for forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements (such as when we describe what **will**, **may** or **should** occur, what we **plan**, **intend**, **estimate**, **believe**, **expect**, **anticipate** **will** occur, and other similar statements) include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future sales and operating results, future prospects, anticipated benefits of proposed (or future) acquisitions, dispositions and new facilities, growth, the capabilities and capacities of business operations, any financial or other guidance and all statements that are not based on historical fact, but rather reflect our current expectations concerning future results and events. We make certain assumptions when making forward-looking statements, any of which could prove inaccurate, including, but not limited to, statements about our future operating results and business plans. Therefore, we can give no assurance that the results implied by these forward-looking statements will be realized. Furthermore, the inclusion of forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that future events, plans or expectations contemplated by us will be achieved. The ultimate correctness of these forward-looking statements is dependent upon a number of known and unknown risks and events, and is subject to various

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uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these statements. The following important factors, among others, could affect future results and events, causing those results and events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements:

business conditions and growth or declines in our customers' industries, the electronic manufacturing services industry and the general economy;

variability of our operating results;

our dependence on a limited number of major customers;

availability of components;

our dependence on certain industries;

our production levels are subject to the variability of customer requirements, including seasonal influences on the demand for certain end products;

our substantial international operations, and the resulting risks related to our operating internationally, including weak global economic conditions, instability in global credit markets and unfavorable fluctuations in currency exchange rates;

the potential consolidation of our customer base, and the potential movement by some of our customers of a portion of their manufacturing from us in order to more fully utilize their excess internal manufacturing capacity;

our ability to successfully negotiate definitive agreements and consummate acquisitions, and to integrate operations following the consummation of acquisitions;

our ability to take advantage of our past, current and possible future restructuring efforts to improve utilization and realize savings and whether any such activity will adversely affect our cost structure, our ability to service customers and our labor relations;

our ability to maintain our engineering, technological and manufacturing process expertise;

other economic, business and competitive factors affecting our customers, our industry and our business generally; and

other factors that we may not have currently identified or quantified.

For a further description of various risks, relevant factors and uncertainties that could cause future results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements, see the "Risk factors" section and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of

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Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for our fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Given these risks and uncertainties, the reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus are made only as of the date of this prospectus supplement, and we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or correct any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that subsequently occur, or of which we hereafter become aware. You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We may not update these forward-looking statements, even if our situation changes in the future. All forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements.

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SUMMARY

This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the notes. To understand this offering fully, you should carefully read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus.

Our company

We are one of the leading providers of worldwide electronic manufacturing services and solutions. We provide comprehensive electronics design, production and product management services to companies in the aerospace, automotive, computing, consumer, defense, industrial, instrumentation, medical, networking, peripherals, solar, storage and telecommunications industries. We serve our customers primarily with dedicated business units that combine highly automated, continuous flow manufacturing with advanced electronic design and design for manufacturability. We currently depend, and expect to continue to depend, upon a relatively small number of customers for a significant percentage of our revenue, net of estimated return costs (net revenue). Based on net revenue, during the nine months ended May 31, 2012, our largest customers currently include Agilent Technologies, Apple Inc., Cisco Systems, Inc., Ericsson, EchoStar Corporation, General Electric Company, Hewlett-Packard Company, International Business Machines Corporation, NetApp, Inc. and Research in Motion Limited.

During the nine months ended May 31, 2012, we had net revenues of approximately \$12.8 billion and net income attributable to Jabil Circuit, Inc. of approximately \$311.9 million and core EBITDA of approximately \$809.9 million. For our fiscal year ended August 31, 2011, we had net revenues of approximately \$16.5 billion and net income attributable to Jabil Circuit, Inc. of approximately \$381.1 million and core EBITDA of approximately \$1.0 billion. For more information, including our calculation of core EBITDA and our reconciliation of core EBITDA to net income, see Selected consolidated financial data.

We offer our customers comprehensive electronics design, production and product management services that are responsive to their manufacturing and supply chain management needs. Our business units are capable of providing our customers with varying combinations of the following services:

integrated design and engineering;

component selection, sourcing and procurement;

automated assembly;

design and implementation of product testing;

parallel global production;

enclosure services;

systems assembly, direct order fulfillment and configure to order; and

aftermarket services.

We currently conduct our operations in facilities that are located in Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, England, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, the U.S. and Vietnam. Our global manufacturing production sites allow customers to

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manufacture products simultaneously in the optimal locations for their products. Our services allow customers to improve supply-chain management, reduce inventory obsolescence, lower transportation costs and reduce product fulfillment time. We have identified our global presence as a key to assessing our business opportunities.

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THE OFFERING

The following summary contains basic information about the notes and is not intended to be complete. For a more complete understanding of the notes, please refer to Description of notes.

Issuer	Jabil Circuit, Inc.
Securities	\$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.700% Senior Notes due 2022.
Maturity	The notes will mature on September 15, 2022, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased.
Interest Rate	The notes will bear interest from August 3, 2012 at the rate of 4.700% per annum.
Interest Payment Dates	March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning March 15, 2013.
Optional Redemption	We may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time at redemption prices determined as set forth under the heading Description of notes Optional redemption.
Ranking	<p>The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior and unsecured debt obligations, including our outstanding 7.75% senior notes due 2016, 8.25% senior notes due 2018, 5.625% senior notes due 2020 and senior credit facility. The notes will be structurally subordinated to existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. In addition, the notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our and our subsidiaries present and future secured indebtedness. See Risk factors Risks related to the notes The notes will be structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries; and The notes will be unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our secured obligations to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such obligations.</p> <p>As of May 31, 2012 on an as adjusted basis to give effect to this offering and the assumed use of proceeds therefrom as described more fully under the heading Capitalization in this prospectus supplement, the notes would have ranked equal in right of payment with \$1.612 billion of our senior debt (which includes the \$500.0 million of notes offered hereby) and would have been structurally subordinated to approximately \$3.4 billion of liabilities of our subsidiaries. In addition, as of May 31, 2012, we had \$314.8 million outstanding under our two off-balance sheet asset securitization programs. Also, as of May 31, 2012, we had \$259.3 million outstanding under our uncommitted trade accounts receivable sale programs and factoring program.</p>
Guarantees	None.

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Covenants

We will issue the notes under an existing indenture as supplemented by an officer's certificate. The indenture governing the notes contains covenants limiting our ability and/or our subsidiaries' ability to:

create certain liens;

enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

create, incur, issue, assume or guarantee funded debt (applies to our restricted subsidiaries only);

guarantee any of our indebtedness (applies to our subsidiaries only); and

consolidate or merge with, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all our assets to, another person.

However, each of these covenants is subject to a number of significant exceptions. You should read "Description of notes—Certain covenants" for a description of these covenants.

Change of Control Repurchase Event

Upon the occurrence of a change of control repurchase event, as defined under "Description of notes—Purchase of notes upon a change of control repurchase event," we will be required to make an offer to purchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase.

Absence of Public Market for the Notes

There is currently no established public trading market for the notes. We do not intend to apply for a listing of the notes on any securities exchange or an automated dealer quotation system. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the notes. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes. However, they are not obligated to do so, and any market-making activities with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. For more information, see "Underwriting; Conflicts of Interest."

Use of Proceeds

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering (i) to repay outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility and (ii) for general corporate purposes. For more information, see "Use of proceeds."

Conflict of Interest

A portion of the net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay borrowings under the Credit Facility. Because the portion of the net proceeds that may be paid to each of RBS Securities Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, BNP Paribas Securities Corp., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc., Mizuho Securities USA Inc., Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., and SMBC Nikko Capital Markets Limited or their affiliates that are lenders under our

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Credit Facility may be at least 5% of the net offering proceeds, not including underwriting compensation, this offering is being conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements of Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) Rule 5121, which requires that a qualified independent underwriter (QIU) participate in the preparation of this prospectus supplement and performs its usual standard of due diligence with respect thereto. As a result of this conflict of interest and in accordance with Rule 5121, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. is assuming the responsibilities of acting as the QIU in connection with this offering. SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. will receive a fee of \$5,000 for serving as a QIU in connection with this offering. We have also agreed to indemnify SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. against certain liabilities incurred in connection with it acting as a qualified independent underwriter for this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act. See Underwriting; Conflicts of Interest.

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The notes will be represented by registered global securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of the depositary, The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Beneficial interests in the notes will be shown on, and transfers will be effected through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

Risk Factors

See Risk factors beginning on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement for important information regarding us and an investment in the notes.

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RISK FACTORS

Investing in the notes involves risk. In deciding whether to invest in the notes, you should carefully consider the risks described below in addition to the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Our business, results of operations and financial condition may be materially adversely affected due to any of the risks described below. In addition, we may face risks that are not described below or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement because we are either not presently aware of them or we currently believe that they are immaterial. Such risks may be harmful to our business and the value of the notes.

Risks related to the notes

We conduct a substantial portion of our operations through our subsidiaries and depend on cash flow from our subsidiaries to meet our obligations. Your right to receive payments on the notes could be adversely affected if any of our subsidiaries becomes unable to distribute cash to us.

The notes are our exclusive obligations. Because a substantial portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries, our cash flow and consequent ability to service debt, including the notes, will depend in part upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution of those earnings to, or under loans or other payments of funds by our subsidiaries to, us. The payment of dividends and the making of loans and advances to us by our subsidiaries may be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions, including restrictions imposed by foreign governmental regulations, will depend upon the earnings of those subsidiaries and are subject to various business considerations. In addition, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, holders of their liabilities will generally be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of those subsidiaries before any assets are made available for distribution to us.

The notes will be structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. The notes are obligations exclusively of Jabil Circuit, Inc. and will be structurally subordinated to any indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. As of May 31, 2012, the total liabilities of our subsidiaries, excluding intercompany debt but including trade payables, were approximately \$3.4 billion. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities, and have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes or to provide us with funds for our payment obligations. Our right to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries, as an equity holder of such subsidiaries, upon their liquidation or reorganization, and the consequent right of the holders of the notes to participate in those assets, will be structurally subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including trade creditors, except to the extent that we are recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary, in which case our claims would still be effectively subordinated to any mortgage or other liens on the assets of such subsidiary and would be subordinated to any indebtedness of such subsidiary senior to that held by us.

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

Although we currently do not have any material amount of secured indebtedness outstanding, holders of any of our future secured indebtedness will have claims that are prior to your claims as holders of the notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, subject to certain rights accorded under the indenture for the notes to become secured *pari passu* with other secured indebtedness. In the event of any distribution or payment of our assets in any foreclosure, dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization or other bankruptcy proceeding, holders of our secured indebtedness will have prior claim to our assets that constitute their collateral. Holders of the notes will participate ratably with all holders of our other unsecured indebtedness that is deemed to be of the same class as the notes. In that event, because the notes will not be secured by any of our assets, it is possible that our remaining assets may not be sufficient to satisfy your claims in full.

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There is no established public trading market for the notes.

The notes will constitute a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the notes. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes, but they are not obligated to do so and any market making with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. Accordingly, there can be no assurance regarding any future development of a trading market for the notes or the ability of holders of the notes to sell their notes at all or the price at which such holders may be able to sell their notes. If a trading market were to develop, the notes may trade at prices that are higher or lower than their initial offering price, depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, our operating results and financial condition and the market for similar securities.

We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control repurchase event.

As described under "Description of notes—Purchase of notes upon a change of control repurchase event," we will be required to offer to repurchase the notes upon the occurrence of a change of control repurchase event. We may not have sufficient funds to repurchase the notes in cash at such time or have the ability to arrange necessary financing on acceptable terms. In addition, our ability to repurchase the notes for cash may be limited by law or the terms of other agreements relating to our indebtedness outstanding at the time.

Risks related to our business and industry

Our operating results may fluctuate due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control.

Our annual and quarterly operating results are affected by a number of factors, including:

adverse changes in current macro-economic conditions, both in the U.S. and internationally;

how well we execute on our strategy and operating plans, and the impact of changes in our business model;

the level and timing of customer orders;

the level of capacity utilization of our manufacturing facilities and associated fixed costs;

the composition of the costs of revenue between materials, labor and manufacturing overhead;

price competition;

changes in demand for our products or services;

changes in demand in our customers' end markets;

our exposure to financially troubled customers;

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our level of experience in manufacturing a particular product;

the degree of automation used in our assembly process;

the efficiencies achieved in managing inventories and fixed assets;

fluctuations in materials costs and availability of materials;

adverse changes in political conditions, both in the U.S. and internationally, including among other things, adverse changes in tax laws and rates (and the governments' interpretations thereof), adverse changes in trade policies and adverse changes in fiscal and monetary policies;

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seasonality in customers' product requirements; and

the timing of expenditures in anticipation of increased sales, customer product delivery requirements and shortages of components or labor.

The volume and timing of orders placed by our customers vary due to variation in demand for our customers' products; our customers' attempts to manage their inventory; electronic design changes; changes in our customers' manufacturing strategies; and acquisitions of or consolidations among our customers. In addition, our sales associated with consumer related products are subject to seasonal influences. We may realize greater revenue during our first fiscal quarter due to high demand for consumer related products during the holiday selling season. In the past, changes in customer orders that reduce net revenue have had a significant effect on our results of operations as a result of our overhead remaining relatively fixed while our net revenue decreased. Any one or a combination of these factors could adversely affect our annual and quarterly results of operations in the future. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Results of Operations contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for our fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

Because we depend on a limited number of customers, a reduction in sales to any one of our customers could cause a significant decline in our revenue.

During the nine months ended May 31, 2012, our five largest customers accounted for approximately 48% of our net revenue and our 53 largest customers accounted for approximately 90% of our net revenue. We currently depend, and expect to continue to depend, upon a relatively small number of customers for a significant percentage of our net revenue and upon their growth, viability and financial stability. In addition, given the relatively large size of our customers and the business we currently do and may do in the future for these customers, this dependence may increase in the future. If any of our customers experience a decline in the demand for their products due to economic or other forces, they may reduce their purchases from us or terminate their relationship with us. Our customers' industries have experienced rapid technological change, shortening of product life cycles, consolidation, and pricing and margin pressures. Consolidation among our customers may further reduce the number of customers that generate a significant percentage of our net revenue and exposes us to increased risks relating to dependence on a small number of customers. A significant reduction in sales to any of our customers or a customer exerting significant pricing and margin pressures on us could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In the past, some of our customers have terminated their manufacturing arrangements with us or have significantly reduced or delayed the volume of design, production or product management services ordered from us, including moving a portion of their manufacturing from us in order to more fully utilize their excess internal manufacturing capacity, which could again happen in the future.

During past economic cycles, our revenue declined as consumers and businesses postponed spending in response to tighter credit, negative financial news, declines in income or asset values or general uncertainty about global economic conditions. These economic conditions had a negative impact on our results of operations and similar conditions may exist in the future. We cannot assure you that present or future customers will not terminate their design, production and product management services arrangements with us or significantly change, reduce or delay the amount of services ordered from us. If they do, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, if one or more of our customers were to become insolvent or otherwise were unable to pay for the services provided by us on a timely basis, or at all, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected. In addition, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected by the potential recovery by the bankruptcy estate of amounts previously paid to us by a customer that later became insolvent that are deemed a preference under bankruptcy law. Such adverse effects could include one or more of the following: a decline in revenue, a charge for bad debts, a charge for inventory write-offs, a decrease in inventory turns, an increase in days in inventory and an increase in days in accounts receivable.

Certain of the industries to which we provide services have experienced significant financial difficulty during the recent recession, with some of the participants filing for bankruptcy. Such significant financial difficulty has negatively affected our business and, if further experienced by one or more of our

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customers, may further negatively affect our business due to the decreased demand of these financially distressed customers, the potential inability of these companies to make full payment on amounts owed to us, or both. See Risk factors Risks related to our business and industry We face certain risks in collecting our trade accounts receivable.

Our customers face numerous competitive challenges, such as decreasing demand from their customers, rapid technological change and short life cycles for their products, which may materially adversely affect their business, and also ours.

Factors affecting the industries that utilize our services in general, and our customers specifically, could seriously harm our customers and, as a result, us. These factors include:

recessionary periods in our customers' markets, as well as in the global economy in general;

the inability of our customers to adapt to rapidly changing technology and evolving industry standards, which contributes to short product life cycles;

the inability of our customers to develop and market their products, some of which are new and untested;

the potential that our customers' products become obsolete;

the failure of our customers' products to gain widespread commercial acceptance;

increased competition among our customers and their respective competitors which may result in a loss of business or a reduction in pricing power for our customers; and

new product offerings by our customers' competitors may prove to be more successful than our customers' product offerings. Also, our HVS segment, particularly the mobility business, is highly dependent on the consumer products industry. This business is very competitive and often subject to shorter product lifecycles, shifting end-user preferences, higher revenue volatility and programs that may be shifted among competitors in our industry. As a result, our exposure to this end market could adversely affect our results of operations.

At times our customers have been, and may be in the future, unsuccessful in addressing these competitive challenges, or any others that they may face, and their business has been, and may be in the future, materially adversely affected. As a result, the demand for our services has at times declined and may decline in the future. Even if our customers are successful in responding to these challenges, their responses may have consequences which affect our business relationships with our customers (and possibly our results of operations) by altering our production cycles and inventory management.

The success of our business is dependent on both our ability to independently keep pace with technological changes and competitive conditions in our industry, and also our ability to effectively adapt our services in response to our customers keeping pace with technological changes and competitive conditions in their respective industries.

If we are unable to offer technologically advanced, cost effective, quick response manufacturing services that are differentiated from our competition, demand for our services will decline. In addition, if we are unable to offer services in response to our customers' changing requirements, then demand for our services will also decline. A substantial portion of our net revenue is derived from our offering of complete service solutions for our customers. For example, if we fail to maintain high-quality design and engineering services, our net revenue may significantly decline.

Consolidation in industries that utilize our services may adversely affect our business.

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Consolidation in industries that utilize our services may further increase as companies combine to achieve further economies of scale and other synergies, which could result in an increase in excess manufacturing capacity as companies seek to divest manufacturing operations or eliminate duplicative

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product lines. Excess manufacturing capacity may increase pricing and competitive pressures for our industry as a whole and for us in particular. Consolidation could also result in an increasing number of very large companies offering products in multiple industries. The significant purchasing power and market power of these large companies could increase pricing and competitive pressures for us. If one of our customers is acquired by another company that does not rely on us to provide services and has its own production facilities or relies on another provider of similar services, we may lose that customer's business. Such consolidation among our customers may further reduce the number of customers that generate a significant percentage of our net revenue and exposes us to increased risks relating to dependence on a small number of customers. Any of the foregoing results of industry consolidation could adversely affect our business.

Most of our customers do not commit to long-term production schedules, which makes it difficult for us to schedule production and capital expenditures, and to maximize the efficiency of our manufacturing capacity.

The volume and timing of sales to our customers may vary due to:

variation in demand for our customers' products;

our customers' attempts to manage their inventory;

electronic design changes;

changes in our customers' manufacturing strategy; and

acquisitions of or consolidations among customers.

Due in part to these factors, most of our customers do not commit to firm production schedules for more than one quarter. Our inability to forecast the level of customer orders with certainty makes it difficult to schedule production and maximize utilization of manufacturing capacity. In the past, we have been required to increase staffing and other expenses in order to meet the anticipated demand of our customers. Anticipated orders from many of our customers have, in the past, failed to materialize or delivery schedules have been deferred as a result of changes in our customers' business needs, thereby adversely affecting our results of operations. On other occasions, our customers have required rapid increases in production, which have placed an excessive burden on our resources. Such customer order fluctuations and deferrals have had a material adverse effect on us in the past and we may experience such effects in the future. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for our fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

In addition to our difficulty in forecasting customer orders, we sometimes experience difficulty forecasting the timing of our receipt of revenue and earnings following commencement of manufacturing an additional product for new or existing customers. The necessary process to begin this commencement of manufacturing can take from several months to more than a year before production begins. Delays in the completion of this process can delay the timing of our sales and related earnings. In addition, because we make capital expenditures during this ramping process and do not typically recognize revenue until after we produce and ship the customer's products, any delays or unanticipated costs in the ramping process may have a significant adverse effect on our cash flows and our results of operations.

Our customers may cancel their orders, change production quantities, delay production or change their sourcing strategy.

Our industry must provide increasingly rapid product turnaround for its customers. We generally do not obtain firm, long-term purchase commitments from our customers and we continue to experience reduced lead-times in customer orders. Customers have previously canceled their orders, changed production quantities, delayed production and changed their sourcing strategy for a number of reasons, and may do one or more of these in the future. Such changes, delays and cancellations have led to, and may

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lead in the future to a decline in our production and our possession of excess or obsolete inventory that we may not be able to sell to customers or third parties. This has resulted in, and could result in future additional, write downs of inventories that have become obsolete or exceed anticipated demand or net realizable value.

The success of our customers' products in the market affects our business. Cancellations, reductions, delays or changes in sourcing strategy by a significant customer or by a group of customers have negatively impacted, and could further negatively impact in the future, our operating results by reducing the number of products that we sell, delaying the payment to us for inventory that we purchased and reducing the use of our manufacturing facilities which have associated fixed costs not dependent on our level of revenue.

In addition, we make significant decisions, including determining the levels of business that we will seek and accept, production schedules, component procurement commitments, personnel needs and other resource requirements, based on our estimate of customer requirements. The following factors, among others, reduce our ability to accurately estimate future customer requirements, forecast operating results and make production planning decisions: the short-term nature of our customers' commitments; their uncertainty about, among other things, future economic conditions and other events, such as the flooding in Thailand in the second half of 2011; and the possibility of rapid changes in demand for their products.

On occasion, customers may require rapid increases in production, which can stress our resources and reduce operating margins. In addition, because many of our costs and operating expenses are relatively fixed, a reduction in customer demand can harm our gross profits and operating results.

We depend on a limited number of suppliers for components that are critical to our manufacturing processes. A shortage of these components or an increase in their price could interrupt our operations and reduce our profits, increase our inventory carrying costs, increase our risk of exposure to inventory obsolescence and cause us to purchase components of a lesser quality.

Most of our significant long-term customer contracts permit quarterly or other periodic adjustments to pricing based on decreases and increases in component prices and other factors; however, we typically bear the risk of component price increases that occur between any such re-pricings or, if such re-pricing is not permitted, during the balance of the term of the particular customer contract. Accordingly, certain component price increases could adversely affect our gross profit margins.

Almost all of the products we manufacture require one or more components that are only available from a single source. Some of these components are allocated from time to time in response to supply shortages. In some cases, supply shortages will substantially curtail production of all assemblies using a particular component. A supply shortage can also increase our cost of goods sold, as a result of our having to pay higher prices for components in limited supply, and cause us to have to redesign or reconfigure products to accommodate a substitute component. At various times industry-wide shortages of electronic components have occurred, particularly of semiconductor, relay and capacitor products. We believe these past shortages were due to increased economic activity following recessionary conditions. In addition, natural disasters and global events, such as the flooding in Thailand in the second half of 2011, could cause material shortages. In the past, such circumstances have produced insignificant levels of short-term interruption of our operations, but could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the future. Our production of a customer's product could be negatively impacted by any quality or reliability issues with any of our component suppliers. The financial condition of our suppliers could affect their ability to supply us with components and their ability to satisfy any warranty obligations they may have, which could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

If a component shortage is threatened or we anticipate one, we may purchase such component early to avoid a delay or interruption in our operations. A possible result of such an early purchase is that we may incur additional inventory carrying costs, for which we may not be compensated, and have a heightened risk of exposure to inventory obsolescence, the cost of which may not be recoverable from our customers. Such costs would adversely affect our gross profit and net income. A component shortage may also require us to look to second tier vendors or to procure components through brokers with whom we are

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not familiar. These components may be of lesser quality than those we have historically purchased and could cause us to incur costs to bring such components up to our typical quality levels or to replace defective ones. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and Business Components Procurement contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2011 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

Introducing programs requiring implementation of new competencies, including new process technology within our mechanical operations or other operations, could affect our operations and financial results.

The introduction of programs requiring implementation of new competencies, including new process technology within our mechanical operations or other operations, presents challenges in addition to opportunities. Deployment of such programs may require us to invest significant resources and capital in facilities, equipment and/or personnel. We may not meet our customers' expectations or otherwise execute properly or in a cost-efficient manner, which could damage our customer relationships and result in remedial costs or the loss of our invested capital and anticipated revenues and profits. In addition, there are risks of market acceptance and product performance that could result in less demand than anticipated and our having excess capacity. The failure to ensure that our agreed terms appropriately reflect the anticipated costs, risks, and rewards of such an opportunity could adversely affect our profitability. If we do not meet one or more of these challenges, our operations and financial results could be adversely affected.

Customer relationships with emerging companies may present more risks than with established companies.

Customer relationships with emerging companies present special risks because such companies do not have an extensive product history. As a result, there is less demonstration of market acceptance of their products making it harder for us to anticipate needs and requirements than with established customers. In addition, due to the current economic environment, additional funding for such companies may be more difficult to obtain and these customer relationships may not continue or materialize to the extent we planned or we previously experienced. As a result of many start-up customers' lack of prior operations and unproven product markets, our credit risk, especially in trade accounts receivable and inventories, and the risk that these customers will be unable to fulfill their potentially significant obligation to indemnify us from various liabilities are potentially increased. These risks are also heightened by the recent tightening of financing for start-up customers. Although we perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers and adjust our allowance for doubtful accounts receivable for all customers, including start-up customers, based on the information available, these allowances may not be adequate. This risk may exist for any new emerging company customers in the future. Finally, as a result of, among other things, these emerging companies tending to be smaller and less financially secure, we have faced and may face in the future increased litigation risk from these companies.

We compete with numerous other electronic manufacturing services and design providers and others, including our current and potential customers who may decide to manufacture some or all of their products internally.

Our business is highly competitive. We compete against numerous domestic and foreign electronic manufacturing services and design providers, including Benchmark Electronics, Inc., Celestica, Inc., Flextronics International Ltd., Hon-Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd., Plexus Corp. and Sanmina-SCI Corporation. In addition, past consolidation in our industry has resulted in larger and more geographically diverse competitors who have significant combined resources with which to compete against us. Also, we may in the future encounter competition from other large electronic manufacturers, and manufacturers that are focused solely on design and manufacturing services, that are selling, or may begin to sell electronics manufacturing services. Most of our competitors have international operations and significant financial resources and some have substantially greater manufacturing, R&D and marketing resources than we have. These competitors may:

respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies;

have greater name recognition, critical mass and geographic market presence;

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be better able to take advantage of acquisition opportunities;

adapt more quickly to changes in customer requirements;

devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of their services;

be better positioned to compete on price for their services, as a result of any combination of lower labor costs, lower components costs, lower facilities costs, lower operating costs or lower taxes; and

have excess capacity, and be better able to utilize such excess capacity, which may reduce the cost of their product or service.

We also face competition from the manufacturing operations of our current and potential customers, who are continually evaluating the merits of manufacturing products internally against the advantages of outsourcing. In the past, some of our customers moved a portion of their manufacturing from us in order to more fully utilize their excess internal manufacturing capacity.

We may be operating at a cost disadvantage compared to competitors who have greater direct buying power from component suppliers, distributors and raw material suppliers or who have lower cost structures as a result of their geographic location or the services they provide or who are willing to make sales or provide services at lower margins than we do (including relationships where our competitors are willing to accept a lower margin from certain of their customers for whom they perform other higher margin business). As a result, competitors may procure a competitive advantage and obtain business from our customers. Our manufacturing processes are generally not subject to significant proprietary protection. In addition, companies with greater resources or a greater market presence may enter our market or increase their competition with us. We also expect our competitors to continue to improve the performance of their current products or services, to reduce the sales prices of their current products or services and to introduce new products or services that may offer greater performance and improved pricing. Any of these developments could cause a decline in our sales, loss of market acceptance of our products or services, compression of our profits or loss of our market share.

The economies of the U.S., Europe and certain countries in Asia are, or have been, in a recession.

There was an erosion of global consumer confidence amidst concerns over declining asset values, inflation, volatility in energy costs, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit, high unemployment, and the stability and solvency of financial institutions, financial markets, businesses, and sovereign nations. These concerns slowed global economic growth and resulted in recessions in many countries, including in the U.S., Europe and certain countries in Asia. Even though we have seen signs of an overall economic recovery, such recovery may be weak and/or short-lived and recessionary conditions may return. Recent developments in the European Union, including concerns over the solvency of certain European Union countries and of financial institutions that have significant direct or indirect exposure to debt issued by those countries, could significantly affect the U.S. and international debt and capital markets, as well as the demand for the products of certain of our customers with significant exposure to European end markets.

If any of these potential negative economic conditions occur, a number of negative effects on our business could result, including customers or potential customers reducing or delaying orders, increased pricing pressures, the insolvency of key suppliers, which could result in production delays, the inability of customers to obtain credit, and the insolvency of one or more customers. Thus, these economic conditions (1) could negatively impact our ability to (a) forecast customer demand, (b) effectively manage inventory levels, including our ability to limit our possession of excess or obsolete inventory, and (c) collect receivables in a timely manner, if at all; (2) could increase our need for cash; and (3) have negatively impacted, and could negatively impact in the future, our net revenue and profitability and the value of certain of our properties and other assets. Depending on the length of time that these conditions exist, they may cause future additional negative effects, including some of those listed above.

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The financial markets have experienced significant turmoil, which may adversely affect financial arrangements we may need to enter into, refinance or repay.

Credit market turmoil effects could negatively impact the counterparties to our forward exchange contracts and trade accounts receivable securitization and sale programs; our lenders under the Credit Facility; and our lenders under various foreign subsidiary credit facilities. These potential negative impacts could potentially limit our ability to borrow under these financing agreements, contracts, facilities and programs. In addition, if we attempt to obtain future additional financing, such as renewing or refinancing our \$300.0 million asset-backed North American securitization program expiring on October 21, 2014, our \$200.0 million foreign asset-backed securitization program expiring on May 15, 2015, our \$50.0 million uncommitted trade accounts receivable sale program expiring no later than June 1, 2015 (though either party can elect to cancel the agreement by giving prior written notification to the other party of no less than 30 days) or our \$250.0 million uncommitted trade accounts receivable sale program (either party can elect to cancel the agreement by giving prior written notification to the other party of no less than 30 days), the effects of the credit market turmoil could negatively impact our ability to obtain such financing. Finally, the credit market turmoil has negatively impacted certain of our customers and certain of their customers. These impacts could have several consequences which could have a negative effect on our results of operations, including one or more of the following: a negative impact on our liquidity, including potentially insufficient cash flows to support our operations; a decrease in demand for our services; a decrease in demand for our customers products; and bad debt charges or inventory write-offs.

Our business could be adversely affected by any delays, or increased costs, resulting from issues that our common carriers are dealing with in transporting our materials, our products, or both.

We rely on a variety of common carriers to transport our materials from our suppliers to us, and to transport our products from us to our customers. Problems suffered by any of these common carriers, whether due to a natural disaster, labor problem, increased energy prices, criminal activity or some other issue, could result in shipping delays, increased costs, or other supply chain disruptions, and could therefore have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We derive a majority of our revenue from our international operations, which may be subject to a number of risks and often require more management time and expense to achieve profitability than our domestic operations.

We derived 84.4% and 85.7% of net revenue from international operations during the three months and nine months ended May 31, 2012, respectively, compared to 85.8% and 85.7% during the three months and nine months ended May 31, 2011, respectively. At May 31, 2012, we operate outside the U.S. in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Vienna, Austria; Hasselt, Belgium; Belo Horizonte, Manaus, Sorocaba and Valinhos, Brazil; Calgary and Toronto, Canada; Beijing, Huangpu, Nanjing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Suzhou, Tianjin, Wuxi and Yantai, China; Coventry and Solihull England; Brest and Gallargues, France; Boblingen and Jena, Germany; Szombathely and Tiszaujvaros, Hungary; Gurgoan, Mumbai and Ranjangaon, India; Dublin, Ireland; Tel Aviv, Israel; Bergamo, Cassina de Pecchi and Marcianise, Italy; Gotemba, Hachioji and Tokyo, Japan; Penang and Selangor, Malaysia; Chihuahua, Guadalajara, Nogales, Reynosa and Tlalnepantla, Mexico; Amsterdam, Eindhoven and Venray, The Netherlands; Bydgoszcz and Kwidzyn, Poland; Tver, Russia; Ayr and Livingston, Scotland; Alexandra, Tampines and Toa Payoh, Singapore; Sungnam-si, South Korea; Hsinchu, Taichung, Taipei and Taoyuan City, Taiwan; Ankara, Turkey; Uzhgorod, Ukraine; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. We continually consider additional opportunities to make foreign acquisitions and construct and open new foreign facilities. Our international operations are, have been and may be subject to a number of risks, including:

difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations;

less flexible employee relationships that can be difficult and expensive to terminate;

rising labor costs, in particular within the lower-cost regions in which we operate, which we may be unable to recover in our pricing to our customers;

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labor unrest and dissatisfaction, including potential labor strikes;

increased scrutiny by the media and other third parties of labor practices within our industry (including but not limited to working conditions, compliance with employment and labor laws and compensation) which may result in allegations of violations, more stringent and burdensome labor laws and regulations, increased strictness and inconsistency in the enforcement and interpretation of such laws and regulations, higher labor costs, and/or loss of revenues if our customers become dissatisfied with our labor practices and diminish or terminate their relationship with us;

burdens of complying with a wide variety of foreign laws, including those relating to export and import duties, domestic and foreign import and export controls (including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR)), regulation by the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security under the EAR), trade barriers (including quotas), environmental policies and privacy issues;

less favorable, or relatively undefined, intellectual property laws;

unexpected changes in regulatory requirements and laws or government or judicial interpretations of such regulatory requirements and laws and adverse trade policies, and adverse changes to any of the policies of either the U.S. or any of the foreign jurisdictions in which we operate;

adverse changes in tax rates and the manner in which the U.S. and other countries tax multinational companies or interpret their tax laws (see Risk factors Risks related to our business and industry We are subject to the risk of increased taxes);

inability to utilize net operating losses incurred by our foreign operations against future income in the same jurisdiction;

political and economic instability (including acts of terrorism, widespread criminal activities and outbreaks of war);

risk of governmental expropriation of our property;

inadequate infrastructure for our operations (e.g., lack of adequate power, water, transportation and raw materials);

legal or political constraints on our ability to maintain or increase prices;

governmental restrictions on the transfer of funds to us from our operations outside the U.S.;

health concerns and related government actions;

coordinating our communications and logistics across geographic distances and multiple time zones;

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longer customer payment cycles and difficulty collecting trade accounts receivable;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which could affect local payroll and other expenses (see Risk factors Risks related to our business and industry We are subject to risks of currency fluctuations and related hedging operations); and

economies that are emerging or developing or that may be subject to greater currency volatility, negative growth, high inflation, limited availability of foreign exchange and other risks (see Risk factors Risks related to our business and industry The economies of the U.S., Europe and certain countries in Asia are, or have been, in a recession).

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These factors may harm our results of operations. Also, any measures that we may implement to reduce risks of our international operations may not be effective and may require significant management time and effort. In our experience, entry into new international markets requires considerable management time as well as start-up expenses for market development, hiring and establishing facilities before any significant revenue is generated. As a result, initial operations in a new market may operate at low margins or may be unprofitable.

Another significant legal risk resulting from our international operations is the risk of non-compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and the United Kingdom Bribery Act (ACT). In many foreign countries, particularly in those with developing economies, it may be a local custom that businesses operating in such countries engage in business practices that are prohibited by the FCPA, the ACT or other U.S. or foreign laws and regulations. Although we have implemented policies and procedures designed to cause compliance with the FCPA, the ACT and similar laws, there can be no assurance that all of our employees and agents, as well as those companies to which we outsource certain of our business operations, will not take actions in violation of our policies. Any such violation, even if prohibited by our policies, could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

If we do not manage our growth effectively, our profitability could decline.

Areas of our business at times experience periods of rapid growth which can place considerable additional demands upon our management team and our operational, financial and management information systems. Our ability to manage growth effectively requires us to continue to implement and improve these systems; avoid cost overruns; maintain customer, supplier and other favorable business relationships during possible transition periods; continue to develop the management skills of our managers and supervisors; adapt relatively quickly to new markets or technologies and continue to train, motivate and manage our employees. Our failure to effectively manage growth could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We have on occasion not achieved, and may not in the future achieve, expected profitability from our acquisitions.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully integrate the operations and management of our recent acquisitions. Similarly, we cannot assure you that we will be able to (1) identify future strategic acquisitions and adequately conduct due diligence, (2) consummate these potential acquisitions on favorable terms, if at all, or (3) if consummated, successfully integrate the operations and management of future acquisitions. Acquisitions involve significant risks, which could have a material adverse effect on us including:

Financial risks, such as (1) the payment of a purchase price that exceeds the future value that we may realize from the acquired operations and businesses; (2) an increase in our expenses and working capital requirements, which could reduce our return on invested capital; (3) potential known and unknown liabilities of the acquired businesses; (4) costs associated with integrating acquired operations and businesses; (5) the dilutive effect of the issuance of any additional equity securities we issue as consideration for, or to finance, the acquisition; (6) the incurrence of additional debt; (7) the financial impact of incorrectly valuing goodwill and other intangible assets involved in any acquisitions, potential future impairment write-downs of goodwill and indefinite life intangibles and the amortization of other intangible assets; (8) possible adverse tax and accounting effects; and (9) the risk that we spend substantial amounts purchasing these manufacturing facilities and assume significant contractual and other obligations with no guaranteed levels of revenue or that we may have to close or sell acquired facilities at our cost, which may include substantial employee severance costs and asset write-offs, which have resulted, and may result, in our incurring significant losses.

Operating risks, such as (1) the diversion of management's attention to the assimilation of the acquired businesses; (2) the risk that the acquired businesses will fail to maintain the quality of services that we have historically provided; (3) the need to implement financial and other

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systems and add management resources; (4) the need to maintain customer, supplier or other favorable business relationships of acquired operations and restructure or terminate unfavorable relationships; (5) the potential for deficiencies in internal controls of the acquired operations; (6) the inability to attract and retain the employees necessary to support the acquired businesses; (7) unforeseen difficulties (including any unanticipated liabilities) in the acquired operations; and (8) the impact on us of any unionized work force we may acquire or any labor disruptions that might occur.

Most of our acquisitions involve operations outside of the U.S. which are subject to various risks including those described in Risk factors Risks related to our business and industry We derive a majority of our revenue from our international operations, which may be subject to a number of risks and often require more management time and expense to achieve profitability than our domestic operations.

We have acquired and may continue to pursue the acquisition of manufacturing and supply chain management operations from our customers (or potential customers). In these acquisitions, the divesting company will typically enter into a supply arrangement with the acquirer. Therefore, our competitors often also pursue these acquisitions. In addition, certain divesting companies may choose not to offer to sell their operations to us because of our current supply arrangements with other companies or may require terms and conditions that may impact our profitability. If we are unable to attract and consummate some of these acquisition opportunities at favorable terms, our growth and profitability could be adversely impacted.

In addition to those risks listed above, arrangements entered into with these divesting companies typically involve certain other risks, including the following:

the integration into our business of the acquired assets and facilities may be time-consuming and costly;

we, rather than the divesting company, may bear the risk of excess capacity;

we may not achieve anticipated cost reductions and efficiencies;

we may be unable to meet the expectations of the divesting company as to volume, product quality, timeliness, pricing requirements and cost reductions; and

if demand for the divesting company's products declines, it may reduce its volume of purchases and we may not be able to sufficiently reduce the expenses of operating the facility we acquired from it or use such facility to provide services to other customers.

In addition, when acquiring manufacturing operations, we may receive limited commitments to firm production schedules. Accordingly, in these circumstances, we may spend substantial amounts purchasing these manufacturing facilities and assume significant contractual and other obligations with no or insufficient guaranteed levels of revenue. We may also not achieve expected profitability from these arrangements. As a result of these and other risks, these outsourcing opportunities may not be profitable.

We have expanded the primary scope of our acquisitions strategy beyond focusing on acquisition opportunities presented by companies divesting internal manufacturing operations. The more recent trend focuses on pursuing opportunities to acquire smaller EMS competitors who are focused on our key growth areas which include specialized manufacturing, aftermarket services and/or design operations and other acquisition opportunities complementary to our services offerings. The primary goals of our acquisition strategy are to complement our current capabilities, diversify our business into new industry sectors and with new customers and expand the scope of the services we can offer to our customers. The amount and scope of the risks associated with acquisitions of this type extend beyond those that we have traditionally faced in making acquisitions. These extended risks include greater uncertainties in the financial benefits and potential liabilities associated with this expanded base of acquisitions.

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We face risks arising from the restructuring of our operations.

In the past, we have undertaken initiatives to restructure our business operations with the intention of improving utilization and realizing cost savings in the future. These initiatives have included changing the number and location of our production facilities, largely to align our capacity and infrastructure with current and anticipated customer demand. This alignment includes transferring programs from higher cost geographies to lower cost geographies. The process of restructuring entails, among other activities, moving production between facilities, closing facilities, reducing the level of staff, realigning our business processes and reorganizing our management.

We continuously evaluate our operations and cost structure relative to general economic conditions, market demands, tax rates, cost competitiveness and our geographic footprint as it relates to our customers' production requirements. As a result of this ongoing evaluation, we could initiate future restructuring plans. Restructurings present significant potential risks of events occurring that could adversely affect us, including a decrease in employee morale, delays encountered in finalizing the scope of, and implementing, the restructurings (including extensive consultations concerning potential workforce reductions and obtaining agreements from our affected customers for the relocation of our facilities in certain instances), the failure to achieve targeted cost savings, the failure to meet operational targets and customer requirements due to the loss of employees and any work stoppages that might occur and the strain placed on our financial and management control systems and resources. These risks are further complicated by our extensive international operations, which subject us to different legal and regulatory requirements that govern the extent and speed of our ability to reduce our manufacturing capacity and workforce. In addition, the current global economic conditions may change how governments regulate restructuring as the recent global recession has impacted local economies. Finally, we may have to obtain agreements from our affected customers for the relocation of our facilities in certain instances. Obtaining these agreements, along with the volatility in our customers' demand, can further delay restructuring activities.

We may not be able to maintain our engineering, technological and manufacturing process expertise.

The markets for our manufacturing and engineering services are characterized by rapidly changing technology and evolving process development. The continued success of our business will depend upon our ability to:

hire, retain and expand our qualified engineering and technical personnel;

maintain our technological expertise;

develop and market manufacturing services that meet changing customer needs; and

successfully anticipate or respond to technological changes in manufacturing processes on a cost-effective and timely basis. Although we believe that our operations use the assembly and testing technologies, equipment and processes that are currently required by our customers, we cannot be certain that we will develop the capabilities required by our customers in the future. The emergence of new technology, industry standards or customer requirements may render our equipment, inventory or processes obsolete or noncompetitive. In addition, we may have to acquire new assembly and testing technologies and equipment to remain competitive. The acquisition and implementation of new technologies and equipment may require significant expense or capital investment, which could reduce our operating margins and our operating results. In facilities that we establish or acquire, we may not be able to establish and maintain our engineering, technological and manufacturing process expertise. Our failure to anticipate and adapt to our customers' changing technological needs and requirements or to hire and retain a sufficient number of engineers and maintain our engineering, technological and manufacturing expertise could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

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If our manufacturing processes and services do not comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, or if we manufacture products containing design or manufacturing defects, demand for our services may decline and we may be subject to liability claims.

We manufacture and design products to our customers' specifications, and, in some cases, our manufacturing processes and facilities may need to comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. For example, medical devices that we manufacture or design, as well as the facilities and manufacturing processes that we use to produce them, are regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and non-U.S. counterparts of this agency. Similarly, items we manufacture for customers in the defense and aerospace industries, as well as the processes we use to produce them, are regulated by the Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Authority. In addition, our customers' products and the manufacturing processes and design services that we use to produce them often are highly complex. As a result, products that we manufacture or design may at times contain manufacturing or design defects, and our processes may be subject to errors or not be in compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. Defects in the products we manufacture or design, whether caused by a design, manufacturing or component failure or error, or deficiencies in our manufacturing processes, may result in delayed shipments to customers or reduced or canceled customer orders. If these defects or deficiencies are significant, our business reputation may also be damaged. The failure of the products that we manufacture or our manufacturing processes and facilities to comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements may subject us to regulatory enforcement, legal fines or penalties and, in some cases, require us to shut down, temporarily halt operations or incur considerable expense to correct a manufacturing process or facility. In addition, these defects may result in liability claims against us, expose us to liability to pay for the recall or remanufacture of a product or adversely affect product sales or our reputation. The magnitude of such claims may increase as we expand our medical and aerospace and defense manufacturing services, as defects in medical devices and aerospace and defense systems could seriously harm or kill users of these products and others. Even if our customers are responsible for the defects or defective specifications, they may not, or may not have resources to, assume responsibility for any costs or liabilities arising from these defects, which could expose us to additional liability claims.

We may face heightened liability risks specific to our medical device business as a result of additional healthcare regulatory related compliance requirements and the potential severe consequences that could result from manufacturing defects or malfunctions (e.g., death or serious injury) of the medical devices we manufacture or design.

As a manufacturer and designer of medical devices for our customers, we have compliance requirements in addition to those relating to other areas of our business. We are required to register with the FDA and are subject to periodic inspection by the FDA for compliance with the FDA's Quality System Regulation (QSR) requirements, which require manufacturers of medical devices to adhere to certain regulations, including design and process manufacturing controls, quality control, labeling, handling and documentation procedures. The FDA, through periodic inspections and product field monitoring, continually reviews and rigorously monitors compliance with these QSR requirements and other applicable regulatory requirements. If any FDA inspection reveals noncompliance, and we do not address the FDA's concerns to its satisfaction, the FDA may take action against us, including issuing a form noting the FDA's inspectional observations, a notice of violation or a warning letter, imposing fines, bringing an action against the Company and its officers, requiring a recall of the products we manufactured for our customers, issuing an import detention on products entering the U.S. from an offshore facility or temporarily halting operations at or shutting down a manufacturing facility. If any of these were to occur, our reputation and business could suffer.

In addition, any defects, including defective specifications and malfunctions, in medical devices we manufacture or in our manufacturing processes and facilities may result in liability claims against us, expose us to liability to pay for the recall or remanufacture of a product, or otherwise adversely affect product sales or our reputation. The magnitude of such claims could be particularly severe as defects in medical devices could cause severe harm or injuries, including death, to users of these products and others.

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Our regular manufacturing processes and services may result in exposure to intellectual property infringement and other claims.

Providing manufacturing services can expose us to potential claims that the product design or manufacturing processes infringe third party intellectual property rights. Even though many of our manufacturing services contracts generally require our customers to indemnify us for infringement claims relating to their products, including associated product specifications and designs, a particular customer may not, or may not have the resources to, assume responsibility for such claims. In addition, we may be responsible for claims that our manufacturing processes or components used in manufacturing infringe third party intellectual property rights. Infringement claims could subject us to significant liability for damages, potential injunctive action, or hamper our normal operations such as by interfering with the availability of components and, regardless of merits, could be time-consuming and expensive to resolve.

Our design services and turnkey solutions offerings may result in additional exposure to product liability, intellectual property infringement and other claims, in addition to the business risk of being unable to produce the revenues necessary to profit from these services.

We continue our efforts to offer certain design services, primarily those relating to products that we manufacture for our customers, and we also continue to offer design services related to collaborative design manufacturing. We also offer turnkey solutions for the design and manufacture of end-user products, and product components, as well as related services. Providing such products and services can expose us to different or greater potential liabilities than those we face when providing our regular manufacturing services, including an increase in exposure to potential product liability claims resulting from injuries caused by defects in products we design, as well as potential claims that products we design or supply, or materials or components we use, infringe third party intellectual property rights. Such claims could subject us to significant liability for damages, subject the infringing portion of our business to injunction and, regardless of their merits, could be time-consuming and expensive to resolve. We also may have greater potential exposure from warranty claims and from product recalls due to problems caused by product design. Costs associated with possible product liability claims, intellectual property infringement claims and product recalls could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. When providing collaborative design manufacturing or turnkey solutions, we may not be guaranteed revenue needed to recoup or profit from the investment in the resources necessary to design and develop products or provide services. No revenue may be generated from these efforts, particularly if our customers do not approve the designs in a timely manner or at all, or if they do not then purchase anticipated levels of products. Furthermore, contracts may allow the customer to delay or cancel deliveries and may not obligate the customer to any volume of purchases, or may provide for penalties or cancellation of orders if we are late in delivering designs or products. We may also have the responsibility to ensure that products we design or offer satisfy safety and regulatory standards and to obtain any necessary certifications. Failure to timely obtain the necessary approvals or certifications could prevent us from selling these products, which in turn could harm our sales, profitability and reputation.

In our contracts with turnkey solutions customers, we generally provide them with a warranty against defects in our designs. If a turnkey solutions product or component that we design is found to be defective in its design, this may lead to increased warranty claims. Warranty claims may also extend to defects caused by components or materials used in the products but which are provided to us by our suppliers. Although we have product liability insurance coverage, it may not be adequate or may not continue to be available on acceptable terms, in sufficient amounts, or at all. A successful product liability claim in excess of our insurance coverage or any material claim for which insurance coverage was denied or limited and for which indemnification was not available could have a material adverse effect on our operations, results of operations and financial position. Moreover, even if the claim relates to a defect caused by a supplier, we may not be able to get an adequate remedy from the supplier.

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The success of our turnkey solution activities depends in part on our ability to obtain, protect and leverage intellectual property rights to our designs.

We strive to obtain and protect certain intellectual property rights to our turnkey solutions designs. We believe that having a significant level of protected proprietary technology gives us a competitive advantage in marketing our services. However, we cannot be certain that the measures that we employ will result in protected intellectual property rights or will result in the prevention of unauthorized use of our technology. If we are unable to obtain and protect intellectual property rights embodied within our designs, this could reduce or eliminate the competitive advantages of our proprietary technology, which would harm our business.

Intellectual property infringement claims against our customers, our suppliers or us could harm our business.

Our turnkey solutions products and services and those of our customers may compete against the products of other companies, many of whom may own the intellectual property rights underlying those products. Such products and services may also infringe the intellectual property rights of third parties that may hold key intellectual property rights in areas in which we operate but which such third parties do not actively provide products or services. Patent clearance or licensing activities, if any, may be inadequate to anticipate and avoid third party claims. As a result, in addition to the risk that we could become subject to claims of intellectual property infringement, our customers or suppliers could become subject to infringement claims. Additionally, customers for our turnkey solutions, or collaborative designs in which we have significant technology contributions, typically require that we indemnify them against the risk of intellectual property infringement. If any claims are brought against us or against our customers for such infringement, regardless of their merits, we could be required to expend significant resources in the defense or settlement of such claims, or in the defense or settlement of related indemnification claims from our customers. In the event of a claim, we may be required to spend a significant amount of money to develop non-infringing alternatives or obtain licenses. We may not be successful in developing such alternatives or obtaining such a license on reasonable terms or at all. Our customers may be required to or decide to discontinue products which are alleged to be infringing rather than face continued costs of defending the infringement claims, and such discontinuance may result in a significant decrease in our business.

We depend on our officers, managers and skilled personnel and their compliance with company confidentiality policies and procedures.

Our success depends to a large extent upon the continued services of our officers, managers and skilled personnel. Generally our employees are not bound by employment or non-competition agreements, and we cannot assure you that we will retain our officers, managers and skilled personnel. We could be seriously harmed by the loss of any of our executive officers. In order to manage our growth, we will need to internally develop and recruit and retain additional skilled management personnel and if we are not able to do so, our business and our ability to continue to grow could be harmed.

We are also subject to the risk that current and former officers, managers and skilled personnel could violate the terms of our confidentiality policies and procedures or proprietary information agreements with us which require them to keep confidential and not to use for their benefit information obtained in the course of their employment with us. Should a key current or former employee use or disclose such information, including information concerning our customers, pricing, capabilities or strategy, our ability to obtain new customers and to compete could be adversely impacted.

Any delay in the implementation of our information systems could disrupt our operations and cause unanticipated increases in our costs.

We have completed the installation of an enterprise resource planning system in most of our manufacturing sites and in our corporate location. We are currently in the process of installing this system in certain of our remaining facilities which will replace the existing planning and financial information systems. Any delay in the implementation of these information systems could result in material adverse consequences, including disruption of operations, loss of information and unanticipated increases in costs.

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Disruptions to our information systems, including security breaches, losses of data or outages, could adversely affect our operations.

We rely on information systems, some of which are owned and operated by third parties, to store, process and transmit confidential information, including financial reporting, inventory management, procurement, invoicing and electronic communications, belonging to our customers, our suppliers, our employees and/or us. Although we attempt to monitor and mitigate our exposure, these systems are vulnerable to, and at times have suffered from, among other things, damage from power loss or natural disasters, computer system and network failures, loss of telecommunication services, physical and electronic loss of data, terrorist attacks, security breaches and computer viruses. If we, or the third parties who own and operate certain of our information systems, are unable to prevent such breaches, losses of data and outages, our operations could be disrupted. In addition, any production inefficiencies or delays could negatively affect our ability to fill customer orders, resulting in a delay or reduction in our revenues. Also, the time and funds spent on monitoring and mitigating our exposure and responding to breaches, including the training of employees, the purchase of protective technologies and the hiring of additional employees and consultants to assist in these efforts could adversely affect our financial results. Finally, any theft or misuse of information resulting from a security breach could result in, among other things, loss of significant and/or sensitive information, litigation by affected parties, financial obligations resulting from such theft or misuse, higher insurance premiums, governmental investigations, negative reactions from current and potential future customers and poor publicity and any of these could adversely affect our financial results.

Compliance or the failure to comply with current and future environmental, health and safety, product stewardship and producer responsibility laws or regulations could cause us significant expense.

We are subject to a variety of federal, state, local and foreign environmental, health and safety, product stewardship and producer responsibility laws and regulations, including those relating to the use, storage, discharge and disposal of hazardous chemicals used during our manufacturing process, those governing worker health and safety, those requiring design changes, supply chain investigation or conformity assessments or those relating to the recycling or reuse of products we manufacture. If we fail to comply with any present or future regulations, we could become subject to liabilities, and we could face fines or penalties, the suspension of production, or prohibitions on sales of products we manufacture. In addition, such regulations could restrict our ability to expand our facilities or could require us to acquire costly equipment, or to incur other significant expenses, including expenses associated with the recall of any non-compliant product or with changes in our operational, procurement and inventory management activities.

Certain environmental laws impose liability for the costs of investigation, removal and remediation of hazardous or toxic substances on an owner, occupier or operator of real estate, or on parties who arranged for hazardous substance treatment or disposal, even if such person or company was unaware of or not responsible for contamination at the affected site. Soil and groundwater contamination may have occurred at, near or arising from some of our facilities. From time to time we investigate, remediate and monitor soil and groundwater contamination at certain of our operating sites. In certain instances where contamination existed prior to our ownership or occupation of a site, landlords or former owners have retained some contractual responsibility for contamination and remediation. However, failure of such persons to perform those obligations could result in us being required to address such contamination. As a result, we may incur clean-up costs in such potential removal or remediation efforts. In other instances, we may be responsible for clean-up costs and other environmental liabilities, including the possibility of third-party claims in connection with contaminated sites.

From time to time new regulations are enacted, or existing requirements are changed, and it is difficult to anticipate how such regulations and changes will be implemented and enforced. We continue to evaluate the necessary steps for compliance with regulations as they are enacted.

Over the last several years, for example, we or our customers have become subject to certain legal requirements, principally in Europe, regarding the use or presence of certain hazardous substances in, and the collection, reuse and recycling of waste from, certain products that we manufacture. Similar

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requirements are being developed or imposed in other areas of the world where we manufacture or sell products, including China and the U.S. We believe that we comply, and will be able to continue to comply, with such emerging requirements. We may experience negative consequences from these requirements, however, including, but not limited to, supply shortages or delays, increased raw material and component costs, accelerated obsolescence of certain of our raw materials, components and products, increased administrative and supply chain management costs, and the need to modify or create new designs for our existing and future products.

Our failure to comply with any applicable regulatory requirements or with related contractual obligations could result in our being directly or indirectly liable for costs (including product recall and/or replacement costs), fines or penalties and third party claims, and could jeopardize our ability to conduct business in the jurisdictions implementing them.

In addition, there is an increasing governmental focus around the world on global warming and environmental impact issues, which may result in new environmental, health and safety regulations that may negatively affect us, our suppliers and our customers. This could cause us to incur additional direct costs for compliance, as well as increased indirect costs resulting from our customers, suppliers or both incurring additional compliance costs that get passed on to us. These costs may adversely impact our operations and financial condition.

We and our customers are increasingly concerned with environmental issues, such as waste management (including recycling) and climate change (including reducing carbon outputs). We expect these concerns to grow and require increased investments of time and resources.

We are subject to the risk of increased taxes.

We base our tax position upon the anticipated nature and conduct of our business and upon our understanding of the tax laws of the various countries in which we have assets or conduct activities. Our tax position, however, is subject to review and possible challenge by taxing authorities and to possible changes in law (including adverse changes to the manner in which the U.S. and other countries tax multinational companies or interpret their tax laws). We cannot determine in advance the extent to which some jurisdictions may assess additional tax or interest and penalties on such additional taxes. In addition, our effective tax rate may be increased by the generation of higher income in countries with higher tax rates, changes in local tax rates or countries adopting more aggressive interpretations of tax laws.

Refer to Note 10 Commitments and Contingencies to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for our fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement for details of the field examination completed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of our tax returns for the fiscal years 2003 through 2008 which resulted in proposed adjustments. While we currently believe that the resolution of these issues will not have a material effect on our financial position or liquidity, an unfavorable resolution, particularly if the IRS successfully asserts similar claims for later years, could have a material effect on our results of operations and financial condition (particularly during the quarter in which any adjustment is recorded or any tax is due or paid).

Several countries in which we are located allow for tax incentives to attract and retain business. We have obtained incentives where available and practicable. Our taxes could increase if certain tax incentives are retracted (which in some cases could occur if we fail to satisfy the conditions on which such incentives are based), or if they are not renewed upon expiration, or tax rates applicable to us in such jurisdictions otherwise increase. It is anticipated that tax incentives with respect to certain operations will expire within the next year. However, due to the possibility of changes in existing tax law and our operations, we are unable to predict how these expirations will impact us in the future. In addition, acquisitions may cause our effective tax rate to increase, depending on the jurisdictions in which the acquired operations are located.

Certain of our subsidiaries provide financing, products and services to, and may from time-to-time undertake certain significant transactions with, other subsidiaries in different jurisdictions. Moreover,

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several jurisdictions in which we operate have tax laws with detailed transfer pricing rules which require that all transactions with non-resident related parties be priced using arm's length pricing principles, and that contemporaneous documentation must exist to support such pricing.

Our amount of debt could significantly increase in the future.

As of May 31, 2012, on an as adjusted basis to give effect to this offering and the assumed use of proceeds therefrom as described more fully under the heading "Capitalization" in this prospectus supplement, the aggregate principal amount of our debt obligations on the Consolidated Balance Sheets consisted of \$400.0 million under our 8.250% Senior Notes, \$312.0 million under our 7.750% Senior Notes, \$400.0 million under our 5.625% Senior Notes and \$500.0 million under the senior notes offered hereby.

As of May 31, 2012, there were \$324.2 million outstanding under various bank loans to certain of our foreign subsidiaries and under various other debt obligations. Refer to "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources" and Note 6 "Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt" to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, both contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for our fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, for further details.

We have the ability to borrow up to \$1.3 billion under the Credit Facility. In addition, the Credit Facility contemplates a potential increase of up to an additional \$300.0 million, if we and the lenders later agree to such increase. We could incur additional indebtedness in the future in the form of bank loans, notes or convertible securities.

Should we desire to consummate significant additional acquisition opportunities, undertake significant additional expansion activities or make substantial investments in our infrastructure, our capital needs would increase and could possibly result in our need to increase available borrowings under our revolving credit facilities or access public or private debt and equity markets. There can be no assurance, however, that we would be successful in raising additional debt or equity on terms that we would consider acceptable. An increase in the level of our indebtedness, among other things, could:

make it difficult for us to obtain any necessary financing in the future for other acquisitions, working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements or other purposes;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to changes in, our business;

make us more vulnerable in the event of a downturn in our business; and

impact certain financial covenants that we are subject to in connection with our debt and securitization programs, including, among others, the maximum ratio of debt to consolidated EBITDA (as defined in our debt agreements and securitization programs).

There can be no assurance that we will be able to meet future debt service obligations.

We are subject to risks of currency fluctuations and related hedging operations.

More than an insignificant portion of our business is conducted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Changes in exchange rates among other currencies and the U.S. dollar will affect our cost of sales, operating margins and net revenue. We cannot predict the impact of future exchange rate fluctuations. We use financial instruments, primarily forward contracts, to economically hedge U.S. dollar and other currency commitments arising from trade accounts receivable, trade accounts payable, fixed purchase obligations and other foreign currency obligations. Based on our calculations and current forecasts, we believe that our hedging activities enable us to largely protect ourselves from future exchange rate fluctuations. If, however, these hedging activities are not successful or if we change or reduce these hedging activities in the future, we may experience significant unexpected expenses from fluctuations in exchange rates.

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An adverse change in the interest rates for our borrowings could adversely affect our financial condition.

We pay interest on outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facilities and certain other long term debt obligations at interest rates that fluctuate based upon changes in various base interest rates. An adverse change in the base rates upon which our interest rates are determined could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. If the U.S. government defaults on any of its debt obligations, its credit rating declines, or certain other economic or fiscal issues occur, interest rates could rise which would increase our interest costs and reduce our net income. Also, increased interest rates could make any future, fixed interest rate debt obligations more expensive.

We face certain risks in collecting our trade accounts receivable.

Most of our customer sales are paid for after the goods and services have been delivered. If any of our customers has any liquidity issues (the risk of which could be relatively high, relative to historical conditions, due to current economic conditions), then we could encounter delays or defaults in payments owed to us which could have a significant adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

Certain of our existing stockholders have significant influence.

At May 31, 2012, our executive officers, directors and certain of their family members collectively beneficially owned 9.5% of our outstanding common stock, of which William D. Morean, our Chairman of the Board, beneficially owned 5.8%. As a result, our executive officers, directors and certain of their family members have significant influence over (1) the election of our Board of Directors, (2) the approval or disapproval of any other matters requiring stockholder approval and (3) the affairs and policies of Jabil.

Changes in the securities laws and regulations have increased, and may continue to increase, our costs; and any future changes would likely increase our costs.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as related rules promulgated by the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), required changes in some of our corporate governance, securities disclosure and compliance practices. Compliance with these rules has increased our legal and financial accounting costs for several years following the announcement and effectiveness of these new rules. While these costs are no longer increasing, they may in fact increase in the future. In addition, given the recent turmoil in the securities and credit markets, as well as the global economy, many U.S. and international governmental, regulatory and supervisory authorities including, but not limited to, the SEC and the NYSE, have recently enacted additional changes in their laws, regulations and rules (such as the recent Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act) and may be contemplating additional changes. These changes, and any such future changes, may cause our legal and financial accounting costs to increase.

Due to inherent limitations, there can be no assurance that our system of disclosure and internal controls and procedures will be successful in preventing all errors, theft and fraud, or in informing management of all material information in a timely manner.

Our Board management, including our CEO and CFO, do not expect that our disclosure controls and internal controls and procedures will prevent all errors, theft and fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system reflects that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the company have been or will be detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur simply because of error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control.

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The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, a control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and may not be detected.

If we receive other than an unqualified opinion on the adequacy of our internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2012 or any future year-ends, investors could lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which could result in a decrease in the value of your shares.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, larger public companies like us are required to include an annual report on internal control over financial reporting in their annual reports on Form 10-K that contains an assessment by management of the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting. Our independent registered certified public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, issued an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2011. While we continuously conduct a rigorous review of our internal control over financial reporting in order to try to assure compliance with the Section 404 requirements, if our independent registered certified public accounting firm interprets the Section 404 requirements and the related rules and regulations differently from us or if our independent registered certified public accounting firm is not satisfied with our internal control over financial reporting or with the level at which it is documented, operated or reviewed, they may issue an adverse opinion. An adverse opinion could result in an adverse reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in the reliability of our Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition, we have spent a significant amount of resources, and will likely continue to for the foreseeable future, in complying with Section 404's requirements.

There are inherent uncertainties involved in estimates, judgments and assumptions used in the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP). Any changes in U.S. GAAP or in estimates, judgments and assumptions could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in the periodic reports we file with the SEC are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP involves making estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities and related reserves, revenues, expenses and income. Estimates, judgments and assumptions are inherently subject to change in the future, and any such changes could result in corresponding changes to the amounts of assets, liabilities and related reserves, revenues, expenses and income. Any such changes could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations. In addition, the principles of U.S. GAAP are subject to interpretation by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the SEC and various bodies formed to create appropriate accounting policies, and interpret such policies. A change in those policies can have a significant effect on our accounting methods. For example, although not yet currently required, the SEC could require us to adopt the International Financial Reporting Standards in the next few years, which could have a significant effect on certain of our accounting methods.

We are subject to risks associated with natural disasters and global events.

Our operations and those of our suppliers may be subject to natural disasters (such as the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan and the flooding in Thailand in the second half of 2011) or other business disruptions, which could seriously harm our results of operation and increase our costs and expenses. We are susceptible to losses and interruptions caused by hurricanes (including in Florida, where our headquarters are located), earthquakes, power shortages, telecommunications failures, water shortages, tsunamis, floods, typhoons, fire, extreme weather conditions, geopolitical events such as terrorist acts or widespread criminal activities and other natural or manmade disasters. Our insurance coverage with respect to natural disasters is limited and is subject to deductibles and coverage limits. Such coverage may not be adequate, or may not continue to be available at commercially reasonable rates and terms.

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Energy price increases may negatively impact our results of operations.

Certain of the components that we use in our manufacturing activities are petroleum-based. In addition, we, along with our suppliers and customers, rely on various energy sources (including oil) in our facilities and transportation activities. An increase in energy prices, which have been volatile over the past few years, could cause an increase to our raw material costs and transportation costs. In addition, increased transportation costs of certain of our suppliers and customers could be passed along to us. We may not be able to increase our product prices enough to offset these increased costs. In addition, any increase in our product prices may reduce our future customer orders and profitability.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$493.3 million, after underwriting discounts and our estimated expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds of the notes offered hereby (i) to repay outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility and (ii) for general corporate purposes. The Credit Facility expires on March 19, 2017. As of July 25, 2012, borrowings of approximately \$590.0 million were outstanding under the Credit Facility at a weighted average interest rate of 1.65% per annum. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are lenders under the Credit Facility and will receive all or a portion of the net proceeds that we receive from this offering. For more information, see Underwriting; Conflicts of interest.

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Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges was as follows for the respective periods indicated:

		Year Ended August 31,			Nine Months
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Ended May 31, 2012
1.9x	2.3x	(1)	3.6x	5.1x	5.2x

(1) Earnings for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009 were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$1,003.9 million. For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings is the amount resulting from (1) adding (a) pretax income from continuing operations before adjustment for noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries or income or loss from equity investees, (b) fixed charges, (c) amortization of capitalized interest, (d) distributed income of equity investees and (e) our share of pre-tax losses of equity investees for which charges arising from guarantees are included in fixed charges and (2) subtracting (a) interest capitalized and (b) the noncontrolling interest in pre-tax income of subsidiaries that have not incurred fixed charges. Fixed charges is the sum of (x) interest expensed and capitalized, (y) amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness and (z) an estimate of the interest within rental expense.

Because we have no preferred stock issued (and have not had any issued during the fiscal years shown above), a ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred dividends is not presented.

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The following table sets forth our unaudited cash and cash equivalents and consolidated capitalization as of May 31, 2012:

on an actual basis; and

on an as adjusted basis to give effect to (i) \$493.3 million of net proceeds from this offering and (ii) the use of this \$493.3 million of net proceeds to repay the \$208.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility.

You should read this table along with the selected consolidated financial data, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for our fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2012 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, Use of proceeds, and our financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

	As of May 31, 2012	
	Actual	As adjusted
	(in thousands)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 742,129	\$ 1,027,429
Short-term debt and current installments of notes payable, long-term debt and capital lease obligations:		
Revolving credit facilities(1)	\$ 290,500	\$ 82,500
Other(2)	5,918	5,918
Total short-term debt and current installments of long-term debt	296,418	88,418
Notes payable, long-term debt and capital lease obligations, less current installments:		
7.750% Senior Notes due 2016(3)	304,791	304,791
8.250% Senior Notes due 2018(4)	397,807	397,807
5.625% Senior Notes due 2020	400,000	400,000
4.700% Senior Notes due 2022 offered hereby(5)		499,960
Fair value adjustment related to terminated interest swaps on the 7.750% Senior Notes	9,790	9,790
Other(6)	27,766	27,766
Total long-term debt	1,140,154	1,640,114
Total debt(7)	1,436,572	1,728,532
Preferred stock, 10,000,000 shares (\$.001 par value) authorized, none issued and outstanding		
Common Stock	231	231
Additional paid-in capital	1,723,910	1,723,910
Retained Earnings	701,367	701,367
Accumulated other comprehensive income	109,265	109,265
Treasury stock (at cost)	(521,207)	(521,207)
Net stockholders' equity	2,013,566	2,013,566
Total capitalization	\$ 3,450,138	\$ 3,742,098

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Consists of subsidiary revolving credit facilities and the Credit Facility. As of May 31, 2012, there was \$208.0 million outstanding under the Credit Facility and \$1.1 billion was available for borrowing thereunder, subject to the terms and conditions of such Credit Facility. As of July 25, 2012, approximately \$590.0 million was outstanding under the Credit Facility.

- (2) Primarily current portions of subsidiary term debt.

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- (3) The face amount of these notes is \$312.0 million.
- (4) The face amount of these notes is \$400.0 million.
- (5) The face amount of these notes is \$500.0 million.
- (6) Primarily debt obligations under a master lease agreement with a variable interest entity (of which Jabil is the primary beneficiary) for certain machinery and equipment.
- (7) Excludes \$574.1 million of aggregate off-balance sheet liabilities, including approximately \$314.8 million of cash proceeds from the sale of receivables under the asset-back securitization programs, \$245.5 million under the trade accounts receivable sales programs and \$13.8 million of an off-balance sheet factoring program.

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The following selected data are derived from our consolidated financial statements. We believe that the unaudited quarterly consolidated financial statements from which we have derived the interim period data include all adjustments, consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly, in all material respects, our results of operations and financial condition for and as of the periods presented. Financial results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the fiscal year.

The data should be read in conjunction with the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section, the Business section and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto contained in each of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2011 and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 31, 2012, each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

Dollars in thousands	Fiscal year ended					Nine months ended	
	2007	2008	August 31, 2009	2010	2011	2011 May 31,	2012
Net revenue	\$ 12,290,592	\$ 12,779,703	\$ 11,684,538	\$ 13,409,411	\$ 16,518,827	\$ 12,238,532	\$ 12,813,861
Cost of revenue	11,478,562	11,911,902	10,965,723	12,405,267	15,264,257	11,313,165	11,822,364
Gross profit	812,030	867,801	718,815	1,004,144	1,254,570	925,367	991,497
Operating expenses:							
Selling, general and administrative	491,967	491,324	495,941	589,738	590,572	438,368	481,382
Research and development	36,381	32,984	27,321	28,085	25,034	18,825	19,053
Amortization of intangibles	29,347	37,288	31,039	25,934	22,051	16,821	13,399
Restructuring and impairment charges(1)	72,396	54,808	51,894	8,217	628	628	
Goodwill Impairment charge(2)			1,022,821				
Settlement of receivables and related charges					13,607	13,607	
Loss on disposal of subsidiaries(3)				24,604	23,944	23,944	
Operating income (loss)	181,939	251,397	(910,201)	327,566	578,734	413,174	477,663
Other expense(4)	15,888	11,902	20,111	4,087	2,986	2,418	6,503
Interest income	(14,531)	(12,014)	(7,426)	(2,956)	(3,132)	(2,486)	(1,579)
Interest expense	86,069	94,316	82,247	79,168	97,693	73,088	78,303
Income (loss) before income tax	94,513	157,193	(1,005,133)	247,267	481,187	340,154	394,436
Income tax expense	21,401	25,119	160,898	76,501	98,229	72,737	80,812
Net income (loss)	73,112	132,074	(1,166,031)	170,766	382,958	267,417	313,624
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests, net of income tax expense.	(124)	(1,818)	(819)	1,926	1,895	642	1,734
Net income (loss) attributable to Jabil Circuit, Inc.	\$ 73,236	\$ 133,892	\$ (1,165,212)	\$ 168,840	\$ 381,063	\$ 266,775	\$ 311,890

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

Dollars in thousands	Fiscal year ended					Nine months ended	
	2007	2008	August 31, 2009	2010	2011	2011 May 31,	2012
Core EBITDA(5)	\$ 541,911	\$ 618,920	\$ 507,793	\$ 748,280	\$ 1,012,322	\$ 745,518	\$ 809,854
Capital expenditures	302,190	337,502	292,238	398,425	458,989	320,965	291,792

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA

Dollars in thousands	Fiscal year ended					Nine months ended	
	August 31,					May 31,	

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	\$ 663,625	\$ 772,923	\$ 876,272	\$ 744,329	\$ 888,611	\$ 911,145	\$ 742,129
Working capital(6)	675,446	1,091,497	990,900	1,048,844	1,245,472	1,340,682	1,283,799
Total assets	6,295,232	7,032,137	5,317,858	6,367,747	7,057,940	6,955,568	7,372,838
Total debt	1,262,193	1,369,410	1,234,448	1,186,496	1,186,754	1,187,644	1,436,572
Total stockholders equity	2,443,011	2,715,725	1,435,162	1,578,046	1,867,120	1,933,355	2,013,566

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(1) During fiscal year 2007, we recorded charges of \$72.4 million related to the restructuring plan initiated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006. Also related to the restructuring plan, we reduced valuation allowances by \$2.0 million, to \$35.1 million, on net deferred tax assets through income tax expense.

During fiscal year 2008, we recorded charges of \$54.8 million related to the restructuring plan initiated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006. Also related to the restructuring plan, we increased valuation allowances by \$3.7 million, to \$38.8 million, on net deferred tax assets.

During fiscal year 2009, we recorded (a) a reversal of \$1.8 million of restructuring and impairment costs related to the restructuring plan initiated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006 and (b) charges of \$53.7 million related to the restructuring plan initiated in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009. Also related to the restructuring plan initiated in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009, we recorded valuation allowances of \$13.1 million on net deferred tax assets through income tax expense.

During fiscal year 2010, we recorded (a) charges of \$0.5 million related to the restructuring plan initiated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006 and (b) charges of \$7.7 million related to the restructuring plan initiated in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009. Also related to the restructuring plan initiated in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009, we increased valuation allowances by \$1.7 million, to \$14.8 million, on net deferred tax assets.

During fiscal year 2011, we recorded (a) charges of \$0.7 million related to the restructuring plan initiated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006 and (b) a reversal of \$0.1 million of restructuring and impairment costs related to the restructuring plan initiated in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009. Also related to the restructuring plan initiated in the second quarter of fiscal year 2009, we recorded valuation allowances of \$14.8 million on net deferred tax assets through income tax expense.

(2) During the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2009, we recorded goodwill impairment charges totaling a sum of \$1.0 billion to reduce the carrying amount of our goodwill to its estimated fair value based upon the results of interim impairment tests conducted during the first and second quarters of fiscal year 2009.

(3) During fiscal year 2010, we recorded disposition-related charges of \$24.6 million primarily in connection with the dispositions of certain of our operations located in Italy and France.

During fiscal year 2011, we recorded disposition-related charges of \$23.9 million primarily in connection with the dispositions of certain of our operations located in Italy and France.

(4) During fiscal year 2007, we recorded \$15.9 million of other expense related to a loss on the sale of receivables under our accounts receivable securitization program.

During fiscal year 2008, we recorded \$11.9 million of other expense related to a loss on the sale of receivables under our accounts receivable securitization program.

During fiscal year 2009, we recorded \$20.1 million of other expense related primarily to the loss on the sale of receivables under our accounts receivable securitization program of \$5.4 million, a loss of \$10.5 million on the extinguishment of our 5.875% Senior Notes and a loss on the impairment of a note receivable of \$4.2 million.

During fiscal year 2010, we recorded \$4.1 million of other expense related to a loss on the sale of receivables under our accounts receivable securitization program.

During fiscal year 2011, we recorded \$3.0 million of other expense primarily related to a loss on the sale of receivables under our accounts receivable securitization program.

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- (5) Core EBITDA is a non-US GAAP financial measure. We calculate core EBITDA for the periods presented herein as operating income (calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP) before (a) amortization of intangibles, (b) stock-based compensation expense and related charges, (c) restructuring and impairment charges, (d) goodwill impairment charges, (e) certain distressed customer charges, (f) settlement of receivables and related charges, (g) loss on the disposal of subsidiaries and (h) depreciation expense. We believe that core EBITDA is a useful measure that facilitates evaluating the past and future performance of our ongoing operations on a comparable basis. We report core EBITDA to provide investors with an alternative method for assessing earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization from what we believe are our core manufacturing operations. We also believe that some investors use core EBITDA as a way to measure the ability of certain companies to incur and service debt, make capital expenditures and meet working capital requirements. Other companies, however, may calculate core EBITDA differently than we do. Also, core EBITDA is not a U.S. GAAP performance measure and should not be considered as an alternative measure of liquidity or alternative to operating income as an indicator of our operating performance or any other measure of performance derived in accordance with U.S. GAAP. This data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. A reconciliation of core EBITDA to net income computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP is as follows:

	Fiscal year ended August 31, 2007	Fiscal year ended August 31, 2008	Fiscal year ended August 31, 2009	Fiscal year ended August 31, 2010	Fiscal year ended August 31, 2011	Nine months ended May 31, 2011	Nine months ended May 31, 2012
Dollars in thousands							
Net income (loss) (GAAP)	\$ 73,236	\$					