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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated October 4, 2010)

Celgene Corporation

\$ % Senior Notes due 2017

\$ % Senior Notes due 2022

We are offering \$ million aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 2017 (the 2017 notes) and \$ million aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 2022 (the 2022 notes and, together with the 2017 notes, the notes). We will pay interest on the notes on and of each year, beginning , 2013. The 2017 notes will mature on , 2017 and the 2022 notes will mature on , 2022. We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time at redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement under the heading Description of Notes Optional Redemption. If a change of control triggering event as described in this prospectus supplement under the heading Description of Notes Offer to Purchase upon Change of Control Triggering Event occurs, we may be required to offer to purchase the notes from the holders.

The notes will be general unsecured senior obligations and rank equally with our existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness. The notes will be issued only in registered form in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Investing in the notes involves risks that are described in the Risk Factors section beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and similar sections in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission that

are incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference herein.

	Per 2017 Note	Total	Per 2022 Note	Total
Public offering price(1)	%	\$	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us(1)	%	\$	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from August , 2012, if settlement occurs after that date.

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

The notes will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*, on or about August , 2012.

Joint Book-Running Managers

BofA Merrill Lynch

J.P. Morgan

Morgan Stanley

The date of this prospectus supplement is , 2012.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

As used in this prospectus supplement, unless otherwise specified or where it is clear from the context that the term only means issuer, the terms Celgene, we, us and our refer to Celgene Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries.

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus, and describes our senior debt securities offering. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, dated October 4, 2010, which provides more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the additional information described under the headings How to Obtain More Information and Incorporation by Reference in this prospectus supplement.

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and interim reports, proxy and information statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or, the SEC. These filings contain important information, which does not appear in this prospectus. The reports and other information can be inspected and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet website (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other materials that are filed through the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval (EDGAR) system.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus, which has become effective. This prospectus does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. We have omitted certain parts of the registration statement, as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. You may inspect and copy the registration statement, including exhibits, at the SEC's public reference facilities or website. Statements contained in this prospectus concerning the contents of any document we refer you to are not necessarily complete and in each instance we refer you to the applicable document filed with the SEC for more complete information.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we may disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and all documents subsequently filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of the offering under this prospectus. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof whether specifically listed below or filed in the future that are not deemed filed with the SEC, including any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K.

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011;

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012;

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Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 23, 2012, January 26, 2012 (solely with respect to Item 8.01) and June 14, 2012; and

Portions of the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for the 2012 annual meeting of stockholders held on June 13, 2012 to the extent incorporated by reference in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost, other than exhibits to such documents which are not specifically incorporated by reference into such documents or this prospectus, by calling our Investor Relations department at (908) 673-9000, or by writing to Investor Relations, Celgene Corporation, 86 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are considered forward-looking statements (within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) concerning our business, results of operations, economic performance and/or financial condition, based on management's current expectations, plans, estimates, assumptions and projections. Forward-looking statements are included, for example, in the discussions about:

strategy;

new product discovery and development;

current or pending clinical trials;

our products' ability to demonstrate efficacy or an acceptable safety profile;

actions by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

product manufacturing, including our arrangements with third-party suppliers;

product introduction and sales;

royalties and contract revenues;

expenses and net income;

credit and foreign exchange risk management;

liquidity;

asset and liability risk management;

the outcome of litigation;

intellectual property rights and protection;

economic factors;

competition; and

operational and legal risks.

We have tried, wherever possible, to identify these forward-looking statements by using words such as forecast, project, anticipate, plan, strategy, intend, potential, outlook, target, seek, continue, believe, could, estimate, expect, may, probable, should, meaning in conjunction with, among other things, discussions of our future operations, business plans and prospects, prospective products or product approvals, our strategies for growth, product development and regulatory approval, our expenses, the impact of foreign exchange rates, the outcome of contingencies, such as legal proceedings, and our financial performance and results generally. You also can identify our forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts.

You are cautioned not to unduly rely on the forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Factors that could cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those risks and uncertainties discussed under the heading Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement and the risks described in our other filings with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012.

Whether or not any of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, our results could differ materially from the expectations in these statements. We do not undertake any obligation to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of some of the information contained, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus supplement. It is not complete and may not contain all the information that is important to you. To understand this offering fully, you should read carefully this entire prospectus supplement, including the risk factors beginning on page S-6 and the financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the other documents incorporated by reference herein and therein. Unless the context requires otherwise, references to we, us, our and Celgene shall mean Celgene Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. Any capitalized terms used and not defined in this prospectus supplement have the meaning assigned to them in the accompanying prospectus or our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, incorporated by reference herein.

Celgene Corporation

We are a global biopharmaceutical company primarily engaged in the discovery, development and commercialization of innovative therapies designed to treat cancer and immune-inflammatory related diseases. We are dedicated to innovative research and development which is designed to bring new therapies to market, and we are involved in research in several scientific areas that may deliver proprietary next-generation therapies, targeting areas such as intracellular signaling pathways in cancer and immune cells, immunomodulation in cancer and autoimmune diseases and therapeutic application of cell therapies.

Our primary commercial stage products include REVLIMID®, VIDAZA®, ABRAXANE® THALOMID® and ISTODAX®. Additional sources of revenue include a licensing agreement with Novartis, which entitles us to royalties on FOCALIN XR® and the entire RITALIN® family of drugs, the sale of services through our Cellular Therapeutics subsidiary and other miscellaneous licensing agreements.

We continue to invest substantially in research and development, and the drug candidates in our pipeline are at various stages of preclinical and clinical development. These candidates include: pomalidomide, our leading oral anti-cancer agent, apremilast, our PD4 inhibitor that inhibits multiple proinflammatory mediators, PDA-001, our leading cellular therapy, CC-292 for cancer and autoimmune diseases, CC-486 (oral azacitidine), CC-223 and CC-115 for hematological and solid tumor malignancies, CC-122, our anti-cancer pleiotropic pathway modifier, and ACE-011 and ACE-536 biological products for anemia in several clinical settings of unmet need. We believe that continued acceptance of our primary commercial stage products, participation in research and development collaboration arrangements, depth of our product pipeline, regulatory approvals of new products and expanded use of existing products will provide the catalysts for future growth.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in the State of Delaware in April 1986. Our principal executive offices are located at 86 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, and our phone number is (908) 673-9000. Our website address is www.celgene.com. The reference to our website address does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained on the website, which should not be considered part of this prospectus supplement. Additional information regarding us is set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012 and our Current Reports on Form 8-K (which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, unless furnished to, and not filed with, the SEC). See How to Obtain More Information and Incorporation by Reference.

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THE OFFERING

The following is a brief summary of certain terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of the notes, see Description of Notes in this prospectus supplement.

Issuer	Celgene Corporation
Notes Offered	<p>\$ in aggregate principal amount of notes, consisting of:</p> <p>\$ aggregate principal amount of the 2017 notes; and</p> <p>\$ aggregate principal amount of the 2022 notes.</p>
Maturity Date	<p>2017 notes: , 2017.</p> <p>2022 notes: , 2022.</p>
Interest and Payment Date	<p>2017 notes: % per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on and of each year, beginning , 2013.</p> <p>2022 notes: % per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on and of each year, beginning , 2013.</p>
Repurchase at the Option of Holders upon a Change of Control Triggering Event	<p>If we experience a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined in Description of Notes Offer to Purchase upon Change of Control Triggering Event), we will be required, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the notes, to offer to purchase the notes with respect to which such event occurred at a purchase price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest.</p>
Ranking	<p>The notes will rank:</p> <p>equal in right of payment to any of our existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness;</p> <p>senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness; and</p> <p>effectively subordinated in right of payment to any of our subsidiaries' obligations (including secured and unsecured obligations) and subordinated in right of payment to</p>

our secured obligations, to the extent of the assets securing such obligations.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem the notes at our option, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, at a make-whole redemption price. We will also pay the accrued and unpaid interest on the notes to the redemption date. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

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Covenants	The notes and related indenture do not contain any financial or other similar restrictive covenants. However, we will be subject to the covenants described under the caption Description of Notes Covenants.
Use of Proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include, without limitation, further development of our clinical and pre-clinical programs, capital expenditures, general corporate development activities and meeting working capital needs. See Use of Proceeds.
DTC Eligibility	The notes will be issued in fully registered book-entry form and will be represented by permanent global notes without coupons. Global notes will be deposited with a custodian for and registered in the name of a nominee of DTC, in New York, New York. Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through DTC and its direct or indirect participants as described in Description of Notes Book-Entry System.
Form and Denomination	The notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
Trading	The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or included in any automated quotation system. The notes will be new securities for which there is currently no public market.
Risk Factors	You should carefully consider the information set forth under Risk Factors on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement, as well as the risk factors contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012, each of which has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated herein by reference, before deciding to invest in the notes.
Further Issues	We may, without notice to or the consent of the holders or beneficial owners of the notes, create and issue additional notes and/or notes having the same ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes of a particular series. Any additional debt securities having such similar terms, together with that series of notes, could be considered part of the same series of notes under the indenture.
Trustee	The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.
Governing Law	The notes will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

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RISK FACTORS

Before investing in our securities, you should carefully consider the following risks and the risk factors described in "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2012, each of which has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference herein, and subsequent filings containing updated disclosures of such factors, together with other information contained in this prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus and the other information that we have incorporated by reference herein. Whether or not any of these risk factors were actually to occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Risks Related to this Offering

We may not be Able to Generate Sufficient Cash to Service Our Obligations Under the Notes

Our ability to service the notes will depend upon, among other things, continued commercial success of our primary products REVLIMID®, VIDAZA®, THALOMID®, ABRAXANE® and ISTODAX® and other factors that affect our future financial and operating performance, including, without limitation, prevailing economic conditions and financial, business and regulatory factors, many of which are beyond our control.

If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow to service the debt service requirements under the notes, we may be forced to take actions such as:

restructuring or refinancing our debt, including the notes;

seeking additional debt or equity capital;

seeking bankruptcy protection;

reducing distributions if we make any in the future;

reducing or delaying our business activities, acquisitions, investments or capital expenditures; or

selling assets.

Such measures might not be successful and might not enable us to service our obligations under the notes. In addition, any such financing, refinancing or sale of assets might not be available on economically favorable terms or at all.

We may Still be Able to Incur Substantially More Indebtedness. This Could Exacerbate the Risks Associated with Our Indebtedness Under the Notes

We may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. The terms of the indenture governing our existing notes (as fully described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011) and the terms of the indenture governing the notes offered hereby, as well as the agreement governing our revolving credit facility, do not prevent us or our subsidiaries from incurring indebtedness, subject to the financial maintenance covenants under our revolving credit facility. If we incur any additional indebtedness that ranks equally with our existing notes, the notes offered hereby and the obligations under our revolving credit facility, the holders of that indebtedness will be entitled to share ratably with the holders of the notes offered hereby in any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding-up of us. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds paid to you. If new indebtedness is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we and our subsidiaries now face could intensify.

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The Notes Offered Hereby will be Unsecured and Effectively Subordinated to any Future Secured Indebtedness

The notes offered hereby will be general unsecured obligations ranking effectively junior in right of payment to any future secured indebtedness. The notes are not secured by any of our assets. Any claims of future secured lenders with respect to assets securing their loans will be prior to any claim of the holders of the notes with respect to those assets. Additionally, the indenture governing the existing notes and the indenture governing the notes offered hereby, as well as the agreement governing our revolving credit facility, will permit us to incur additional secured indebtedness in the future. In the event that we are declared bankrupt, become insolvent or are liquidated or reorganized, any indebtedness that is effectively senior to the notes will be entitled to be paid in full from our assets securing such indebtedness before any payment may be made with respect to the notes offered hereby. Holders of the notes offered hereby will participate ratably with all holders of our unsecured indebtedness that is deemed to be of the same class as the notes (including the existing notes and the obligations under our revolving credit facility), and potentially with all of Celgene Corporation's other general creditors, based upon the respective amounts owed to each holder or creditor, in our remaining assets.

The Terms of the Indenture and the Notes Provide Only Limited Protection Against Significant Corporate Events that could Adversely Impact Your Investment in the Notes

While the indenture and the notes contain terms intended to provide protection to the holders of the notes upon the occurrence of certain events involving significant corporate transactions, such terms are limited and may not be sufficient to protect your investment in the notes.

The definition of the term "Change of Control Triggering Event" (as defined in "Description of Notes" "Offer to Purchase upon Change of Control Triggering Event") does not cover a variety of transactions (such as acquisitions by us or recapitalizations) that could negatively affect the value of your notes. If we were to enter into a significant corporate transaction that would negatively affect the value of the notes but would not constitute a Change of Control Triggering Event, we would not be required to offer to repurchase your notes prior to their maturity.

Furthermore, the indenture for the notes does not:

require us to maintain any financial ratios or specific levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow or liquidity;

limit our ability to incur indebtedness that is equal in right of payment to the notes;

restrict our subsidiaries' ability to issue securities or otherwise incur indebtedness that would be senior to our equity interests in our subsidiaries and therefore rank effectively senior to the notes;

limit the ability of our subsidiaries to service indebtedness;

restrict our ability to repurchase or prepay any other of our securities or other indebtedness; or

restrict our ability to make investments or to repurchase or pay dividends or make other payments in respect of our common stock or other securities ranking junior to the notes.

As a result of the foregoing, when evaluating the terms of the notes, you should be aware that the terms of the indenture and the notes do not restrict our ability to engage in, or to otherwise be a party to, a variety of corporate transactions, circumstances and events that could have an adverse impact on your investment in the notes.

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Our Credit Ratings are Subject to Change

Our credit ratings are an assessment by rating agencies of our ability to pay our debts when due. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the notes. Agency ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency's rating.

Your Ability to Transfer the Notes Offered Hereby will be Limited by the Absence of an Active Trading Market

The notes are a series of securities for which there is currently no established trading market. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes as permitted by applicable laws and regulations; however, the underwriters are not obligated to make a market in the notes, and they may discontinue their market-making activities at any time without notice. Therefore, an active market for the notes may not develop or, if developed, such a market may not continue. In addition, subsequent to their initial issuance, the notes may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar notes, our performance, general economic conditions and other factors.

We do not intend to apply for listing or quotation of the notes on any securities exchange or stock market. The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend on a number of factors, including:

the number of holders of notes;

our operating performance and financial condition;

the market for similar securities;

the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the notes; and

prevailing interest rates.

Upon Certain Change of Control Triggering Events, We may not have the Ability to Raise the Funds Necessary to Finance the Change of Control Offer Required by the Indenture Governing the Notes, Which Would Violate the Terms of the Notes

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control triggering events, holders of the notes will have the right to require us to purchase all or any part of the notes at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. We may not have sufficient financial resources available to satisfy all of our obligations under the notes in the event of a change in control. Our failure to purchase the notes as required under the indenture would result in a default under the indenture, which could have material adverse consequences for us and the holders of the notes. See [Description of Notes](#) [Offer to Purchase upon Change of Control Triggering Event](#).

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds to us from this offering are estimated to be approximately \$, after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include, without limitation, further development of our clinical and pre-clinical programs, capital expenditures, general corporate development activities and meeting working capital needs.

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The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and our capitalization as of June 30, 2012 on an:

actual basis; and

adjusted basis to reflect the offering of notes offered hereby and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described under the heading Use of Proceeds.

You should read this table along with our historical consolidated financial statements and related notes and the other financial information included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

	As of June 30, 2012	
	Actual	Adjusted for this Offering
	(unaudited)	
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)	
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Marketable Securities	\$ 2,561,544	\$
Long-Term Debt:		
Revolving Credit Facility		
Existing Senior Notes	1,272,112	1,272,112
Senior Notes offered hereby		
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,272,112	\$
Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 5,000,000 shares authorized; none outstanding	\$	\$
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 575,000,000 shares authorized; 493,483,403 issued and outstanding	4,935	4,935
Additional paid-in capital	7,148,255	7,148,255
Cost of treasury stock (60,435,527 shares)	(3,497,569)	(3,497,569)
Retained Earnings	2,335,325	2,335,325
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(32,918)	(32,918)
Total Equity	\$ 5,958,028	\$ 5,958,028
Total Capitalization	\$ 7,230,140	\$

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The following table sets forth our historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges, or deficiency of earnings, for each of the periods indicated (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2008	Year Ended December 31, 2009	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2011	Six Months Ended June 30, 2012
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(1)	45.6x		299.7x	70.9x	32.4x	39.1x
Deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges(2)		\$ (1,359,098)				

(1) For purposes of calculating these ratios: (i) earnings consist of the sum of: (x) our pretax income from continuing operations before loss from equity investees and (y) fixed charges; and (ii) fixed charges consist of the sum of interest expense, amortization of debt discount and premium and a portion of lease payments considered to represent an interest factor.

(2) There was a deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges for 2008 because we incurred a net loss in that year.

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DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

We will issue the % Senior Notes due 2017 (the 2017 notes) and the % Senior Notes due 2022 (the 2022 notes and, together with the 2017 notes, the notes) under an indenture, to be dated as of , 2012 (the indenture), between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as trustee (the trustee). The 2017 notes and the 2022 notes will each be a separate series of notes under the indenture. We may issue additional notes under the indenture.

The following summary of certain provisions of the indenture and the notes does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the indenture and the notes, including the definitions therein of certain terms. Because the following is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you may find useful in evaluating an investment in the notes. We urge you to read the indenture and the notes because they, and not this description, define your rights as holders of the notes.

As used in this discussion under the heading Description of Notes, unless otherwise specified, the terms Celgene, we, our, and us refer solely to Celgene Corporation and not its subsidiaries.

General

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to any of our existing unsecured senior indebtedness and any other unsecured senior indebtedness hereafter created;

The 2017 notes and the 2022 notes will initially be issued in aggregate principal amounts of \$ and \$, respectively;

The 2017 notes will mature on , 2017 and the 2022 notes will mature on , 2022; and

The 2017 notes will pay interest at the rate of % per annum and the 2022 notes will pay interest at the rate of % per annum, which, in either case, shall be payable semi-annually in arrears on each and , beginning , 2013, and will initially accrue from the date of issuance and thereafter from the last date to which interest has been paid.

We may, without notice to or the consent of the holders or beneficial owners of the notes, create and issue additional notes and/or notes having the same ranking, interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes of a particular series. Any additional debt securities having such similar terms, together with that series of notes, could be considered part of the same series of notes under the indenture; provided that if the additional notes are not fungible with the notes of a particular series for United States federal income tax purposes, the additional notes will have a separate CUSIP number.

The notes are redeemable prior to maturity as described below under the heading Optional Redemption. The notes do not have the benefit of a sinking fund. The notes will be issued only in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Each series of notes will be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which we refer to as DTC. See Book-Entry System below.

Payments on the notes will be made through the paying agent, that will initially be the trustee, to DTC.

Interest

The 2017 notes will accrue interest at a rate of % per annum and the 2022 notes will accrue interest at a rate of % per annum. The notes will accrue interest on their stated principal amount from , 2012, or, in either case, from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for.

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Accrued and unpaid interest on the notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on _____ and _____ of each year, commencing on _____, 2013. Interest on the notes will be paid to holders of record at the close of business on the preceding _____ or _____ immediately before the applicable interest payment date. The amount of interest payable on the notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

If any date on which interest, principal or premium is payable on the notes is not a business day, then payment of such amounts payable on such date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a business day (and without any interest or other payment in respect of any such delay) with the same force and effect as if made on such interest payment date or maturity date, as the case may be. The term "business day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or any other day on which banking institutions in New York, New York or the city where the corporate trust business of the trustee is principally administered at any particular time are required or authorized to close.

Ranking

The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of Celgene and will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. The notes will rank:

equal in right of payment to any of our existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness;

senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness; and

effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our subsidiaries' obligations (including secured and unsecured obligations) and subordinated in right of payment to our secured obligations, to the extent of the assets securing such obligations.

The notes and the indenture do not limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness. We may incur substantial additional amounts of indebtedness in the future.

Optional Redemption

We may, at our option, at any time and from time to time redeem, in whole or in part, prior to the maturity date for the 2017 notes and the 2022 notes, the notes of the applicable series, on at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, prior notice mailed to the registered address of each holder of the notes of the applicable series, or such other notice method as determined by a resolution of our board of directors, a supplemental indenture, or a certificate executed by certain of our officers, at a redemption price, equal to the greater of:

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

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of interest and principal thereon (exclusive of interest accrued and unpaid to, but not including, the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis, assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, at the Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus _____ basis points in the case of the 2017 notes and _____ basis points in the case of the 2022 notes, *plus*, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of redemption; provided that the principal amount of any note remaining outstanding after a redemption in part shall be \$2,000 or a higher integral multiple of \$1,000.

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

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (A) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (B) if we are given fewer than four such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

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

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, or their respective affiliates, which are primary U.S. Government securities dealers in The City of New York, and their respective successors plus one other primary U.S. Government securities dealer in The City of New York selected by us; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing or their affiliates shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in The City of New York (a **Primary Treasury Dealer**), we will substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer.

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

Treasury Rate means, as obtained by us, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity or interpolated (on a day count basis) of the applicable Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the applicable Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the applicable Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

On and after the redemption date for the notes of any series, interest will cease to accrue on the notes of that series or any portion thereof called for redemption, unless we default in the payment of the redemption price. On or before the redemption date for the notes of that series, we will deposit with a paying agent, or the trustee, funds sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued and unpaid interest on such notes to be redeemed on such date. If less than all of the notes of a series are to be redeemed, the notes of that series to be redeemed will be selected pro rata, by lottery, or by another method that complies with applicable DTC procedures. We will notify the trustee of the redemption price promptly after the calculation thereof and the trustee will have no responsibility for such calculation.

Offer to Purchase upon Change of Control Triggering Event

If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs with respect to the notes of a series, unless we have exercised our option to redeem the notes of such series as described above, we will be required to make an offer (the **Change of Control Offer**) to each holder of the notes of such series to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or a higher integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that holder's notes of such series on the terms set forth in such notes. In the Change of Control Offer, we will be required to offer payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the notes repurchased to but not including the date of repurchase (the **Change of Control Payment**); provided that the principal amount of any note remaining outstanding after a repurchase in part shall be \$2,000 or a higher integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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With respect to the notes of each series, within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control, but after public announcement of the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control, a notice will be mailed to holders of the notes of the applicable series or provided by such other method as determined by a resolution of our board of directors, the supplemental indenture or a certificate executed by certain of our officers, describing the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase the notes of such series on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed or otherwise provided or, if the notice is mailed or otherwise provided prior to the Change of Control, no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date on which the Change of Control Triggering Event occurs (the Change of Control Payment Date). The notice will, if mailed or otherwise provided prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, we will, to the extent lawful:

accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered; and

deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes properly accepted together with an officers certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes or portions of notes being repurchased.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and the third party repurchases all notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer. In addition, we will not repurchase any notes if there has occurred and is continuing on the Change of Control Payment Date an event of default under the indenture, other than a default in the payment of the Change of Control Payment upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

We will comply in all material respects with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any such securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Offer provisions of the notes, we will comply with those securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Offer provisions of the notes by virtue of any such conflict.

For purposes of the Change of Control Offer provisions of the notes, the following terms will be applicable:

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) (other than us or one of our subsidiaries) becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of our Voting Stock or other Voting Stock into which our Voting Stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; provided, however, that a person shall not be deemed beneficial owner of, or to own beneficially, (A) any securities tendered pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made by or on behalf of such person or any of such person's affiliates until such tendered securities are accepted for purchase or exchange thereunder, or (B) any securities if such beneficial ownership (i) arises solely as a result of a revocable proxy delivered in response to a proxy or consent solicitation made

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pursuant to the applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, and (ii) is not also then reportable on Schedule 13D (or any successor schedule) under the Exchange Act; (2) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or more series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to one or more persons (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) (other than to us or one of our subsidiaries) (a Transferee), provided, however, that none of the circumstances in this clause (2) will be a change of control if the persons that beneficially own our Voting Stock immediately prior to the transaction own, directly or indirectly, shares with a majority of the total Voting Stock measured by voting power rather than number of shares of the Transferee; (3) we consolidate with, or merge with or into, any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) or any such person consolidates with, or merges with or into, us, in either case, pursuant to a transaction in which any of our outstanding Voting Stock or the Voting Stock of such other person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than pursuant to a transaction in which shares of our Voting Stock outstanding immediately prior to the transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving person immediately after giving effect to such transaction; (4) the adoption of a plan relating to our liquidation or dissolution or (5) the first day on which a majority of the members of our board of directors are not Continuing Directors.

Change of Control Triggering Event means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Rating Event in respect thereof.

Continuing Director means, as of any date of determination, any member of our board of directors who (1) was a member of our board of directors on the date the notes were originally issued, (2) was nominated for election to our board of directors with the approval of a committee of the board of directors consisting of a majority of independent Continuing Directors or (3) was nominated for election, elected or appointed to such board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of our board of directors at the time of such nomination, election or appointment (either by a specific vote or by approval of our proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director).

Investment Grade Rating means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, and the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any additional rating agency or Rating Agencies selected by the Company.

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or any successor thereto.

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

Rating Event means (A) with respect to the 2017 notes, the rating on the 2017 notes is lowered by each of the Rating Agencies and the 2017 notes are rated below an Investment Grade Rating by each of the Rating Agencies and (B) with respect to the 2022 notes, the rating on the 2022 notes is lowered by each of the Rating Agencies and the 2022 notes are rated below an Investment Grade Rating by each of the Rating Agencies, in either case, on any day during the period commencing on the earlier of the date of the first public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or our intention to effect a specific Change of Control transaction and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which period will be extended so long as the rating of the applicable series of notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies).

S&P means Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., or any successor thereto.

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Voting Stock means, with respect to any specified person (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) as of any date, the capital stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors, managers or trustees of such person.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise, established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the applicability of the requirement that we offer to repurchase the notes of any series as a result of the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to one or more persons (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) (other than to us or one of our subsidiaries) may be uncertain.

Sinking Fund

The notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

Covenants

Limitations on Liens

Other than as provided under the heading Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions, we will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary of ours to, create, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness secured by any Lien on any of our or their respective Properties unless the notes are secured by such Lien equally and ratably with, or prior to, the Indebtedness secured by such Lien.

This restriction does not apply to Indebtedness that is secured by:

Liens existing on the date of the issuance of the notes;

Liens securing only the notes;

Liens on Property or shares of stock in respect of Indebtedness of a Person existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of ours or is merged into or consolidated with, or its assets are acquired by, us or any Subsidiary of ours (provided that such Lien was not incurred in anticipation of such transaction and was in existence prior to such transaction) so long as such Lien does not extend to any other Property and the Indebtedness so secured is not increased;

Liens to secure Indebtedness incurred for the purpose of all or any part of a Property's (including shares of stock) purchase price or cost of construction or additions, repairs, alterations or other improvements; provided that (1) such Lien does not extend to or cover any other Property other than the Property so purchased, constructed or on which such additions, repairs, alterations or other improvements were so made, and (2) such Lien is incurred prior to or within 270 days after the acquisition of such Property or the completion of construction or such additions, repairs, alterations or other improvements and the full operation of such Property thereafter;

Liens in favor of the United States or any state thereof, or any instrumentality of either, to secure certain payments pursuant to any contract or statute;

Liens for taxes or assessments or other governmental charges or levies which are not overdue for a period exceeding 60 days unless such Liens are being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves are being maintained, to the extent required by generally accepted accounting principles;

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title exceptions, easements, licenses, leases and other similar Liens that are not consensual and that do not materially impair the use of the Property subject thereto;

Liens to secure obligations under worker's compensation laws, unemployment compensation, old-age pensions and other social security benefits or similar legislation;

Liens arising out of legal proceedings, including Liens arising out of judgments or awards;

warehousemen's, materialmen's, carrier's, landlord's and other similar Liens or Liens otherwise arising in the ordinary course of business for sums not overdue for a period exceeding 60 days unless such Liens are being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves are being maintained, to the extent required by generally accepted accounting principles;

Liens incurred to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance or return-of-money bonds, insurance, self-insurance or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;

Liens that are rights of set-off relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness;

Liens on the assets of a special purpose subsidiary resulting from securitization transactions with respect to accounts receivable, royalties and similar assets included in such securitization transactions;

Liens upon specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods;

Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit that encumber documents and other Property relating to such letters of credit and the products and proceeds thereof;

Liens on key-man life insurance policies granted to secure our Indebtedness against the cash surrender value thereof;

Liens encumbering customary initial deposits and margin deposits and other Liens in the ordinary course of business, in each case securing Hedging Obligations and forward contract, option, futures contracts, futures options or similar agreements or arrangements designed to protect us or any of our Subsidiaries from fluctuations in interest rates, currencies or the price of commodities;

Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for the sale of goods entered into by us or any of our Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

pre-existing Liens on assets acquired by us or any of our Subsidiaries after the first issue date of the notes;

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Liens in our favor or the favor of any of our Subsidiaries;

inchoate Liens incident to construction or maintenance of real property, or Liens incident to construction or maintenance of real property, now or hereafter filed of record for sums not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith, if reserves or other appropriate provisions, if any, as shall be required by generally accepted accounting principles shall have been made therefore;

Liens to secure any extension, renewal, refinancing or refunding (or successive extensions, renewals, refinancings or refundings), in whole or in part, of any Indebtedness secured by Liens

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referred to in the foregoing bullets or Liens created in connection with any amendment, consent or waiver relating to such Indebtedness, so long as such Lien does not extend to any other Property and the Indebtedness so secured does not exceed the fair market value (as determined by our board of directors) of the assets subject to such Liens at the time of such extension, renewal, refinancing or refunding, or such amendment, consent or waiver, as the case may be; or

Liens created in substitution of or as replacements for any Liens referred to in the foregoing bullets, provided that, based on a good faith determination of one of our officers, the Property encumbered under any such substitute or replacement Lien is substantially similar in nature to the Property encumbered by the otherwise permitted Lien which is being replaced.

Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Other than as provided under the heading Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions, we will not, and will not permit any of our Subsidiaries to, enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction with respect to any of our or their respective Properties, the acquisition or completion of construction and commencement of full operations of which has occurred more than 270 days prior thereto, unless:

such transaction was entered into prior to the first issue date of the notes;

such transaction was for the sale and leasing back to us of any Property by one of our Subsidiaries;

the lease is for a period not in excess of five years, including renewal rights;

we would be entitled to incur Indebtedness secured by a mortgage on the property to be leased in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to such Sale and Leaseback Transaction without equally and ratably securing the notes pursuant to the first paragraph of Limitation on Liens above; or

we or the Subsidiary, prior to or within 270 days after the sale of such Property in connection with the Sale and Leaseback Transaction is completed, applies the net cash proceeds of the sale of the Property leased to the:

(1) retirement of the notes or debt of ours ranking equally with the notes or to the retirement of any debt of a Subsidiary of ours; or

(2) acquisition of different property, facilities or equipment or the expansion of our existing business, including the acquisition of other businesses.

Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Notwithstanding the restrictions described under the headings Limitation on Liens or Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions, we or any Subsidiary of ours may create or assume any Liens or enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transactions not otherwise permitted as described above, if the sum of the following does not exceed the greater of (x) 15% of Consolidated Total Assets calculated as of the day the Lien(s) are created or assumed or the date of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction or (y) 15% of Consolidated Total Assets calculated as of the first issue date of the notes:

the outstanding Indebtedness secured by such Liens (not including any Liens permitted under the heading Limitation on Liens, which amount does not include any Liens permitted under the provisions of this Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions heading); *plus*

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all Attributable Debt in respect of such Sale and Leaseback Transaction entered into (not including any Sale and Leaseback Transactions permitted under the heading Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions, which amount does not include any Sale and Leaseback Transactions permitted under the provisions of this Exempted Liens and Sale and Leaseback Transactions heading), measured, in each case, at the time such Lien is incurred or any such Sale and Leaseback Transaction is entered into by us or such Subsidiary of ours.

Consolidation, Merger or Conveyance

We may merge or consolidate with another Person and may sell, transfer or lease all or substantially all of our assets to another Person if all of the following conditions are met:

The merger, consolidation or sale of assets must not cause an event of default. See Events of Default. An event of default for this purpose would also include any event that would be an event of default if the notice or time requirements were disregarded;

If we are not the surviving entity, the Person we would merge or consolidate with, or sell all or substantially all of our assets to, must be organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

If we are not the surviving entity, the Person we would merge or consolidate with, or sell all or substantially all of our assets to, must expressly assume by supplemental indenture all of our obligations under the notes and the indenture; and

We must deliver specific certification and documents to the trustee.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any of our Subsidiaries may consolidate with, merge into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to us.

Events of Default

The term event of default in respect of any series of the notes means any of the following:

we do not pay interest on the notes of that series within 30 days of its due date whether at maturity, upon redemption or upon acceleration (unless the entire amount of the payment is deposited by us with the trustee or with a paying agent prior to the expiration of the 30-day period);

we do not pay the principal of or any premium on the notes of that series on its due date;

we remain in breach of a covenant in respect of the notes of that series for 90 days after we receive a written notice of default in accordance with the provisions of the indenture stating we are in breach and requiring that we remedy the breach; or

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur with respect to us.

The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of notes of any default (except in the payment of principal or interest) if it considers such withholding of notice to be in the best interests of the holders.

If an event of default (other than due to certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization) with respect to the notes of any series has occurred and has not been cured, the trustee or the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes of that series may, by a notice in writing to us (and to the trustee if given by the holders), declare the entire principal amount (and premium, if any) of, and all the accrued and unpaid interest on, the notes of that series to be due and payable. This is called a declaration of acceleration of maturity.

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If an event of default with respect to the notes of any series occurs because of certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization relating to us, the principal amount of the notes of that series will be automatically accelerated, without any action by the trustee or any holder thereof. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of any series may also waive certain past defaults under the indenture on behalf of all of the holders of the notes of that series. A declaration of acceleration of maturity with respect to the notes of any series may be canceled, under specific circumstances, by the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the notes of that series.

The trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of any of the holders unless the holders offer the trustee protection reasonably satisfactory to it from expenses and liability called an indemnity. If indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the trustee is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of any series may, with respect to the notes of that series, direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. The trustee may refuse to follow those directions in certain circumstances. No delay or omission in exercising any right or remedy will be treated as a waiver of the right, remedy or event of default.

Before you are allowed to bypass the trustee and bring a lawsuit or other formal legal action or take other steps to enforce your rights or protect your interests relating to the notes of any series, the following must occur:

you must give the trustee written notice that an event of default with respect to the notes of that series has occurred and remains uncured;

the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding notes of that series must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default and must offer the trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action;

the trustee must not have taken action for 60 days after receipt of the above notice and offer of indemnity; and

the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes of that series must not have given the trustee a direction inconsistent with the above notice.

However, you are entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on your notes on or after the due date.

Waiver, Modifications and Amendment

We generally may modify and amend the indenture with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of the affected series. However, we may not make any modification or amendment without the consent of each holder of the notes of the affected series if such action would:

change the stated maturity of, or the principal of or premium or interest on, the notes;

reduce any amounts due on the notes or payable upon acceleration of the maturity of the notes following a default;

adversely affect any right of repayment at the holder's option;

change the place (except as otherwise described in this prospectus supplement) or currency of payment on the notes;

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modify the notes to subordinate the notes to other indebtedness;

reduce the percentage of holders of notes whose consent is needed to modify or amend the indenture;

reduce the percentage of holders of notes whose consent is needed to waive compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or to waive certain defaults; or

modify any other aspect of the provisions of the indenture dealing with modification and waiver except to increase the voting requirements.

Except for certain specified provisions, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of the affected series may, on behalf of the holders of all the notes of that series, waive our compliance with certain provisions of the indenture. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of the affected series may, on behalf of the holders of all the notes of such series, waive any past default under the indenture with respect to that series and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of or premium or interest on any notes of that series or in respect of a covenant or provision which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding note of that series; provided however that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of the affected series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any payment default that resulted from such acceleration.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, without the consent of any holder of notes of a series, we may amend or supplement the indenture or the notes for among other reasons:

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency provided such amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights of any holder of notes of that series;

to comply with the covenant described under the heading Covenants Consolidation, Merger or Conveyance ;

to appoint a successor trustee with respect to the notes and to add to or change any of the provisions of the indenture necessary to provide for the administration of the trusts in the indenture by more than one trustee;

to comply with the requirements of the SEC in order to maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939;

to make any change that would not adversely affect the rights of any holder of notes of that series;

to provide for the issuance of any additional notes as permitted by the indenture; or

to conform the indenture or the notes to the description thereof set forth in this prospectus supplement.

Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

We may elect with respect to each series of notes either:

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defeasance, whereby we are discharged from any and all obligations with respect to that series of notes, except as may be otherwise provided in the indenture; or

covenant defeasance, whereby we are released from our obligations with respect to certain covenants with respect to that series of notes.

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We may do so when the following conditions have been satisfied:

we deposit with the trustee, in trust, funds, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm or accounting firm, sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on the notes that had not been previously delivered for cancellation, for the principal and interest to the date of the deposit (for notes that have become due and payable) or to the stated maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be (for notes that have not become due and payable);

we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable under the indenture;

we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel stating that the holders of the notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance had not occurred; and

we have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and opinion of counsel, each stating that all these conditions have been complied with.

Governing Law

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

Information Concerning the Trustee

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. is the trustee under the indenture and will also be the initial paying agent and registrar for the notes. We may, from time to time, borrow from or maintain deposit accounts and conduct other banking transactions with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. or its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

The indenture provides that, except during the continuance of an event of default under the indenture, the trustee under the indenture will perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the indenture. Under the indenture, the holders of a majority in outstanding principal amount of the notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding or exercising any remedy available to the trustee under the indenture, subject to certain exceptions. If an event of default has occurred and is continuing, the trustee under the indenture will exercise such rights and powers vested in it under the indenture and is obligated to use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

The indenture and provisions of the Trust Indenture Act incorporated by reference in the indenture contain limitations on the rights of the trustee under such indenture, should it become a creditor of our company, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases or to realize on certain property received by it in respect of any such claims, as security or otherwise. The trustee under the indenture is permitted to engage in other transactions. However, if the trustee under the indenture acquires any prohibited conflicting interest, it must eliminate the conflict or resign.

The trustee may resign or be removed and a successor trustee may be appointed.

Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this section:

Attributable Debt means, with respect to a Sale and Leaseback Transaction, an amount equal to the lesser of: (1) the fair market value of the Property (as determined in good faith by our board of directors); and (2) the present value of the total net amount of rent payments to be made under the lease during its remaining term, discounted at the rate of interest set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease, compounded semi-annually.

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Capitalized Lease means any obligation of a Person to pay rent or other amounts incurred with respect to real property or equipment acquired or leased by such Person and used in its business that is required to be recorded as a capital lease in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Consolidated Total Assets means, with respect to any Person as of any date, the amount of total assets as shown on the consolidated balance sheet of such Person for the most recent fiscal quarter for which financial statements have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Hedging Obligations means, with respect to any specified Person, the obligations of such Person under:

- (1) interest rate swap agreements (whether from fixed to floating or from floating to fixed), interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements;
- (2) other agreements or arrangements designed to manage interest rates or interest rate risk; and
- (3) other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in currency exchange rates or commodity prices.

Indebtedness of any Person means, without duplication (1) any obligation of such Person for money borrowed, (2) any obligation of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (3) any reimbursement obligation of such Person in respect of letters of credit or other similar instruments which support financial obligations which would otherwise become Indebtedness, and (4) any obligation of such Person under Capitalized Leases; provided, however, that **Indebtedness** of such Person shall not include any obligation of such Person to any Subsidiary of such Person or to any Person with respect to which such Person is a Subsidiary.

Lien means any pledge, mortgage, lien, encumbrance or other security interest.

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

Property means any property or asset, whether real, personal or mixed, or tangible or intangible.

Sale and Leaseback Transaction means any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by us or any Subsidiary of ours of any Property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by us or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, to such Person.

Subsidiary of any Person means (1) a corporation, a majority of the outstanding Voting Stock of which is, at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or by such Person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof or (2) any other Person (other than a corporation), including, without limitation, a partnership or joint venture, in which such Person, one or more Subsidiaries thereof or such Person and one or more Subsidiaries thereof, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination thereof, has at least majority ownership interest entitled to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof (or other Person performing similar functions).

Book-Entry System

DTC, which we refer to along with its successors in this capacity as the depositary, will act as securities depositary for the notes. The notes will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., the depositary's nominee. One or more fully registered global security certificates, representing the total

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aggregate principal amount of the notes, will be issued and will be deposited with the depository or its custodian and will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer referred to below.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes so long as the notes are represented by global security certificates.

Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through either DTC in the U.S. or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (Clearstream) or Euroclear Bank S. A./N. V., as operator of the Euroclear System (Euroclear), in Europe if they are participants of such systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositories' names on the books of DTC.

DTC advises that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with it and facilitates the settlement among participants of securities transactions, including transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. The depository is owned by a number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. Access to DTC's system is also available to others, including securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear transactions through or maintain custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

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

Distributions with respect to interests in the notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures.

Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear (Euroclear Participants) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the Euroclear Operator). All operations are conducted by the

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Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly.

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

Distributions with respect to the notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

We have provided the descriptions of the operations and procedures of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear in this prospectus supplement solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of those organizations and are subject to change by them from time to time. None of us, the underwriters nor the trustee takes any responsibility for these operations or procedures, and you are urged to contact DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

We will issue the notes in definitive certificated form if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or the depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and a successor depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days. In addition, beneficial interests in a global security certificate may be exchanged for definitive certificated notes upon request by or on behalf of the depositary in accordance with customary procedures following the request of a beneficial owner seeking to exercise or enforce its rights under such notes. If we determine at any time that the notes shall no longer be represented by global security certificates, we will inform the depositary of such determination who will, in turn, notify participants of their right to withdraw their beneficial interest from the global security certificates, and if such participants elect to withdraw their beneficial interests, we will issue certificates in definitive form in exchange for such beneficial interests in the global security certificates. Any global note, or portion thereof, that is exchangeable pursuant to this paragraph will be exchangeable for security certificates, as the case may be, registered in the names directed by the depositary. We expect that these instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates.

As long as the depositary or its nominee is the registered owner of the global security certificates, the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and holder of the global security certificates and all notes represented by these certificates for all purposes under the indenture. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in global security certificates:

will not be entitled to have the notes represented by these global security certificates registered in their names, and

will not be considered to be owners or holders of the global security certificates or any notes represented by these certificates for any purpose under the notes or the indenture.

All payments on the notes represented by global security certificates and all transfers and deliveries of related notes will be made to the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the holder of such securities.

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Ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates will be limited to participants or persons that may hold beneficial interests through institutions that have accounts with the depositary or its nominee. Ownership of beneficial interests in global security certificates will be shown only on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary or its nominee, with respect to participants' interests, or any participant, with respect to interests of persons held by the participant on their behalf. Payments, transfers, deliveries, exchanges and other matters relating to beneficial interests in global security certificates may be subject to various policies and procedures adopted by the depositary from time to time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the depositary's or any participant's records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in global security certificates, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the depositary's records or any participant's records relating to these beneficial ownership interests.

Although the depositary has agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the global security certificates among participants, the depositary is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform these procedures, and these procedures may be discontinued at any time. We will not have any responsibility for the performance by the depositary or its direct participants or indirect participants under the rules and procedures governing the depositary.

The information in this section concerning the depositary, its book-entry system, Clearstream and Euroclear has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we have not attempted to verify the accuracy of this information.

Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures

Initial settlement for the notes will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream Participants and/or Euroclear Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear, as applicable.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream Participants or Euroclear Participants, on the other, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC rules; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time).

Because of time-zone differences, credits of the notes received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC Participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions in such notes settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Euroclear Participant or Clearstream Participant on such business day. Cash received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of the notes by or through a Clearstream Participant or a Euroclear Participant to a DTC Participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of notes among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time.

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MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to the holders' purchase, ownership and disposition of the notes, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all the potential tax consequences relating thereto. This summary assumes that the notes are held as capital assets (generally, property held for investment) and only addresses initial purchasers of the notes who purchased the notes in this offering at the issue price, which will equal the first price to the public (not including bond houses, brokers or similar persons acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers) at which a substantial amount of the notes is sold for money.

This summary does not address the tax consequences arising under the laws of any foreign, state or local jurisdiction or any U.S. estate or gift tax consequences. In addition, this discussion does not address tax consequences applicable to a holder's particular circumstances, including, without limitation, alternative minimum tax consequences and tax consequences applicable to holders that may be subject to special tax rules, such as:

banks, insurance companies and other financial institutions;

tax-exempt organizations;

regulated investment companies;

real estate investment trusts;

brokers or dealers in securities or currencies;

traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities holdings;

U.S. holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;