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Subject to Completion Preliminary Prospectus Supplement dated December 4, 2017 PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (To prospectus dated February 10, 2017)

€ Celanese US Holdings LLC % Senior Notes due

Celanese US Holdings LLC (the "Issuer") is offering € aggregate principal amount of its % Senior Notes due (the "notes"). The notes will bear interest at a rate of % per annum. Interest on the notes will be payable annually, in cash in arrears, on of each year, commencing , 2018. The notes will mature on . The notes will be guaranteed on a senior basis by Celanese Corporation, the Issuer's parent company (the "Parent Guarantor"), and, initially, by each of the Issuer's current and future domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the Issuer's obligations under its senior credit facilities (the "Subsidiary Guarantors" and, collectively with the Parent Guarantor, the "Guarantors"). Each Subsidiary Guarantor's obligation to guarantee the notes will be released at such time as such subsidiary ceases to, or substantially contemporaneously with the release of such subsidiary's obligation under its guarantee of the notes will cease to, or at such time does not, guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the Issuer's senior credit facilities.

The notes will be issued in minimum denominations of  $\notin 100,000$  and integral multiples of  $\notin 1,000$  in excess thereof. The notes and the guarantees will be the Issuer's and the Guarantors' general unsecured senior obligations for so long as each such Guarantor remains a Guarantor. The notes and the guarantees will be effectively subordinated to the Issuer's and the Guarantors' secured debt, if any, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt. The notes and the guarantees will rank equally in right of payment with all of the Issuer's future debt that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to any of the Issuer's future debt that is expressly subordinated to all of the existing and future liabilities, including trade payables, and preferred stock of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes. See "Description of the Notes—Ranking."

We may redeem some or all of the notes at the applicable redemption price described in this prospectus supplement. In addition, commencing, (months prior to the maturity of the notes (the "Par Call Date")), we may redeem some or all of the notes at any time and from time to time at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The notes may also be redeemed in whole, but not in part, at any time at our option, in the event of certain developments affecting United States taxation as described under the heading "Description of the Notes—Redemption for Tax Reasons."

Currently, there is no existing public market for the notes. We intend to apply to list the notes on the New York Stock Exchange. The listing application will be subject to approval by the New York Stock Exchange. If such a listing is obtained, we have no obligation to maintain such listing and we may delist the notes at any time.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page <u>S</u>-8 and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price <sup>(1)</sup>	%	€
Underwriting discount	%	€
Proceeds, before expenses, to Issuer <sup>(1)</sup>	%	€

<sup>(1)</sup> Plus accrued interest from , 2017, 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 passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The notes are expected to be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through the facilities of Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream"), and Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System ("Euroclear"), on or about , 2017.

Book-Running Manager

> J.P. Morgan

The date of this prospectus supplement is , 2017.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document has two parts. The first part consists of this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering and the notes offered. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, provides more general information about securities that we may offer, some of which does not apply to this offering. If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Before purchasing any notes, you should carefully read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the additional information described under the heading "Incorporation by Reference" herein. No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. Neither the delivery of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus supplement, or that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of such information.

The notes are being offered for sale only in jurisdictions where it is lawful to make such offers. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who receive this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in this prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy (i) by any person in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not authorized or qualified to make such offer or solicitation. See "Underwriting" in this prospectus supplement.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute an offer, or an invitation on our behalf or the underwriters or any one of them, to subscribe to or purchase any of the notes, and may not be used for, or in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone, in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. See "Underwriting." As used throughout this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires or indicates:

"Celanese" means Celanese Corporation, and not its subsidiaries;

"Celanese US" and "Issuer" mean Celanese US Holdings LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Celanese, and not its subsidiaries; and

"Company" "we," "our," and "us" refer to Celanese and its subsidiaries, including Celanese US, on a consolidated basis. Terms capitalized but not defined in this prospectus supplement shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the accompanying prospectus. References in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to "\$" and "dollars" are to the currency of the United States. References to "€" and "euro" in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are to the currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted or that adopt the single currency in accordance with the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union. No representation is made that any euro amounts converted into dollars as presented in this prospectus supplement could have been or could be converted into dollars at any such exchange rate or at all. The financial information presented in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus has been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States. Notice to Prospective Investors in the EEA

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

(a)to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

(b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representative of the underwriters for any such offer; or

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(c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of notes shall result in a requirement for the Issuer or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

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

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are "qualified investors" (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (a) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Order") and/or (b) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES PLC (OR ITS RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES), AS STABILIZING MANAGER, MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE NOTES AT LEVELS WHICH MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE PREVAIL. THIS STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND RULES. ANY STABILIZATION ACTION MAY BEGIN ON OR AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH ADEQUATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE TERMS OF THE OFFER OF THE NOTES IS MADE AND, IF BEGUN, MAY BE ENDED AT ANY TIME, BUT IT MUST END NO LATER THAN THE EARLIER OF 30 DAYS AFTER THE ISSUE DATE OF THE NOTES AND 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE ALLOTMENT OF THE NOTES.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain parts of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated by reference contain certain forward-looking statements, as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and information relating to us that are based on the beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, us. Generally, words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "project," "may," "can," "could," "might," "will" and similar ever relate to us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

These statements reflect our current views and beliefs with respect to future events at the time that the statements are made, are not historical facts or guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate. All forward-looking statements made in this this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are made as of the date hereof, and the risk that actual results will differ materially from expectations expressed in this prospectus supplement will increase with the passage of time. We undertake no obligation, and disclaim any duty, to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in our expectations or otherwise. The following factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

changes in general economic, business, political and regulatory conditions in the countries or regions in which we operate;

the length and depth of product and industry business cycles, particularly in the automotive, electrical, textiles, electronics and construction industries;

changes in the price and availability of raw materials, particularly changes in the demand for, supply of, and market prices of ethylene, methanol, natural gas, wood pulp and fuel oil and the prices for electricity and other energy sources;

the ability to pass increases in raw material prices on to customers or otherwise improve margins through price increases;

the ability to maintain plant utilization rates and to implement planned capacity additions and expansions and maintenance;

the ability to reduce or maintain current levels of production costs and to improve productivity by implementing technological improvements to existing plants;

increased price competition and the introduction of competing products by other companies;

the ability to identify desirable potential acquisition targets and to consummate acquisition or investment transactions, including obtaining regulatory approvals, consistent with our strategy;

market acceptance of our technology;

the ability to obtain governmental approvals and to construct facilities on terms and schedules acceptable to the Company;

changes in the degree of intellectual property and other legal protection afforded to our products or technologies or the theft of such intellectual property;

compliance and other costs and potential disruption or interruption of production or operations due to accidents, interruptions in sources of raw materials, cyber security incidents, terrorism or political unrest, or other unforeseen events or delays in construction or operation of facilities, including as a result of geopolitical conditions, the occurrence of acts of war or terrorist incidents or as a result of weather or natural disasters;

potential liability for remedial actions and increased costs under existing or future environmental regulations, including those relating to climate change;

potential liability resulting from pending or future claims or litigation, including investigations or enforcement actions, or from changes in the laws, regulations or policies of governments or other governmental activities in the countries in which we operate;

changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates;

our level of indebtedness, which could diminish our ability to raise additional capital to fund operations or limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or the chemicals industry; and

various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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Additional information regarding these and other factors may be contained in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, especially on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. See "Incorporation by Reference" herein. Many of these factors are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond our control. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from those described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, planned or projected. We neither intend nor assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

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#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our filings with the SEC are available at the SEC's EDGAR website at www.sec.gov. You may read and copy any document that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at the following address:

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the Public Reference Room. We also make available free of charge on or through our website, www.celanese.com, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Information contained on our website is not part of this prospectus supplement.

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#### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information that we file with it. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to information and documents that we have filed with the SEC. Any information that we refer to in this manner is considered part of this prospectus supplement. Information that we later provide to the SEC, and which is deemed "filed" with the SEC, will automatically update information previously filed with the SEC. We specifically are incorporating by reference the following documents (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on February 10, 2017, including portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 10, 2017, to the extent specifically incorporated by reference into such Annual Report on Form 10–K;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on April 18, 2017, and for the quarter ended June 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on July 25, 2017, and for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on October 17, 2017; and

our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 16, 2017, February 21, 2017, March 21, 2017, April 17, 2017, April 21, 2017, June 19, 2017, July 18, 2017, August 22, 2017, September 14, 2017, October 23, 2017 and October 25, 2017 (excluding, in each case, any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, 7.01 or 9.01 on such current report on Form 8-K).

We also incorporate by reference any future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until we sell all of the notes in this offering, with the exception of any information furnished to, and not deemed filed with, the SEC.

You may request a free copy of any documents referred to above, including exhibits specifically incorporated by reference in those documents, by contacting us at the following address and telephone number:

Celanese Corporation Attention: Investor Relations 222 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Suite 900N Irving, Texas 75039 Telephone: (972) 443-4000

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#### SUMMARY

This summary highlights information more fully described elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Because it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in the notes. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully, including the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page <u>S</u>-8, the "Risk Factors" section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto incorporated by reference herein before making an investment decision. Our Company

We are a global technology and specialty materials company. We are one of the world's largest producers of acetyl products, which are intermediate chemicals, for nearly all major industries, as well as a leading global producer of high performance engineered polymers that are used in a variety of high-value applications. As a recognized innovator in the chemicals industry, we engineer and manufacture a wide variety of products essential to everyday living. Our broad product portfolio serves a diverse set of end-use applications, including paints and coatings, textiles, automotive applications, consumer and medical applications, performance industrial applications, filtration applications, paper and packaging, chemical additives, construction, consumer and industrial adhesives, and food and beverage applications. Our products enjoy leading global positions due to our differentiated business models, large global production capacity, operating efficiencies, proprietary technology and competitive cost structures. Our large and diverse global customer base primarily consists of major companies in a broad array of industries. We hold geographically balanced global positions and participate in diversified end-use applications. We combine a

demonstrated track record of execution, strong performance built on shared principles and objectives, and a clear focus on growth and value creation. Known for operational excellence and execution of our business strategies, we deliver value to customers around the globe with best-in-class technologies and solutions.

Celanese's history began in 1918, the year that its predecessor company, The American Cellulose & Chemical Manufacturing Company, was incorporated. The company, which manufactured cellulose acetate, was founded by Swiss brothers Drs. Camille and Henri Dreyfus. Since that time, the Company has transformed into a leading global technology and specialty materials company. The current Celanese was incorporated in 2004 under the laws of the State of Delaware and is a US-based public company traded on the NYSE under the ticker symbol CE. Headquartered in Irving, Texas, our operations are primarily located in North America, Europe and Asia and, as of December 31, 2016, consisted of 30 global production facilities, and an additional 8 strategic affiliate production facilities. As of December 31, 2016, we employed 7,293 people worldwide.

Our executive offices are located at 222 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Suite 900N, Irving, Texas 75039. Our telephone number is (972) 443-4000 and our website is www.celanese.com. Except for the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as described under the "Incorporation by Reference" heading in both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the information and other content contained on our website are not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider them to be a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Summary Corporate and Financing Structure<sup>(a)</sup>

- <sup>(b)</sup> Obligor under a loan with respect to pollution control and industrial revenue bonds.
- <sup>(c)</sup> Borrower under Receivables Securitization Facility.

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<sup>(</sup>a) This corporate and financing structure chart is a summary only and does not reflect every entity in the Parent Guarantor's group or each subsidiary of the Parent Guarantor.

#### Acetate Tow Joint Venture

On June 18, 2017, Celanese, through various subsidiaries, entered into an agreement with affiliates of The Blackstone Group L.P. (the "Blackstone Entities") to form a joint venture to combine substantially all of the operations of the Company's cellulose derivatives business and the operations of the Rhodia Acetow cellulose acetate business formerly operated by Solvay S.A. and acquired by the Blackstone Entities on June 1, 2017. The combined business will operate under a common governance structure through two separate joint ventures, each of which will be owned ultimately 70% and 30% by Celanese and the Blackstone Entities, respectively. One joint venture will primarily be comprised of the US operations being contributed and the other will be comprised of the international operations being contributed. Closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including: (i) waiting periods, clearances and/or approvals of the European Union and other jurisdictions requiring antitrust or similar approvals, and (ii) completion of the internal reorganization of the Company's cellulose derivatives business to facilitate the closing and operation of the joint ventures post-closing. The agreement may be terminated by Celanese and/or the Blackstone Entities under certain limited circumstances, including if the closing is not consummated within one year of signing, which date may be extended by an additional 90 days, under certain circumstances. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, once approved and upon closing, the Company is expecting to consolidate the joint ventures' results, subject to the Blackstone Entities' noncontrolling interest.

In connection with the agreement, the joint ventures obtained commitments for credit facilities aggregating \$2.4 billion to be entered into by the joint venture entities at the closing. The credit facilities will be guaranteed by certain of the subsidiaries of the respective borrowers; however, only the \$65 million senior unsecured revolving credit facility and the \$400 million senior unsecured term loan credit facility will be guaranteed by Celanese. Approximately \$2.2 billion of the proceeds of the debt financing are expected to be used, in part, to repay certain of the parties' existing indebtedness and to pay a \$1.6 billion dividend to the Company.

Upon closing of the joint ventures, Celanese Acetate LLC will cease to be a guarantor under the Company's debt obligations, including the notes being offered hereby.

There can be no assurance that the foregoing transactions will be consummated on the terms described above or at all.

#### Summary Financial Data

The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, all of which are set forth below, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein and should be read in conjunction with those financial statements and the notes thereto. The balance sheet data as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, all of which are set forth below, are derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein and should be read in conjunction with those financial statements and the notes thereto. The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 and the statements of operations data for the years ended by reference herein and should be read in conjunction with those financial statements and the notes thereto. The balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 and the statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 set forth below were derived from previously issued financial statements, adjusted for applicable discontinued operations, a change in accounting policy for defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans and a change in accounting policy for debt issuance costs.

	Nine N	<b>I</b> onths					
	Ended		Year E	Inded D	ecembe	r 31,	
	Septen	nber 30,					
	2017	2016	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	(In \$ millions, except per share data)						
Statement of Operations Data							
Net sales	4,547	4,078	5,389	5,674	6,802	6,510	6,418
Other (charges) gains, net	(58)	(12)	(11)	(351)	15	(158)	(14)
Operating profit	684	776	893	326	758	1,508	175
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	810	874	1,030	488	941	1,609	321
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	657	747	908	287	627	1,101	376
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	(12)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(7)		(4)
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Celanese Corporation	640	740	900	304	624	1,101	372
Earnings (loss) per common share							
Continuing operations — basic	4.71	5.08	6.22	2.03	4.07	6.93	2.37
Continuing operations — diluted	4.69	5.06	6.19	2.01	4.04	6.91	2.35
Balance Sheet Data (as of the end of period)							
Total assets	9,062	8,757	8,357	8,586	8,796	8,994	8,973
Total debt	3,389	3,015	3,008	2,981	2,723	3,040	3,071
Total Celanese Corporation stockholders' equity	2,715	2,710	2,588	2,378	2,818	2,699	1,730
Other Financial Data							
Depreciation and amortization	226	218	290	357	292	305	308
Capital expenditures <sup>(1)</sup>	173	174	247	483	681	408	339
Dividends paid per common share <sup>(2)</sup>	1.28	1.02	1.38	1.15	0.93	0.53	0.27

(1) Amounts include accrued capital expenditures. Amounts do not include capital expenditures related to capital lease obligations.

Dividends for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 consist of one quarterly dividend payment of \$0.36 per share and two quarterly dividend payments of \$0.46 per share. Dividends for the nine months ended September 30,

(2) 2016 consist of one quarterly dividend payment of \$0.30 per share and two quarterly dividend payments of \$0.36 per share. See Note 13 – Stockholders' Equity in the consolidated financial statements included in our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein.

Annual dividends for the year ended December 31, 2016 consist of one quarterly dividend payment of \$0.30 per share and three quarterly dividend payments of \$0.36 per share. Annual dividends for the year ended December 31, 2015 consist of one quarterly dividend payment of \$0.25 per share and three quarterly dividend payments of \$0.30 per share. See Note 17 – Stockholders' Equity in the consolidated financial statements included in our most recent Annual

Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein.

#### The Offering

The following summary contains basic information about the notes and is not intended to be complete. It does not contain all the information that is important to you. For a more complete understanding of the notes, please refer to the section entitled "Description of the Notes" in this prospectus supplement. Issuer Celanese US Holdings LLC.

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Notes Offered	€ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due .
Maturity	The notes will mature on , .
Form and Denomination	The Issuer will issue the notes in denominations of $\notin 100,000$ and integral multiples of $\notin 1,000$ in excess thereof, maintained in book-entry form. Notes in denominations of less than $\notin 100,000$ will not be available.
Interest Rate	Interest on the notes will accrue at a rate of payable annually in cash in arrears on% per annum. Interest on the notes will be of each year, commencing, 2018.
Guarantees	The notes will be guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior basis by the Parent Guarantor, and, initially, by the Subsidiary Guarantors. Each Subsidiary Guarantor's obligation to guarantee the notes will be released at such time as such subsidiary ceases to, or substantially contemporaneously with the release of such subsidiary's obligation under its guarantee of the notes will cease to, or at such time does not, guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the senior credit facilities.
	As of September 30, 2017, the Issuer's non-guarantor subsidiaries collectively held \$7.2 billion in assets.
Currency of Payments	All payments of interest and principal, including payments made upon any redemption of the notes, will be made in euros. If the euro is unavailable to us due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control or if the euro is no longer being used by the then member states of the European Union that have adopted the euro as their currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, then all payments in respect of the notes will be made in dollars until the euro is again available to us or so used.
Ranking	The notes will be general senior unsecured obligations of the Issuer and each Guarantor (for so long as each such Guarantor remains a Guarantor) and will:
	rank equally in right of payment to all of the Issuer's and each Guarantor's existing and future senior unsecured debt;
	rank senior in right of payment to the Issuer's and each Guarantor's future debt that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes and the guarantees;
	be effectively subordinated to the Issuer's and each Guarantor's secured indebtedness, if any, to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness; and
	be structurally subordinated to all of the existing and future liabilities, including trade payables, and preferred stock of the Issuer's subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes.

The indenture does not restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to incur unsecured indebtedness.

As of September 30, 2017, the Issuer's non-guarantor subsidiaries collectively had \$2.1 billion of liabilities, including trade payables.

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Optional Redemption	We may redeem some or all of the notes at the applicable redemption price described under the heading "Description of the Notes—Optional Redemption" in this prospectus supplement. In addition, commencing on the Par Call Date, we may redeem some or all of the notes at any time and from time to time at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).
Redemption for Tax Reasons	The Issuer may redeem all but not part of the notes if, as a result of certain tax law changes, the Issuer would be required to pay Additional Amounts on the notes as described under "Description of the Notes - Payments of Additional Amounts." This redemption would be at 100% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest on the notes to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption, and all Additional Amounts owed with respect thereto, if any. See "Description of the Notes - Redemption for Tax Reasons."
Additional Amounts	If any taxes imposed by the United States are required to be withheld or deducted in respect of any payment made under or with respect to the notes or any Guarantee, we (or such Guarantor, if applicable) will, subject to certain exceptions and limitations set forth herein, pay Additional Amounts as is necessary in order that the net amounts received in respect of such payments by each beneficial owner who is not a United States person after such withholding or deduction (including any withholding or deduction in respect of such Additional Amounts) will equal the amounts which would have been received in respect of such payments on any note or Guarantee in the absence of such withholding or deduction. See "Description of the Notes - Payment of Additional Amounts."
Change of Control Offer	If we experience a change of control event, we must offer to purchase the notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. See "Description of the Notes—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Change of Control Offer."
Certain Covenants	The indenture governing the notes will contain, covenants that limit, among other things, the Issuer's ability and the ability of its subsidiaries to:
	•incur liens securing debt;
	•enter into sale-leaseback transactions;
	•merge or consolidate with any other person; and
	sell, assign, transfer, lease convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Issuer's assets or the assets of its subsidiaries.
	These covenants are subject to important exceptions, limitations and qualifications as described in "Description of the Notes—Certain Covenants."
Use of Proceeds	The proceeds of the offering of the notes will be $\in$ million (approximately \$ million, based on a $\notin$ \$ exchange rate of $\notin$ 1.00/\$ as of , 2017) before deducting the underwriting discount and other estimated fees and expenses of this offering. We intend to use the majority of the net proceeds from the offering to make a discretionary contribution into our U.S. pension plan and, to the extent any proceeds are not so used, for

	general corporate purposes. We may temporarily invest funds that are not immediately needed for these purposes in short-term investments, including marketable securities. See "Use of Proceeds."
Listing	We intend to apply to list the notes on the NYSE. The listing application will be subject to approval by the NYSE. If such a listing is obtained, we have no obligation to maintain such listing, and we may delist the notes at any time.
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Trustee	Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
Registrar	Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas
Transfer Agent	Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas
Paying Agent	Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas
Governing Law	State of New York.
Risk Factors	See "Risk Factors" and other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before investing in the notes.

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#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in the notes involves various risks, including the risks described below as well as those discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. You should carefully consider these risks and the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before investing in the notes. These risks are not the only ones we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations, financial condition and results of operations. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of the notes could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

Risks Relating to the Notes and the Guarantees

Our level of indebtedness could diminish our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or the chemicals industry and prevent us from meeting obligations under our indebtedness.

As of September 30, 2017, our total indebtedness was \$3.4 billion. In addition, as of September 30, 2017, we had \$780 million available for borrowing under our Revolving Facility and \$7 million available under our accounts receivable securitization facility.

Our level of indebtedness could have important consequences, including:

increasing our vulnerability to general economic and industry conditions including exacerbating the impact of any adverse business effects that are determined to be material adverse events under our senior credit facilities; requiring a substantial portion of cash flow from operations to be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness and amounts payable in connection with the satisfaction of our other liabilities, therefore reducing our ability to use our cash flow to fund operations, capital expenditures and future business opportunities or pay dividends on our common stock;

exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates as certain of our borrowings are at variable rates of interest; limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, product development, debt

service requirements, acquisitions and general corporate or other purposes; and

limiting our ability to adjust to changing market conditions and placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors who have less debt.

We may incur additional indebtedness in the future, and the limited covenants in the indenture for the notes and the terms of the notes do not provide protection against some types of important corporate events.

The indentures governing our outstanding 3.250% Senior Notes due 2019, 5.875% Senior Notes due 2021, 4.625% Senior Notes due 2022 and 1.125% Senior Notes due 2023 (collectively, the "Outstanding Notes") do not, and the indenture governing the notes will not, prohibit us from incurring additional unsecured indebtedness in the future. We are also permitted to incur secured indebtedness that would be effectively senior to the notes subject to the limitations described in the section herein entitled "Description of the Notes-Certain Covenants-Liens". The indentures for the Outstanding Notes do not, and the indenture governing the notes will not:

limit our ability to incur indebtedness that is equal in right of payment to the notes or the Outstanding 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 would be structurally senior to the notes or the Outstanding Notes; restrict our ability to repurchase or prepay our securities; 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 or the Outstanding Notes.

In addition, the indenture governing the notes will not require us to maintain any financial ratios or specific levels of net worth, revenues, income, cash flow or liquidity and, accordingly, will not protect holders of the notes in the event that we experience significant adverse changes in our financial condition or results of operations.

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, such as certain acquisitions, refinancings or recapitalizations that could substantially and adversely affect our capital structure and the value of the notes. For these reasons, you should not

consider the covenants in the indenture as a significant factor in evaluating whether to invest in the notes.

Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly and affect our operating results.

Certain of our borrowings are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates were to increase, our debt service obligations on our variable rate indebtedness would increase. As of September 30, 2017, we had \$801 million and CNY350 million of variable rate debt subject to interest rate exposure. Accordingly, a 1% increase in interest rates would increase annual interest expense by \$9 million.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service our indebtedness and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our debt obligations depends on the financial condition and operating performance of our subsidiaries, which are subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, including the notes.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. Certain covenants in the credit agreement governing our senior credit facilities (the "Credit Agreement") restrict our ability to dispose of assets and to use the proceeds from the disposition of assets. We may not be able to consummate dispositions or to obtain the proceeds that we could realize from dispositions and these proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due.

Restrictive covenants in our Credit Agreement may limit our ability to engage in certain transactions and may diminish our ability to make payments on our indebtedness or pay dividends.

The Credit Agreement and the Receivables Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") governing our accounts receivables securitization facility contain various covenants that limit our ability to engage in specified types of transactions. The Credit Agreement requires us to maintain a maximum consolidated leverage ratio. Our ability to meet this financial ratio can be affected by events beyond our control, and we may not be able to meet this test at all. The Credit Agreement also contains certain covenants, which, among other things, restrict certain merger transactions or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or a significant subsidiary of the Company and limit the amount of liens and subsidiary indebtedness.

The Purchase Agreement also contains covenants including, but not limited to, restrictions on CE Receivables LLC, a wholly-owned, "bankruptcy remote" special purpose subsidiary of the Company, and certain other Company subsidiaries' ability to incur indebtedness; grant liens on assets; merge, consolidate, or sell assets; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; make investments; prepay or modify certain indebtedness; or engage in other businesses.

Such restrictions in the instruments governing our debt obligations could result in us having to obtain the consent of our lenders and holders of our Outstanding Notes and the notes in order to take certain actions. Disruptions in credit markets may prevent us from obtaining or make it more difficult or more costly for us to obtain such consents. Our ability to expand our business or to address declines in our business may be limited if we are unable to obtain such consents.

A breach of any of these covenants could result in a default, which, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, a default under the Credit Agreement could permit lenders to accelerate the maturity of our indebtedness under the Credit Agreement and to terminate any commitments to lend. If the lenders under the Credit Agreement accelerate the repayment of such indebtedness, we may not have sufficient assets to repay such amounts or our other indebtedness, including the notes. In such event, we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation and, as a result, you could lose your investment in the notes.

The Issuer and Celanese are holding companies and depend on subsidiaries to satisfy their obligations under the notes and the guarantee of the Issuer's obligations under the notes by Celanese.

As holding companies, the Issuer and Celanese, which we refer to as the Parent Guarantor, conduct substantially all of their operations through our subsidiaries, which own substantially all of our consolidated assets. Consequently, the principal source of cash to pay the Issuer's and Parent Guarantor's obligations, including obligations under the notes and the guarantee of the Issuer's obligations under the notes by the Parent Guarantor, is the cash that our subsidiaries generate from their operations. We cannot assure you that our subsidiaries will be able to, or be permitted to, make distributions to enable the Issuer or the Parent Guarantor to make payments in respect of their obligations. Each of our subsidiaries is a distinct legal entity and, under certain circumstances, applicable country or state laws, regulatory limitations and terms of our debt instruments may limit the Issuer's and the Parent Guarantor's ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries. In the event the Issuer and the Parent Guarantor do not receive distributions from our subsidiaries, the Issuer and the Parent Guarantor may be unable to make required payments on the notes, the guarantee of the Issuer's obligations under the notes by the Parent Guarantor, or our other indebtedness.

Federal and state statutes could allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void or subordinate the notes or any of the subsidiary guarantees and require note holders to return payments received from the Issuer or the Subsidiary Guarantors.

Under federal bankruptcy law and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer laws, the notes or any of the guarantees thereof by the subsidiaries of the Issuer, which we refer to as the Subsidiary Guarantors, could be voided, or claims in respect of the notes or any of the guarantees thereof by the Subsidiary Guarantors could be subordinated to all of the Issuer's indebtedness or that of the Subsidiary Guarantors if, among other things, the Issuer or a Subsidiary Guarantor, at the time the Issuer or such Subsidiary Guarantor incurred the indebtedness evidenced by the notes or such guarantee:

received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for the issuance of the notes or for the incurrence of such guarantee; and

were insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of such incurrence; or

were engaged in a business or transaction for which the Issuer's or the Subsidiary Guarantor's remaining assets constituted unreasonably small capital; or

intended to incur, or believed that the Issuer or the Subsidiary Guarantor would incur, debts beyond the Issuer's or the Subsidiary Guarantor's ability to pay such debts as they mature; or

was a defendant in an action for money damages docketed against the Issuer or such Subsidiary Guarantor if, in either case, after final judgment, the judgment was unsatisfied.

As a general matter, value is given for a transfer or an obligation if, in exchange for the transfer or obligation, property is transferred or an antecedent debt is secured or satisfied. A bankruptcy court could also void the notes or a guarantee if it found that the Issuer or the Subsidiary Guarantors issued the notes or the guarantees with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors.

We cannot be certain as to the standards a court would use to determine whether or not the Issuer or the Subsidiary Guarantors were solvent at the relevant time or, regardless of the standard that a court uses, whether the notes or the guarantees would be subordinated to the Issuer's or any of the Subsidiary Guarantors' other debt. In general, however, a court would deem an entity insolvent if:

the sum of its debts, including contingent and unliquidated liabilities, was greater than the fair saleable value of all of its assets;

the present fair saleable value of its assets was less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and mature; or it could not pay its debts as they became due.

If a court were to void the issuance of the notes or the incurrence of the guarantees as the result of a fraudulent transfer or conveyance, or hold such obligations unenforceable for any other reason, holders of the notes would cease to have a claim against the Issuer or that Subsidiary Guarantor on its guarantee. A court could also subordinate the notes or any of the guarantees to the other indebtedness of the Issuer or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor, direct holders of the notes to return any amounts paid under the notes or a guarantee to the Issuer or the applicable Subsidiary Guarantor or

to a fund for the benefit of its creditors, or take other action detrimental to the holders of the notes. Each guarantee will contain a provision intended to limit the Subsidiary Guarantor's liability to the maximum amount that it could incur without causing the incurrence of obligations under its guarantee to be a fraudulent transfer. Each Subsidiary

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Guarantor that makes a payment or distribution under a guarantee will be entitled to a contribution from each other Subsidiary Guarantor in an amount pro rata, based on the net assets of each Subsidiary Guarantor. Under recent case law, these provisions may not be effective to protect the guarantees from being voided under fraudulent transfer or conveyance law.

We cannot assure you that an active trading market for the notes will exist if you desire to sell the notes.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Although we intend to apply for listing of the notes for trading on the NYSE, no assurance can be given that the notes will become or will remain listed or that an active trading market for the notes will develop or, if developed, that it will continue. The listing application will be subject to approval by the NYSE. If such a listing is obtained, we have no obligation to maintain such listing, and we may delist the notes at any time. Although the underwriters have informed us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes after we complete the offering, they have no obligation to do so and may discontinue making a market in the notes at any time without notice. If no active trading markets develop, you may not be able to sell your notes at a particular time and the price that you receive when you sell may not be favorable.

If a trading market does develop, changes in our ratings or the financial markets could adversely affect the liquidity of any market for the notes.

The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend on a number of factors, including:

ratings on our debt securities assigned by rating agencies;

the time remaining until maturity of the notes;

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.

The condition of the financial markets and prevailing interest rates have fluctuated in the past and are likely to fluctuate in the future, which could have an adverse effect on the market prices of the notes.

Rating agencies continually review the ratings they have assigned to companies and debt securities. Negative changes in the ratings assigned to us or our debt securities could have an adverse effect on the market prices of the notes. Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of your investments in the notes.

Our credit ratings are not 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. These credit ratings may not reflect the potential impact of risks relating to 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.

We may be unable to purchase the notes upon a change of control event.

Upon a change of control event, as defined in the indentures governing the Outstanding Notes and the notes, the Issuer is required to offer to purchase all of the Outstanding Notes and the notes then outstanding for cash at 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. Similarly, under the Credit Agreement and the Purchase Agreement, a change of control (as defined therein) constitutes an event of default that permits the lenders to accelerate the maturity of the indebtedness and terminate their commitments to lend under the respective agreements. Our other indebtedness also may contain repayment requirements with respect to specific events that constitute a change of control event occurs, we may not have sufficient funds to pay the change of control purchase price with respect to the Outstanding Notes or the notes or to repay outstanding indebtedness under our senior credit facilities, our accounts receivables securitization facility or our other indebtedness, and may be required to secure new third party financing to do so. We may not be able to obtain this financing on commercially reasonable terms, or on terms acceptable to us, or at all. Our failure to repurchase the notes upon a change of control event would constitute an event of default under the indenture.

The change of control event provisions in the indenture governing the notes may not protect you in the event we consummate a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, restructuring, merger or other similar transaction, unless such transaction constitutes a change of control event under the indenture. Such a transaction may not involve a

change in voting power or

beneficial ownership or, even if it does, may not involve a change in the magnitude required under the definition of change of control in the indenture to trigger our obligation to repurchase the notes. Except as otherwise described above, the indenture does not contain provisions that permit the holders of the notes to require the Issuer to repurchase or redeem the notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction. See "Description of the Notes—Repurchase at the Option of Holders—Change of Control Offer."

Your right to receive payments on the notes will be effectively subordinated to the right of lenders who have a security interest in our assets, to the extent of the value of those assets.

Subject to the restrictions in the indentures governing the Outstanding Notes and the notes, we, including our subsidiaries, may incur significant indebtedness secured by assets. If we are declared bankrupt or insolvent, or if we default under any of our future indebtedness secured by assets, the holders of such indebtedness could declare all of the funds borrowed thereunder, together with accrued interest, immediately due and payable. If we were unable to repay such indebtedness, the holders of such indebtedness, foreclose on such assets to the exclusion of holders of the notes. In any such event, because the notes will not be secured by our assets, remaining proceeds, if any, from the sale of such assets will be available to pay obligations on the notes only after such indebtedness has been paid in full.

The notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness of our current subsidiaries that are not, and any of our future subsidiaries that do not become, guarantors of the notes.

The notes will, subject to certain exceptions, be guaranteed by each of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantees our senior credit facilities until such time as such subsidiary ceases to, or substantially contemporaneously with the release of such subsidiary's obligation under its guarantee of the notes will cease to, or at such time does not, guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the Issuer's senior credit facilities. Each of our current subsidiaries that is not, and any future subsidiary that does not become, a Subsidiary Guarantor under our senior credit facilities, and therefore under the notes, will have no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay amounts due under the notes or to make any funds available to pay those amounts, whether by dividend, distribution, loan or other payment. The notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other obligations of any non-guarantor subsidiary that is not a guarantor of the notes, all of such subsidiary's creditors (including trade creditors and preferred stockholders, if any) would be entitled to payment in full out of such subsidiary's assets before we (and therefore the holders of the notes) would be entitled to any payment. As of September 30, 2017, the Issuer's non-guarantor Subsidiaries collectively had \$2.1 billion of liabilities, including trade payables.

The lenders under the Credit Agreement have the discretion to release the Guarantors from their obligations under the Credit Agreement in a variety of circumstances and, in some cases, the Guarantors may be also be released from their guarantees of the notes and the Outstanding Notes under the indenture.

The lenders under the Credit Agreement have the discretion to release the guarantees under the Credit Agreement in a variety of circumstances. In the event of such release and the fulfillment of certain other conditions, any guarantee of the notes and the Outstanding Notes may also be released without action by, or consent of, any holder of the notes or the Outstanding Notes, or the trustee under the indenture. See "Description of the Notes-Guarantees." You will not have a claim as a creditor against any subsidiary that is no longer a Guarantor of the notes and the Outstanding Notes, and the indebtedness and other liabilities, including trade payables, whether secured or unsecured, of those subsidiaries will effectively be senior to claims of holders of the notes and the Outstanding Notes.

An investment in the notes by a holder whose home currency is not euro entails significant risks.

All payments of interest on and the principal of the notes and any redemption price for the notes will be made in euros. An investment in the notes by a holder whose home currency is not euro entails significant risks. These risks include the possibility of significant changes in rates of exchange between the holder's home currency and euro and the possibility of the imposition or subsequent modification of foreign exchange controls. These risks generally depend on factors over which we have no control, such as economic, financial and political events and the supply of and demand for the relevant currencies. In the past, rates of exchange between euro and certain currencies have been highly volatile, and each holder should be aware that volatility may occur in the future. Fluctuations in any particular exchange rate that have occurred in the past, however, are not necessarily indicative of fluctuations in the rate that

may occur during the term of the notes. Depreciation of euro against the holder's home currency would result in a decrease in the effective yield of the notes below its coupon rate and, in certain circumstances, could result in a loss to the holder. If you are a United States holder, see "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations—Consequences to United States Holders" for certain United States federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes related to the notes being denominated in euros.

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The notes permit us to make payments in dollars if we are unable to obtain euros.

If the euro is unavailable to us due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control or if the euro is no longer being used by the then member states of the European Union that have adopted the euro as their currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, then all payments in respect of the notes will be made in dollars until the euro is again available to us or so used. The amount payable on any date in euros will be converted into dollars on the basis of the then most recently available market exchange rate for euro. Any payment in respect of the notes so made in dollars will not constitute an event of default under the notes or the indenture governing the notes.

Market perceptions concerning the instability of the euro, the potential re-introduction of individual currencies within the Eurozone, or the potential dissolution of the euro entirely, could adversely affect the value of the notes. Despite the European Commission's measures to address sovereign debt issues in Europe, concerns persist regarding the debt burden of certain Eurozone countries and their ability to meet future financial obligations, the overall stability of the euro as a single currency given the diverse economic and political circumstances in individual member states. These and other concerns could lead to the re-introduction of individual currencies in one or more member states, or, in more extreme circumstances, the possible dissolution of the euro entirely. Should the euro dissolve entirely, the legal and contractual consequences for holders of euro-denominated obligations would be determined by laws in effect at such time. These potential developments, or market perceptions concerning these and related issues, could adversely affect the value of the notes.

In a lawsuit for payment on the notes, an investor may bear currency exchange risk.

The indenture is, and the notes and guarantees will be, governed by the laws of the State of New York. Under New York law, a New York state court rendering a judgment on the notes would be required to render the judgment in euros. However, the judgment would be converted into dollars at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of entry of the judgment. Consequently, in a lawsuit for payment on the notes, investors would bear currency exchange risk until a New York state court judgment is entered, which could be a significant amount of time. A federal court sitting in New York with diversity jurisdiction over a dispute arising in connection with the notes would apply New York law. In courts outside of New York, investors may not be able to obtain a judgment in a currency other than dollars. For example, a judgment for money in an action based on the notes in many other United States federal or state courts ordinarily would be enforced in the United States only in dollars. The date used to determine the rate of conversion of euro into dollars would depend upon various factors, including which court renders the judgment and when the judgment is rendered.

You must rely on the procedures and the relevant clearing systems to exercise your rights and remedies. Owners of the book-entry interests will not be considered owners or holders of notes unless and until definitive notes are issued in exchange for book-entry interests. Instead, the common depositary (or its nominee) for Clearstream and Euroclear will be the sole holder of the notes.

Payments of principal, interest and other amounts owing on or in respect of the notes in global form will be made to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, the principal paying agent, which will make payments to Clearstream and Euroclear. Thereafter, those payments will be credited to Clearstream and Euroclear participants' accounts that hold book-entry interests in the notes in global form and credited by such participants to indirect participants. After payment to the common depositary for Clearstream and Euroclear, none of the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Trustee or any paying agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments of interest, principal or other amounts to Clearstream and Euroclear, or to owners of book-entry interests. Accordingly, if you own a book-entry interest in the notes, you must rely on the procedures of Clearstream and Euroclear and, if you are not a participant in Clearstream and/or Euroclear, on the procedures of the participant through which you own your interest, to exercise any rights and obligations of a holder of the notes under the Indenture.

Unlike holders of certificated notes, owners of book-entry interests do not have the direct right to act upon our solicitations for consents or requests for waivers or other actions from holders of the notes. Instead, you will be reliant on the common depositary to act on your instructions and/or you will be permitted to act only to the extent you have received appropriate proxies to do so from Clearstream and Euroclear or, if applicable, a participant. Procedures implemented for the granting of such proxies may not be sufficient to enable you to vote on any requested actions on a

timely basis.

Similarly, upon the occurrence of an event of default under the Indenture, unless and until definitive registered notes are issued in respect of all book-entry interests, if investors own book-entry interests, they will be restricted to acting through Euroclear

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and Clearstream. The procedures to be implemented through Euroclear and Clearstream may not be adequate to ensure the timely exercise of rights under the notes. See "Book-Entry, Delivery and Form."

The notes have minimum specified denominations of €100,000.

The notes have minimum denominations of  $\pounds 100,000$  and multiples of  $\pounds 1,000$ . The notes may be traded in amounts in excess of  $\pounds 100,000$  that are not integral multiples of  $\pounds 100,000$ . In such a case, a holder of notes who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds a principal amount of less than  $\pounds 100,000$  may not receive a definitive certificate in respect of such holding (should definitive certificates be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of notes such that its holding amounts to at least  $\pounds 100,000$ .

The European Commission has proposed a financial transactions tax in certain member states of the European Union which, if adopted, could apply in certain circumstances to secondary market trades of the notes both within and outside of those participating member states.

On February 14, 2013, the European Commission (the "Commission") published a proposal (the "Commission's proposal") for a Directive for a common financial transactions tax ("FTT") in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (each, other than Estonia, a "participating Member States"). On March 16, 2016, Estonia formally withdrew from enhanced cooperation on the FTT leaving ten remaining participating Member States. The Commission's proposal has a very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in the notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The issuance and subscription of the notes should, however, be exempt.

Under the Commission's proposal, the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in the notes where at least one party is a "financial institution," and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

The Commission's proposal remains subject to negotiation between the ten remaining participating Member States and the legality of the proposal is uncertain. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate and/or certain of the participating Member States may decide to withdraw. Prospective holders of the notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

# RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth information regarding our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods shown. In calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent the sum of (i) earnings (loss) from continuing operations before taxes, (ii) income distributions from equity method investees, (iii) amortization of capitalized interest and (iv) total fixed charges, minus equity in net earnings of affiliates. Fixed charges represent the sum of (i) interest expense, (ii) capitalized interest, (iii) the estimated interest portion of rent expense, (iv) cumulative preferred stock dividends and (v) guaranteed payments to minority stockholders.

	Nine Months		
	Ended	Year Ended December 31,	
	September 30,		
	2017	2016 2015 2014 2013 2012	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	6.9x	6.7x 3.7x 4.9x 7.7x 2.4x	

## USE OF PROCEEDS

The proceeds of the offering of the notes will be  $\in$  (approximately based on a  $\notin$ /\$ exchange rate of  $\notin$ 1.00/ as of , 2017) before deducting the underwriting discount and other estimated fees and expenses of this offering. We intend to use the majority of the net proceeds from the offering to make a discretionary contribution into our U.S. pension plan and, to the extent any proceeds are not so used, for general corporate purposes. We may temporarily invest funds that are not immediately needed for these purposes in short-term investments, including marketable securities.

# CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth (i) our actual historical consolidated cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of September 30, 2017 and (ii) our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as adjusted to give effect to this offering of the notes, as described herein under "Use of Proceeds." The information in this table should be read in conjunction with the financial information incorporated by reference into the accompanying prospectus and the consolidated financial statements for Celanese and accompanying notes incorporated by reference herein.

	September 30,	
	2017	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(unaudited)	
	(in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$461	\$
Total debt:		
Revolving credit facility <sup>(a)</sup>	220	220
Accounts receivable securitization facility	81	81
Senior unsecured term loan due 2021	500	500
3.250% Senior Notes due 2019 <sup>(b)</sup>	354	354
5.875% Senior Notes due 2021	400	400
4.625% Senior Notes due 2022	500	500
1.125% Senior Notes due 2023 <sup>(c)</sup>	884	884
Senior unsecured notes offered hereby		(d)
Capital leases	212	212
Industrial revenue bonds and other debt	256	256
Subtotal	3,407	
Unamortized debt issuance costs	(18)	(18) <sup>(e)</sup>
Total debt	3,389	
Total stockholders' equity	3,135	3,135
Total capitalization	\$6,524	\$

<sup>(a)</sup> As of November 30, 2017, we had \$830 million of undrawn availability under our revolving credit facility.

(b) Represents the dollar equivalent of the outstanding amount of €300 million, using the exchange rate reported by the European Central Bank on September 29, 2017 of \$1.1806 per €1.00.

(c) Represents the dollar equivalent of the outstanding amount of €750 million, using the exchange rate reported by the European Central Bank on September 29, 2017 of \$1.1806 per €1.00.

(d) Represents the aggregate principal amount of the notes offered hereby based on a  $\ell$  exchange rate of  $\ell$  1.00/ as of , 2017.

<sup>(e)</sup> Does not reflect the unamortized debt issuance costs related to this offering.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

For purposes of this section, the term "Issuer" refers only to Celanese US Holdings LLC, and not to any of its subsidiaries. You can find the definitions of certain terms used in this description under the subheading "—Certain Definitions." Certain defined terms used in this description but not defined below under "—Certain Definitions" have the meanings assigned to them in the indenture.

The notes will be issued under a base indenture, dated as of May 6, 2011, by and among the Issuer, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by a seventh supplemental indenture, to be dated as of the closing date of this offering, by and among the Issuer, the Guarantors, the Trustee, and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as paying agent (the "Paying Agent") and as registrar and transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent"). As used in this section, all references to the "indenture" mean the base indenture as supplemented by the seventh supplemental indenture. The terms of the notes include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the indenture. It does not restate the indenture in its entirety. We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines the rights of holders of the notes. A copy of the base indenture is available as set forth under "Incorporation by Reference", and a copy of the seventh supplemental indenture will be filed on a current report on Form 8-K and will be available as set forth under "Incorporation by Reference."

The registered holder of any note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered holders will have rights under the indenture.

Principal, Maturity and Interest

The Issuer will issue  $\notin$  aggregate principal amount of notes in this offering. The notes will mature on  $\cdot$ . The indenture governing the notes will provide for the issuance of additional notes of the same class and series, subject to compliance with the covenants contained in the indenture. The notes will be issued in denominations of  $\notin$ 100,000 and integral multiples of  $\notin$ 1,000 in excess thereof.

Interest on the notes will accrue at the rate of % per annum and will be payable annually in arrears on , commencing on , 2018. The Issuer will make each interest payment to the holders of record of the notes on the immediately preceding . The rights of holders of beneficial interests of notes to receive the payments of interest on such notes are subject to the applicable procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream.

Paying Agent and Payments on the Notes

Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes will be payable at the office of the Paying Agent or, at the option of the Issuer, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the holders of the notes at their respective addresses set forth in the register of holders; provided that all payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest with respect to the notes represented by one or more global notes deposited with, or on behalf of, a common depositary, and registered in the name of the nominee of the common depositary for the accounts of Clearstream and Euroclear will be made through the facilities of the common depositary. The Issuer may change the paying agent without prior notice to the holders and the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may act as paying agent. The Issuer undertakes to maintain a paying agent in a member state of the European Union that, to the extent permitted by law, will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the European Union Directive 2003/48/EC regarding the taxation of savings income in relation to the notes.

Registrar and Transfer Agent for the Notes

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas will initially be appointed as registrar and transfer agent. The Issuer may change the registrar and the transfer agent without prior notice to the holders, and the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may act as the registrar or the transfer agent.

## Transfer and Exchange

A holder may transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the indenture. The Transfer Agent may require a holder to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents in connection with a transfer of notes. Holders will be required to pay all taxes due on transfer. The Issuer is not required to transfer or exchange any note selected for redemption or repurchase. Also, the Issuer is not required to transfer or exchange any note for a period of 15 days before a selection of notes to be redeemed or repurchased.

Transfers of book-entry interests in the notes between participants in Euroclear or participants in Clearstream will be effected by Euroclear and Clearstream pursuant to customary procedures and subject to the applicable rules and procedures established by Euroclear or Clearstream and their respective participants.

# Guarantees

The notes will be guaranteed by the Parent Guarantor and, initially, by each direct and indirect Subsidiary that guarantees the Issuer's obligations under the Credit Agreement (the "Subsidiary Guarantors"). The Guarantors will jointly and severally guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the indenture and the notes on a senior unsecured, full and unconditional basis. The obligations of each Guarantor (other than a company that is a direct or indirect parent of the Issuer) under its Guarantee will be limited as necessary to prevent the Guarantee from constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. By virtue of this limitation, a Guarantor's obligation under its Guarantee. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to the Notes and the Guarantees. Federal and state statutes could allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void or subordinate the notes or any of the Guarantors." In an effort to alleviate the effect of this limitation, each Guarantor that makes a payment or distribution under a Guarantee will be entitled to a contribution from each other Guarantor (if any) in an amount pro rata, based on the net assets of each Guarantor.

Each Guarantor may consolidate with or merge into or sell its assets to the Issuer or another Guarantor without limitation, or with, into or to any other Person upon the terms and conditions set forth in the indenture. See "—Certain Covenants—Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets."

A Guarantor (other than a company that is a direct or indirect parent of the Issuer except in the case of clause (a)(i)(B) or (D) below) shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged from all of its obligations under its Guarantee of the notes if (a) (i) (A) all of its assets or Capital Stock is sold or transferred, (B) the Guarantor merges with or into, or consolidates with or amalgamates with, or transfers all or substantially all of its assets to, another Person in compliance with the covenant described under "—Certain Covenants—Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets," (C) such Guarantor ceases to be a Subsidiary of the Issuer in connection with any (direct or indirect) sale of Capital Stock or other transaction; or (D) the notes are subject to legal defeasance or the indenture is satisfied and discharged as provided below under the captions "—Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance" and "—Satisfaction and Discharge;" and (ii) such Guarantor is released from its guarantee of the Credit Agreement or (b) such Guarantor ceases to, or substantially contemporaneously with the release of such Guarantor's obligation under its Guarantee hereunder will cease to, or at such time does not, guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the Credit Agreement; provided that such Guarantor has delivered to the Trustee a certificate of a Responsible Officer and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to such transaction have been complied with. Issuance in Euro

Initial holders will be required to pay for the notes in euros, and all payments of interest and principal, including payments made upon any redemption of the notes, will be payable in euros. If, on or after the date of this prospectus supplement, the euro is unavailable to us due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond our control or if the euro is no longer being used by the then member states of the European Union that have adopted the euro as their currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, then all payments in respect of the notes will be made in dollars until the euro is again available to us or so used. The amount payable on any date in euros will be converted into dollars on the basis of the most recently available market exchange rate for euro. Any payment in respect of the notes so made in dollars will not constitute an event of default under the notes or the indenture. Neither the Trustee nor the Paying Agent shall have any

responsibility for any calculation or conversion in connection with the foregoing. Investors will be subject to foreign exchange risks as to payments of principal and interest that may have important economic and tax consequences to them. See "Risk Factors."

### Ranking

### Senior Debt

The notes will be general unsecured obligations of the Issuer that rank senior in right of payment to all existing and future Indebtedness that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the notes. The notes will rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future liabilities of the Issuer that are not so subordinated and will be effectively subordinated to (a) all of the Issuer's Secured Debt, if any, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such Indebtedness) and (b) liabilities of our Subsidiaries that do not guarantee the notes. In the event of bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or other winding up of the Issuer or the Guarantors or upon a default in payment with respect to, or the acceleration of, any senior secured Indebtedness, the assets of the Issuer and the Guarantors that secure such senior secured Indebtedness has been repaid in full from such assets. We advise you that there may not be sufficient assets remaining to pay amounts due on any or all the notes and the Guarantees then outstanding.

# Liabilities of Subsidiaries versus Notes

Some of the Subsidiaries of the Issuer will not guarantee the notes, and, as described above under "—Guarantees," Guarantees of Subsidiaries may be released under certain circumstances. In addition, future Subsidiaries of the Issuer may not be required to guarantee the notes. Claims of creditors of any Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors, including trade creditors and creditors holding indebtedness or guarantees issued by such Subsidiaries, and claims of preferred stockholders of such Subsidiaries generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of such Subsidiaries over the claims of creditors of the Issuer, including holders of the notes. Accordingly, the notes and each Guarantee will be effectively subordinated to creditors (including trade creditors) and preferred stockholders, if any, of such Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors.

As of September 30, 2017:

the Issuer's non-guarantor Subsidiaries collectively held \$7.2 billion in assets; and

the Issuer's non-guarantor Subsidiaries had \$2.1 billion of liabilities, including trade payables.

The indenture does not impose any limitation on the incurrence of unsecured Indebtedness and preferred stock by the Issuer and certain of its Subsidiaries.

Redemption

# **Optional Redemption**

The notes may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Issuer upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice sent to each holder's registered address, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

100% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed; and

the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (at the rate in effect on the date of calculation of the redemption price) on the notes to be redeemed that would be due if such notes matured on the Par Call Date (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) discounted to the date of redemption on an annual basis (ACTUAL/ACTUAL (ICMA)) at the Bund Rate plus basis points.

In addition, commencing on the Par Call Date, the Issuer may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice sent to each holder's registered address, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the applicable redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date).

The Issuer may also acquire notes by means other than a redemption, whether by tender offer, open market purchases, negotiated transactions or otherwise, in accordance with applicable securities laws, so long as such acquisition does not otherwise violate the terms of the indenture.

# Mandatory Redemption

The Issuer is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the notes.

#### Redemption for Tax Reasons

If, as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws (or any regulations or rulings promulgated under the laws) of the United States, or any change in, or amendments to, an official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings (including by virtue of a holding, judgment or order by a court of competent jurisdiction or a change in published administrative practice), which change or amendment is announced and becomes effective after the date of this prospectus supplement, the Issuer becomes or will become obligated to pay Additional Amounts as described under the heading "- Payment of Additional Amounts" with respect to the notes (and such obligation cannot be avoided by taking reasonable measures available to the Issuer), then the Issuer may, at any time at its option, redeem, in whole, but not in part, the notes on not less than 15 nor more than 60 days prior notice to the holders of the notes, at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest (if any) on the notes being redeemed to, but excluding, the redemption date (subject to the rights of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest date and Additional Amounts, if any, in respect thereof) and all Additional Amounts, if any, then due and which will become due on the redemption date as a result of the redemption or otherwise; provided, however, that the notice of redemption shall not be given earlier than 90 days before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obligated to pay such Additional Amounts if a payment in respect of the notes were then due and unless at the time such notice is given such obligation to pay Additional Amounts remains in effect (or will be in effect at the time of such redemption). Prior to any such notice of redemption, the Issuer will deliver to the Trustee (a) an Officer's Certificate stating that it is entitled to effect such redemption and that the obligation to pay Additional Amounts cannot be avoided by taking reasonable measures available to it and (b) a written opinion of independent counsel selected by the Issuer to the effect that the Issuer has been or will become obligated to pay Additional Amounts.

The Trustee and paying agent will accept and will be entitled to conclusively rely upon the Officer's Certificate and opinion of counsel as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent described above for the Issuer to exercise its right to redeem the notes, which determination will be conclusive and binding on the holders. Payment of Additional Amounts

All payments by the Issuer or any Guarantor on the notes or any Guarantee will be made free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charges and any penalties, interest or additions to tax with respect thereto (each a "tax") imposed by the United States, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes is required by law or the official interpretation or administration thereof. If any taxes imposed by the United States are required to be withheld or deducted in respect of any payment made under or with respect to the notes or any Guarantee, the Issuer or applicable Guarantor will, subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, pay additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") as are necessary in order that the net amounts received in respect of such payments by each beneficial owner who is not a United States person after such withholding or deduction by any applicable withholding agent (including any withholding or deduction in respect of such payments on any note or Guarantee in the absence of such withholding or deduction; provided, however, that the foregoing obligation to pay additional amounts shall not apply:

to any tax to the extent such tax is imposed by reason of the holder (or the beneficial owner for whose benefit such holder holds such note), or a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, member or stockholder of the holder if the holder is an

- (a) holder holds such note), or a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, member or stockholder of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership or corporation, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder, being considered as:
- (i) being or having been engaged in a trade or business in the United States or having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States;
- having or having had any other connection with the United States (other than a connection arising solely as a result (ii) of the ownership of the notes, the receipt of any payment or the enforcement of any rights under the notes or any Country) including being a basis of the pair of the United States.
- Guarantee), including being or having been a citizen or resident of the United States; being or having been a personal holding company, a passive foreign investment company or a controlled foreign
- (iii) corporation for United States federal income tax purposes or a corporation that has accumulated earnings to avoid United States federal income tax;

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- (iv) being or having been a "10-percent shareholder" of the Parent Guarantor as defined in section 871(h)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); or
- being or having been a bank receiving payments on an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement (v)entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business, as described in section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code or any successor provisions;

to any holder that is not the sole beneficial owner of the notes or that is a fiduciary, partnership or limited liability company, but only to the extent that a beneficial owner with respect to the holder, a beneficiary or settlor with

(b) respect to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner or member of the partnership or limited liability company would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment;

to any tax to the extent such tax would not have been imposed but for the failure of the holder or the beneficial owner to comply with certification, identification or other information reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States of the holder or beneficial owner of the notes,

- (c) if compliance is required by statute, by regulation of the United States or any taxing authority therein or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party as a precondition to exemption from, or reduction of, such tax, but only to the extent that the holder or beneficial owner is legally eligible to provide such certification or other evidence;
- (d) to any tax that is imposed otherwise than by withholding or deduction in respect of a payment on the Notes or any Guarantee;
- (e)to any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer, wealth or similar tax;
- to any withholding or deduction that is imposed on a payment to a holder or beneficial owner and that is required to (f) be made pursuant to any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, any European Union Directive on the taxation of savings;
- (g) to any tax required to be withheld by any paying agent from any payment of principal of or interest on any note, if such payment can be made without such withholding by at least one other paying agent;
- to any tax to the extent such tax would not have been imposed or levied but for the presentation by the holder or (h) beneficial owner of any note, where presentation is required, for payment on a date more than 30 days after the
- date on which payment became due and payable or the date on which payment thereof is duly provided for, whichever occurs later;

to any tax to the extent such tax is imposed or withheld solely by reason of the beneficial owner being a bank

(i).<sup>(1)</sup> purchasing the notes in the ordinary course of its lending business or (2) that is neither (A) buying the notes for investment purposes only nor (B) buying the notes for resale to a third-party that either is not a bank or holding the notes for investment purposes only;

to any tax imposed under sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code as of the issue date (or any amended or successor provision that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to current section 1471(b) of the

- (j) Code (or any amended or successor version described above) or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement (or related laws or official administrative practices) implementing the foregoing; or
- (k) in the case of any combination of clauses (a) through (j).

The notes are subject in all cases to any tax, fiscal or other law or regulation or administrative or judicial interpretation applicable to the notes. Except as specifically provided under this heading "- Payment of Additional Amounts," the Issuer (or any Guarantor, if applicable) will not be required to make any payment for any tax imposed by any government or a political subdivision or taxing authority of or in any government or political subdivision. The Issuer or applicable Guarantor will use reasonable efforts to obtain certified copies of tax receipts evidencing the payment of any taxes so deducted or withheld, or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, and will provide such copies or other evidence to the Trustee.

The foregoing obligations will survive any termination, defeasance or discharge of the indenture and will apply mutatis mutandis to any successor to the Issuer or any Guarantor.

Repurchase at the Option of Holders

Change of Control Offer

If a Change of Control Event occurs, each holder of notes will have the right to require the Issuer to repurchase all or any part (equal to €100,000 or an integral multiple of €1,000 in excess thereof) of that holder's notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer on the terms set forth in the indenture. In the Change of Control Offer, the Issuer will offer a Change of Control Payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid

interest on the notes repurchased, to the date of purchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Event, the Issuer will send a notice to each holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase notes on the Change of Control Payment 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 sent, pursuant to the procedures required by the indenture and described in such notice. The Issuer will comply 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 Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of the indenture, the Issuer will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control provisions of the indenture by virtue of such conflict. On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Issuer will, to the extent lawful:

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

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