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## **SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 7, 2012**

#### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated November 6, 2009)

\$

# VIACOM INC.

## % Senior Notes due 20

The senior notes due 20 (the senior notes) will bear interest at % per year and will mature on senior notes semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, beginning on , 2012. We may redeem the senior notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time at a redemption price equal to the principal amount plus the applicable premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In addition, commencing on , 20 , we may redeem the senior notes in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the senior notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. If we experience a change of control repurchase event and have not otherwise elected to redeem the senior notes, we will make an offer to each holder of the senior notes to repurchase all or any part of such holder s senior notes as described under the caption Description of the Senior Notes Purchase of Senior Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event. The senior notes do not provide for a sinking fund.

The senior notes will be unsecured senior obligations of Viacom Inc. and will rank equally with Viacom Inc. s other existing and future unsecured senior obligations.

Investing in the senior notes involves risks that are described in the <u>Risk Factors</u> sections of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 (our 2011 Form 10-K) and our subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), and on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} Price \ to & Underwriting \\ Public^{(1)} & Discounts & Viacom \end{array}$ 

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		and	(before
		Commissions	expenses)
Per Senior Note	%	%	%
Total	\$	\$	\$

 $(1) \quad \text{Plus accrued interest, if any, from} \qquad \qquad \text{, 2012 if settlement occurs after that date.}$ 

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the senior notes or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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

Joint Book-Running Managers

# **Deutsche Bank Securities**

J.P. Morgan

The date of this prospectus supplement is June , 2012

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. This prospectus supplement also adds to, updates and changes information contained in the accompanying prospectus. 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. The accompanying prospectus is part of a shelf registration statement that we filed with the SEC on November 6, 2009. Under the shelf registration process, from time to time, we may offer and sell debt securities, preferred stock, warrants representing rights to purchase our debt securities or preferred stock, our class A common stock, or our class B common stock, or any combination thereof, in one or more offerings.

In this prospectus supplement we use the terms Viacom, we, us, and our and similar words to refer to Viacom Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise. References to securities include any security that we might offer under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. References to \$ and dollars are to United States dollars.

We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus that we have prepared. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference herein or in any free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates of such documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such dates.

Some of the market and industry data contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement are based on independent industry publications or other publicly available information, while other information is based on internal studies. Although we believe that these independent sources and our internal data are reliable as of their respective dates, the information contained in them has not been independently verified. As a result, you should be aware that the market and industry data contained in this prospectus supplement, and beliefs and estimates based on such data, may not be reliable.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein contain both historical and forward-looking statements. All statements that are not statements of historical fact are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect our current expectations concerning future results, objectives, plans and goals, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are difficult to predict and which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include, among others: the public acceptance of our programs, motion pictures and other entertainment content on the various platforms on which they are distributed; technological developments and their effect in our markets and on consumer behavior; competition for audiences and distribution; the impact of piracy; economic conditions generally, and in advertising and retail markets in particular; fluctuations in our results due to the timing, mix and availability of our motion pictures; changes in the Federal communications laws and regulations; other domestic and global economic, business, competitive and/or regulatory factors affecting our businesses generally; and other factors described in our news releases and filings with the SEC, including our reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and Form 8-K, and in the section entitled Risk Factors on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement. The forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are made only as of the dates of the respective documents, and we do not have any obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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#### **SUMMARY**

The following is a summary of certain information explained in more detail elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. In addition to this summary, you should read the entire document carefully, including (1) the risks relating to Viacom s businesses discussed in the Risk Factors sections of our 2011 Form 10-K and our subsequent reports on Form 10-Q and the risks relating to investing in the senior notes discussed on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement, and (2) the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto in our 2011 Form 10-K and the unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto in our subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference herein.

#### Viacom Inc.

Viacom is a leading global entertainment content company that connects with audiences through compelling content across television, motion picture, online and mobile platforms in over 160 countries and territories. With media networks reaching approximately 700 million global subscribers, Viacom s leading brands include MT®, VH1®, CMT®, Logo®, BET®, CENTRIC®, Nickelodeon®, Nick Jr.®, TeenNick®, Nicktoons®, Nick at Nite, COMEDY CENTRAL®, TV Land®, SPIKE®, Tr3s®, Paramount Channel and VIVA. Paramount Pictures®, celebrating its 100th year in 2012, is a major global producer and distributor of filmed entertainment. Viacom operates a large portfolio of branded digital media experiences, including many of the world s most popular properties for entertainment, community and casual online gaming.

We were organized as a Delaware corporation in 2005 in connection with our separation from former Viacom Inc., which is now known as CBS Corporation, which was effective January 1, 2006. Our principal offices are located at 1515 Broadway, New York, New York 10036. Our telephone number is (212) 258-6000 and our website is www.viacom.com. Information included on or accessible through our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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### THE OFFERING

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of the senior notes, see Description of the Senior Notes on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement.

Viacom Inc. Issuer Securities offered aggregate principal amount of % senior notes due 20 . Maturity The senior notes will mature on , 20 . Interest Interest on the senior notes will accrue at the rate of % per year, payable semi-annually in arrears on each and , beginning on , 2012. Ranking The senior notes will be unsecured senior obligations of Viacom Inc. and will rank equally with all of Viacom Inc. s existing and future unsecured senior obligations. As of March 31, 2012, Viacom Inc. had approximately \$7.52 billion of indebtedness outstanding as senior notes and senior debentures, and no amounts were outstanding under its commercial paper program or revolving credit facility due 2015. The senior notes will be structurally subordinated to all obligations of our subsidiaries including claims with respect to trade payables. As of March 31, 2012, our direct and indirect subsidiaries had \$259 million of indebtedness outstanding, including capital lease obligations. Sinking fund None. Optional redemption At any time on or after , 20 (three months prior to the maturity date), the senior notes may be redeemed in whole or in part, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the senior notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the senior notes to be redeemed to the date of redemption. , 20 , we may redeem the senior notes, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time at a redemption At any time prior to price equal to the principal amount plus the applicable premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. See Description of the Senior Notes Optional Redemption. Repurchase upon a change of control repurchase event Upon the occurrence of both a change of control of Viacom Inc. and a downgrade of the senior notes below an investment grade rating by each of Moody s Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor s Ratings Services and Fitch Ratings, Ltd. within a specified period, we will make an offer to repurchase all or any part of each holder s senior notes at a price

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Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.

equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. See Description of the Senior Notes Purchase of Senior

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Certain covenants

We will issue the senior notes under an indenture that will, among other things, limit our ability to:

consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets;

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create liens; and

enter into sale and leaseback transactions.

All of these limitations will be subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions. See Description of the Senior Notes.

Use of proceeds

We intend to use the proceeds from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and our other fees and expenses related to this offering, for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, the repayment of outstanding indebtedness, which includes borrowings under our commercial paper program, and the repurchase of shares under our share repurchase program. See Use of Proceeds.

Conflicts of interest

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters may have holdings under our commercial paper program. As described in Use of Proceeds, some of the net proceeds of this offering may be used for the repayment of outstanding indebtedness, which includes borrowings under our commercial paper program. Because more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering, not including underwriting discounts and commissions, may be received by affiliates of certain of the underwriters in this offering, this offering is being conducted in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121, as administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. Pursuant to this rule, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering, as the offering is of debt securities that are investment grade rated.

Governing law

The senior notes and the indenture under which they will be issued will be governed by New York law.

Risk factors

See the risks that are described in the Risk Factors sections of our 2011 Form 10-K and our subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, and on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement for a discussion of the factors you should consider carefully before deciding to invest in the senior notes.

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## SUMMARY SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables present our summary selected consolidated financial data. The summary selected consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto and the related Management s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition in our 2011 Form 10-K and in our subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference herein. The unaudited consolidated statement of earnings data for the six months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 and the unaudited balance sheet data as of March 31, 2012 are derived from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012 (our Q2 2012 Form 10-Q) and have been prepared on a basis consistent with our audited consolidated financial statements.

## **Consolidated Statement of Earnings Data**

(in millions, except per share amounts)

	Six Months Ended March 31,			ar Ended ember 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,		ar Ended ember 31,
	2012 (unaudited)		2011 audited)	2011	2010		2009
Revenues	\$ 7,283	\$	7,095	\$ 14,914	\$	9,337	\$ 13,257
Operating income	\$ 1,948	\$	1,800	\$ 3,710	\$	2,207	\$ 3,045
Net earnings from continuing operations (Viacom and noncontrolling interests)	\$ 1,200	\$	1,011	\$ 2,183	\$	1,185	\$ 1,655
Net earnings from continuing operations							
attributable to Viacom	\$ 1,179	\$	996	\$ 2,146	\$	1,175	\$ 1,678
Net earnings from continuing operations per share attributable to Viacom:							
Basic	\$ 2.17	\$	1.66	\$ 3.65	\$	1.93	\$ 2.76
Diluted	\$ 2.14	\$	1.65	\$ 3.61	\$	1.92	\$ 2.76
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:							
Basic	544.1		599.0	587.3		608.0	607.1
Diluted	550.8		604.6	594.3		610.7	608.3
Dividends declared per share of Class A and							
Class B common stock	\$ 0.50	\$	0.30	\$ 0.80	\$	0.30	\$

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Data** 

(in millions)

	As of March 31,		s of aber 30,
	2012 (unaudited)	2011	2010
Total assets	\$ 22,427	\$ 22,801	\$ 22,096
Total debt	\$ 7,778	\$ 7,365	\$ 6,752
Total Viacom stockholders equity	\$ 7,803	\$ 8,644	\$ 9,283
Total equity	\$ 7,792	\$ 8,633	\$ 9,259

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#### RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully all of the information set forth in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference herein and, in particular, the risk factors described below, and described in our 2011 Form 10-K and our subsequent reports on Form 10-Q. The risks described below, and described in our 2011 Form 10-K and our subsequent reports on Form 10-Q, each of which is incorporated by reference herein, are considered to be the most material but are not the only ones we are facing. There may be other unknown or unpredictable economic, business, competitive, regulatory or other factors that could have material adverse effects on our future results. Past financial performance may not be a reliable indicator of future performance and historical trends should not be used to anticipate results or trends in future periods.

## The Senior Notes Will Be Structurally Subordinated to All Obligations of Our Subsidiaries

The senior notes will not be guaranteed by our subsidiaries, and therefore they will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other obligations of our subsidiaries, including claims with respect to trade payables. As of March 31, 2012, our direct and indirect subsidiaries had \$259 million of indebtedness outstanding, including capital lease obligations. The indenture for the senior notes will not prohibit or limit any of our subsidiaries from incurring any indebtedness or other obligations. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or dissolution of a subsidiary, following payment by the subsidiary of its liabilities, the subsidiary may not have sufficient assets to make payments to us.

## An Active Trading Market for the Senior Notes May Not Develop or Be Sustained

The senior notes are new securities for which there currently is no market. We have not listed and do not intend to list the senior notes on any U.S. national securities exchange or quotation system. Although the underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the senior notes after completion of the offering, they have no obligation to do so, and such market-making activities may be discontinued at any time and without notice. We cannot assure you that any market for the senior notes will develop or be sustained. If an active market is not developed or sustained, the market price and liquidity of the senior notes may be adversely affected.

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## USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering of the senior notes after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and our other offering fees and expenses will be approximately \$\frac{1}{2}\$ million. We intend to use the proceeds from this offering, after deducting fees and expenses related to this offering, for general corporate purposes, including, but not limited to, the repayment of outstanding indebtedness, which includes borrowings under our commercial paper program, and the repurchase of shares under our share repurchase program. As of June 6, 2012, our outstanding commercial paper had a weighted average interest rate of 0.45% and a weighted average maturity of less than 30 days.

## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Set forth below is information concerning our ratio of earnings to fixed charges. For purposes of determining the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, adjusted for equity in earnings or losses of affiliate companies, plus distributed income of equity affiliates and fixed charges. Fixed charges are defined as interest expense and one-third of gross rent expense relating to operating leases, which is deemed to be representative of interest.

	Six Months Ended March 31,	Year Ended September 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Ended Decemb	,
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	8.1x	7.6x	6.0x	6.0x	4.5x	5.7x

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## **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2012 on an as reported basis and as adjusted for the issuance of the senior notes and the use of the net proceeds therefrom as described under Use of Proceeds, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and the estimated offering expenses. This table should be read together with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto in our Q2 2012 Form 10-Q.

	As of Mar	rch 31, 2012
(in millions)	As Reported	As Adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,135	\$ *
Debt (including current portion):		
Existing Senior Notes and Senior Debentures	\$ 7,519	\$ 7,519
Capital leases and other obligations	259	259
% Senior Notes due 20 offered hereby		
Total debt	7,778	
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	151	151
Viacom stockholders equity:		
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001, 375.0 authorized; 51.4 outstanding		
Class B common stock, par value \$0.001, 5,000.0 authorized; 478.8 outstanding	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	8,673	8,673
Treasury stock, 238.1 common shares held in treasury	(9,625)	(9,625)
Retained earnings	8,947	8,947
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(193)	(193)
Total Viacom stockholders equity	7,803	7,803
Noncontrolling interests	(11)	(11)
	, ,	
Total equity	7,792	7,792
Total capitalization	\$ 15,721	\$

<sup>\*</sup> As adjusted will be equal to the reported amount plus the aggregate principal amount of the senior notes offered hereby less the amount of underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE SENIOR NOTES

### General

The senior notes offered hereby will be issued under an indenture dated as of April 12, 2006 (the base indenture ), as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture dated April 12, 2006, as further supplemental indenture dated as of June 16, 2006, as further supplemented by a third supplemental indenture dated as of December 13, 2006, as further supplemented by a fourth supplemental indenture dated as of October 5, 2007, as further supplemented by a fifth supplemental indenture dated as of August 26, 2009, as further supplemented by a sixth supplemental indenture dated as of September 29, 2009, as further supplemented by a seventh supplemental indenture dated as of February 22, 2011, as further supplemented by an eighth supplemental indenture dated as of March 31, 2011, as further supplemented by a ninth supplemental indenture dated as of December 12, 2011, as further supplemented by a tenth supplemental indenture dated as of February 28, 2012 and as further supplemented by an eleventh supplemental indenture to be dated as of June , 2012 between Viacom Inc., as issuer (in this Description of the Senior Notes, Viacom ), and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (the Trustee) (such supplements, together with the base indenture, the indenture). In this Description of the Senior Notes, Viacom, we, us, our and similar words refer to Viacom Inc. and not to any its consolidated subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires.

We provide information to you about the senior notes in two separate documents:

this prospectus supplement; and

the accompanying prospectus.

The following statements about the senior notes are summaries and are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, the accompanying prospectus and the indenture. See Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus for additional information concerning the senior notes and the indenture. The following statements, therefore, do not contain all of the information that may be important to you. Not all the defined terms used in this prospectus supplement are defined herein, and you should refer to the accompanying prospectus or the indenture for the definitions of such terms. The provisions of the indenture set forth the terms of the senior notes in greater detail than this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. If the statements in this prospectus supplement differ from the provisions of the indenture, the provisions of the indenture control. A copy of the base indenture was filed with the SEC as an exhibit to our current report on Form 8-K filed on April 17, 2006.

The senior notes:

will be unsecured senior obligations of Viacom;

will rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior indebtedness from time to time outstanding; and

will initially be limited to \$ aggregate principal amount of senior notes, which aggregate principal amount may, without the consent of holders, be increased in the future on the same terms as to status, CUSIP number or otherwise as the senior notes being offered hereby.

The senior notes are subject in all cases to any tax, fiscal or other law or regulation or administrative or judicial interpretation applicable thereto. We are not required to make any payment to a holder with respect to any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed (by withholding or otherwise) by any government or a political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein due and owing with respect to the senior notes.

## Principal, Maturity and Interest

Each senior note will bear interest at a rate of most and and of each year, beginning on most senior notes on the senior notes of the senior notes on the senior notes of the senior notes of the senior notes of the senior notes

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interest payment date, and will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Interest on the senior notes will accrue from and including June , 2012 and will be paid to holders of record on and immediately before the respective interest payment date.

The senior notes will mature on  $\,$ , 20  $\,$ . On the maturity date of the senior notes, the holders will be entitled to receive 100% of the principal amount of the senior notes.

If any interest payment date falls on a day that is not a business day, then payment of interest may be made on the next succeeding business day and no interest will accrue because of such delayed payment.

## Ranking

The senior notes will be unsecured senior obligations of Viacom and will rank equally with all of Viacom s existing and future unsecured senior obligations. As of March 31, 2012, Viacom had approximately \$7.52 billion of indebtedness outstanding as senior notes and senior debentures, and no amounts were outstanding under its commercial paper program or its revolving credit facility due 2015.

We conduct our operations through subsidiaries. As a result, distributions or advances from our subsidiaries are a major source of funds necessary to meet our debt service and other obligations. Contractual provisions, laws or regulations, as well as our subsidiaries financial condition and operating requirements, may limit our ability to obtain cash required to pay our debt service obligations, including payments on the senior notes. The senior notes will be structurally subordinated to all obligations of our subsidiaries including claims with respect to trade payables. This means that holders of the senior notes will have a junior position to the claims of creditors of our subsidiaries on the assets and earnings of such subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2012, our direct and indirect subsidiaries had \$259 million of indebtedness, including capital lease obligations.

#### **Further Issues**

We may from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the holders of the senior notes currently offered hereby, create and issue further senior notes ranking equally and ratably in all respects with the senior notes, or in all respects except for the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date or except, in some circumstances, for the first payment of interest following the issue date of those further senior notes. Any such further senior notes will be consolidated with and form a single series with the senior notes currently being offered, and will have the same terms as to status, CUSIP number or otherwise as such senior notes. Any such further senior notes will be issued pursuant to a resolution of our board of directors, a supplement to the indenture or under an officer s certificate pursuant to the indenture.

## **Optional Redemption**

At any time on or after , 20 (three months prior to the maturity date), the senior notes may be redeemed in whole or in part, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the senior notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the senior notes to be redeemed to the date of redemption. We will mail notice of any such redemption at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the date of redemption to each holder of the senior notes to be redeemed.

At any time prior to , 20 , we may redeem some or all of the senior notes at any time and from time to time, at our option, on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior notice, at a redemption price equal to the sum of the principal amount, the Make-Whole Amount, if any, described below and any accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. Holders of record on a record date that is on or prior to a redemption date will be entitled to receive interest due on the interest payment date.

The term Make-Whole Amount means the excess, if any, of (i) the aggregate present value as of the date of the redemption of the principal being redeemed and the amount of interest (exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) that would have been payable if redemption had not been made, determined by discounting, on a semiannual basis, the remaining principal and interest at the Reinvestment Rate described below (determined on the third business day preceding the date fixed for redemption) from the dates on which the principal and interest would have been payable if the redemption had not been made, to the date of redemption, over (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the senior notes.

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The term Reinvestment Rate means (i) the arithmetic mean of the yields under the heading Week Ending published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities for the maturity (rounded to the nearest month) corresponding to the remaining life to maturity, as of the payment date of the principal being redeemed or paid, plus (ii) %. If no maturity exactly corresponds to the maturity, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the maturity would be so calculated and the Reinvestment Rate would be interpolated or extrapolated on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month. The most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 published prior to the date of determination of the Make-Whole Amount will be used for purposes of calculating the Reinvestment Rate.

The Make-Whole Amount will be calculated by an independent investment banking institution of national standing appointed by us. If the Reinvestment Rate is not available as described above, the Reinvestment Rate will be calculated by interpolation or extrapolation of comparable rates selected by the independent investment banking institution.

In the case of any partial redemption, selection of the senior notes for redemption will be made by the Trustee in compliance with the requirements of the principal U.S. national securities exchange, if any, on which the senior notes are listed or, if they are not listed on a U.S. national securities exchange, by lot or by such other method as the Trustee in its sole discretion deems to be fair and appropriate.

On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the senior notes or any portion of the senior notes called for redemption (unless we default in the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest). On or before the redemption date, we will deposit with the Trustee money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and (unless the redemption date shall be an interest payment date) accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date on the senior notes to be redeemed on such date. If less than all of the senior notes are to be redeemed, the senior notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the Trustee by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate. Additionally, we may at any time repurchase senior notes in the open market and may hold or surrender such senior notes to the Trustee for cancellation.

## Purchase of Senior Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Repurchase Event in respect of the senior notes, we will make an offer to each holder of the senior notes to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of such holder s senior notes pursuant to the offer described below (the Change of Control Offer ) at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (the Change of Control Price ). Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event in respect of the senior notes or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control (defined below), but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, we will mail a notice to each holder describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase the senior notes on the 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 mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to repurchase is conditioned on the Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice.

We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) and any other securities laws and regulations to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the senior notes as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the senior notes, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the senior notes by virtue of such conflict.

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On the Change of Control Repurchase Event payment date, we will, to the extent lawful:

- (1) accept for payment all senior notes or portions of senior notes properly tendered pursuant to our offer;
- (2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all senior notes or portions of senior notes properly tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the senior notes properly accepted, together with an officers certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of senior notes being purchased by us.

The paying agent will promptly pay, from funds deposited by us for such purpose, to each holder of senior notes properly tendered the purchase price for the senior notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new senior note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any senior notes surrendered.

We will not be required to make an offer to repurchase the senior notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and such third party purchases all senior notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our properties or assets and those of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person (individually and as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) and Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) other than us or one of our Affiliates;
- (2) the first day on which a majority of the members of our board of directors are not Continuing Directors;
- (3) the consummation of any transaction or series of related transactions (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person (individually and as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) and Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act), other than us, one of our subsidiaries or Redstone Family Members, becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of our Voting Stock, and following such transaction or transactions, Redstone Family Members beneficially own less than 50% our Voting Stock, in each case, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
- (4) the consummation of a so-called going private/Rule 13e-3 Transaction that results in any of the effects described in paragraph (a)(3)(ii) of Rule 13e-3 under the Exchange Act (or any successor provision) with respect to each class of our common stock, following which Redstone Family Members beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of our Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares.

Below Investment Grade Rating Event with respect to the senior notes means that the senior notes become rated below Investment Grade by all of the Rating Agencies on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that results in a Change of Control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of the senior notes is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies); provided that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event hereunder) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in

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whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

Change of Control Repurchase Event means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

Continuing Directors means, as of any date of determination, any member of our board of directors who:

- (1) was a member of such board of directors on the first date that any of the senior notes were issued; or
- (2) was nominated for election or elected to our board of directors (i) with the approval of Redstone Family Members representing not less than 50% of our Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares, or (ii) with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of our board at the time of such nomination or election.

Investment Grade means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody s (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody s), BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P) or BBB- or better by Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Fitch) (or, in each case, if such Rating Agency ceases to rate the senior notes for reasons outside of our control, the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any Rating Agency selected by us as a replacement Rating Agency).

Redstone Family Members includes only the following persons: (i) Mr. Sumner Redstone, (ii) the estate of Mr. Redstone; (iii) each descendant of Mr. Redstone or spouse or former spouse of Mr. Redstone and their respective estates, guardians, conservators or committees; (iv) any spouse or former spouse of Mr. Redstone; (v) each Family Controlled Entity (as defined below); and (vi) the trustees, in their respective capacities as such, of each Family Controlled Trust (as defined below). The term Family Controlled Entity means (i) any not-for-profit corporation if more than 50% of its board of directors is composed of Redstone Family Members; (ii) any other corporation if more than 50% of the value of its outstanding equity is owned by Redstone Family Members; (iii) any partnership if more than 50% of the value of the company is owned by Redstone Family Members; and (iv) any limited liability or similar company if more than 50% of the value of the company is owned by Redstone Family Members. The term Family Controlled Trust includes certain trusts existing on , 2012 and any other trusts the primary beneficiaries of which are Redstone Family Members, spouses of Redstone Family Members and/or charitable organizations, provided that if the trust is a wholly charitable trust, more than 50% of the trustees of such trust consist of Redstone Family Members.

Fitch means Fitch Ratings, Ltd.

Moody s means Moody s Investors Service, Inc.

Rating Agency means:

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

  S&P means Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

An Affiliate of Viacom means any Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with Viacom, or directly or indirectly controlled by a Redstone Family Member.

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Voting Stock as applied to stock of any person, means shares, interests, participations or other equivalents in the equity interest (however designated) in such person having ordinary voting power for the election of a majority of the directors (or the equivalent) of such person, other than shares, interests, participations or other equivalents having such power only by reason of the occurrence of a contingency.

## No Mandatory Redemption or Sinking Fund

There will be no mandatory redemption prior to maturity or sinking fund payments for the senior notes.

## The Trustee, Security Registrar and Paying Agent

The Bank of New York Mellon, acting through its principal corporate trust office at 101 Barclay Street, 8W, New York, New York, 10286 is the Trustee for the senior notes and is the security registrar and paying agent for the senior notes. Principal and interest will be payable, and the senior notes will be transferable, at the office of the paying agent and security registrar. We may, however, pay interest by wire or by check mailed to registered holders of the senior notes. At the maturity of the senior notes, the principal, together with accrued interest thereon, will be payable in immediately available funds upon surrender of such senior notes at the office of the Trustee.

#### **Events of Default**

See Description of Debt Securities Defaults and Remedies in the accompanying prospectus.

## **Application of Defeasance Provision**

The accompanying prospectus contains a section entitled Description of Debt Securities Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance. That section describes provisions for the full defeasance and covenant defeasance of securities issued under the indenture. Those provisions will apply to the senior notes.

To effect full defeasance or covenant defeasance of the senior notes, we would be required to deliver to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the deposit of money or U.S. government obligations in the trust created when we elect full defeasance or covenant defeasance will not cause the holders of the affected series of securities to recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.

## **Book Entry, Delivery and Form**

The senior notes will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global securities (each a Global Security ) which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the Depositary ) and registered in the name of Cede & Co., the Depositary s nominee. We will not issue senior notes in certificated form except in certain circumstances. Beneficial interests in the Global Securities will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in the Depositary (the Depositary Participants ). Investors may elect to hold interests in the Global Securities through either the Depositary (in the United States), or Clearstream Banking Luxembourg ( Clearstream Luxembourg ), or Euroclear (in Europe) if they are participants in those systems, or, indirectly through organizations that are participants in those systems. Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers securities accounts in Clearstream Luxembourg s and Euroclear s names on the books of their respective depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in customers securities accounts in the depositaries names on the books of the Depositary. At the present time, Citibank, N.A. acts as U.S. depositary for Clearstream Luxembourg and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. acts as U.S. depositary for Euroclear (the U.S. Depositaries). Beneficial interests in the Global Securities will be held in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Except as set forth below, the Global Securities may be transferred, in whole but not in part, only to another nominee of the Depositary or to a successor of the Depositary or its nominee.

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The Depositary has advised us and the underwriters that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. The Depositary holds securities that its participants ( Direct Participants ) deposit with the Depositary. The Depositary also facilitates the settlement among Direct Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Direct Participants accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers (which may include the underwriters of the senior notes), banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. The Depositary is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ( DTCC ). DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the Depositary s book-entry system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ( Indirect Participants ). The rules applicable to the Depositary and its Direct and Indirect Participants are on file with the SEC.

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

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

Euroclear has advised us that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for its participants, known as Euroclear participants, and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants and between Euroclear participants and participants of certain other securities intermediaries through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. or the Euroclear operator under contract with Euroclear plc, a U.K. corporation. The Euroclear operator provides Euroclear participants, among other things, with safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement, securities lending and borrowing and related services. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters of the senior notes.

Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to others that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear operator is regulated and examined by the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (*Autorité des services et marchés financiers*) and the National Bank of Belgium (*Banque Nationale de Belgique*).

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

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

If the Depositary is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depositary and a successor depositary is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue the senior notes in definitive form in exchange for the entire Global Security representing such senior notes. In this case, an owner of a beneficial interest in the Global Security will be entitled to physical delivery in definitive form of senior notes represented by such Global Security equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have such senior notes registered in its name.

Title to book-entry interests in the senior notes will pass by book-entry registration of the transfer within the records of Clearstream Luxembourg, Euroclear or the Depositary, as the case may be, in accordance with their respective procedures. Book-entry interests in the senior notes may be transferred within Clearstream Luxembourg and within Euroclear and between Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear in accordance with procedures established for these purposes by Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear. Book-entry interests in the senior notes may be transferred within the Depositary in accordance with procedures established for this purpose by the Depositary. Transfers of book-entry interests in the senior notes among Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear and the Depositary may be effected in accordance with procedures established for this purpose by Clearstream Luxembourg, Euroclear and the Depositary.

#### **Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

Initial settlement for the senior notes will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between Depositary Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the Depositary s rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using the Depositary s Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream Luxembourg participants and Euroclear participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in immediately available funds.

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

The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. Depositary to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving the senior notes in the Depositary, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to the Depositary. Clearstream Luxembourg participants and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. Depositaries.

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

Although the Depositary, Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of securities among participants of the Depositary, Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures and they may discontinue the procedures at any time.

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## EUROPEAN UNION DIRECTIVE ON THE TAXATION OF SAVINGS INCOME

The European Union has adopted a Directive regarding the taxation of savings income. The Directive provides for member states of the European Union (each, a Member State, and together, Member States) to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest and other similar income paid by a person to an individual in another Member State, except that Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg will instead impose a withholding system for a transitional period unless during such period they elect otherwise.

#### U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the senior notes to the holders of senior notes that purchase the senior notes in this offering at their initial offering price, and that hold senior notes as capital assets (generally, property held for investment) within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). This summary is based on the Code, administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions, existing and proposed Treasury Regulations and interpretations of the foregoing, changes to any of which subsequent to the date of this prospectus supplement may affect the tax consequences described herein (possibly with retroactive effect). This summary does not address all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to holders in light of their particular circumstances or to holders subject to special tax rules, such as certain financial institutions, insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations, partnerships and other pass-through entities, dealers in securities or foreign currencies, U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency (as defined in Section 985 of the Code) is not the U.S. dollar, persons holding senior notes in connection with a hedging transaction, straddle, conversion transaction or other integrated transaction, traders in securities that elect to mark to market, holders liable for alternative minimum tax or persons who have ceased to be U.S. citizens or to be taxed as resident aliens. Persons considering the purchase of the senior notes should consult their tax advisors concerning the application of U.S. federal income tax laws, as well as the laws of any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdictions and any other tax laws, including gift and estate tax liability, as may be applicable to their particular situations.

Viacom believes that the senior notes constitute indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and the following discussion assumes such treatment. No ruling has been or will be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regarding the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the senior notes, and no assurances can be given that the IRS will not take a contrary position.

As used in this section, a U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of senior notes that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a U.S. person. For this purpose, a U.S. person means (i) any individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation, or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, (iii) any estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or (iv) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, certain trusts in existence on August 20, 1996 and treated as U.S. persons prior to such date may elect to continue to be treated as U.S. persons.

A Non-U.S. Holder is a beneficial owner of senior notes that is neither a U.S. person nor a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If a holder of the senior notes is a partnership or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the tax treatment of the partnership and each partner in such partnership generally will depend on the activities of the partnership and the status of the partner. Partnerships that hold senior notes, and partners in such partnerships, should consult their own tax advisors.

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## Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders

## Payments of Stated Interest

Stated interest on the senior notes will generally be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income at the time any such interest accrues or is received in accordance with the U.S. Holder s regular method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Viacom believes that the potential for payment of premium upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event is remote or incidental. Accordingly, Viacom does not intend to treat the potential payment of such premium as part of the yield to maturity of the senior notes. Viacom s determination that this contingency is remote or incidental is binding on a U.S. Holder unless such U.S. Holder discloses its contrary position in the manner required by applicable Treasury Regulations. The IRS may take a different position, which could require a U.S. Holder to accrue income on its senior notes in excess of stated interest, and to treat as ordinary income rather than capital gain any income realized on the taxable disposition of a senior note before the resolution of this contingency. In the event such a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs, it would affect the amount and timing of the income recognized by a U.S. Holder.

## Sale, Taxable Exchange, Redemption, Retirement or Other Taxable Disposition of the Senior Notes

A U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss on the sale, taxable exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a senior note in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition (less any portion allocable to any accrued and unpaid interest, which will be taxable as ordinary income to the extent not previously included in gross income) and the U.S. Holder s adjusted tax basis in the senior note. Such gain or loss generally will be a capital gain or loss, and will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder has held the senior note for more than one year. A U.S. Holder s adjusted tax basis in a senior note generally will be the cost of such senior note, less any prior principal payments received by such U.S. Holder. Under current law, long-term capital gains of certain U.S. Holders (including individuals) generally are eligible for reduced rates of U.S. federal income tax, which rates are currently scheduled to increase on January 1, 2013. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

## Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders

Under present U.S. federal income tax law, and subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding:

- (a) payments of interest on the senior notes by Viacom or its paying agent to any Non-U.S. Holder will be exempt from the 30% U.S. federal withholding tax, provided that (i) such holder does not own, actually or constructively, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of Viacom entitled to vote, (ii) such holder is not a controlled foreign corporation related, directly or indirectly, to Viacom through stock ownership, (iii) such holder is not a bank that received such senior notes in an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business and (iv) the requirement to certify such holder s non-U.S. status, as set forth in Section 871(h) or Section 881(c) of the Code and under applicable Treasury Regulations, has been fulfilled with respect to the beneficial owner, as discussed below; and
- (b) a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on the sale, taxable exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of its senior notes, unless (i) such holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition, and either the gain is attributable to an office or other fixed place of business maintained by such individual in the United States, or, generally, such individual has a tax home in the United States or (ii) such gain is effectively connected with the holder s conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, if an income tax treaty applies, generally is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by such holder).

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The certification requirement referred to in subparagraph (a) will be fulfilled if the Non-U.S. Holder certifies on IRS Form W-8BEN or successor form under penalties of perjury, that such Non-U.S. Holder is not a U.S. person and provides its name and address, and (i) such Non-U.S. Holder files such IRS Form W-8BEN or successor form with the withholding agent or (ii) in the case of senior notes held on behalf of the beneficial owner by a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution holding customers—securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business, such financial institution files with the withholding agent a statement that it has received the IRS Form W-8BEN or successor form from the Non-U.S. Holder, furnishes the withholding agent with a copy thereof, and otherwise complies with the applicable IRS requirements.

If a Non-U.S. Holder is engaged in a trade or business in the United States, and if interest on the senior notes (or gain realized on their sale, taxable exchange or other disposition) is effectively connected with the conduct of such trade or business (and, if an income tax treaty applies, generally is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment maintained by such holder), the Non-U.S. Holder, although exempt from the withholding tax discussed in the preceding paragraphs, will be subject to regular U.S. federal income tax on such effectively connected interest (or gain), generally in the same manner as if it were a U.S. Holder. See Tax Consequences to U.S. Holders above. In lieu of the certificate described in the preceding paragraph, such a Non-U.S. Holder will be required to provide to the withholding agent a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI or successor form, as appropriate, to claim an exemption from withholding tax. In addition, if such Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation, it may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax (unless reduced or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty) on its earnings and profits for the taxable year attributable to such effectively connected interest (or gain), subject to certain adjustments.

## **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

#### U.S. Holders

Under current U.S. federal income tax law, information reporting requirements apply to certain payments of principal, interest, or proceeds of sales or other dispositions to noncorporate U.S. Holders. In addition, a backup withholding tax will apply to such payments (currently at a rate of 28%) if the noncorporate U.S. Holder (i) fails to furnish its Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) which, for an individual, is his or her Social Security Number, (ii) furnishes an incorrect TIN, (iii) is notified by the IRS that it is subject to backup withholding for failure to report interest and dividend payments, or (iv) under certain circumstances fails to certify, under penalties of perjury, that it has furnished a correct TIN and has not been notified by the IRS that it is subject to backup withholding for failure to report interest and dividend payments. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining such an exemption if applicable. Backup withholding is not additional tax. Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules generally will be allowed as a refund or credit against a U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

## Non-U.S. Holders

Interest payments made to a Non-U.S. Holder will generally be reported to such Non-U.S. Holder and to the IRS on IRS Form 1042-S or any successor form. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which a Non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of an applicable tax treaty.

Backup withholding will not apply to payments made on the senior notes if the certifications required by Sections 871(h) and 881(c) of the Code as described above in Tax Consequences to Non-U.S. Holders are properly submitted, provided that Viacom or its paying agent or the qualified intermediary, as the case may be, does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the payee is a U.S. person. Under current Treasury Regulations, payments on the sale, taxable exchange, redemption, retirement, or other taxable disposition of

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a U.S. person;

a controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

a foreign person 50% or more of whose gross income for certain periods is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business; or

a foreign partnership with certain connections to the United States;

then information reporting will be required unless the broker has in its records documentary evidence that the beneficial owner is not a U.S. person and certain other conditions are met or the beneficial owner otherwise establishes an exemption. Backup withholding may apply to any payment that such broker is required to report if the broker has actual knowledge or reason to know that the payee is a U.S. person. Payments to or through the U.S. office of a broker will be subject to backup withholding and information reporting unless the Non-U.S. Holder certifies, under penalties of perjury, that such Non-U.S. Holder is not a U.S. person and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the Non-U.S. Holder is a U.S. person, or the Non-U.S. Holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of information reporting and backup withholding in their particular situations, the availability of an exemption therefrom, and the procedure for obtaining such an exemption, if available. Any amounts withheld from a payment to a Non-U.S. Holder under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a credit against such Non-U.S. Holder s U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle such Non-U.S. Holder to a refund, provided that the Non-U.S. Holder files a U.S. federal income tax return and the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

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#### UNDERWRITING

We intend to offer the senior notes through the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions contained in an underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and the underwriters severally have agreed to purchase from us, the principal amount of the senior notes listed opposite their names below.

Underwriter	Senior Notes
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	\$
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	
Total	\$

The underwriters have agreed to purchase all of the senior notes sold pursuant to the underwriting agreement if any of the senior notes are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the senior notes, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the senior notes, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officer s certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

The underwriters may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the joint book-running managers, in covering syndicate short positions or making stabilization purchases, repurchase senior notes originally sold by that syndicate member.

## **Commissions and Discounts**

The underwriters have advised us that they propose initially to offer the senior notes to the public at the public offering prices on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. After the initial public offering, the public offering prices, concessions and discounts may be changed.

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discounts and commissions, are estimated to be approximately \$\\$ and are payable by us.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering.

Per Senior Note	Total
Senior notes %	\$

## **Trading of Senior Notes**

The senior notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We have not listed and do not intend to list the senior notes on any U.S. national securities exchange or quotation system.

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We have been advised by the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the senior notes after completion of the offering. However, they are under no obligation to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without any notice. We cannot assure the liquidity of the trading market for the senior notes or that an active public market for the senior notes will develop. If an active market for the senior notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the senior notes may be adversely affected.

## **Price Stabilization and Short Positions**

In connection with the offering, the underwriters are permitted to engage in transactions that stabilize the market price of the senior notes. These stabilization transactions consist of bids or purchases to peg, fix or maintain the price of the senior notes. Specifically, the underwriters may sell a principal amount of senior notes greater than they are obligated to purchase under the underwriting agreement, creating a short position. A short sale is covered if the short position is no greater than the principal amount of senior notes available for purchase by the underwriters. The underwriters can close out a covered short sale by purchasing senior notes in the open market. As an additional means of facilitating this offering, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, senior notes in the open market to stabilize the price of the senior notes. Purchases of a security to stabilize the price or to reduce a short position could cause the price of the security to be higher than it might be in the absence of such purchases.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters makes any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the senior notes. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters makes any representation that the underwriters will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

In connection with the offering of the senior notes, the person (if any) named as the stabilizing manager(s) (or persons acting on their behalf) may over-allot senior notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the senior notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the stabilizing manager(s) (or persons acting on their behalf) will undertake stabilization action. Any stabilization action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant senior notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than 30 days after the date on which the issuer received the proceeds of the issue, or no later than 60 days after the date of allotment of the relevant senior notes, whichever is earlier. Any stabilizing action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant stabilizing manager (or persons acting on their behalf) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

## Other Relationships

The underwriters and their respective affiliates have in the past performed commercial banking, investment banking, corporate trust and advisory services for us from time to time for which they have received customary fees and reimbursement of expenses and may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business for which they may receive customary fees and reimbursement of expenses.

The underwriters are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. If any of the underwriters or their affiliates has a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters or their affiliates may occasionally hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. A typical such hedging strategy would include these underwriters or their affiliates hedging such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the senior notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the senior notes offered

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hereby. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (which may include bank loans and/or credit default swaps) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Affiliates of certain of the underwriters may have holdings under our commercial paper program. As described in Use of Proceeds, some of the net proceeds of this offering may be used for the repayment of outstanding indebtedness, which includes borrowings under our commercial paper program. Because more than 5% of the proceeds of this offering, not including underwriting discounts and commissions, may be received by affiliates of certain of the underwriters in this offering, this offering is being conducted in compliance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 5121, as administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. Pursuant to this rule, the appointment of a qualified independent underwriter is not necessary in connection with this offering, as the offering is of debt securities that are investment grade rated.

## Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (as defined below) (each, a Relevant Member State ), each underwriter has represented and agreed that, with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date ) it has not made and will not make an offer of the senior notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus supplement 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 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, as defined below, 150 legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the underwriters; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of senior notes shall require the issuer or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement to a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

Each person in any Relevant Member State who receives any communication in respect of, or who acquires any senior notes under, the offers to the public contemplated in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to have represented, warranted and agreed to and with each underwriter and the issuer that:

- (a) it is a qualified investor within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive; and
- (b) in the case of any senior notes acquired by it as a financial intermediary, as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, (i) the senior notes acquired by it in the offering have not been acquired on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in any Relevant Member State other than qualified investors, as that term is defined in the Prospectus Directive, or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the underwriters has been given to the offer or resale; or (ii) where the senior notes have been acquired by it on behalf of persons in any Relevant Member State other than qualified investors, the offer of those senior notes to it is not treated under the Prospectus Directive as having been made to such persons.

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For the purposes of the provisions above, the expression an offer to the public in relation to any senior 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 the senior notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe to the senior 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 (and the amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State, and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

## Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

This document is for distribution only to persons who (i) 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 Financial Promotion Order), (ii) are persons falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) (high net worth companies, unincorporated associations etc) of the Financial Promotion Order, (iii) are outside the United Kingdom, or (iv) are persons to whom an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the FSMA)) in connection with the issue or sale of any securities may otherwise lawfully be communicated or caused to be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons). This document is directed only at relevant persons and must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not relevant persons. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available only to relevant persons and will be engaged in only with relevant persons.

Each underwriter has warranted and agreed that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the senior notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the issuer; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the senior notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

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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 SEC filings are available to the public from the SEC s website at http://www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document that we file at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our Class A common stock and Class B common stock are listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbols VIA and VIAB, respectively.

We are incorporating by reference specified documents that we have filed with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents that are considered part of this prospectus supplement. Information that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 (filed November 10, 2011);

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2011 (filed February 2, 2012);

Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012 (filed May 3, 2012);

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on November 10, 2011, November 15, 2011, December 8, 2011, December 12, 2011, December 27, 2011, February 28, 2012, March 13, 2012 and May 23, 2012; and

The description of our Class A common stock and Class B common stock contained in our Form 8-A filed on November 30, 2011. You may obtain a copy of this information at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Viacom Inc.

1515 Broadway

52nd Floor

New York, New York 10036

Attn: Investor Relations

Phone Number: (212) 258-6000

## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities to be offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, New York, and for the underwriters by Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, New York, New York, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP has from time to time performed legal services for Viacom including its affiliates.

## **EXPERTS**

The financial statements and management s assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference to the 2011 Form 10-K have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting

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firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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#### **PROSPECTUS**

# VIACOM INC.

**Debt Securities** 

**Preferred Stock** 

**Class A Common Stock** 

**Class B Common Stock** 

## Warrants

We, or one or more selling security holders to be identified in a prospectus supplement, may offer and sell, from time to time, in one	or more
offerings and series, together or separately:	

debt securities;

preferred stock;

voting Class A Common Stock;

non-voting Class B Common Stock; and

warrants representing rights to purchase debt securities or preferred stock. The debt securities and preferred stock may be convertible into Class B Common Stock.

Our voting Class A Common Stock and non-voting Class B Common Stock are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols VIA and VIA.B, respectively.

Investing in our securities involves risks that are referenced under the caption <u>Risk Factors</u> on page i of this prospectus.

When we offer securities we will provide you with a prospectus supplement or term sheet describing the specific terms of the specific issue of securities, including the offering price of the securities. You should carefully read this prospectus and the prospectus supplements or term sheets relating to the specific issue of securities before you decide to invest in any of these securities.

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

The date of this prospectus is November 6, 2009.

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#### RISK FACTORS

Prior to making any investment decision with respect to the securities that we may offer, prospective investors should carefully consider the specific factors set forth under the caption Risk Factors in the applicable prospectus supplement and in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) that are incorporated by reference herein, together with all of the other information appearing in this prospectus, in the applicable prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference into this prospectus in light of their particular investment objectives and financial circumstances.

## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC utilizing the shelf registration process. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of such offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will also contain, with respect to the securities being sold, the names of any underwriters, dealers or agents, together with the terms of the offering, the compensation of any underwriters and the net proceeds to us. Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in such offering may be deemed underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to in this prospectus as the Securities Act. You should carefully read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading Incorporation by Reference.

In this prospectus we use the terms Viacom, we, us, and our and similar words to refer to Viacom Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. References to securities include any security that we might offer under this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. References to \$ and dollars are to United States dollars.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, in the related prospectus supplement and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized. Viacom has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different, inconsistent or additional information, you should not rely on it. Viacom is not making an offer of these securities in any

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jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or that any document incorporated by reference into this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of such document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such date.

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#### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC (other than any portion of such filings that are furnished under applicable SEC rules rather than filed) under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), including filings made after the date of this prospectus and until the offering of the particular securities covered by a prospectus supplement has been completed.

We are incorporating by reference specified documents that we have filed with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents that are considered part of this prospectus. Information that we subsequently file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference:

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