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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of each class of securities to be registered | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee(1) |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 5.65% Notes due December 1, 2017 | \$250,000,000 | \$7,675 |
| 6.25% Debentures due December 1, 2037 | \$250,000,000 | \$7,675 |

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

Prospectus Supplement to Prospectus dated November 28, 2007

\$500,000,000

Rockwell Automation, Inc.
\$250,000,000 5.65% Notes due 2017
\$250,000,000 6.25% Debentures due 2037

We are offering \$250,000,000 of our 5.65% notes due 2017 (the “notes”) and \$250,000,000 of our 6.25% debentures due 2037 (the “debentures” and, together with the notes, the “securities”).

We will pay interest on the securities on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The first payment of interest will be made on June 1, 2008. The securities will be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and higher integral multiples of \$1,000.

We may redeem either series of securities in whole or in part, at any time before their maturity, at the applicable redemption price described under “Description of the Securities—Optional Redemption”.

See “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-8 to read about important factors you should consider before buying the securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

| | <u>Per Note</u> | <u>Per Debenture</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Initial public offering price | 99.849% | 99.384% | \$ 498,082,500 |
| Underwriting discount | 0.650% | 0.875% | \$ 3,812,500 |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to Rockwell Automation, Inc. | 99.199% | 98.509% | \$ 494,270,000 |

The initial public offering price set forth above does not include accrued interest, if any. Interest on the securities will accrue from December 3, 2007 and must be paid by the purchasers if the securities are delivered after December 3, 2007.

The underwriters expect to deliver the securities through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company against payment in New York, New York on or about December 3, 2007.

Banc of America Securities LLC

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

UBS Investment Bank

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No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained or incorporated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. The accompanying prospectus, as supplemented by this prospectus supplement, is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus supplement is current only as of its date.

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which contains specific information about the terms of the securities. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which provides a general description of debt securities we may offer from time to time, some of which may not apply to the securities. In the event the information in this prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in the accompanying prospectus, this prospectus supplement will apply and will supersede the information in the accompanying prospectus.

References in this prospectus supplement to “Rockwell”, “we”, “us” and “our” are to Rockwell Automation, Inc. and its subsidiaries and predecessors unless the context indicates otherwise.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement contain statements (including certain projections and business trends) that are “forward-looking statements” as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “believe”, “estimate”, “project”, “plan”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “will”, “intend” and other similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those projected as a result of certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, including but not limited to:

- economic and political changes in global markets where we compete, such as currency exchange rates, inflation rates, interest rates, recession, policies of foreign governments and other external factors we cannot control, and U.S. and local laws affecting our activities abroad and compliance therewith;
- successful development of advanced technologies and demand for and market acceptance of new and existing products;
- general global and regional economic, business or industry conditions, including levels of capital spending in industrial markets;
- the availability, effectiveness and security of our information technology systems;
- competitive product and pricing pressures;
- disruption of our operations due to natural disasters, acts of war, strikes, terrorism, or other causes;
- intellectual property infringement claims by others and the ability to protect our intellectual property;
- our ability to successfully address claims by taxing authorities in the various jurisdictions where we do business;
- our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel;
- the uncertainties of litigation;
- disruption of our North American distribution channel;
- the availability and price of components and materials;

- successful execution of our cost productivity and our globalization initiatives;
- our ability to execute strategic actions, including acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses; and
- other risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to those detailed from time to time in our Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

These forward-looking statements reflect our beliefs as of the date of this prospectus supplement. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

SUMMARY

This summary contains basic information about us and our offering of the securities. It does not contain all the information that may be important to you. You should read the following summary together with the more detailed information contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

The Company

We are a leading global provider of industrial automation power, control and information solutions that help manufacturers achieve a competitive advantage in their businesses. We were incorporated in Delaware in 1996 in connection with a tax-free reorganization completed on December 6, 1996, pursuant to which we divested our former aerospace and defense business to The Boeing Company. In the reorganization, the former Rockwell International Corporation ("RIC") contributed all of its businesses, other than the aerospace and defense business, to us and distributed all of our capital stock to RIC's shareowners. Boeing then acquired RIC. RIC was incorporated in 1928.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1201 South Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, USA, and our telephone number at that location is +1-414-382-2000.

The Offering

| | |
|---|---|
| Securities Offered | \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.65% notes due 2017. \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.25% debentures due 2037. |
| Maturity Date | The notes mature on December 1, 2017 and the debentures mature on December 1, 2037. |
| Interest Payment Dates | June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2008. |
| Optional Redemption | At our option, we may redeem the securities of each series in whole or in part, at any time before their maturity, at the applicable redemption price described under "Description of the Securities—Optional Redemption" in this prospectus supplement. |
| Ranking | <p>The securities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• are unsecured;• rank equally with all existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt;• are senior to any future subordinated debt; and• are effectively junior to any existing and future secured debt to the extent of assets securing that debt. |
| Covenants | <p>We will issue the securities under an indenture containing covenants for your benefit. These covenants require us to satisfy certain conditions in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• incur debt secured by liens;• engage in sale/leaseback transactions; or• merge or consolidate with another entity. <p>For a more detailed discussion of these covenants, see "Description of Debt Securities—Covenants" in the accompanying prospectus.</p> |
| Change of Control Repurchase Event | Upon a change of control repurchase event, you will have the right to require us to repurchase your securities at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the securities repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest. See "Description of the Securities—Change of Control Repurchase Event" in this prospectus supplement. |

Use of Proceeds

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$493.3 million, which we intend to use to repay at maturity our 6.15% notes due January 15, 2008 and for general corporate purposes, which may include repayment of commercial paper, acquisitions, investments, additions to working capital, share repurchases, capital expenditures and advances to or investments in our subsidiaries. Net proceeds may be temporarily invested before use.

Further Issues

We may from time to time issue additional debt securities of the same tenor, coupon and other terms as the notes or the debentures, so that those additional debt securities and the notes or the debentures, as applicable, offered hereby will form a single series.

Risk Factors

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-8 to read about important factors you should consider before buying the securities.

RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the following risk factors and the information under the heading "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before making an investment decision. These risks are not intended as, and should not be construed as, an exhaustive list of relevant risk factors. There may be other risks that a prospective investor should consider that are relevant to the investor's own particular circumstances or generally.

Risks Relating to the Securities

We are permitted to incur more debt, which may intensify the risks associated with our current leverage, including the risk that we will be unable to service our debt.

The indenture governing the securities does not limit the amount of additional unsecured debt that we may incur. In addition, we currently maintain a five-year senior unsecured revolving credit facility under which we may borrow up to \$600 million. Any indebtedness we incur under that credit facility will rank equally with the securities. If we incur additional debt, the risks associated with our leverage, including the risk that we will be unable to service our debt, will increase.

The securities are structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The securities are our obligations exclusively and not of any of our subsidiaries. A significant portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries are separate legal entities that have no obligation to pay any amounts due under the securities or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, loans or other payments. Moreover, our rights to receive assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization, and the ability of holders of the securities to benefit indirectly therefrom, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of creditors, including trade creditors, of that subsidiary.

In addition, the indenture governing the securities does not contain any limitation on the amount of liabilities, such as trade payables, that may be incurred by our subsidiaries.

The securities will be subject to the prior claims of any secured creditors, and if a default occurs, we may not have sufficient funds to fulfill our obligations under the securities.

The securities are unsecured obligations, ranking equally with our other senior unsecured indebtedness and effectively junior to any secured indebtedness we may incur. As of September 30, 2007, we did not have any outstanding secured indebtedness, although the indenture governing the securities permits us to incur secured debt under specified circumstances. If we incur secured debt, our assets securing that indebtedness will be subject to prior claims by our secured creditors. In the event of our bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding up, our assets that secure debt will be available to pay obligations on the securities only after all debt secured by those assets has been repaid in full. Holders of the securities will participate in any remaining assets ratably with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated creditors, including trade creditors. If there are not sufficient assets remaining to pay all these creditors, then all or a portion of the securities then outstanding would remain unpaid.

We intend to continue repurchasing our stock, which will reduce cash reserves available for repayment of the securities.

We have repurchased, and expect to continue to repurchase, our common stock in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. These purchases may be significant, and any purchase would reduce cash available to repay the securities. On November 7, 2007, our board of directors authorized us to expend up to an additional \$1 billion to repurchase shares of our common stock.

We have made only limited covenants in the indenture governing the securities.

The indenture governing the securities contains limited covenants, including those restricting our ability and certain of our subsidiaries' ability to create certain liens and enter into certain sale and leaseback transactions. The limitation on liens and limitation on sale and leaseback covenants contain exceptions that will allow us and our subsidiaries to incur liens with respect to material assets. See "Description of Debt Securities—Covenants" in the accompanying prospectus. In light of these exceptions, holders of the securities may be structurally or contractually subordinated to new lenders.

The provisions in the indenture and the securities relating to change of control transactions will not necessarily protect you in the event of a highly leveraged transaction.

The provisions contained in the indenture and the securities will not necessarily afford you protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction that may adversely affect you, including a reorganization, restructuring, merger or other similar transaction involving us. These transactions may not involve a change in voting power or beneficial ownership or, even if they do, may not involve a change of the magnitude required under the definition of change of control repurchase event in the securities as described under "Description of the Securities—Change of Control Repurchase Event". Except as described under "Description of the Securities—Change of Control Repurchase Event", the indenture and the securities do not contain provisions that permit the holders of the securities to require us to repurchase the securities in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

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

As described under "Description of the Securities—Change of Control Repurchase Event", we will be required to offer to repurchase the securities upon the occurrence of a change of control repurchase event. We may not have sufficient funds to repurchase the securities in cash at that time or have the ability to arrange necessary financing on acceptable terms. In addition, the terms of our other debt agreements or applicable law may limit our ability to repurchase the securities for cash.

There are no existing markets for the securities. If one develops, it may not be liquid.

There are currently no established markets for the securities. We do not intend to list the securities on any national securities exchange or to seek their quotation on any automated dealer quotation system. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the securities of each series following the offering, as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. However, the underwriters have no obligation to make a market in either series of securities and they may cease market-making activities at any time without notice. Further, we cannot provide assurances about the liquidity of any markets that may develop for the securities, your ability to sell your securities or the prices at which you will be able to sell your securities. Any trading markets for the securities that develop and any future trading prices of the securities may be affected by many factors, including:

- prevailing interest rates;
- our financial condition and results of operations;
- the then-current ratings assigned to the securities;

- the market for similar securities;
- the time remaining to the maturity of the securities;
- the outstanding amount of the securities; and
- the terms related to optional redemption of the securities.

Ratings of the securities may change after issuance and affect the market price and marketability of the securities.

We currently expect that, before they are issued, the securities will be rated by Fitch Ratings Ltd., Moody's Investors Service Inc. and Standard & Poor's Rating Services. Those ratings are limited in scope, and do not address all material risks relating to an investment in the securities, but rather reflect only the view of each rating agency at the time the rating is issued. An explanation of the significance of the rating may be obtained from the applicable rating agency. We cannot provide assurances that the credit ratings will be issued or remain in effect or that the ratings will not be lowered, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the rating agencies. It is also possible that the ratings may be lowered in connection with future events, such as acquisitions. If rating agencies lower, suspend or withdraw the ratings, the market price or marketability of the securities may be adversely affected. In addition, any decline in the ratings of the securities may make it more difficult for us to raise capital on acceptable terms.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$493.3 million, after deducting underwriters' discounts and commissions and other estimated offering expenses payable by us. We intend to use some of the net proceeds from this offering to repay at maturity our 6.15% notes due January 15, 2008. We intend to use the remaining net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, which may include repayment of commercial paper, acquisitions, investments, additions to working capital, share repurchases, capital expenditures and advances to or investments in our subsidiaries. Net proceeds may be temporarily invested before use.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of September 30, 2007 and as adjusted to give effect to the sale of the securities in this offering and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described under "Use of Proceeds". You should read this table in conjunction with "Use of Proceeds" and our consolidated financial statements and related notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The as adjusted information may not reflect our cash, short-term debt and capitalization in the future.

| | September 30, 2007 | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | Actual | As Adjusted |
| | (in millions) | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 624.2 | \$ 769.3 |
| Short-term debt | \$ 173.2 | \$ 173.2 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 348.2 | — |
| Long-term debt | | |
| 6.15% notes due January 2008 | 348.2 | — |
| 6.70% debentures due January 2028 | 250.0 | 250.0 |
| 5.20% debentures due January 2098 | 200.0 | 200.0 |
| 5.65% notes due December 2017 offered hereby | — | 250.0 |
| 6.25% debentures due December 2037 offered hereby | — | 250.0 |
| Unamortized discount and other | (44.3) | (46.2) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total | 753.9 | 903.8 |
| Less current portion | (348.2) | — |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total long-term debt | 405.7 | 903.8 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total debt | 927.1 | 1,077.0 |
| Total shareowner's equity | 1,742.8 | 1,742.8 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total capitalization | \$ 2,669.9 | \$ 2,819.8 |
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DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES

The following description of certain material terms of the securities does not purport to be complete. The securities will be issued under an indenture dated as of December 1, 1996 between us and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (successor to Mellon Bank, N.A.), as trustee. The following description of the particular terms of the securities is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indenture. We urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as a beneficial owner of the securities.

General

The notes and the debentures will each constitute a separate series of debt securities described in the accompanying prospectus. The following table summarizes key basic terms of the notes and the debentures:

| | The Note | The Debentures |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial aggregate principal amount | \$250,000,000 | \$250,000,000 |
| Maturity | December 1, 2017 | December 1, 2037 |
| Annual interest rate | 5.65% | 6.25% |

The securities and any future debt securities issued under the indenture will be our unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and will rank on a parity with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness outstanding now or in the future. The securities will not be subject to any sinking fund provisions. The securities will be issued in book-entry form only.

Other than the protections that may otherwise be afforded holders of debt securities as a result of the operation of the covenants described under "Description of Debt Securities—Covenants" in the accompanying prospectus and "—Change of Control Repurchase Event" below, there are no covenants or other provisions that may protect holders of the securities if there is a leveraged buyout or other highly leveraged transaction involving us or any similar occurrence.

Interest

We will pay interest on the securities from December 3, 2007 semi-annually, in arrears, on June 1 and December 1 of each year, beginning June 1, 2008. Interest is payable to registered owners of the securities as of the close of business on the May 15 or November 15, as the case may be, immediately before the interest payment date. Interest will be computed on the securities on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Optional Redemption

The securities of each series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option, at any time or from time to time before maturity at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- the principal amount of the securities being redeemed, and
- as determined by the quotation agent, the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of the securities to be redeemed (excluding interest accrued as of the redemption date), discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the treasury rate plus 25 basis points in the case of the notes and 30 basis points in the case of the debentures,

plus, in either case, any accrued interest on the securities to be redeemed to the redemption date. Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the date of redemption to each holder of the securities to be redeemed.

For purposes of determining the optional redemption price of the securities, the following definitions will apply:

“Treasury rate” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity, computed as of the third business day immediately preceding the redemption date, of the comparable treasury issue, assuming a price for the comparable treasury issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the applicable comparable treasury price for the redemption date.

“Comparable treasury issue” means the United States Treasury security selected by the quotation agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the securities to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the securities to be redeemed.

“Comparable treasury price” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of the reference treasury dealer quotations for the redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest reference treasury dealer quotations, or (ii) if the quotation agent obtains fewer than three reference treasury dealer quotations, the average of all reference treasury dealer quotations.

“Quotation agent ” means the reference treasury dealer appointed by us.

“Reference treasury dealer” means each of Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and UBS Securities LLC and their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States (a “primary treasury dealer”), we will substitute another primary treasury dealer.

“Reference treasury dealer quotations” means, with respect to each reference treasury dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by us, of the bid and asked prices for the comparable treasury issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the quotation agent at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day immediately preceding that redemption date.

“Remaining scheduled payments” means, with respect to the securities to be redeemed, the remaining scheduled payments of the principal of and interest on those securities that would be due after the related redemption date but for the redemption; provided, however, that if the redemption date is not an interest payment date with respect to the securities to be redeemed, the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment on those securities will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued on those securities to the redemption date.

Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, from the redemption date, interest will stop accruing on the securities or any part of the securities called for redemption. By any redemption date, we will deposit with a paying agent (or the trustee) money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the securities to be redeemed. If less than all the securities of any series are to be redeemed and the securities are not global securities, the trustee will select the securities to be redeemed by any method the trustee deems fair and appropriate.

Change of Control Repurchase Event

If a change of control repurchase event occurs, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the securities as described above under “—Optional Redemption”, you will have the right to require us to repurchase all or any part (in integral multiples of \$1,000) of your securities at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the applicable series of securities repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the securities repurchased to, but not including, the date of repurchase.

Within 30 days following any change of control repurchase event or, at our option, before any change of control, but after the public announcement of the change of control, we will mail a notice to you describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the change of control repurchase event and offering to repurchase the applicable series of securities on the repurchase date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date the notice is mailed. The notice will, if mailed before the date of consummation of the change of control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on a change of control repurchase event occurring by the repurchase 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 apply to the repurchase of the securities 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 securities, 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 securities by complying with those securities laws or regulations or because of such conflicts.

On the repurchase date following a change of control repurchase event, we will, to the extent lawful:

- accept for payment all the securities properly tendered pursuant to our offer;
- deposit with the paying agent the aggregate purchase price for all the securities properly tendered; and
- deliver to the trustee for cancellation the securities properly accepted, together with an officers’ certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of each series of securities being purchased by us.

For purposes of the foregoing discussion of a repurchase at the option of holders upon the occurrence of a change of control repurchase event, the following definitions apply:

“Change of control repurchase event” means the occurrence of both a change of control and a below investment grade rating event.

“Below investment grade rating event” means the applicable series of securities are rated below an investment grade rating by each of the rating agencies on any date from the date of the public notice of an arrangement that could result in a change of control until the end of the 60-day period following public notice of the occurrence of the change of control (which 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the applicable series of securities is under publicly announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the rating agencies); provided, however, that a below investment grade rating event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating will not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular change of control (and thus will not be deemed a below investment grade rating event for purposes of the definition of change of control repurchase event) if the rating agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or

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publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in 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 will have occurred at the time of the below investment grade rating event).

“Change of control” means any of the following:

- 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 the properties or assets of ours and our subsidiaries taken as a whole to any “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than us or our subsidiaries;
- the adoption of a plan relating to our liquidation or dissolution;
- the consummation of any transaction (such as any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) or group of persons, other than us or our subsidiaries, becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the combined voting power of our voting stock or other voting stock into which our voting stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
- the first day when a majority of our directors are not continuing directors.

“Continuing directors” means, as of any date of determination, any member of our board of directors who (1) was a member of our board of directors on the date of the issuance of the applicable series of securities; or (2) was nominated for election or elected to our board of directors with the approval of a majority of the continuing directors who were members of our board of directors at the time of the nomination or election.

“Fitch” means Fitch Ratings Ltd. and its successors.

“Investment grade” means a rating equal to or higher than BBB- (or the equivalent) by Fitch, Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody’s and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other rating agency selected by us.

“Moody’s” means Moody’s Investors Service Inc. and its successors.

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

“S&P” means Standard & Poor’s Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and its successors.

“Voting stock” of any specified person means the capital stock of the person then outstanding that is entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors or similar governing body.

Defeasance

The provisions of the indenture relating to defeasance described under “Description of Debt Securities—Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance” in the accompanying prospectus apply to the securities.

Further Issues

We may from time to time, without notice to or consent of the holders of the securities, issue additional debt securities under the indenture of the same tenor, coupon and other terms as the notes or the debentures, so that those additional debt securities and the notes or the debentures, as applicable, offered hereby will form a single series of debt securities under the indenture. We refer to this additional issuance of debt securities as a “further issue”.

Purchasers of the notes and the debentures we are offering, after the date of any further issue, will not be able to differentiate between the securities sold as part of the further issue and previously issued securities.

Book-Entry System

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) will act as securities depository for the securities. One or more fully registered global certificates representing the securities (the “global securities”) will be issued for each of the notes and the debentures, in the applicable aggregate principal amount, and will be deposited with DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as DTC’s nominee. The provisions set forth under “Description of Debt Securities—Global Securities” in the accompanying prospectus will apply to the securities.

The following is based on information furnished by DTC.

DTC 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. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants’ accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC’s 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.

Purchases of securities under DTC’s system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for those securities on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of the actual purchasers of the securities represented by a global security, who are the beneficial owners of the securities, is in turn to be recorded on the direct and indirect participants’ records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participants through whom the beneficial owners entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in any global security representing the securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners of any global security representing the securities will not receive securities in definitive form representing their ownership interests in the securities, unless the use of the book-entry system for the securities is discontinued or certain other events occur as described in this prospectus supplement.

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The deposit of global securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the global securities representing the securities. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts those securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants are responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

Notices and other communications among DTC, direct participants, indirect participants and beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, and in some cases by statutory or regulatory requirements. Redemption notices will be sent to DTC. If less than all of the securities are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the interest of each participant in the securities to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. will itself consent or vote with respect to the global securities representing the securities. Under its usual procedures, DTC would mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the applicable record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participants to whose accounts the securities are credited on the applicable record date (identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the global securities representing the securities will be made to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on that date. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the account of customers registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of those participants and not of DTC, the trustee or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. is our responsibility or the responsibility of the trustee, disbursement of those payments to direct participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of those payments to the beneficial owners will be the responsibility of direct and indirect participants. Neither we nor the trustee will be responsible or liable for the disbursements of payments in respect of ownership interests in the securities by DTC or the direct or indirect participants or for maintaining or reviewing any records of DTC or the direct or indirect participants relating to ownership interests in the securities or the disbursement of payments in respect of the securities.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to us or the trustee. If that occurs and a successor securities depository is not obtained, securities in definitive form will be printed and delivered. Additionally, we may decide to discontinue use of a system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, securities in definitive form will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable and we do not take any responsibility for its accuracy. The arrangements between us and DTC's procedures may change.

MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following summary describes the material United States federal income tax consequences of buying, owning and disposing of the securities by beneficial owners of the securities. We have based this summary on the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof, administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and final, temporary and proposed Treasury Regulations, changes to any of which subsequent to the date of this prospectus supplement may affect the tax consequences described herein (possibly with retroactive effect). The summary below is limited to initial beneficial owners who hold the securities as capital assets (generally, property held for investment) and who purchase the securities at the "issue price" (as defined below).

For purposes of this discussion, a "United States Holder" means a beneficial owner of a security other than a partnership that is, or is treated as, for United States federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any political subdivision thereof;
- an estate whose income is subject to United States federal income tax on a net basis with respect to its worldwide income; or
- a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more United States fiduciaries have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

A "Non-United States Holder" means a beneficial owner of a security that is not a partnership and that is not a United States Holder.

If a partnership (including any entity treated as a partnership or other pass through entity for United States federal income tax purposes) is a holder of a security, the United States federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of such partnership. Such persons should consult their own tax advisors as to the particular United States federal income tax consequences to them.

This summary does not discuss the particular United States federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to a holder in light of such holder's particular circumstances or if such holder is subject to special rules under United States federal income tax laws. Special rules apply, for example, to:

- some financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- tax-exempt organizations;
- brokers or dealers in securities or foreign currencies;
- persons holding securities as part of a hedge, straddle or integrated transaction;
- United States Holders whose functional currency is not the United States dollar;

- United States expatriates;
- foreign corporations that are classified as “passive foreign investment companies” or “controlled foreign corporations” for United States federal income tax purposes;
- partnerships or other flow-through entities; or
- persons subject to the alternative minimum tax.

This discussion does not address the tax consequences to Non-United States Holders that are subject to United States federal income tax on a net basis on income realized with respect to a security because such income is effectively connected with the conduct of a United States trade or business. Such holders are generally taxed in a similar manner to United States Holders; however, certain special rules apply.

Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the application of the U.S. federal income tax laws to their particular situations as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local or foreign taxing jurisdiction.

United States Federal Tax Consequences to United States Holders

Payments of Interest

Interest paid on a security generally will be taxable to a United States Holder as ordinary interest income at the time it accrues or is received, in accordance with the United States Holder’s method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes. If the stated redemption price at maturity of a security exceeds the issue price of such security by more than a *de minimis* amount (as defined below), such security will be deemed to have original issue discount (“OID”). The “issue price” of a note or a debenture will be the first price at which a substantial amount of the notes or debentures, respectively, are sold to the public (i.e., excluding sales to any agent, wholesaler or similar persons), and the “stated redemption price at maturity” of a note or debenture is its principal amount. However, a security will not be deemed to have OID if its stated redemption price at maturity exceeds its issue price by less than a *de minimis* amount equal to one-fourth of one percent (0.25%) of its stated redemption price at maturity, multiplied by the number of full years to its maturity. If a security meets this *de minimis* exception, a United States Holder of that security is generally required to include the *de minimis* OID amount in income (as capital gain), as principal payments are made on the security, unless the United States Holder elects to apply the constant yield method which otherwise applies to an instrument with more than *de minimis* OID. If the OID on a security is more than *de minimis*, a United States Holder will be required to include the OID in income for United States federal income tax purposes as it accrues, in accordance with a constant yield method based on interest compounding and in advance of the cash payments attributable to the income. Since the issue price of the securities is expected to be at par or within the *de minimis* exception, the securities should not be considered to have OID.

In certain circumstances (i.e., optional redemption, change of control put), we may be obligated to pay amounts in excess of stated interest or principal on the securities. The obligation to make such payments may implicate the provisions of United States Treasury Regulations relating to “contingent payment debt instruments.” If the securities were deemed to be contingent payment debt instruments, a United States Holder might be required to accrue income on the holder’s securities in excess of stated interest, and to treat as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, any income realized on the taxable disposition of a security before the resolution of the contingencies. According to current United States Treasury Regulations, the possibility that we may pay such excess amounts in the event of an optional redemption will not be taken into account in determining whether the securities are deemed to be contingent payment debt instruments. However, the possibility that we may pay such excess amounts for a change of control put will not cause the securities to be treated as contingent payment debt instruments only if there is only a remote chance as of the date the debt securities were issued that such

payments will be made. We believe that the likelihood that we will be obligated to make any such change of control put payments is remote. Therefore, we do not intend to treat the potential payment of these amounts as subjecting the securities to the contingent payment debt rules. Our determination that this change in control put contingency is remote is binding on a United States Holder unless such holder discloses its contrary position in the manner required by applicable United States Treasury Regulations. Our determination is not, however, binding on the IRS, and if the IRS were to challenge this determination, the tax consequences to a holder could differ materially and adversely from those discussed herein. In the event such a contingency were to occur, it would affect the amount and timing of the income recognized by a United States holder. If any additional payments are in fact made, United States Holders will be required to recognize such amounts as income. The remainder of this disclosure assumes that the securities will not be treated as contingent payment debt instruments.

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of the Securities

Upon the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition of a security, a United States Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between (i) the sum of the cash plus the fair market value of all other property received on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition and (ii) the United States Holder's adjusted tax basis in the security. A United States Holder's adjusted tax basis in a security will equal the cost of the security to the United States Holder reduced by any principal payments received by the United States Holder and increased by any *de minimis* OID included in income pursuant to the election described above under "Payments of Interest". For these purposes, the amount realized does not include any amount attributable to accrued but unpaid interest. Amounts attributable to accrued but unpaid interest are treated as interest as described under "Payments of Interest" above.

Gain or loss realized on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a security will generally be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition the security has been held for more than one year. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate holders are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of any capital losses is subject to limitations.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

A non-corporate United States Holder generally will be subject to United States backup withholding at the applicable rate with respect to interest, principal or premium, if any, paid on a security, and the proceeds from the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of a security, if the non-corporate United States Holder fails to provide its taxpayer identification number to the paying agent and comply with certain certification procedures or otherwise establish an exemption from backup withholding. In addition, the payments of interest, principal, or premium to, and the proceeds of a sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition by, a United States Holder that is not an "exempt recipient" generally will be subject to information reporting requirements. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a United States Holder will be allowed as a credit against the United States Holder's United States federal income tax liability and may entitle the United States Holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

United States Federal Tax Consequences to Non-United States Holders

Payments of Interest

Interest paid on a security to a Non-United States Holder that is not engaged in a trade or business in the United States generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax provided that:

- the Non-United States Holder does not own, actually or constructively, 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;

- the Non-United States Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation related, directly or indirectly, to us through stock ownership;
- the Non-United States Holder is not a bank receiving certain types of interest; and
- either
 - the Non-United States Holder certifies under penalties of perjury on Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or a suitable substitute form) that it is not a United States person as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, and provides its name and address, or
 - a securities clearing organization, bank, or other financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business and holds the securities on behalf of the Non-United States Holder certifies under penalties of perjury that such a statement has been received from the Non-United States Holder and furnishes a copy to us.

Interest paid to a Non-United States Holder not satisfying the conditions described above will be subject to United States withholding tax at a rate of 30 percent, unless an income tax treaty applies to reduce or eliminate withholding and the Non-United States Holder provides us with a properly executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN claiming the exemption.

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of the Securities

Subject to the discussion below concerning backup withholding, any gain realized by a Non-United States Holder that is not engaged in a trade or business in the United States on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a security generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax unless the Non-United States Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are met.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Information returns will be filed with the Internal Revenue Service in connection with payments on the securities. Unless the Non-United States Holder complies with certification procedures to establish that it is not a United States person, information returns may be filed with the Internal Revenue Service in connection with any payment of proceeds from a sale or other disposition of a security and the Non-United States Holder may be subject to United States backup withholding on payments on the security or on the proceeds from a sale or other disposition of the security. The certification procedures required to claim the exemption from withholding tax on interest described above will satisfy the certification requirements necessary to avoid backup withholding as well. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a Non-United States Holder will be allowed as a credit against the Non-United States Holder's United States federal income tax liability and may entitle the Non-United States Holder to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Estate Tax

Subject to benefits provided by an applicable estate tax treaty, a security held by an individual who at the time of death is not a citizen or resident of the United States (as specifically defined for United States federal estate tax purposes) may be subject to United States federal estate tax upon the individual's death unless, at such time:

- the individual does not own, actually or constructively, 10 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote; and
- the income on the security is not effectively connected to the conduct by such individual of a trade or business in the United States.

UNDERWRITING

We and Banc of America Securities LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co. and UBS Securities LLC, the representatives for the underwriters for the offering named below, have entered into an underwriting agreement with respect to the securities. Subject to certain conditions, each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase the principal amount of securities indicated in the following table.

| <u>Underwriters</u> | <u>Principal Amount of Notes</u> | <u>Principal Amount of Debentures</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Banc of America Securities LLC | \$ 70,000,000 | \$ 70,000,000 |
| Goldman, Sachs & Co. | 70,000,000 | 70,000,000 |
| UBS Securities LLC | 70,000,000 | 70,000,000 |
| Citigroup Global Markets Inc. | 12,500,000 | 12,500,000 |
| J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. | 12,500,000 | 12,500,000 |
| Barclays Capital Inc. | 7,500,000 | 7,500,000 |
| Wells Fargo & Co. | 7,500,000 | 7,500,000 |
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| Total | \$ 250,000,000 | \$ 250,000,000 |
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The underwriters are committed to take and pay for all of the notes being offered, if any are taken, and all of the debentures being offered, if any are taken.

We have been advised by the underwriters that securities sold by the underwriters to the public will initially be offered at the initial public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement and that any securities sold by the underwriters to securities dealers may be sold at a discount from the initial public offering price of up to 0.40% of the principal amount in the case of the notes and 0.50% of the principal amount in the case of the debentures. Any of those securities dealers may resell any securities purchased from the underwriters to certain other brokers or dealers at a discount from the initial public offering price of up to 0.25% of the principal amount in the case of the notes and 0.25% of the principal amount in the case of the debentures. If all the securities are not sold at the initial offering price, the underwriters may change the offering prices and the other selling terms. The offering of the securities by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters' right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The securities are new issues of securities with no established trading markets. We have been advised by the underwriters that the underwriters intend to make markets in the securities but are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market-making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of the trading market for the securities.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell securities in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, stabilizing transactions and purchases to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of securities than they are required to purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the securities while the offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the representatives have repurchased securities sold by or for the account of that underwriter in stabilizing or short-covering transactions.

These activities by the underwriters, as well as other purchases by the underwriters for their own accounts, may stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the market prices of the securities. As a result,

the prices of the securities may be higher than the prices that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriters at any time. These transactions may be effected in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

We estimate that our share of the total expenses of the offering, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$1.0 million.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various financial advisory, commercial banking and investment banking services for us, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses. Certain affiliates of the underwriters are lenders under our credit facilities.

Selling Restrictions

European Economic Area

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (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 securities to the public in that relevant member state before the publication of a prospectus in relation to the securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that relevant member state or, where appropriate, approved in another relevant member state and notified to the competent authority in that relevant member state, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that it may, with effect from and including the relevant implementation date, make an offer of securities to the public in that relevant member state at any time:

- to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year, (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives for the underwriters for any such offer; or
- in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by us of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “offer of securities to the public” in relation to any securities 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 securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the securities, as the same may be varied in that member state by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that member state and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each relevant member state.

United Kingdom

Each underwriter has represented and agreed that:

- 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 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (“FSMA”)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the securities in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to us; and
- it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Hong Kong

The securities may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to “professional investors” within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the securities may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Japan

The securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan (the “Securities and Exchange Law”) and each underwriter has agreed that it will not offer or sell any securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used in this prospectus supplement means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

Singapore

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus, the accompanying prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the securities may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the “SFA”), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the securities are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is: (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold

investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust will not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the securities under Section 275 except: (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or (3) by operation of law.

VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES

The validity of the debt securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus has been passed on for us by Chadbourne & Parke LLP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112, and for the underwriters by Davis Polk & Wardwell, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

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Prospectus

Rockwell Automation, Inc.

Debt Securities

We may offer from time to time, in one or more offerings, debt securities. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which we will offer them. We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the specific manner in which we will offer these securities and may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplements carefully before you invest.

We may sell these securities directly, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. We reserve the sole right to accept, and together with any agents, dealers and underwriters, reserve the right to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of securities. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth their names and any applicable commissions or discounts. Our net proceeds from the sale of securities also will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, for a discussion of the factors you should carefully consider before you decide to purchase these securities.

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

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a “shelf” registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell, at any time and from time to time, in one or more offerings, the debt securities described in this prospectus.

This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that contains specific information about the terms of those securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement together with the additional information described below under the headings “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Information Incorporated by Reference”.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any applicable prospectus supplement. In the event the information set forth in a prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in this prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in the prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. 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 in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

References in this prospectus to “Rockwell”, “we”, “us” and “our” are to Rockwell Automation, Inc.

THE COMPANY

We are a leading global provider of industrial automation power, control and information solutions that help manufacturers achieve a competitive advantage in their businesses. We were incorporated in Delaware in 1996 in connection with a tax-free reorganization completed on December 6, 1996, pursuant to which we divested our former aerospace and defense business to The Boeing Company. In the reorganization, the former Rockwell International Corporation (“RIC”) contributed all of its businesses, other than the aerospace and defense business, to us and distributed all of our capital stock to RIC’s shareowners. Boeing then acquired RIC. RIC was incorporated in 1928.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1201 South Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, and our telephone number at that location is (414) 382-2000.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information, including the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and exhibits to the registration statement, with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public from the SEC’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC’s public reference room in Washington, D.C. located at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of any document we file at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the Securities and Exchange Commission at that address. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Information about us, including our SEC filings, is also available on our website at <http://www.rockwellautomation.com>. The information contained on and linked from our Internet site is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

You may also inspect reports, proxy statements and other information about us at the offices of The New York Stock Exchange at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” in this prospectus the information in other documents that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information in documents that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained in documents filed earlier with the SEC or contained in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement. Any information so updated or superseded will not constitute a part of this prospectus, except as so updated or superseded. We incorporate by reference in this prospectus the documents listed below and any future filings that we may make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, prior to the termination of the offering under this prospectus:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K dated October 16, 2007 and November 15, 2007; and
- All information in our proxy statement filed with the SEC on December 20, 2006 to the extent incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2006.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we are not incorporating any document or information furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules. You may obtain a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus (not including exhibits to the documents unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the documents) at no cost to you by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Rockwell Automation, Inc.
1201 South Second Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204
Attention: Office of the Secretary
(414) 382-8499

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, prospectus supplements and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain statements (including certain projections and business trends) that are “forward-looking statements” as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “believe”, “estimate”, “project”, “plan”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “will”, “intend” and other similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those projected as a result of certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, including but not limited to:

- economic and political changes in global markets where we compete, such as currency exchange rates, inflation rates, interest rates, recession, policies of foreign governments and other external factors we cannot control, and U.S. and local laws affecting our activities abroad and compliance therewith;

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- successful development of advanced technologies and demand for and market acceptance of new and existing products;
- general global and regional economic, business or industry conditions, including levels of capital spending in industrial markets;
- the availability, effectiveness and security of our information technology systems;
- competitive product and pricing pressures;
- disruption of our operations due to natural disasters, acts of war, strikes, terrorism, or other causes;
- intellectual property infringement claims by others and the ability to protect our intellectual property;
- our ability to successfully address claims by taxing authorities in the various jurisdictions where we do business;
- our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel;
- the uncertainties of litigation;
- disruption of our North American distribution channel;
- the availability and price of components and materials;
- successful execution of our cost productivity and our globalization initiatives;
- our ability to execute strategic actions, including acquisitions and integration of acquired businesses; and
- other risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to those detailed from time to time in our SEC filings.

These forward-looking statements reflect our beliefs as of the date of filing this prospectus. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following tables sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated.

Fiscal Year Ended September 30,

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(1) | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 5.7 | 4.0 |

- (1) In computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings are defined as income from continuing operations before income taxes and cumulative effect of accounting change, adjusted for minority interest in income or loss of subsidiaries, undistributed earnings of affiliates, and fixed charges exclusive of capitalized interest. Fixed charges consist of interest on borrowings and that portion of rentals deemed representative of the interest factor.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we anticipate that the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus will be used for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes may include repayment of debt, acquisitions, investments, additions to working capital, share repurchases, capital expenditures and advances to or investments in our subsidiaries. Net proceeds may be temporarily invested before use.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The debt securities offered by this prospectus will be issued under an indenture dated as of December 1, 1996 between us and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. (successor to Mellon Bank, N.A.), as trustee. We have summarized certain provisions of the indenture below. The summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the indenture. The indenture has been incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement for these securities that we have filed with the SEC. In addition to the December 1, 1996 indenture described below, we may issue debt securities pursuant to another indenture or indentures to be entered into after the date of this prospectus. If we elect to issue debt securities under another indenture, we will file a copy of that indenture as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

When we offer to sell a particular series of debt securities, we will describe the specific terms of the securities in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement will also indicate whether the general terms and provisions described in this prospectus apply to a particular series of debt securities.

You should carefully read the summary below, the applicable prospectus supplements and the provisions of the indenture that may be important to you.

General

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue. We may issue debt securities up to an aggregate principal amount as we may authorize from time to time in one or more series. Under the indenture, we may issue debt securities with terms different from those of debt securities that we have previously issued. We may issue additional amounts of a series of debt securities without the consent of the holders of that series. The different series of debt securities issued under the indenture may have different dates for payments, different rates of interest and be denominated in different currencies.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any series of debt securities being offered, including the following:

- the title of the debt securities;
- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities and any limit on the aggregate principal amount of debt securities of a series;
- if other than U.S. dollars, the currency or currencies in which the debt securities are denominated or payable and the manner for determining the equivalent amount in U.S. dollars;
- the date or dates on which the principal of (and premium, if any, on) the debt securities will be payable, or the method used to determine or extend those dates;
- any interest rate on the debt securities, any date from which interest will accrue, any interest payment dates and regular record dates for interest payments, or the method used to determine any of the foregoing, and the basis for calculating interest if other than a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;

- the place or places where payments on the debt securities will be payable, where the debt securities may be delivered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands may be served or published;
- any provisions for redemption of the debt securities at our option;
- any provisions that would obligate us to redeem or purchase the debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder;
- the denominations in which we will issue the debt securities, if other than \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof in the case of registered securities and \$10,000 or any integral multiple thereof in the case of bearer securities;
- the portion of the principal amount of the debt securities that will be payable if the maturity of the debt securities is accelerated, if other than the principal amount;
- whether we will issue the debt securities as registered securities, bearer securities or both, with or without coupons or both, and other terms with respect to bearer securities;
- whether we will issue the debt securities in the form of global securities, the depositary for global securities and provisions for exchanging debt securities;
- whether we will pay any additional amounts on the debt securities in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem the debt securities rather than pay those additional amounts;
- any provision that would determine payments on the debt securities by reference to an index;
- the person to whom we will pay any interest on the debt securities, if other than the person in whose name the debt securities are registered on the regular record date;
- any events of default or covenants in addition to those in the indenture;
- the application of any defeasance provisions to the debt securities;
- the designation of the initial exchange rate agent, if applicable;
- the identity of the trustee, authenticating agent, security registrar and/or paying agent, if other than the trustee;
- any interest rate reset and extension provisions applicable to the debt securities; and
- any other terms of the debt securities.

We may sell the debt securities, including original issue discount securities, at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount. If there are any special U.S. federal income tax considerations or other special considerations applicable to debt securities we sell at an original issue discount, we will describe them in a prospectus supplement. In addition, we will describe in the

prospectus supplement any special U.S. federal income tax considerations and any other special considerations for any debt securities we sell which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than U.S. dollars.

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be unsecured and will rank on a parity with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The indenture does not limit other indebtedness or securities which we may incur or issue. The indenture does not contain financial or similar restrictions on us, except as described under “—Covenants”. Other than the protections which may otherwise be afforded holders of debt securities as a result of the operation of the covenants described under “—Covenants” below or as may be made applicable to the debt securities as described in the applicable prospectus supplement, there are no covenants or other provisions that may afford holders of debt securities protection if there is a leveraged buyout or other highly leveraged transaction involving us or any similar occurrence.

Form, Denominations, Registration, Transfer and Exchange

We may issue debt securities of a series as registered securities, bearer securities or as both registered securities and bearer securities. Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue registered securities denominated in U.S. dollars in multiples of \$1,000 and bearer securities denominated in U.S. dollars in multiples of \$10,000. The indenture provides that debt securities of a series may be issuable in global form. See “—Global Securities” below. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, bearer securities (other than global securities) will have interest coupons attached.

Registered securities of any series are exchangeable for other registered securities of the same series of any authorized denominations, of like aggregate principal amount, tenor and terms. In addition, if debt securities of any series are issuable as both registered securities and bearer securities, the holder may request, subject to applicable laws and the terms of the indenture, that bearer securities (with all unmatured coupons, except as provided below, and all matured coupons in default) of the series be exchangeable into registered securities of the same series of any authorized denominations and of like aggregate principal amount, tenor and terms. Bearer securities surrendered in exchange for registered securities of the same series between the close of business on a regular record date or a special record date and the relevant date for payment of interest will be surrendered without the coupon relating to the date for payment of interest, and interest will not be payable in respect of the registered security issued in exchange for the bearer security, but will be payable to the holder of the coupon when due in accordance with the terms of the indenture. Except as we specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will not otherwise issue bearer securities in exchange for registered securities.

In connection with its original issuance, no bearer security may be delivered to any location in the United States and, unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, a bearer security may be delivered in connection with its original issuance only if the person entitled to receive the bearer security furnishes written certification in the form required by the indenture.

Debt securities may be presented for exchange as provided above, and registered securities may be presented for registration of transfer (duly endorsed or accompanied by a satisfactory written instrument of transfer), at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent we designate for that purpose with respect to that series of debt securities, without service charge and upon payment of any taxes and other governmental charges. If the prospectus supplement refers to any transfer agent (in addition to the security registrar) we initially designated with respect to any series of debt securities, we may at any time rescind the designation of the transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which the transfer agent (or security registrar) acts, except that, if debt securities of a

series are issuable as registered securities, we will maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the series. In addition, if debt securities of a series are issuable as bearer securities, we will maintain (in addition to the security registrar) a transfer agent in a place of payment for the series located outside the United States. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to any series of debt securities.

In the event of any redemption, we will not be required to:

- issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during a period of 15 days before any selection of debt securities of that series to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on:
 - if debt securities of the series are issuable only as registered securities, the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption; and
 - if debt securities of the series are issuable as bearer securities, the day of the first publication of the relevant notice of redemption or, if debt securities of the series are also issuable as registered securities and there is no publication, the mailing of the relevant notice of redemption;
- register the transfer of or exchange any registered security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any registered security being redeemed in part; or
- exchange any bearer security selected for redemption, provided that the bearer security may be exchanged for a registered security of like tenor and terms of that series if the registered security is simultaneously surrendered for redemption.

Global Securities

We may issue the debt securities of a series in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that we will deposit with, or on behalf of, a depository that we identify in the prospectus supplement and registered in the name of the depository or the depository's nominee. We may issue global securities in fully registered or bearer form and in either temporary or permanent form.

We anticipate that the following provisions will generally apply to depository arrangements. We will describe in the prospectus supplement the specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities and whether all or any part of the debt securities will be issued in the form of one or more global securities.

Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for individual debt securities, a holder of a global security may not transfer it except as a whole between the depository for the global security and the depository's nominee or by the depository or any nominee to a successor of the depository or a nominee of the successor.

Upon the issuance of a global security, the depository for the global security or its nominee will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the respective principal amounts of the individual debt securities represented by the global security to the accounts of persons that have accounts with the depository (those persons with accounts with the depository are referred to in this prospectus as participants). These accounts will be designated by the underwriters, dealers or agents with respect to the debt securities or us if we offer and sell the debt securities directly. Ownership of beneficial interests in a

global security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in the global security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the applicable depository or its nominee (with respect to interests of participants) and records of participants (with respect to interests of persons who hold through participants). The laws of some states require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These limits and laws may impair the ability to own, pledge or transfer beneficial interests in a global security.

So long as the depository for a global security or its nominee is the registered owner of the global security, the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the global security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have any of the individual debt securities of the series represented by the global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the debt securities of the series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of debt securities under the indenture.

Payments on individual debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee will be made to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the global security representing the debt securities. Neither we nor the trustee, any paying agent or the security registrar for the debt securities or any agent, underwriter or dealer through which the debt securities are offered or sold will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global security for the debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to the beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the depository for a series of debt securities or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment in respect of a permanent global security representing any of the debt securities, immediately will credit the participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of the global security for the debt securities as shown on the records of the depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the global security held through the participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name". These payments will be the responsibility of the participants.

If a depository for a series of debt securities is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository and we do not appoint a successor depository within 90 days, we will issue individual debt securities of the series to participants in exchange for the global security representing the series of debt securities. In addition, we may, at any time and in our sole discretion, subject to any limitations described in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities, determine not to have any debt securities of the series represented by one or more global securities. In that event, we will issue individual debt securities of the series to participants in exchange for the global security or securities representing the series of debt securities.

Payment and Paying Agents

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the place of payment for a series of debt securities issuable solely as registered securities will be New York, New York and we have designated an office of the trustee for this purpose. At our option, we may pay interest on registered securities to the person entitled to the interest by:

- check mailed to the address of the person that appears in the security register; or

- transfer to an account located in the United States maintained by the person that is specified in the security register.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will pay any installment of interest on registered securities to the person in whose name the registered security is registered at the close of business on the regular record date for the interest payment.

We may from time to time designate additional offices or agencies for payment with respect to any debt securities, approve a change in the location of any of the offices or agencies and rescind the designation of any of the offices or agencies.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make all payments on any debt security that is payable in a currency other than U.S. dollars in U.S. dollars if that currency:

- ceases to be used both by the government of the country that issued the currency and by a central bank or other public institution of or within the international banking community for the settlement of transactions;
- is the ECU and ceases to be used both within the European Monetary System and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the European Communities; or
- is any currency unit (or composite currency) other than the ECU and ceases to be used for the purposes for which it was established.

All moneys deposited with the trustee or any paying agent or held for the payment on any debt security or any related coupon that remains unclaimed at the end of two years after the payment is due and payable will, at our request, be repaid to us, in which case the holder of the debt security or any related coupon will look only to us for that payment.

Covenants

Limitations on Liens.

We and our restricted subsidiaries may not create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any secured debt without equally and ratably securing the outstanding debt securities. These restrictions will not apply to:

- secured debt existing at December 31, 1996, the date of the indenture;
- liens on property acquired or constructed after December 31, 1996 and created at the time of, or within twelve months after, the acquisition or the completion of the construction to secure all or any part of the purchase price of the property or the cost of the construction;
- mortgages on property created within twelve months of completion of construction of a new plant or plants on the property to secure all or part of the cost of the construction;
- liens on property existing at the time the property is acquired;

- liens on stock acquired after December 31, 1996 if the aggregate cost of all stock subject to those liens does not exceed 10% of our shareowners' equity;
- liens securing indebtedness of a successor corporation of ours to the extent the successor is permitted by the indenture;
- liens securing indebtedness of a restricted subsidiary outstanding at the time it became a restricted subsidiary;
- liens securing indebtedness of any person outstanding at the time it is merged with or substantially all its properties are acquired by us or any of our restricted subsidiaries;
- liens on property or on the outstanding shares or indebtedness of a corporation existing at the time the corporation becomes a restricted subsidiary;
- liens created, incurred or assumed in connection with an industrial revenue bond, pollution control bond or similar financing arrangement with any federal, state or municipal government or other governmental body or agency;
- extensions, renewals or replacements of the foregoing permitted liens to the extent of the original amounts thereof;
- liens in connection with government and certain other contracts;
- certain liens in connection with taxes or legal proceedings;
- certain other liens not related to the borrowing of money; and
- liens in connection with sale and lease-back transactions as described under “—Limitations on Sale and Lease-Back”.

In addition, we and our restricted subsidiaries may have secured debt without equally and ratably securing the outstanding debt securities if the sum of:

- the amount of the secured debt, plus
- the aggregate value of sale and lease-back transactions (subject to certain exceptions) described under “—Limitations on Sale and Lease-Back”,

does not exceed 10% of our shareowners' equity.

Limitations on Sale and Lease-Back.

We and our restricted subsidiaries may not enter into sale and lease-back transactions unless:

- we or our restricted subsidiaries are entitled to incur secured debt equal to the amount realizable upon the sale or transfer secured by a mortgage on the property to be leased without equally and ratably securing the outstanding debt securities;

- an amount equal to the greater of net proceeds of the sale or fair value of the property sold as determined by our Board of Directors is applied within 180 days of the transaction:
- to the retirement of consolidated funded debt or indebtedness of ours or any of our restricted subsidiaries that was funded debt at the time it was created; or
- to the purchase of other principal property having a value at least equal to the greater of the amounts; or
- the sale and lease-back transaction involved was an industrial revenue bond, pollution control bond or similar financing arrangement with any federal, state, municipal government or other governmental body or agency.

Certain Limitations on Mergers.

We may not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation, or convey or transfer our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any other person, unless:

- the surviving entity formed by the consolidation or into which we merge or that acquires our properties and assets substantially as an entirety is a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States, or any state in the United States, and assumes our obligations under the indenture and the debt securities;
- after giving effect to the transaction, no default or event of default will have occurred and be continuing under the indenture; and
- we deliver to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that the transaction and the supplemental indenture comply with the indenture.

If we consolidate with or merge into any other entity or we transfer our property and assets substantially as an entirety to any other entity, the successor entity will be substituted as obligor under the indenture and thereafter we will be relieved of all obligations and covenants under the indenture and the debt securities. The indenture also provides that if we consolidate with or merge into any other entity or we transfer our property and assets substantially as an entirety to any other entity, and as a result any principal property owned by us or a restricted subsidiary would become subject to any mortgage or lien not otherwise permitted by the indenture, we will prior to the transaction secure the debt securities, equitably and ratably with any of our other indebtedness then entitled to be so secured, by a direct lien on the principal and certain other properties.

Certain Definitions

The following are definitions of some terms used in the above description. We refer you to the indenture for a full description of all of these terms, as well as any other terms used for which no definition is provided

“Funded debt” means:

- indebtedness for money borrowed having a maturity of more than 12 months;

- lease rentals that appear on the balance sheet of the obligor as a liability that is not current; and
- the higher of the par value or liquidation value of preferred stock of any of our restricted subsidiaries that is not wholly-owned by us or any our wholly-owned restricted subsidiaries;

provided that funded debt will not include indebtedness of us if the indebtedness is subordinated to the debt securities issued under the indenture.

“Principal property” includes any real property (including buildings and other improvements) of ours or any of our restricted subsidiaries, owned at or acquired after December 31, 1996 (other than any pollution control facility, cogeneration facility or small power production facility acquired after the date of the indenture), which:

- has a book value in excess of 5% of shareowners' equity; and
- in the opinion of our Board of Directors is of material importance to the total business conducted by us and our restricted subsidiaries as a whole.

“Restricted subsidiary” means any of our subsidiaries that is not an unrestricted subsidiary. “Unrestricted subsidiary” means any of our subsidiaries that we designate as an unrestricted subsidiary. We may from time to time designate any restricted subsidiary as an unrestricted subsidiary and any unrestricted subsidiary as a restricted subsidiary; provided that

- we may not designate a subsidiary as an unrestricted subsidiary unless at the time of the designation the subsidiary does not own, directly or indirectly, any capital stock of any restricted subsidiary or any funded debt or secured debt of ours or any of our restricted subsidiaries; and
- we may not designate a subsidiary as restricted or unrestricted unless, immediately after the designation, no default or event of default shall exist.

Unrestricted subsidiaries are not restricted by the various provisions of the indenture applicable to restricted subsidiaries, and the debt of unrestricted subsidiaries will not be consolidated with that of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in calculating consolidated funded debt under the indenture.

“Sale and lease-back transaction” means, subject to certain exceptions, sales or transfers of any principal property owned by us or any of our restricted subsidiaries which has been in full operation for more than 180 days prior to the sale or transfer, where we or our restricted subsidiaries have the intention of leasing back the property for more than 36 months but discontinuing the use of the property on or before the expiration of the term of the lease.

“Secured debt” means indebtedness for money borrowed (other than indebtedness among us and our restricted subsidiaries), which is secured by a mortgage or other lien on any principal property of ours or any of our restricted subsidiaries or a pledge, lien or other security interest on the stock or indebtedness of any of our restricted subsidiaries.

“Shareowners' equity” means, at any date of computation, the aggregate of capital stock, capital surplus and earned surplus, after deducting the cost of shares of our capital stock held in treasury,

of ours and our restricted subsidiaries, as consolidated and determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

The applicable prospectus supplement will state if any defeasance provisions apply to any series of debt securities offered by this prospectus.

Defeasance.

If the defeasance provision applies to a series of the debt securities, we will be discharged from any and all obligations (other than those described below) in respect of the debt securities of the series upon irrevocable deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money or U.S. government securities or a combination of money and U.S. government securities that provide money in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge:

- the principal of (and premium, if any) and each installment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the series of debt securities on the stated maturity of the principal or installment of principal or interest, if any; and
- any mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments applicable to debt securities of that series on the day on which the payments are due and payable in accordance with the terms of the indenture and the debt securities of that series.

We will, however, not be discharged from obligations in respect of the debt securities to:

- register the transfer and exchange of the debt securities;
- replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities;
- compensate, reimburse and indemnify the trustee;
- maintain an office or agency with respect to the debt securities; and
- hold moneys for payment in trust.

The trust described above may be established only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the applicable series of debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred. The opinion must refer to or be based upon a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable federal income tax law occurring after the date of the indenture. In the event of any deposit and discharge, the holders of the debt securities would then be entitled to look only to the trust fund for payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the debt securities.

Covenant Defeasance.

If the covenant defeasance provision applies to a series of the debt securities, we may omit to comply with certain covenants, including those described under “—Covenants—Limitations on Liens” and “—Covenants—Limitations on Sale and Lease-Back” above, upon irrevocable deposit with the

trustee, in trust, of money or U.S. government securities or a combination of money and U.S. government securities that provide money in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge:

- the principal of (and premium, if any) and each installment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the series of debt securities on the stated maturity of the principal or installment of principal or interest, if any; and
- any mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments applicable to debt securities of that series on the day on which the payments are due and payable in accordance with the terms of the indenture and the debt securities of that series.

Thereafter, any noncompliance with the covenants described above will not be deemed to be an event of default under the indenture and the debt securities of that series, and our obligations under the indenture and the debt securities of that series (other than with respect to the covenants referred to above) will remain in full force and effect.

The trust described above may be established only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the applicable series of debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and defeasance of the obligations and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and defeasance had not occurred.

Modification of Indenture and Waiver of Certain Covenants

Without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of each series affected, we and the trustee may execute a supplemental indenture for limited purposes, including adding to our covenants or events of default, curing ambiguities, appointing a successor trustee and other changes that do not adversely affect the rights of a holder of debt securities.

With the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected, we and the trustee may also execute a supplemental indenture to change the indenture or modify the rights of the holders of debt securities of any series, but, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected, a supplemental indenture may not, among other things:

- change the maturity of principal or interest, if any, on any debt security;
- reduce the principal amount of or the rate of interest, if any, on any debt security or any premium payable on redemption; or
- reduce the percentage of holders of debt securities of that series whose consent is required to authorize any supplemental indenture.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series may waive our compliance with certain covenants in the indenture with respect to debt securities of that series.

The indenture provides that in determining whether the holders of the required principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver or whether a quorum is present at a meeting of holders of debt securities:

- the principal amount of an original issue discount security deemed outstanding will be the amount of the principal due and payable upon acceleration of the maturity of the security;
- the principal amount of any indexed security deemed outstanding will be the principal face amount of the indexed security at original issuance unless otherwise provided by the indenture;
- the principal amount of a security denominated in one or more foreign currencies will be deemed to be the U.S. dollar equivalent; and
- securities owned by us or any other obligor upon the securities or any affiliate of ours or of the obligor will be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding.

Together with the trustee, we also may, when authorized by our Board of Directors, modify the indenture without the consent of the holders for limited purposes, including, but not limited to, adding to our covenants or events of default, and curing ambiguities.

Defaults and Certain Rights on Default

An event of default with respect to any series of debt securities is defined as being any of the following events and any other events that are established for the debt securities of the series:

- default for 30 days in payment of any interest on the debt securities of the series;
- default in payment of principal of and premium, if any, on the debt securities of the series at maturity;
- default for 5 days in payment of any sinking fund payment with respect to debt securities of the series;
- default for 90 days after notice in performance of any other covenant in the indenture; or
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or reorganization relating to us.

An event of default with respect to debt securities of a particular series does not necessarily constitute an event of default with respect to any other series. We are required to deliver to the trustee annually a written statement as to the fulfillment of our obligations under the indenture. If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of debt securities, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of the series may declare the principal of all the debt securities of the series to be due and payable. The holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of the series may, under certain circumstances, rescind that declaration.

Subject to the provisions of the indenture relating to the duties of the trustee if an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of debt securities, unless those holders of debt securities offer to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity.

Subject to the provisions for indemnification and certain limitations contained in the indenture, the holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to

the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to debt securities of the series.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series may, in certain cases, waive any past default with respect to debt securities of the series except a default in payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any of the debt securities of the series.

Governing Law

New York law governs the indenture and the debt securities.

Concerning the Trustee

In the ordinary course of business, we and our affiliates maintain various commercial, banking and service relationships with The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., the trustee under the indenture, and its affiliates. In particular, affiliates of the trustee act as a lender under our credit facility, serve as our transfer agent and act as a trustee under, and provide investment management and other services in connection with, certain of our employee benefit and shareowner plans.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the debt securities offered by this prospectus (a) through agents; (b) through underwriters or dealers; (c) directly to one or more purchasers; or (d) through a combination of any of these methods of sale. We will identify the specific plan of distribution, including any underwriters, dealers or agents and their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

VALIDITY OF DEBT SECURITIES

The validity of the debt securities offered by this prospectus has been passed on for us by Chadbourne & Parke LLP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10112, and if the debt securities are being distributed in an underwritten offering, the validity of the debt securities will be passed on for the underwriters by their own counsel, who will be named in the prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and the related financial statement schedule, incorporated in this prospectus by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2007, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123R, *Share Based Payments*, FASB Interpretation No. 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations* and Financial Accounting Standard No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans – An Amendment of FASB Statements N. 87, 88, 106 and 132R*), which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

\$500,000,000

Rockwell Automation, Inc.

\$250,000,000 5.65% Notes due 2017
\$250,000,000 6.25% Debentures due 2037

Prospectus Supplement

**Banc of America Securities LLC
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
UBS Investment Bank**
