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PROSPECTUS

Mitcham Industries, Inc.

174,046 Shares

9.00% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock

This prospectus covers the offer and sale by the selling stockholder identified on page 27 of this prospectus of 174,046 shares of 9.00% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), of Mitcham Industries, Inc. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Series A Preferred Stock by the selling stockholder

The selling stockholder may offer and sell the shares of our Series A Preferred Stock from time to time. The selling stockholder may offer the shares of Series A Preferred Stock at prevailing market prices, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, at negotiated prices or at fixed prices.

Investing in our Series A Preferred Stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors described under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 2 of this prospectus and in the applicable prospectus supplement or any of the documents we incorporate by reference before you make an investment in our securities.

Our Series A Preferred Stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "MINDP." The last reported trading price of our Series A Preferred Stock on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on February 9, 2018 was \$22.80 per share.

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

The date of this prospectus is February 12, 2018.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Neither we nor the selling stockholder has authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to provide you with additional or different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus is not an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities to which it relates and is not an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation in that jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of this prospectus, or that the information contained in any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of such document, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of a security.

Additional information, including our financial statements and the notes thereto, is incorporated in this prospectus by reference to our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Please read “Where You Can Find More Information” below. You are urged to read this prospectus carefully, including “Risk Factors,” and the documents incorporated by reference in their entirety before investing in our securities.

References to “we,” “us,” “our,” “Mitcham” or the “Company” refer to Mitcham Industries, Inc., a Texas corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries. These subsidiaries include: Klein Marine Systems, Inc. (“Klein”), Mitcham Canada ULC (“MCL”), Seismic Asia Pacific Pty Ltd. (“SAP”), Mitcham Seismic Eurasia LLC (“MSE”), Mitcham Europe Ltd. (“MEL”), Mitcham Marine Leasing Pte. Ltd. (“MML”), Seemap (UK) Ltd. (“Seemap UK”) and Seemap Pte. Ltd. (“Seemap Singapore”).

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. You may also access the information we file electronically with the SEC through our website at www.mitchamindustries.com. We have not incorporated by reference into this prospectus the information included on, or linked from, our website (other than to the extent specified elsewhere herein), and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus.

We are incorporating by reference in this prospectus information we file with the SEC, which means that we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC automatically will update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), excluding any information in those documents that is deemed by the rules of the SEC to be furnished not filed, until all offerings under the registration statement are completed:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2017, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto on Form 10-K/A, filed on May 31, 2017;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended April 30, 2017, July 31, 2017 and October 31, 2017;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on March 27, 2017, April 11, 2017, May 16, 2017, August 8, 2017, September 15, 2017, November 21, 2017, December 22, 2017 and February 12, 2018 (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any such Current Report on Form 8-K); and

the description of our Series A Preferred Stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on June 2, 2016 pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

These reports contain important information about us, our financial condition and our results of operations.

All future documents filed pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act (excluding any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 on any Current Report on Form 8-K) after the date on which the registration statement that includes this prospectus was initially filed with the SEC (including all such documents that we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement) and until all offerings under this registration statement are terminated shall be deemed to be incorporated in this prospectus by reference and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained herein, or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

You may request a copy of these filings, which we will provide to you at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number:

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Attention: Chief Financial Officer

<http://www.mitchamindustries.com>

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information included in this prospectus may be deemed to be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words “anticipate,” “believe,” “expect,” “plan,” “intend,” “foresee,” “should,” “would,” “could,” or other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effect on us. While management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made, there can be no assurance that future developments affecting us will be those that we anticipate. All comments concerning our expectations for future revenues and operating results are based on our forecasts for our existing operations and do not include the potential impact of any future acquisitions. Our forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from our historical experience and our present expectations or projections. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those summarized below:

- decline in the demand for seismic data and our services;
- the effect of changing economic conditions and fluctuations in oil and natural gas prices on exploration activities;
- the effect of uncertainty in financial markets on our customers’ and our ability to obtain financing;
- loss of significant customers;
- increased competition;
- loss of key suppliers;
- uncertainties regarding our foreign operations, including political, economic and currency risks;
- seasonal fluctuations that can adversely affect our business;
- fluctuations due to circumstances beyond our control or that of our customers;
 - defaults by customers on amounts due us;
- possible impairment of our long-lived assets due to technological obsolescence or changes in anticipated cash flow generated from those assets;
- inability to obtain funding or to obtain funding under acceptable terms;
- intellectual property claims by third parties;
- risks associated with our manufacturing operations;
- the impact of economic and trade sanctions imposed on Russia by the United States and the European Union in response to the political unrest in Ukraine; and

Other risks associated with our foreign operations, including foreign currency exchange risk.

For additional information regarding known material factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our projected results, please see “Risk Factors.”

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement after the date that it is made, whether as the result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

Overview

Mitcham Industries, Inc., a Texas corporation, was incorporated in 1987. We provide equipment to the seismic, oceanographic and hydrographic industries. Headquartered in Huntsville, Texas, we have a global presence with operating locations in Salem, New Hampshire; Calgary, Canada; Brisbane, Australia; Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russia; Budapest, Hungary; Singapore; Bogota, Colombia and the United Kingdom.

We operate in two business segments, Equipment Leasing and Equipment Manufacturing and Sales.

Our Equipment Manufacturing and Sales segment is engaged in the design, production and sale of marine seismic equipment and oceanographic and hydrographic equipment. The operations of this segment are conducted through our wholly-owned subsidiaries, Seamap (UK), Seamap Singapore, Klein and SAP.

Our Equipment Leasing segment includes all leasing activity, sales of lease pool equipment and certain other equipment sales and services related to those operations. We conduct our leasing business through the Company, our wholly-owned subsidiaries and our branch in Colombia. We also sell new and used seismic equipment from time to time. The subsidiaries that conduct our leasing business are MCL, SAP, MSE, MEL and MML.

Our worldwide Equipment Manufacturing and Sales Segment includes the Seamap business, which designs, manufactures and sells specialized seismic marine equipment and Klein, which designs, manufactures and sells high performance side scan sonar systems. Through our Equipment Leasing Segment, we believe we are the largest independent provider of exploration equipment to the seismic industry.

Our Principal Executive Offices

Our principal executive offices are located at 8141 SH 75 South, P.O. Box 1175, Huntsville, Texas 77342 and our telephone number is (936) 291-2277. Our website is located at www.mitchamindustries.com. We make our periodic reports and other information filed with or furnished to the SEC available, free of charge, through our website, as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports and other information are electronically filed with or furnished to the Commission. The information on our website is not part of this prospectus, and you should rely only on information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus when making a decision as to whether or not to invest in our Series A Preferred Stock.

Additional Information

For additional information about us, including our corporate structure and management, please refer to the documents set forth under “Where You Can Find More Information” in this prospectus, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2017 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended April 30, 2017, July 31, 2017 and October 31, 2017, which are incorporated by reference herein.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a significant degree of risk. Before you invest in our securities you should carefully consider those risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2017 filed with the SEC on April 7, 2017, any Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and any Current Reports on Form 8-K, which are incorporated herein by reference, and those risk factors that may be included in any applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus and the documents we incorporate by reference, in evaluating an investment in our securities. If any of the risks discussed in the foregoing documents were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially adversely affected. Also, please read “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.”

Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Shares of Our Series A Preferred Stock

The Series A Preferred Stock ranks junior to all of our indebtedness and other liabilities.

In the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, our assets will be available to pay obligations on the Series A Preferred Stock only after all of our indebtedness and other liabilities have been paid. The rights of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to participate in the distribution of our assets will rank junior to the prior claims of our current and future creditors and any future series or class of preferred stock we may issue that ranks senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. Also, the Series A Preferred Stock effectively ranks junior to all existing and future indebtedness and to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our existing subsidiaries and any future subsidiaries. Our existing subsidiaries are, and future subsidiaries would be, separate legal entities and have no legal obligation to pay any amounts to us in respect of dividends due on the Series A Preferred Stock. If we are forced to liquidate our assets to pay our creditors, we may not have sufficient assets to pay amounts due on any or all of the Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding. We have incurred and may in the future incur substantial amounts of debt and other obligations that will rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. At October 31, 2017, our total liabilities equaled approximately \$6.648 million.

Certain of our existing or future debt instruments may restrict the authorization, payment or setting apart of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock. Also, future offerings of debt or senior equity securities may adversely affect the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock. If we decide to issue debt or senior equity securities in the future, it is possible that these securities will be governed by an indenture or other instruments containing covenants restricting our operating flexibility. Additionally, any convertible or exchangeable securities that we issue in the future may have rights, preferences and privileges more favorable than those of the Series A Preferred Stock and may result in dilution to owners of the Series A Preferred Stock. We and, indirectly, our shareholders, will bear the cost of issuing and servicing such securities. Because our decision to issue debt or equity securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. The holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will bear the risk of our future offerings, which may reduce the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock and will dilute the value of their holdings in us.

The Series A Preferred Stock is thinly traded and has no stated maturity date.

The shares of Series A Preferred Stock were listed for trading on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “MINDP” on June 14, 2016 and are thinly traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Since the securities have no stated maturity date, investors seeking liquidity will be limited to selling their shares in the secondary market. An active trading market for the shares may not develop or, even if it develops, may not last, in which case the trading price of the shares could be adversely affected and your ability to transfer your shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be limited.

We may issue additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and additional series of preferred stock that rank on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights, rights upon liquidation or voting rights.

We are allowed to issue additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and additional series of preferred stock that would rank equally to or above the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend payments and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs pursuant to our articles of incorporation and the certificate of designations

relating to the Series A Preferred Stock without any vote of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock. The issuance of additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and additional series of preferred stock could have the effect of reducing the amounts available to the Series A Preferred Stock issued in this offering upon our liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of our affairs. It also may reduce dividend payments on the Series A Preferred Stock issued in this offering if we do not have sufficient funds to pay dividends on all Series A Preferred Stock outstanding and other classes or series of stock with equal priority with respect to dividends.

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Also, although holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to limited voting rights, as described in “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Voting Rights,” with respect to the circumstances under which the holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, the Series A Preferred Stock will vote separately as a class along with all other series of our preferred stock that we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable. As a result, the voting rights of holders of Series A Preferred Stock may be significantly diluted, and the holders of such other series of preferred stock that we may issue may be able to control or significantly influence the outcome of any vote.

Future issuances and sales of senior or pari passu preferred stock, or the perception that such issuances and sales could occur, may cause prevailing market prices for the Series A Preferred Stock and our common stock to decline and may adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital in the financial markets at times and prices favorable to us.

We may not be able to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

Our ability to pay cash dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock following issuance will depend on the amount of funds legally available therefor. Further, even if funds are legally available for the payment of dividends, we may not have sufficient cash to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock. Our ability to pay dividends may be impaired if any of the risks described in this prospectus, the accompanying base prospectus or documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus were to occur. Also, payment of our dividends depends upon our financial condition and other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant from time to time. We cannot assure you that our businesses will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to make distributions on our common stock, if any, and preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock, to pay our indebtedness or to fund our other liquidity needs.

The payment of any future dividends will be determined by our board of directors in light of conditions then existing, including earnings, financial condition, capital requirements, restrictions in financing agreements, business conditions and other factors affecting us as a whole. Accordingly, there is no guarantee that we will be able to pay any dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock may be unable to use the dividends-received deduction and may not be eligible for the preferential tax rates applicable to “qualified dividend income.”

Distributions paid to corporate U.S. holders of the Series A Preferred Stock may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction, and distributions paid to non-corporate U.S. holders of the Series A Preferred Stock may be subject to tax at the preferential tax rates applicable to “qualified dividend income,” if we have current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We do not believe we have accumulated earnings and profits. Additionally, we do not expect to have any current earnings and profits in 2017 and we may not have sufficient current earnings and profits during future tax years for distributions on our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock to qualify as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the distributions fail to qualify as dividends, U.S. holders would be unable to use the dividends-received deduction and may not be eligible for the preferential tax rates applicable to “qualified dividend income.”

Our Series A Preferred Stock has not been rated.

We have not sought to obtain a rating for the Series A Preferred Stock. No assurance can be given, however, that one or more rating agencies might not independently determine to issue such a rating or that such a rating, if issued, would not adversely affect the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock. Also, we may elect in the future to obtain a rating for the Series A Preferred Stock, which could adversely affect the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock. Ratings only reflect the views of the rating agency or agencies issuing the ratings and such ratings could be revised downward, placed on a watch list or withdrawn entirely at the discretion of the issuing rating agency if in its judgment circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision, placing on a watch list or withdrawal of a rating could have an adverse effect on the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock.

We may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock.

On or after June 8, 2021, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time. Also, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred. We may have an incentive to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock voluntarily if market conditions allow us to issue other preferred stock or debt securities at a rate that is lower than the dividend on the Series A Preferred Stock. If we redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, then from and after the redemption date, your dividends will cease to accrue on your shares of Series A Preferred Stock, your shares of Series A Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding and all your rights as a holder of those shares will

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terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption.

The market price of the Series A Preferred Stock could be substantially affected by various factors.

The market price of the Series A Preferred Stock depends on many factors, which may change from time to time, including:

• prevailing interest rates, increases in which may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock;

• trading prices of similar securities;

• our history of timely dividend payments;

• the annual yield from dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock compared to yields on other financial instruments;

• general economic and financial market conditions;

• government action or regulation;

• the financial condition, performance and prospects of us and our competitors;

• changes in financial estimates or recommendations by securities analysts with respect to us or our competitors in our industry;

• our issuance of additional preferred equity or debt securities; and

• actual or anticipated variations in quarterly operating results of us and our competitors.

As a result of these and other factors, investors who purchase the Series A Preferred Stock in this offering may experience a decrease, which could be substantial and rapid, in the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock, including decreases unrelated to our operating performance or prospects.

As a holder of Series A Preferred Stock, you will have extremely limited voting rights.

Other than the limited circumstances described in this prospectus and except to the extent required by law, holders of Series A Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights. Our shares of common stock are the only class of our securities that carry full voting rights. Voting rights for holders of Series A Preferred Stock exist primarily with respect to the ability to elect, voting together with the holders of any other series of our preferred stock having similar voting rights, two additional directors to our board of directors, subject to limitations described in the section entitled "Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Voting Rights," in the event that six or more quarterly dividends (whether or not consecutive) payable on the Series A Preferred Stock are in arrears, and with respect to voting on amendments to our articles of incorporation or certificate of designations relating to the Series A Preferred Stock that materially and adversely affect the rights of the holders of Series A Preferred Stock or authorize, increase or create additional classes or series of our capital stock that are senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. Please see the section entitled "Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Voting Rights."

If our common stock is delisted, your ability to transfer or sell your shares of the Series A Preferred Stock may be limited and the market value of the Series A Preferred Stock will likely be materially adversely affected.

The Series A Preferred Stock does not contain provisions that are intended to protect you if our common stock is delisted from the NASDAQ. Because the Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity date, you may be forced to hold your shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and receive stated dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock when, as

and if authorized by our board of directors and paid by us with no assurance as to ever receiving the liquidation value thereof. Also, if our common stock is delisted from the NASDAQ, it is likely that the Series A Preferred Stock will be delisted from the NASDAQ Global Select Market as well. Accordingly, if our common stock is delisted from the NASDAQ, your ability to transfer or sell your shares of the Series A Preferred Stock may be limited and the market value of the Series A Preferred Stock will likely be materially and adversely affected.

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You may not be able to exercise conversion rights upon a Change of Control. If exercisable, the change of control conversion rights described in this prospectus may not adequately compensate you. These change of control conversion rights may also make it more difficult for a party to acquire us or discourage a party from acquiring us. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of the Series A Preferred Stock will have the right (unless, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder as described under “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Redemption-Optional Redemption” or “-Special Optional Redemption,” in which case such holder will have the right only with respect to shares of Series A Preferred Stock that are not called for redemption) to convert some or all of such holder’s Series A Preferred Stock into our shares of common stock (or under specified circumstances, certain alternative consideration).

Notwithstanding that we generally may not redeem the Series A Preferred Stock prior to June 8, 2021, we have a special optional redemption right to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock in the event of a Change of Control, and holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will not have the right to convert any shares that we have elected to redeem prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date. Please see the sections entitled “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Redemption-Special Optional Redemption” and “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Conversion Rights.” If we do not elect to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, then upon an exercise of the conversion rights provided for in this prospectus, the maximum number of shares of our common stock (or, if applicable, the Alternative Conversion Consideration (as defined herein)) the holders of Series A Preferred Stock can receive will be limited to the Share Cap multiplied by the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock converted. If the Common Stock Price is less than \$1.00 (which is approximately 30% of the per-share closing sale price of our common stock reported on the NASDAQ on February 9, 2018), subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will receive a maximum of 25.00 shares of our common stock per share of Series A Preferred Stock, which may result in a holder receiving shares of common stock (or Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable) with a value that is less than the liquidation preference of the Series A Preferred Stock plus any accrued and unpaid dividends.

Our articles of incorporation currently authorize 20,000,000 shares of common stock. As a result, these conversion rights would be subject to shareholder approval of an amendment to our articles of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock.

The Change of Control conversion feature of the Series A Preferred Stock may also have the effect of discouraging a third party from making an acquisition proposal for us or of delaying, deferring or preventing certain of our change of control transactions under circumstances that otherwise could provide the holders of our common stock and Series A Preferred Stock with the opportunity to realize a premium over the then-current market price of such stock or that shareholders may otherwise believe is in their best interests.

Investors should not expect us to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock on the date the Series A Preferred Stock becomes redeemable by the Company or on any particular date afterwards.

The Series A Preferred Stock has no maturity or mandatory redemption date and is not redeemable at the option of investors under any circumstances. By its terms, the Series A Preferred Stock may be redeemed by us at our option either in whole or in part at any time on or after June 8, 2021 or, under certain circumstances, may be redeemed by us at our option, in whole, sooner than that date. Any decision we may make at any time regarding whether to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock will depend upon a wide variety of factors, including our evaluation of our capital position, our capital requirements and general market conditions at that time. You should not assume that we will redeem the Series A Preferred Stock at any particular time, or at all.

Provisions in our articles of incorporation and Texas law could discourage a takeover attempt, which may reduce or eliminate the likelihood of a change of control transaction and, therefore, the ability of our shareholders to sell their shares for a premium.

Provisions of our articles of incorporation and the Texas Business Organizations Code may tend to delay, defer or prevent a potential unsolicited offer or takeover attempt that is not approved by our board of directors but that our shareholders might consider to be in their best interest, including an attempt that might result in shareholders receiving a premium over the market price for their shares. Because our board of directors is authorized to issue preferred stock with preferences and rights as it determines, it may afford the holders of any series of preferred stock preferences, rights or voting powers superior to those of the holders of common stock.

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Recently enacted changes to the U.S. tax laws could have a negative impact on our business operations, financial condition and earnings.

Recently enacted legislation will result in significant changes to the U.S. tax laws. Although this legislation includes a provision for lower corporate income tax rates, those rate reductions could be offset by other changes intended to broaden the tax base, for example, by limiting the ability to deduct interest expense and net operating losses. We have not yet determined the impact that these changes could have on us, and that impact could be substantial. These changes to the U.S. tax laws could have a negative impact on our operating results, financial condition and business operations. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the effect of these changes to the U.S. tax laws on an investment in our shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

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RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERENCE DIVIDENDS

Our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends for each of the five years in the period ended January 31, 2017 and for the nine months ended October 31, 2017 is set forth below.

We did not have any shares of preferred stock outstanding prior to June 8, 2016, and did not declare and were not otherwise required to pay any dividends on preferred stock prior to such time. Accordingly, our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends for each of the four years in the period ended January 31, 2016 is equivalent to our ratio of earnings to fixed charges.

	Year Ended January 31,					Nine Months Ended October 31, 2017	
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013		
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends (1).....	*	*	*	12.08	18.27	*	*

Earnings for the years ended January 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 and for the nine months ended October 31, 2017 (1) were insufficient to cover fixed charges and preference dividends by \$31,825,000, \$27,759,000, \$10,186,000 and \$12,768,000, respectively.

For purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends:

- “earnings” is the aggregate of the following items: pre-tax income from continuing operations; and
- “fixed charges” means the sum of the following: (1) interest expensed and capitalized, (2) amortized premiums, discounts and capitalized expenses related to indebtedness and (3) an estimate of the interest within rental expense.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

All of the shares of our Series A Preferred Stock covered by this prospectus are being sold by the selling stockholder. See “Selling Stockholder.” We will not receive any proceeds from these sales of our Series A Preferred Stock.

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DIVIDEND POLICY

Holders of our Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to 9.00% per annum of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference (equivalent to \$2.25 per annum per share), accruing from October 31, 2017. Dividends are payable to holders of our Series A Preferred Stock quarterly on or about the last day of January, April, July and October of each year. The record date for dividend payment is the 15th day of January, April, July and October of each year.

We have not paid any cash dividends on our common stock since our inception, and our board of directors does not contemplate the payment of cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. It is the present policy of our board of directors to retain earnings, if any, for use in developing and expanding our business. In the future, our payment of dividends on our common stock will also depend on the amount of funds available, our financial condition, capital requirements and such other factors as our board of directors may consider.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK

The description of certain terms of the Series A Preferred Stock in this prospectus does not purport to be complete and is in all respects subject to, and qualified in its entirety by references to, the relevant provisions of our amended and restated articles of incorporation (the “articles of incorporation”), the certificate of designation, as amended, establishing the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock (the “certificate of designations”), our amended and restated bylaws (“bylaws”) and Texas law. Copies of our articles of incorporation, the certificate of designations and our bylaws are available from us upon request.

General

We are authorized under our articles of incorporation to issue up to 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, in one or more classes or series and, subject to the limitations prescribed by our articles of incorporation and Texas law, with such rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of each class or series of preferred stock, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting any class or series as our board of directors may determine, without any vote or action by our shareholders. As of February 09, 2018, we had 530,476 shares of the Series A Preferred Stock issued and outstanding. Our board of directors may, without the approval of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock, designate additional series of authorized preferred stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock or designate additional shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and authorize the issuance of such shares.

The registrar, transfer agent and dividend and redemption price disbursing agent in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC. The principal business address for American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC is 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219.

Listing

Our Series A Preferred Stock is currently traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the trading symbol “MINDP”.

No Maturity, Sinking Fund or Mandatory Redemption

The Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity and will not be subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will remain outstanding indefinitely unless we decide to redeem or otherwise repurchase them or they are converted into our common stock in connection with a Change of Control as described below. We are not required to set aside funds to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock.

Ranking

The Series A Preferred Stock will rank, with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up:

- (1) senior to all classes or series of our common stock and to all other equity securities issued by us other than equity securities referred to in clauses (2) and (3) below;
- (2) on a parity with all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- (3) junior to all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (please see the section entitled “Voting Rights” below); and
- (4) effectively junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness (including indebtedness convertible to our common stock or preferred stock) and to any indebtedness and other liabilities of (as well as any preferred equity interests held by others in) our existing subsidiaries.

Dividends

Holders of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of funds legally available to us for the payment of dividends, cumulative cash dividends at the rate of

9.00% of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference per annum (equivalent to \$2.25 per annum per share). Dividends on the Series A Preferred

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Stock shall be payable quarterly on or about the last day of January, April, July and October of each year; provided that if any dividend payment date is not a business day, as defined in the certificate of designations, then the dividend that would otherwise have been payable on that dividend payment date may be paid on the next succeeding business day and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after that dividend payment date to that next succeeding business day. Any dividend payable on the Series A Preferred Stock, including dividends payable for any partial dividend period, will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends will be payable to holders of record as they appear in our stock records for the Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on the applicable record date, which shall be the 15th day of January, April, July and October of each year, whether or not a business day, in which the applicable dividend payment date falls. As a result, holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will not be entitled to receive dividends on a dividend payment date if such shares were not issued and outstanding on the applicable dividend record date. No dividends on shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be authorized by our board of directors or paid or set apart for payment by us at any time when the terms and provisions of any agreement of ours, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibit the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof or provide that the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof would constitute a breach of the agreement or a default under the agreement, or if the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment shall be restricted or prohibited by law. You should review the information appearing above under “Risk Factors-We may not be able to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock” for information as to these and other circumstances under which we may be unable to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock will accrue whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of those dividends and whether or not those dividends are declared by our board of directors. No interest, or sum in lieu of interest, will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series A Preferred Stock that may be in arrears, and holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any dividends in excess of full cumulative dividends described above. Any dividend payment made on the Series A Preferred Stock shall first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividend due with respect to those shares.

Future distributions on our common stock and preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of operations, cash flow from operations, financial condition and capital requirements, any debt service requirements and any other factors our board of directors deems relevant. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to make cash distributions on our preferred stock or what the actual distributions will be for any future period.

Unless full cumulative dividends on all shares of Series A Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof has been or contemporaneously is set apart for payment for all past dividend periods, no dividends (other than in shares of common stock or in shares of any series of preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) shall be declared or paid or set aside for payment upon shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to, or on a parity with, the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, nor shall any other distribution be declared or made upon shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to, or on a parity with, the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Also, any shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to or on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up shall not be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any moneys paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) by us (except by conversion into or exchange for our common stock or other capital stock that we may issue ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and the

distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up).

When dividends are not paid in full (or a sum sufficient for such full payment is not so set apart) upon the Series A Preferred Stock and the shares of any other series of preferred stock that we may issue ranking on a parity as to the payment of dividends with the Series A Preferred Stock, all dividends declared upon the Series A Preferred Stock and any other series of preferred stock that we may issue ranking on a parity as to the payment of dividends with the Series A Preferred Stock shall be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share of Series A Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock that we may issue shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the Series A Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock that we may issue (which shall not include any accrual in respect of unpaid dividends for prior dividend periods if such preferred stock does not have a cumulative dividend) bear to each

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other. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series A Preferred Stock that may be in arrears.

Liquidation Preference

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid out of the assets we have legally available for distribution to our shareholders, subject to the preferential rights of the holders of any class or series of our capital stock that we may issue ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the date of payment, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock we may issue that ranks junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to liquidation rights.

In the event that, upon any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our available assets are insufficient to pay the amount of the liquidating distributions on all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all shares of other classes or series of our capital stock that we may issue ranking on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in the distribution of assets, then the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and all other such classes or series of capital stock shall share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be respectively entitled.

After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distributions to which they are entitled, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. The consolidation or merger of us with or into any other corporation, trust or entity or of any other entity with or into us, or the sale, lease, transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or business, shall not be deemed a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us (although such events may give rise to the special optional redemption or conversion to the extent described below).

Redemption

The Series A Preferred Stock is not redeemable by us prior to June 8, 2021, except as described below under “-Special Optional Redemption.”

Optional Redemption. On and after June 8, 2021, we may, at our option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ written notice, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the date fixed for redemption.

Special Optional Redemption. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, we may, at our option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ notice, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the redemption date.

A “Change of Control” is deemed to occur when, after the original issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock, the following have occurred and are continuing:

the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a “person” under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction of our stock entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of our directors (except that such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and

following the closing of any transaction referred to in the bullet point above, neither we nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or American Depositary Receipts representing such securities) listed on the NYSE, the NYSE MKT or NASDAQ, or listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system that is a successor to

the NYSE, the NYSE MKT or NASDAQ.

Redemption Procedures. In the event we elect to redeem Series A Preferred Stock, the notice of redemption will be mailed or given to each holder of record of Series A Preferred Stock called for redemption at such holder's address as it appear on our stock transfer records, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, and will state the following:

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the redemption date;

the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed;

the redemption price;

the place or places where certificates (if any) for the Series A Preferred Stock are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price;

that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the redemption date;

whether such redemption is being made pursuant to the provisions described above under “-Optional Redemption” or “-Special Optional Redemption”;

if applicable, that such redemption is being made in connection with a Change of Control and, in that case, a brief description of the transaction or transactions constituting such Change of Control; and

if such redemption is being made in connection with a Change of Control, that the holders of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock being so called for redemption will not be able to tender such shares of Series A Preferred Stock for conversion in connection with the Change of Control and that each share of Series A Preferred Stock tendered for conversion that is called, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, for redemption will be redeemed on the related date of redemption instead of converted on the Change of Control Conversion Date.

If less than all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock are to be redeemed, the notice shall also specify the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall surrender the Series A Preferred Stock at the place designated in the notice of redemption and shall be entitled to the redemption price and any accumulated and unpaid dividends payable upon the redemption following the surrender. If notice of redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock has been given and if we have irrevocably set aside the funds necessary for redemption in trust for the benefit of the holders of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock so called for redemption, then from and after the redemption date (unless default shall be made by us in providing for the payment of the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any), dividends will cease to accrue on those shares of Series A Preferred Stock, those shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of those shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption. If any redemption date is not a business day, then the redemption price and accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption may be paid on the next business day and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount payable for the period from and after that redemption date to that next business day. If less than all of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata (as nearly as may be practicable without creating fractional shares) or by any other equitable method we determine.

In connection with any redemption of Series A Preferred Stock, we shall pay, in cash, any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the redemption date, unless a redemption date falls after a dividend record date and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, in which case each holder of Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on such dividend record date shall be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before such dividend payment date. Except as provided above, we will make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on shares of the Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed.

Unless full cumulative dividends for all partial dividend periods on all shares of Series A Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof has been or contemporaneously is set apart for payment for all past dividend periods, no shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be redeemed unless all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are simultaneously redeemed and we shall not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any shares of Series A Preferred Stock (except by exchanging it for our capital stock ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up); provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase or acquisition by us of shares of Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

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Subject to applicable law, we may purchase shares of Series A Preferred Stock in the open market, by tender or by private agreement. Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock that we acquire may be retired and reclassified as authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock, without designation as to class or series, and may thereafter be reissued as any class or series of preferred stock.

Conversion Rights

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Series A Preferred Stock will have the right (unless, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder as described above under “-Redemption-Optional Redemption” or “-Redemption-Special Optional Redemption,” in which case such holder will have the right only with respect to shares of Series A Preferred Stock that are not called for redemption) to convert some or all of the Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder (the “Change of Control Conversion Right”) on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of our common stock per share of Series A Preferred Stock (the “Common Stock Conversion Consideration”) equal to the lesser of:

the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share of Series A Preferred Stock plus the amount of any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the Change of Control Conversion Date (unless the Change of Control Conversion Date is after a dividend record date and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date for the Series A Preferred Stock, in which case no additional amount for such accrued and unpaid dividends will be included in this sum) by (ii) the Common Stock Price, as defined below (such quotient, the “Conversion Rate”); and

\$25.00, which we refer to as the “Share Cap,” subject to certain adjustments as described below.

Our articles of incorporation currently authorize 20,000,000 shares of common stock. As a result, these conversion rights would be subject to shareholder approval of an amendment to our articles of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock.

Notwithstanding anything in the certificate of designations to the contrary, and except as otherwise required by law, the holders of record of shares of Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on a dividend record date will be entitled to receive the dividend payable on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the conversion of those shares after such dividend record date and on or prior to such dividend payment date and, in such case, the full amount of such dividend shall be paid on such dividend payment date to the persons who were the holders of record at the close of business on such dividend record date. Except as provided above, we will make no allowance for unpaid dividends that are not in arrears on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted.

The Share Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any share splits (including those effected pursuant to a distribution of our common stock to existing holders of our common stock), subdivisions or combinations (in each case, a “Share Split”) with respect to our common stock as follows: the adjusted Share Cap as the result of a Share Split will be the number of shares of our common stock that is equivalent to the product obtained by multiplying (i) the Share Cap in effect immediately prior to such Share Split by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such Share Split and the denominator of which is the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately prior to such Share Split.

For the avoidance of doubt, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence, the aggregate number of shares of our common stock (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration (as defined below), as applicable) issuable or deliverable, as applicable, in connection with the exercise of the Change of Control Conversion Right will not exceed 4,351,150 shares of our common stock (or equivalent Alternative Conversion Consideration, as applicable) assuming all 174,046 shares of Series A Preferred Stock being offered hereunder are issued (the “Exchange Cap”). The Exchange Cap is subject to pro rata adjustments for any Share Splits on the same basis as the corresponding adjustment to the Share Cap.

In the case of a Change of Control where our common stock is or will be converted into cash, securities or other property or assets (including any combination thereof) (the “Alternative Form Consideration”), a holder of Series A Preferred Stock will receive upon conversion of such Series A Preferred Stock the kind and amount of Alternative Form Consideration that such holder would have owned or been entitled to receive upon the Change of Control had such holder held a number of shares of our common stock equal to the Common Stock Conversion Consideration immediately prior to the effective time of the Change of Control (the “Alternative Conversion Consideration”). The Common Stock Conversion Consideration or the Alternative Conversion Consideration, whichever shall be applicable to a Change of Control, is referred to as the “Conversion Consideration.”

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If the holders of our common stock have the opportunity to elect the form of consideration to be received in the Change of Control, the Conversion Consideration in respect of such Change of Control will be deemed to be the kind and amount of consideration actually received by holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock that made or voted for such an election (if electing between two types of consideration) or holders of a plurality of the outstanding shares of our common stock that made or voted for such an election (if electing between more than two types of consideration), as the case may be, and will be subject to any limitations to which all holders of our common stock are subject, including, without limitation, pro rata reductions applicable to any portion of the consideration payable in such Change of Control.

We will not issue fractional shares of our common stock upon the conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock in connection with a Change of Control. Instead, we will make a cash payment equal to the value of such fractional shares based upon the Common Stock Price used in determining the Common Stock Conversion Consideration for such Change of Control.

Within 15 days following the occurrence of a Change of Control, provided that we have not then exercised our right to redeem all shares of Series A Preferred Stock under the redemption provisions described above, we will provide to holders of Series A Preferred Stock a notice of occurrence of the Change of Control that describes the resulting Change of Control Conversion Right. This notice will state the following:

• the events constituting the Change of Control;

• the date of the Change of Control;

• the last date on which the holders of Series A Preferred Stock may exercise their Change of Control Conversion Right;

• the method and period for calculating the Common Stock Price;

• the Change of Control Conversion Date;

that if, prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date, we have provided notice of our election to redeem all or any shares of Series A Preferred Stock, holders will not be able to convert the shares of Series A Preferred Stock called for redemption and such shares will be redeemed on the related redemption date, even if such shares have already been tendered for conversion pursuant to the Change of Control Conversion Right;

• if applicable, the type and amount of Alternative Conversion Consideration entitled to be received per share of Series A Preferred Stock;

• the name and address of the paying agent, transfer agent and conversion agent for the Series A Preferred Stock;

the procedures that the holders of Series A Preferred Stock must follow to exercise the Change of Control Conversion Right (including procedures for surrendering shares for conversion through the facilities of a Depositary (as defined below)), including the form of conversion notice to be delivered by such holders as described below; and

• the last date on which holders of Series A Preferred Stock may withdraw shares surrendered for conversion and the procedures that such holders must follow to effect such a withdrawal.

Under such circumstances, we will also issue a press release containing such notice for publication on any of Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Business Wire, PR Newswire or Bloomberg Business News (or, if these organizations are not

in existence at the time of issuance of the press release, such other news or press organization as is reasonably calculated to broadly disseminate the relevant information to the public), and post a notice on our website, in any event prior to the opening of business on the first business day following any date on which we provide the notice described above to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

To exercise the Change of Control Conversion Right, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will be required to deliver, on or before the close of business on the Change of Control Conversion Date, the certificates (if any) representing the shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted, duly endorsed for transfer (or, in the case of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock held in book-entry form through a Depositary (as defined below) to deliver, on or before the close of business on the Change of Control Conversion Date, the shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted through the facilities of such Depositary), together with a written conversion notice in the form provided by us, duly completed, to our transfer agent. The conversion notice must state:

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- the relevant Change of Control Conversion Date;

• the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted; and

• that the Series A Preferred Stock is to be converted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Series A Preferred Stock.

The “Change of Control Conversion Date” is the date the Series A Preferred Stock is to be converted, which will be a business day selected by us that is no fewer than 20 days nor more than 35 days after the date on which we provide the notice described above to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

The “Common Stock Price” is (i) if the consideration to be received in the Change of Control by the holders of our common stock is solely cash, the amount of cash consideration per share of our common stock or (ii) if the consideration to be received in the Change of Control by holders of our common stock is other than solely cash (x) the average of the closing sale prices per share of our common stock (or, if no closing sale price is reported, the average of the closing bid and ask prices per share or, if more than one in either case, the average of the average closing bid and the average closing ask prices per share) for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the date on which such Change of Control occurred as reported on the principal U.S. securities exchange on which our common stock is then traded, or (y) the average of the last quoted bid prices for our common stock in the over-the-counter market as reported by Pink Sheets LLC or similar organization for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the date on which such Change of Control occurred, if our common stock is not then listed for trading on a U.S. securities exchange.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock may withdraw any notice of exercise of a Change of Control Conversion Right (in whole or in part) by a written notice of withdrawal delivered to our transfer agent prior to the close of business on the business day prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date. The notice of withdrawal delivered by any holder must state:

• the number of withdrawn shares of Series A Preferred Stock;

• if certificated Series A Preferred Stock has been surrendered for conversion, the certificate numbers of the withdrawn shares of Series A Preferred Stock; and

• the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock, if any, which remain subject to the holder’s conversion notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are held in book-entry form through the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), or a similar depository (each, a “Depository”), the conversion notice and/or the notice of withdrawal, as applicable, must comply with applicable procedures, if any, of the applicable Depository. Series A Preferred Stock as to which the Change of Control Conversion Right has been properly exercised and for which the conversion notice has not been properly withdrawn will be converted into the applicable Conversion Consideration in accordance with the Change of Control Conversion Right on the Change of Control Conversion Date, unless prior to the Change of Control Conversion Date we have provided notice of our election to redeem some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, as described above under “-Redemption-Optional Redemption” or “-Redemption-Special Optional Redemption,” in which case only the shares of Series A Preferred Stock properly surrendered for conversion and not properly withdrawn that are not called for redemption will be converted. If we elect to redeem shares of Series A Preferred Stock that would otherwise be converted into the applicable Conversion Consideration on a Change of Control Conversion Date, such shares of Series A Preferred Stock will not be so converted and the holders of such shares will be entitled to receive on the applicable redemption date the redemption price described above under “-Redemption-Optional Redemption” or “-Redemption-Special Optional Redemption,” as applicable.

We will deliver all securities, cash and any other property owing upon conversion no later than the third business day following the Change of Control Conversion Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the persons entitled to receive any shares of our common stock or other securities delivered on conversion will be deemed to have become the holders of record thereof as of the Change of Control Conversion Date.

In connection with the exercise of any Change of Control Conversion Right, we will comply with all federal and state securities laws and stock exchange rules in connection with any conversion of Series A Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock or other property.

The Change of Control Conversion Right may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us or discourage a party from acquiring us. See “Risk Factors-You may not be able to exercise conversion rights upon a Change of Control. If

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exercisable, the change of control conversion rights described in this prospectus may not adequately compensate you. These change of control conversion rights may also make it more difficult for a party to acquire us or discourage a party from acquiring us.”

Except as provided above in connection with a Change of Control, the Series A Preferred Stock is not convertible into, or exchangeable for, any other securities or property.

Voting Rights

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights, except as set forth below or as otherwise required by law.

On each matter on which holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, each share of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to one vote. In instances described below where holders of Series A Preferred Stock vote with holders of any other class or series of our preferred stock as a single class on any matter, the Series A Preferred Stock and the shares of each such other class or series will have one vote for each \$25.00 of liquidation preference (excluding accumulated dividends) represented by their respective shares.

Whenever dividends on any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are in arrears for six or more quarterly dividend periods, whether or not consecutive, the number of directors constituting our board of directors will be automatically increased by two (if not already increased by two by reason of the election of directors by the holders of any other class or series of our preferred stock we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and with which the holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote as a class with respect to the election of those two directors) and the holders of Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of preferred stock that we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of those two directors) will be entitled to vote for the election of those two additional directors (the “preferred stock directors”) at a special meeting called by us at the request of the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock or by the holders of any other class or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of those two preferred stock directors (unless the request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of shareholders, in which case, such vote will be held at the earlier of the next annual or special meeting of shareholders), and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated on the Series A Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods have been fully paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside for payment. In that case, the right of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to elect any directors will cease and, unless there are other classes or series of our preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, any directors elected by holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall immediately resign and the number of directors constituting the board of directors shall be reduced accordingly. In no event shall the holders of Series A Preferred Stock be entitled under these voting rights to elect a director that would cause us to fail to satisfy a requirement relating to director independence of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which any class or series of our capital stock is listed or quoted. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall the total number of directors elected by holders of the Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of preferred stock we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of such directors) under these voting rights exceed two.

If a special meeting is not called by us within 30 days after request from the holders of Series A Preferred Stock as described above, then the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock may designate a holder to call the meeting at our expense.

If, at any time when the voting rights conferred upon the Series A Preferred Stock are exercisable, any vacancy in the office of a preferred stock director shall occur, then such vacancy may be filled only by a written consent of the remaining preferred stock director, or if none remains in office, by vote of the holders of record of the outstanding

Series A Preferred Stock and any other classes or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of the preferred stock directors. Any preferred stock director elected or appointed may be removed only by the affirmative vote of holders of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and any other classes or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which classes or series of preferred stock are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of the preferred stock directors, such removal to be effected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and any such other classes or series of preferred stock, and may not be removed by the holders of the common stock.

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So long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting together as a class with all other series of parity preferred stock that we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable), (a) authorize or create, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of capital stock ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up or reclassify any of our authorized capital stock into such shares, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares; or (b) amend, alter, repeal or replace our articles of incorporation, including by way of a merger, consolidation or otherwise in which we may or may not be the surviving entity, so as to materially and adversely affect and deprive holders of Series A Preferred Stock of any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series A Preferred Stock (each, an “Event”); provided, however, with respect to the occurrence of any Event set forth in (b) above, so long as the Series A Preferred Stock remains outstanding with the terms thereof materially unchanged, taking into account that, upon an occurrence of an Event, we may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such Event shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock; provided, further, that any increase in the amount of the authorized preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock, or the creation or issuance of any additional Series A Preferred Stock or other series of preferred stock that we may issue, or any increase in the amount of authorized shares of such series, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, shall not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers; and provided, moreover, that if an Event set forth in (b) above affects materially and adversely any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series A Preferred Stock but not all of the series of parity preferred stock that we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, the vote or consent that is required will be the vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and all such other similarly affected series, outstanding at the time (voting together as a class).

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be effected, all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

Except as expressly stated in the certificate of designation or as may be required by applicable law, the Series A Preferred Stock do not have any relative, participating, optional or other special voting rights or powers and the consent of the holders thereof shall not be required for the taking of any corporate action.

Information Rights

During any period in which we are not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will use our best efforts to (i) transmit by mail (or other permissible means under the Exchange Act) to all holders of Series A Preferred Stock, as their names and addresses appear on our record books and without cost to such holders, copies of the Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q that we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act if we were subject thereto (other than any exhibits that would have been required) and (ii) promptly, upon request, supply copies of such reports to any holders or prospective holders of Series A Preferred Stock. We will use our best effort to mail (or otherwise provide) the information to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock within 15 days after the respective dates by which a periodic report on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, as the case may be, in respect of such information would have been required to be filed with the SEC, if we were subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, in each case, based on the dates on which we would be required to file such periodic reports if we were a “non-accelerated filer” within the meaning of the Exchange Act.

No Preemptive Rights

No holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will, as holders of Series A Preferred Stock, have any preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for our common stock or any other security.

Change of Control

Provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws may make it difficult and expensive for a third party to pursue a tender offer, change in control or takeover attempt, which is opposed by management and the board of directors. See “Risk Factors-Provisions in our articles of incorporation and Texas law could discourage a takeover attempt, which may reduce or eliminate the likelihood of a change of control transaction and, therefore, the ability of our shareholders to sell their shares for a premium.”

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Book-Entry Procedures

DTC acts as securities depository for our outstanding common stock and will also act as securities depository for the Series A Preferred Stock offered hereunder. With respect to the Series A Preferred Stock offered hereunder, we will issue one or more fully registered global securities certificates in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. These certificates will represent the total aggregate number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock. We will deposit these certificates with DTC or a custodian appointed by DTC. We will not issue certificates to you for the shares of Series A Preferred Stock that you purchase, unless DTC's services are discontinued as described below.

Title to book-entry interests in the Series A Preferred Stock will pass by book-entry registration of the transfer within the records of DTC in accordance with its procedures. Book-entry interests in the securities may be transferred within DTC in accordance with procedures established for these purposes by DTC. Each person owning a beneficial interest in shares of the Series A Preferred Stock must rely on the procedures of DTC and the participant through which such person owns its interest to exercise its rights as a holder of the Series A Preferred Stock.

DTC has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under 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 under the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Direct Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Direct Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriter, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The rules applicable to DTC and its Direct and Indirect Participants are on file with the SEC.

When you purchase shares of Series A Preferred Stock within the DTC system, the purchase must be by or through a Direct Participant. The Direct Participant will receive a credit for the Series A Preferred Stock on DTC's records. You will be considered to be the "beneficial owner" of the Series A Preferred Stock. Your beneficial ownership interest will be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records, but DTC will have no knowledge of your individual ownership. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts shares of Series A Preferred Stock are credited.

You will not receive written confirmation from DTC of your purchase. The Direct or Indirect Participants through whom you purchased the Series A Preferred Stock should send you written confirmations providing details of your transactions, as well as periodic statements of your holdings. The Direct and Indirect Participants are responsible for keeping an accurate account of the holdings of their customers like you.

Transfers of ownership interests held through Direct and Indirect Participants will be accomplished by entries on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of the beneficial owners.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

We understand that, under DTC's existing practices, in the event that we request any action of the holders, or an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security, such as you, desires to take any action that a holder is entitled to take under our articles of incorporation (including the certificate of designations designating the Series A Preferred Stock), DTC would authorize the Direct Participants holding the relevant shares to take such action, and those Direct Participants and any Indirect Participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through those Direct and Indirect Participants to take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Any redemption notices with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock will be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are being redeemed, DTC will reduce each Direct Participant's holdings

of shares of Series A Preferred Stock in accordance with its procedures.

In those instances where a vote is required, neither DTC nor Cede & Co. itself will consent or vote with respect to the shares of Series A Preferred Stock. Under its usual procedures, DTC would mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants whose

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accounts the shares of Series A Preferred Stock are credited to on the record date, which are identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock will be made directly to DTC's nominee (or its successor, if applicable). DTC's practice is to credit participants' accounts on the relevant 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 payment date.

Payments by Direct and Indirect Participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." These payments will be the responsibility of the participant and not of DTC, us or any agent of ours. DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock at any time by giving reasonable notice to us. Additionally, we may decide to discontinue the book-entry only system of transfers with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock. In that event, we will print and deliver certificates in fully registered form for the Series A Preferred Stock. If DTC notifies us that it is unwilling to continue as securities depository, or it is unable to continue or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days after receiving such notice or becoming aware that DTC is no longer so registered, we will issue the Series A Preferred Stock in definitive form, at our expense, upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, such global security.

According to DTC, the foregoing information with respect to DTC has been provided to the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures

Secondary market trading among DTC's participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC's rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System.

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MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following discussion summarizes the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to “U.S. Holders” and “non-U.S. Holders” (each as defined below) with respect to the acquisition, ownership, disposition and conversion of our Series A Preferred Stock and any common stock received in respect of our Series A Preferred Stock. This discussion is based upon the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and judicial and administrative authority, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, or are subject to different interpretations. We cannot assure holders that the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, will not challenge one or more of the tax consequences described in this discussion, and we have not obtained, nor do we intend to obtain a ruling from the IRS or an opinion of counsel with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning, disposing of, or converting our Series A Preferred Stock, or the common stock received upon conversion.

This discussion is limited to holders that will hold our Series A Preferred Stock and common stock received in respect thereof as “capital assets” (generally, property held for investment). This summary does not address any U.S. federal alternative minimum, estate or gift tax considerations, the Medicare tax on net investment income or the tax considerations arising under the laws of any foreign, state, local or other jurisdiction or any income tax treaty. In addition, this discussion does not address all tax considerations that may be important to a particular holder in light of the holder’s circumstances, or to certain categories of investors that may be subject to special rules, including, but not limited to:

• banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions;

• tax-exempt or governmental organizations;

• dealers in securities or foreign currencies;

• traders in securities that use the mark-to-market method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

• persons subject to the alternative minimum tax;

• U.S. persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;

• partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes and holders of interests therein;

• persons deemed to sell our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock under the constructive sale provisions;

• persons that hold our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock through the exercise of employee options or otherwise as compensation;

• former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;

• real estate investment trusts or regulated investment companies; and

• persons that hold our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock as part of a straddle, appreciated financial position, synthetic security, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment or risk reduction transaction.

If an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock received in respect thereof, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner of the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership and upon certain

determinations made at the partner level. Partners in partnerships considering acquiring our Series A Preferred Stock are urged to consult their own tax advisors about the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of such stock and any common stock received in respect thereof.

EACH POTENTIAL INVESTOR IS URGED TO CONSULT WITH ITS OWN TAX ADVISER AS TO THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, FOREIGN AND ANY OTHER TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP, DISPOSITION AND CONVERSION OF OUR SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK AND COMMON STOCK.

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U.S. Holders

A “U.S. Holder” is a beneficial owner of our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is or is treated as:

• an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

• a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that was created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

• an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or

• a trust if (i) a U.S. court can exercise primary supervision over the trust’s administration and one or more United States persons are authorized to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) certain circumstances apply and the trust has validly elected to be treated as a United States person.

Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock

Cash distributions with respect to our Series A Preferred Stock and cash distributions with respect to our common stock generally will be characterized as dividend income when paid, to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. To the extent that the amount of a distribution with respect to our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, such distribution will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in such Series A Preferred Stock or common stock, as the case may be, which reduces such basis dollar-for-dollar, and thereafter as capital gain. Such gain will be long-term capital gain provided that the U.S. Holder has held such Series A Preferred Stock or common stock, as the case may be, for more than one year as of the time of the distribution. We do not believe we have accumulated earnings and profits. Additionally, we do not expect to have any current earnings and profits in 2017 and we may not have sufficient earnings and profits during future tax years for distributions on our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock to qualify as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes. To the extent a distribution (or a portion thereof) on our Series A Preferred Stock fails to qualify as a dividend, U.S. corporate holders would be unable to use the dividends-received deduction described below.

Dividends received by individual holders of our Series A Preferred Stock generally will be subject to a reduced rate of U.S. federal income tax if such dividends are treated as “qualified dividend income” for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The rate reduction does not apply to dividends received to the extent that the individual U.S. Holder elects to treat the dividends as “investment income,” which may be offset against investment interest expense. Furthermore, the rate reduction does not apply to dividends that are paid to individual holders of our Series A Preferred Stock where such stock is held for 60 days or less during the 121-day period beginning on the date which is 60 days before the date on which the Series A Preferred Stock becomes ex-dividend.

Distributions received by corporations will be treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes and generally will be eligible for the dividends-received deduction to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits. Generally, this deduction is allowed if the underlying stock is held for at least 46 days during the 91-day period beginning on the date 45 days before the ex-dividend date of the stock, and for cumulative preferred stock with an arrearage of dividends, the holding period is at least 91 days during the 181- day period beginning on the date 90 days before the ex-dividend date of the stock. As described above, any distribution (or the portion of any distribution) that exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction.

In certain cases, a U.S. Holder may be treated as having received an “extraordinary dividend,” within the meaning of Section 1059 of the Code. U.S. Holders that are U.S. corporations that receive an “extraordinary dividend” in respect of our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock generally would be required to reduce their basis in our Series A

Preferred Stock or common stock (but not below zero) by the portion of the dividend that is not taxed because of the dividends received deduction. To the extent the non-taxed portion of such dividend exceeds the corporate U.S. Holder's stock basis, such U.S. Holder must treat such excess as gain from the sale or exchange of our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock for the taxable year in which such dividend is received. Non-corporate U.S. Holders who receive an "extraordinary dividend" would be required to treat any losses on the sale of Series A Preferred Stock as long-term capital losses to the extent of dividends received by them that qualify for the reduced rate of tax.

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Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Disposition

A U.S. Holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss on a sale, exchange, redemption (except as discussed below) or other disposition of our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition (not including any proceeds attributable to declared and unpaid dividends, which will be taxable to U.S. Holders of record that have not previously included such dividends in income, as described above in “Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock”) and the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the shares sold or exchanged. Such capital gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder’s holding period for the shares sold or exchanged is more than one year. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate U.S. Holders generally are subject to a reduced rate of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors to determine the deductibility of capital losses, if any. A payment made in redemption of our Series A Preferred Stock may be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a distribution, rather than as payment pursuant to a sale or exchange of our Series A Preferred Stock, unless the redemption: (1) is “not essentially equivalent to a dividend” with respect to a U.S. Holder under Section 302(b)(1) of the Code; (2) is a “substantially disproportionate” redemption with respect to a U.S. Holder under Section 302(b)(2) of the Code; (3) results in a “complete redemption” of a U.S. Holder’s stock interest in the Company under Section 302(b)(3) of the Code; or (4) is a redemption of stock held by a non-corporate U.S. Holder which results in a “partial liquidation” of the Company under Section 302(b)(4) of the Code. In determining whether any of the tests described above has been met, a U.S. Holder must take into account not only shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and our common stock that the U.S. Holder actually owns, but also shares that the U.S. Holder constructively owns within the meaning of Section 318 of the Code.

Each U.S. Holder of our Series A Preferred Stock is urged to consult its own tax advisors to determine whether a payment made in redemption of our Series A Preferred Stock will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a distribution or as payment in exchange for such Series A Preferred Stock. If the redemption payment is treated as a distribution, the rules discussed above in “-Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock” will apply, and U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the consequences of the redemption, including consequences if we have no current and accumulated earnings and profits and effects on the adjusted tax basis in the U.S. Holder’s remaining Series A Preferred Stock. If the redemption is treated as occurring pursuant to a sale or exchange of our Series A Preferred Stock, the rules discussed in the first paragraph of this section, “Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Disposition,” will apply.

Conversion of Series A Preferred Stock upon a Change of Control

To the extent we have not exercised our election to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, a U.S. Holder of our Series A Preferred Stock will have the right to convert the Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of our common stock. Please see “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Conversion Rights.”

A U.S. Holder generally will not recognize (i.e., take into account for U.S. federal income tax purposes) gain or loss upon the conversion of our Series A Preferred Stock, except to the extent of any cash or common stock received attributable to dividends in arrears, which will be treated as described above under in “-Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock.” The adjusted tax basis of common stock received on conversion (other than shares of common stock attributable to dividends in arrears), generally will equal the adjusted tax basis of our Series A Preferred Stock converted, and the holding period of such common stock received on conversion generally will include the period during which the U.S. Holder held its converted Series A Preferred Stock prior to conversion. A U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in any shares of common stock received attributable to dividends in arrears will equal the fair market value of such common stock on the conversion date, and a U.S. Holder’s holding period for such shares shall begin on the day after receipt thereof.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Information returns generally will be filed with the IRS pertaining to distributions we make with respect to our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock and the proceeds received from the sale of our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock. Certain U.S. Holders may be subject to backup withholding on the payment of dividends with respect to our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock and to certain payments of proceeds on the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock unless such U.S. Holders furnish the applicable withholding agent with a taxpayer identification number, certified under penalties of perjury, and certain other information, or otherwise establish, in the manner prescribed by law, an exemption from backup withholding. Penalties apply for failure to furnish correct information and failure to include reportable payments in income.

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Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules generally will be allowed as a refund or credit against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is properly furnished to the IRS on a timely basis. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of the backup withholding rules to their particular circumstances and the availability of, and procedure for, obtaining an exemption from backup withholding.

Non-U.S. Holders

The discussion in this section is addressed to holders of our Series A Preferred Stock and common stock received in respect thereof that are non-U.S. Holders. You are a non-U.S. Holder if you are a beneficial owner of Series A Preferred Stock or common stock that is an individual, corporation, estate or trust that is not a U.S. Holder.

Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock

In general, distributions with respect to our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate, unless such rate is reduced by an applicable income tax treaty. To the extent that the amount of a distribution with respect to our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, such distribution will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the non-U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in such Series A Preferred Stock or common stock, as the case may be, which reduces such basis dollar-for-dollar, and thereafter as gain from the sale or exchange of our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock, the tax treatment of which is discussed below under "Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Disposition." To receive the benefit of a reduced treaty rate, a non-U.S. Holder must provide the applicable withholding agent with an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable or successor form) certifying qualification for the reduced rate. Distributions treated as dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a permanent establishment in the United States, are not subject to the withholding tax, but instead are subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at applicable individual or corporate rates. Non-U.S. Holders will be required to comply with certain certification requirements (generally by providing an IRS Form W-8ECI) in order for effectively connected income to be exempt from withholding tax. A non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation may also be subject to a "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable tax treaty) of its "effectively connected earnings and profits," subject to certain adjustments.

Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Disposition

Subject to the discussions below regarding redemptions treated as dividends, backup withholding and FATCA, any gain realized by a non-U.S. Holder upon a sale, exchange or other disposition of our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax unless:

the gain is effectively connected with the non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States and, if required by an applicable tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by you in the United States;

the non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition and certain conditions are met; or

we are or have been a United States real property holding corporation ("USRPHC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

A non-U.S. Holder whose gain is described in the first bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the net gain derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition in the same manner as a U.S. person, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. If such non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation, it may also be subject to a branch profits tax at a 30% rate (or such lower rate as specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on its effectively connected earnings and profits (as adjusted for certain items), which will include such effectively connected gain. A non-U.S. Holder described in the second bullet point above will be subject to a 30% U.S. federal income tax (or lower applicable treaty rate) on the gain derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition, which may be offset by certain U.S.-source capital losses.

Generally, a corporation is a USRPHC if the fair market value of its U.S. real property interests equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market value of its worldwide real property interests and its other assets used or held for use in a trade or business. We believe that we currently are not (and do not expect to become) a USRPHC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, even if we are or were to become a USRPHC, gain or the sale of stock of a USRPHC that is “regularly traded on an established securities market” (within the meaning of the applicable Treasury regulations) will be subject to U.S. federal income tax only in the case of a non-U.S. Holder that owns (actually or by applying constructive ownership rules) more than 5% of the total fair market value of that class of stock at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of disposition.

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If a non-regularly traded class of stock is convertible into a regularly traded class of stock, gain on the sale of that non-regularly traded stock will be subject to U.S. federal income tax only if, on any date on which such stock was acquired by the non-U.S. Holder, the non-regularly traded stock acquired by such non-U.S. Holder (including all previously acquired stock of the same class) had a fair market value greater than 5% of the regularly traded class of the corporation's stock into which it is convertible as measured on such date.

We believe that our Series A Preferred Stock and common stock currently are considered to be regularly traded on an established securities market. However, we can provide no assurance regarding whether our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock will continue to be so treated. Non-U.S. Holders that may own (or be treated as owning) more than 5% of our Series A Preferred Stock or common stock are encouraged to consult their tax advisors.

A payment made in redemption of our Series A Preferred Stock may be treated as a dividend (which may be treated as described above under “-Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock”), rather than as payment in exchange for our Series A Preferred Stock, in the same circumstances discussed above under “U.S. Holders-Sale, Exchange, Redemption or Other Disposition.” Each non-U.S. Holder is urged to consult its own tax advisor to determine whether a payment made in redemption of our Series A Preferred Stock will be treated as a dividend or as payment in exchange for our Series A Preferred Stock.

Conversion of Series A Preferred Stock upon a Change of Control

As described above in “U.S. Holders-Conversion of Series A Preferred Stock upon a Change of Control,” to the extent we have not exercised our election to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, a non-U.S. Holder of our Series A Preferred Stock will have the right to convert the Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder on the Change of Control Conversion Date into a number of shares of our common stock. Please see “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock-Conversion Rights.”

A non-U.S. Holder generally will not recognize any gain or loss by reason of receiving common stock upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock, except to the extent of common stock received attributable to dividends in arrears, which will be treated as described above under “-Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock.”

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Distributions paid to non-U.S. Holders on shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and our common stock and the amount of tax withheld on such distributions must be reported annually to the IRS. Copies of the information returns reporting such distributions and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to backup withholding on dividends the holder receives on shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and our common stock if the holder provides the applicable withholding agent with proper certification (usually on an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E) of the holder's status as a non-U.S. person or other exempt status.

Information reporting and backup withholding generally are not required with respect to the amount of any proceeds from the sale or other disposition of our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock outside the United States through a foreign office of a foreign broker that does not have certain specified connections to the United States. Information reporting will apply, however, if a non-U.S. Holder sells shares of our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock outside the United States through a U.S. broker or a foreign broker with certain U.S. connections. If a sale or other disposition is made through a U.S. office of any broker, the broker will be required to report the amount of proceeds paid to the non-U.S. Holder to the IRS and also backup withhold on that amount unless the non-U.S. Holder provides appropriate certification to the broker (usually on an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E) of the holder's status as a non-U.S. person or other exempt status.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules generally will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided the required information is properly furnished to the IRS on a timely basis.

Additional Withholding Requirements under FATCA

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, and the Treasury regulations and administrative guidance issued thereunder (“FATCA”), impose a 30% withholding tax on any dividends paid on our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock and on the gross proceeds from a disposition of our Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock (if such disposition occurs after December 31, 2018), in each case if paid to a “foreign financial institution” or a “non-financial foreign entity” (each as defined in the Code) (including, in some cases, when such foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity is acting as an

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intermediary), unless (i) in the case of a foreign financial institution, such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. government to withhold on certain payments, and to collect and provide to the U.S. tax authorities substantial information regarding U.S. account holders of such institution (which includes certain equity and debt holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are non-U.S. entities with U.S. owners), (ii) in the case of a non-financial foreign entity, such entity certifies that it does not have any “substantial United States owners” (as defined in the Code) or provides the applicable withholding agent with a certification (generally on an IRS Form W-8BEN-E) identifying the direct and indirect substantial United States owners of the entity, or (iii) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules and provides appropriate documentation (such as an IRS Form W-8BEN-E). Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing these rules may be subject to different rules. Under certain circumstances, a holder might be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes.

The rules under FATCA are complex. Holders are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisor regarding the implications of FATCA on an investment in our Series A Preferred Stock and any common stock received in respect thereof.

INVESTORS CONSIDERING THE ACQUISITION OF OUR SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS AND THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF U.S. FEDERAL ESTATE AND GIFT TAX LAWS AND ANY STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. TAX LAWS AND TAX TREATIES.

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This prospectus covers the offering for resale of up to an aggregate of 174,046 shares of Series A Preferred Stock that may be offered and sold from time to time by the selling stockholder identified below under this prospectus. The selling stockholder identified below may currently hold or acquire at any time shares of Series A Preferred Stock in addition to those registered hereby. Certain of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock registered hereby will be issued to the selling stockholder upon the satisfaction of certain closing conditions pursuant to a stock purchase agreement with us dated December 20, 2017 (the "Purchase Agreement"). Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, we have agreed to prepare and file a registration statement to permit the resale of the shares covered by this prospectus from time to time as permitted by Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act. We are registering the shares of Series A Preferred Stock described in this prospectus pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. In addition, the selling stockholder identified below may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of some or all of their shares of Series A Preferred Stock in private placement transactions exempt from or not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, we cannot give an estimate as to the amount of shares that will be held by the selling stockholder upon completion or termination of this offering.

Information concerning the selling stockholder may change from time to time, including by addition of additional selling stockholders, and, if necessary, we will amend or supplement this prospectus accordingly. To our knowledge, the selling stockholder has not, or has not had within the past three years, any position, office or other material relationship with us or any of our predecessors or affiliates, other than its ownership of shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

We have prepared the paragraph immediately following this paragraph, the table that follows and the related notes based on information supplied to us by the selling stockholder on or prior to December 20, 2017. We have not sought to verify such information. Other information about the selling stockholder may change over time.

The selling stockholder, or its partners, pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors (each also a selling stockholder for purposes of this prospectus) that may receive shares registered hereunder from the selling stockholder and corresponding registration rights in accordance with the Purchase Agreement, may sell up to all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock shown in the table below under the heading "Shares Being Offered" pursuant to this prospectus in one or more transactions from time to time as described below under "Plan of Distribution." However, the selling stockholder is not obligated to sell any of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus.

Selling Stockholder	Shares Owned Prior to Offering	Series A Preferred Stock Owned After Offering	
		Shares Being Offered	Number of (1) Shares Percentage
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.(2).....	174,046(3)	174,046	—24.7 %

(1) Based on 530,476 shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding as of February 09, 2018.

(2) The address for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. is 16-1, 6-Chome, Hikoshima-Enoura-Cho Shimonoseki 750-8505 Japan.

(3) Certain of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock registered hereby will be issued to the selling stockholder upon the satisfaction of certain closing conditions pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

As of the date of this prospectus, we have not been advised by the selling stockholder as to any plan of distribution. Distributions of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock by the selling stockholder, or by its partners, pledgees, donees (including charitable organizations), transferees or other successors in interest, may from time to time be offered for sale either directly by such individual, or through underwriters, dealers or agents or on any exchange on which the Series A Preferred Stock may from time to time be traded, in the over-the-counter market, or in independently negotiated transactions or otherwise. The methods by which the shares of Series A Preferred Stock may be sold include:

- privately negotiated transactions;
- underwritten transactions;
- exchange distributions and/or secondary distributions;
- sales in the over-the-counter market;
- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers;
- broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- a block trade (which may involve crosses) in which the broker or dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the securities as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker or dealer as principal and resale by such broker or dealer for its own account pursuant to this prospectus;
- short sales;
- through the writing of options on the shares, whether or not the options are listed on an options exchange;
- through the distributions of the shares by the selling stockholder to its partners, members or stockholders;
- a combination of any such methods of sale; and
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling stockholder may also sell shares of Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to an exemption under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Such transactions may be effected by the selling stockholder at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. The selling stockholder may effect such transactions by selling the securities to underwriters or to or through broker-dealers, and such underwriters or broker-dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts or commissions from the selling stockholder and may receive commissions from the purchasers of the securities for whom they may act as agent. The selling stockholder may agree to indemnify any underwriter, broker-dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving sales of the Series A Preferred Stock against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act. In certain circumstances, we have agreed to register the shares of Series A

Preferred Stock for sale under the Securities Act and to indemnify the selling stockholder and each person who participates as an underwriter in the offering of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock against certain civil liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act.

In connection with sales of the securities under this prospectus, the selling stockholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers, who may in turn engage in short sales of the securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholder also may sell securities short and deliver them to close their short positions, or loan or pledge the securities to broker-dealers that in turn may sell them.

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The selling stockholder may from time to time pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock owned by it and, if it defaults in the performance of its secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell shares of Series A Preferred Stock from time to time under this prospectus, or under an amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424 or other applicable provision of the Securities Act amending the list of selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling stockholders under this prospectus.

The selling stockholder and any underwriters, dealers or agents that participate in distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any profit on sale of the securities by them and any discounts, commissions or concessions received by any underwriter, dealer or agent may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

There can be no assurances that the selling stockholder will sell any or all of the securities offered under this prospectus.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Houston, Texas.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and the related financial statement schedule of Mitcham Industries, Inc. as of January 31, 2017 and 2016 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended January 31, 2017 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Mitcham Industries, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 2017 have been audited by Hein & Associates LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports thereon, incorporated herein by reference, and have been incorporated in this Prospectus and Registration Statement in reliance upon such reports and upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.