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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

**Prospectus Supplement**

(To Prospectus dated February 27, 2006)

**\$400,000,000**

**% Notes due 2036**

Interest payable September and March

**Issue price: %**

The Notes will mature on September , 2036. Interest on the Notes will accrue from September , 2006. We may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time. The redemption prices are discussed under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

The Notes will be senior obligations of our company and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior indebtedness.

The Notes will be represented by one or more permanent global Notes in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons, registered in the name of a nominee for The Depository Trust Company. The Notes will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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

	Price to	Underwriting	Proceeds to
	Public	Discounts	Us
	%	%	%
Per Note			
Total	\$	\$	\$

CSX will not make application to list the Notes on any securities exchange or to include them in any automated quotation system.

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We expect that delivery of the Notes will be made to investors on or about September , 2006, through the book-entry system of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear system, and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme.

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*Joint Book-Running Managers*

**Credit Suisse**

**UBS Investment Bank**

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*Co-Managers*

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of this prospectus supplement.

Offers and sales of the Notes are subject to restrictions which are discussed in Underwriting below. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the Notes in certain other jurisdictions may also be restricted by law. In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to dollars and \$ are to United States dollars.

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This document consists of two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the Notes we are offering and certain other matters relating to CSX Corporation ( CSX and, together with its subsidiaries, the Company ). The second part, the base

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prospectus, gives more general information about securities we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the Notes we are offering. Generally, when we refer to the prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. If the description of the Notes in the prospectus supplement differs from the description in the base prospectus, the description in the prospectus supplement supersedes the description in the base prospectus.

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**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus, including documents incorporated by reference, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding:

Expectations as to results of operations and operational improvements;

Expectations as to the effect of claims, lawsuits, environmental costs, commitments, contingent liabilities, labor negotiations or agreements on the Company's financial condition;

Management's plans, goals, strategies and objectives for future operations and other similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts, and management's expectations as to future performance and operations and the time by which objectives will be achieved; and

Future economic, industry or market conditions or performance.

Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as believe, expect, anticipate, project, and similar expressions. The Company cautions against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which reflect its good faith beliefs with respect to future events and are based on information currently available to it as of the date the forward-looking statement is made. Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times that, or by which, such performance or results will be achieved.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties and actual performance or results could differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement. If the Company does update any forward-looking statement, no inference should be drawn that the Company will make additional updates with respect to that statement or any other forward-looking statements. The following important factors, in addition to those discussed elsewhere, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by these forward-looking statements:

The Company's success in implementing its operational objectives and improving Surface Transportation operating efficiency;

Changes in operating conditions and costs or commodity concentrations;

Material changes in domestic or international economic or business conditions, including those affecting the rail industry, such as access to capital markets, ability to revise debt arrangements as contemplated, customer demand, customer acceptance of price increases, effects of adverse economic conditions affecting shippers, and adverse economic conditions in the industries and geographic areas that consume and produce freight;

Labor costs and labor difficulties, including stoppages affecting either the Company's operations or the customers' ability to deliver goods to the Company for shipment;

The inherent risks associated with safety and security, including the availability and cost of insurance, the availability and vulnerability of information technology, adverse economic or operational effects from actual or threatened war or terrorist activities and any governmental response;

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Changes in fuel prices, surcharges for fuel and the availability of fuel;

Legislative, regulatory or legal developments involving transportation, including rail or intermodal transportation, the environment, hazardous materials or taxation, including the outcome of tax claims and litigation; the potential enactment of initiatives to re-regulate the rail industry and the ultimate outcome of shipper and rate claims subject to adjudication;

Competition from other modes of freight transportation, such as trucking, and competition and consolidation within the transportation industry generally;

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Natural events such as severe weather conditions, including floods, fire, hurricanes and earthquakes, a pandemic affecting the health of the Company's employees, its shippers or the consumers of goods, such as may result from avian flu, or other unforeseen disruptions of the Company's operations, systems, property or equipment; and

The outcome of litigation and claims, including those related to environmental contamination, personal injuries and occupational illnesses.

Other important assumptions and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are specified elsewhere in this prospectus, including documents incorporated by reference, accessible on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and the Company's website at [www.csx.com](http://www.csx.com).

## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

CSX files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. You may also read and copy these documents at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows CSX to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. CSX incorporates by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, until CSX sells all of the Notes.

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2005, filed with the SEC on February 24, 2006;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on April 25, 2006;

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2006, filed with the SEC on July 21, 2006; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 25, 2006, February 13, 2006, May 9, 2006 (two reports filed on this date), June 15, 2006, July 18, 2006 and August 29, 2006.

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above, at no cost, by contacting CSX at the following address: Ellen M. Fitzsimmons, Senior Vice President Law and Public Affairs and Corporate Secretary, CSX Corporation, 500 Water Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, telephone number (904) 359-3200.

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**CSX CORPORATION**

CSX, based in Jacksonville, FL, is one of the nation's leading transportation companies. Surface Transportation, which includes the Company's rail and intermodal businesses, provides rail-based transportation services, including traditional rail service and the transport of intermodal containers and trailers. CSX's other holdings include CSX Hotels, Inc., a resort doing business as The Greenbrier, located in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and CSX Real Property, Inc., an organization responsible for the management, sale, lease, acquisition and development of Company properties.

**Surface Transportation**

**CSX Transportation Inc. ( CSXT )**, CSX's principal operating company, operates the largest railroad in the eastern United States with an approximately 21,000-mile rail network linking commercial markets in 23 states, the District of Columbia, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

**CSX Intermodal Inc. ( Intermodal )**, one of the nation's largest coast-to-coast intermodal transportation providers, is a stand-alone, integrated intermodal company serving customers from origin to destination with its own truck and terminal operations, plus a dedicated domestic container fleet. Containers and trailers are loaded and unloaded from trains, with trucks providing the link between intermodal terminals and the customer.

The rail and intermodal companies are viewed by the Company on a combined basis as Surface Transportation businesses. Together, they serve four primary lines of business:

Merchandise generated approximately 49% of the Company's total revenue in 2005, with 2.9 million carloads. The Company's merchandise business is made up of seven market segments: phosphates and fertilizers, metals, forest products, food and consumer, agricultural products, chemicals and emerging markets. Emerging markets target high-growth business opportunities in specialized markets such as aggregates, processed materials (for example, cement), waste, military cargo and machinery.

Coal, which delivered more than 1.8 million carloads of coal, coke and iron ore to electric utilities and manufacturers in 2005, accounted for approximately 24% of the Company's total 2005 revenue. The Company serves more than 130 coal mines in nine states, including three of the nation's top four coal-producing states.

Intermodal, as described above, offers a cost advantage over long-haul trucking by combining the better economics of longer hauls provided by rail with the short-haul flexibility of trucks through a network of dedicated terminals across North America. Intermodal accounted for approximately 2.2 million units and 16% of the Company's total revenue in 2005.

Automotive, which serves plants in eight states and delivers both finished vehicles and auto parts, transported 488,000 carloads, generating 10% of the Company's total revenue in 2005.

Second quarter 2006 Surface Transportation revenue represents the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter of year-over-year revenue growth. All four lines of business experienced revenue gains as a result of continued traffic re-pricing and a fuel surcharge program. Merchandise revenues were \$2,356,000,000 for the first half of 2006, an increase of 12% over merchandise revenues for the first half of 2005. Coal revenues were \$1,172,000,000 for the first half of 2006, an increase of 12% over coal revenues for the first half of 2005. Intermodal revenues were \$690,000,000 for the first half of 2006, an increase of 5% over intermodal revenues for the first half of 2005. Automotive revenues were \$454,000,000 for the first half of 2006, an increase of 8% over automotive revenues for the first half of 2005.

**Stock Split**

On July 18, 2006, CSX announced that its Board of Directors approved a two-for-one split of CSX's common stock. All stockholders of record on August 3, 2006, received one additional share of CSX common stock for each share held on that date. The additional share of common stock was distributed to stockholders of record on August 15, 2006. The information contained in this prospectus supplement and incorporated by reference herein, as of the date hereof, does not reflect this stock split, and CSX will be required to retroactively apply the effect of the stock



split to its consolidated financial statements, beginning in the third quarter of 2006.

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CSX expects to use the majority of the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes to reduce the amount of its outstanding commercial paper. At September 14, 2006, CSX had approximately \$300 million of commercial paper outstanding, the weighted average maturity of outstanding commercial paper was approximately 20 days and the weighted average interest rate was approximately 5.32%. The balance, if any, of the net proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include capital expenditures, working capital requirements, retirement of other debt, improvements in productivity and other cost reductions at our major transportation units.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

CSX's consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the fiscal periods indicated is as follows:

	For the Six					
	Months Ended	For the Fiscal Years Ended				
	June 30,	Dec. 30,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 26,	Dec. 27,	Dec. 28,
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(a)(b)	5.2x	3.0x	2.0x	1.3x	2.2x	1.6x

- (a) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent earnings from operations before income taxes, plus interest expense related to indebtedness and the interest portion of fixed rent expense, less undistributed earnings of affiliates accounted for using the equity method. Fixed charges include interest on indebtedness (whether expensed or capitalized), amortization of debt discount and the interest portion of fixed rent expense.
- (b) Pretax earnings for certain periods include the effects of various gains and charges. These items are summarized as follows:
- (1) A pretax gain of \$126 million recognized for insurance recoveries from claims related to Hurricane Katrina for the six months ended June 30, 2006. Removing the effect of this gain would reduce the ratio of earnings to fixed charges from 5.2x to 4.7x for the six months ended June 30, 2006.
  - (2) A pretax charge of \$192 million recognized to repurchase \$1.0 billion of outstanding debt and a favorable change in estimate of unasserted liability exposure for asbestos and other claims of \$38 million pretax for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2005. Adjusting for the effect of these items would increase the ratio of earnings to fixed charges from 3.0x to 3.4x for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2005.
  - (3) A pretax charge of \$71 million recognized for separation expenses related to the management restructuring at Surface Transportation during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. Removing the effect of this charge would increase the ratio of earnings to fixed charges from 2.0x to 2.2x for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.
  - (4) The fiscal year ended December 26, 2003 included the following:
    - (A) a pretax charge of \$232 million recognized in conjunction with the change in estimate of casualty reserves to include an estimate of incurred but not reported claims for asbestos and other occupational injuries to be received over the next seven years;
    - (B) a pretax charge of \$108 million recognized to account for CSX's entrance into two settlement agreements with A.P. Moller-Maersk that resolved all material disputes pending between the companies arising out of the 1999 sale of the international container-shipping assets; and
    - (C) the net pretax restructuring charge of \$22 million recognized as the initial charge for separation expenses related to the management restructuring announced in 2003 and revised estimates for railroad retirement taxes and other benefits that will be paid to individuals under the 1991 and 1992 separation plans.

Removing the effect of these charges would increase the ratio of earnings to fixed charges from 1.3x to 2.1x for the fiscal year ended December 26, 2003.

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- (5) A pretax charge of \$60 million recognized to account for the settlement of the 1987 New Orleans tank car fire litigation for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2001. Removing the effect of this charge would increase the ratio of earnings to fixed charges from 1.6x to 1.7x for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2001.

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**DESCRIPTION OF NOTES**

Set forth below is a description of the specific terms of the Notes. This description supplements, and should be read together with, the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying base prospectus under the caption

Description of Debt Securities . The following description does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the description in the base prospectus and the senior indenture. If the description of the Notes in this prospectus supplement differs from the description of the debt securities in the base prospectus, the description in this prospectus supplement supersedes the description in the base prospectus. Capitalized terms used in this Description of Notes that are not defined in this prospectus supplement have the meanings given to them in the base prospectus or the senior indenture.

**General**

The Notes will initially be limited to \$400,000,000 in aggregate principal amount. The Notes will be issued in fully registered form only, in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000, and will mature on September , 2036. The Notes will be issued as a series of senior debt securities under the senior indenture referred to in the accompanying base prospectus. The senior indenture does not limit the amount of other debt that CSX may incur. CSX may, from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the Notes, issue other debt securities under the senior indenture in addition to the \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Notes. CSX may also, from time to time, without the consent of the holders, issue additional debt securities having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes. Any additional debt securities having those similar terms, together with the Notes, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the senior indenture.

The Notes will bear interest from September , 2006, at the annual rate set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, payable semiannually on September and March of each year, commencing March , 2007, to the persons in whose names the Notes are registered at the close of business on the immediately preceding August 15 and February 15, respectively, whether or not that day is a business day.

The Notes will be unsecured obligations of CSX and will rank *pari passu* with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of CSX.

The Notes do not provide for any sinking fund.

For a description of the rights attaching to each series of debt securities under the senior indenture, see Description of Debt Securities in the accompanying base prospectus.

The provisions of the senior indenture described under Description of Debt Securities Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance in the accompanying base prospectus apply to the Notes.

**Limitation on Liens on Stock of CSXT**

The senior indenture provides that neither CSX nor any of our subsidiaries may create or permit any lien of any kind upon any stock or indebtedness, whether owned on the date of the senior indenture or acquired later, of any principal subsidiary, to secure any obligation (other than the senior debt securities) of CSX, any subsidiary or any other person, unless all of the outstanding senior debt securities (and other outstanding debt securities issued from time to time pursuant to the senior indenture) will be directly secured equally and ratably with that obligation. This provision does not restrict any other property of CSX or our subsidiaries. The senior indenture defines obligation as indebtedness for money borrowed or indebtedness evidenced by a bond, note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness; principal subsidiary as CSXT; and subsidiary as a corporation a majority of the outstanding voting stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by CSX or one or more subsidiaries, or by CSX and one or more subsidiaries. The senior indenture does not prohibit the sale by CSX or any subsidiary of any stock or indebtedness of any subsidiary, including any principal subsidiary.

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**Optional Redemption**

The Notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at our option at any time. The redemption price for the Notes to be redeemed will equal the greater of the following amounts, plus, in each case, accrued interest to the redemption date:

100% of the principal amount of such Notes; or

As determined by the Independent Investment Banker (as defined below), the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Notes (not including any portion of any payments of interest accrued as of the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semiannual basis at the Adjusted Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus      basis points. The redemption price will be calculated assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Adjusted Treasury Rate    means, with respect to any redemption date:

The yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated    H.15(519)    or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption    Treasury Constant Maturities,    for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the remaining term of the Notes, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month); or

If that release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain those yields, the rate per annum equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for that redemption date.

The Adjusted Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

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

Comparable Treasury Price    means, with respect to any redemption date, (A) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for that redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of those Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (B) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all of those quotations.

Independent Investment Banker    means UBS Securities LLC and its successors, or if that firm is unwilling or unable to serve in that capacity, an independent investment and banking institution of national standing appointed by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer    means:

UBS Securities, LLC and its successors; provided that, if UBS Securities, LLC ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States (    Primary Treasury Dealer    ), we will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer; and

Up to four other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by us.

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Reference Treasury Dealer Quotation means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices

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for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the third business day preceding that redemption date.

We will mail notice of any redemption at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of the Notes to be redeemed. If we elect to partially redeem the Notes, the trustee will select in a fair and appropriate manner the Notes to be redeemed.

Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or portions of the Notes called for redemption.

**Book-Entry Notes**

The Notes will be represented by one or more permanent global Notes in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons. Each beneficial interest in a global Note is referred to as a book-entry Note. Each global Note representing book-entry Notes will be deposited with the trustee, as custodian for, and registered in the name of, a nominee of The Depository Trust Company, as depository, located in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York (the Depository).

The book-entry Notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in the Depository. Investors may elect to hold interests in the book-entry Notes through either the Depository (in the United States) or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (Clearstream Luxembourg) or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System (Euroclear) (in Europe) if they are participants of such systems, or indirectly through organizations that are participants in such systems. Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream Luxembourg's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold such interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositories' names on the books of the Depository. Citibank, N.A. will act as depository for Clearstream Luxembourg and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. will act as depository for Euroclear (in such capacities, the U.S. Depositories). The book-entry Notes will be held in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. Except as set forth below, the global Notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of the Depository or to a successor of the Depository or its nominee.

Clearstream Luxembourg advises that it is incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream Luxembourg holds securities for its participating organizations (Clearstream Luxembourg Participants) and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream Luxembourg Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream Luxembourg Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream Luxembourg provides to Clearstream Luxembourg Participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream Luxembourg interfaces with domestic markets in several countries.

As a professional depository, Clearstream Luxembourg is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Monetary Institute. Clearstream Luxembourg Participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Clearstream Luxembourg is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream Luxembourg Participant either directly or indirectly. Distributions with respect to Notes held beneficially through Clearstream Luxembourg will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream Luxembourg Participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Clearstream Luxembourg.

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Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear ( Euroclear Participants ) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear provides various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the Euroclear Operator ), under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the Cooperative ). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly. The Euroclear Operator was launched on December 31, 2000, and replaced Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York as the operator of and banker to the Euroclear system. The Euroclear Operator has capital of approximately EUR 1 billion. Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the Terms and Conditions ). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis, without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants. Distributions with respect to each series of Notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Euroclear.

So long as the Depository, or its nominee, is the registered owner or holder of a global Note, the Depository or the nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Notes represented by that global Note for all purposes under the senior indenture and the Notes. No beneficial owner of an interest in a global Note will be able to transfer that interest, except in accordance with the Depository s applicable procedures, in addition to those provided for under the senior indenture.

CSX has been advised by the Depository that upon the issuance of global Notes representing book-entry Notes, and the deposit of those global Notes with the Depository, the Depository will immediately credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the book-entry Notes represented by those global Notes to the accounts of participants. The accounts to be credited shall be designated by the underwriters.

Payments of principal of and any premium and interest on book-entry Notes will be made to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of those Notes. Those payments to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be made in immediately available funds at the offices of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as paying agent, in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, provided that, in the case of payments of principal and any premium, the global Notes are presented to the paying agent in time for the paying agent to make those payments in immediately available funds in accordance with its normal procedures. None of CSX, the underwriters, the trustee or any agent of CSX, the underwriters or the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the Depository s records or any participant s records relating to or payments made on account of book-entry Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the Depository s records or any participant s records relating to book-entry Notes.

CSX expects that the Depository or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal of or any premium or interest in respect of a global Note, will immediately credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, accounts of participants with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the



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principal amount of the global Notes, as shown on the records of the Depository or its nominee. CSX also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in book-entry Notes held through those participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of those participants.

CSX expects that the Depository will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of Notes (including the presentation of Notes for exchange as described below) only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account or accounts the depository interests in a global Note are credited and only in respect of the portion of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes as to which that participant or participants has or have given that direction. However, if there is an event of default under the Notes, the Depository will exchange the applicable global Note for definitive Notes in registered form, which it will distribute to its participants.

CSX understands that the Depository is a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a banking organization within the meaning of New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code, and a Clearing Agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. The Depository was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants and certain other organizations, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. The Depository's participants include securities brokers and dealers (including the underwriters), banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations, some of whom (or their representatives) own interests in the Depository. Indirect access to the Depository's book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly ( indirect participants ).

Although the Depository is expected to follow the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in a global Note among participants of the Depository, it is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform those procedures and those procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither CSX, the underwriters nor the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by the Depository or its respective participants or indirect participants of its respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

The global Notes representing book-entry Notes may not be transferred except as a whole by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or to another nominee of the Depository, or by the Depository or the nominee to a successor of the Depository or a nominee of the successor.

The global Notes representing book-entry Notes are exchangeable for definitive Notes in registered form, of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, only if:

The Depository notifies CSX that it is unwilling or unable to continue as a depository for the global Note, or if at any time the Depository ceases to be a Clearing Agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depository is not appointed by CSX within 90 days;

CSX in its sole discretion determines that the book-entry Notes will be exchangeable for definitive Notes in registered form; or

Any event has happened and is continuing which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default with respect to the Notes.

Any global Note representing book-entry Notes that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence will be exchangeable in whole for definitive Notes in registered form, of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, in denominations of U.S. \$2,000 and integral multiples of U.S. \$1,000. Upon the exchange of a global Note for definitive Notes, that global Note will be canceled by the trustee and the definitive Notes will be registered in the names and in the authorized denominations as the Depository, pursuant to instructions from its participants, any indirect participants or otherwise, instructs the trustee. The trustee will deliver those Notes to the persons in whose names those Notes are registered and will recognize those persons as the holders of those Notes.

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Except as provided above, owners of book-entry Notes will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Notes in definitive form and will not be considered the holders of those Notes for any purpose under the senior indenture, and no global Note representing book-entry Notes will be exchangeable, except for another global Note of like denomination and tenor to be registered in the name of the Depositary or its nominee. Accordingly, each person owning a book-entry Note must rely on the procedures of the Depositary and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under that global Note or the senior indenture. The senior indenture provides that the Depositary, as a holder, may appoint agents and otherwise authorize participants to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action that a holder is entitled to give or take under the senior indenture. CSX understands that under existing industry practices, if CSX requests any action of holders or an owner of a book-entry Note desires to give or take any action a holder is entitled to give or take under the senior indenture, the Depositary would authorize the participants owning the relevant book-entry Notes to give or take that action, and those participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through those participants to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

### **Clearance and Settlement Procedures**

Initial settlement for the Notes will be made in immediately available funds. Transfers between participants in the Depositary will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with the Depositary's rules and will be settled in same-day funds. Secondary market trading between Clearstream Luxembourg Participants and/or Euroclear Participants will be effected in the ordinary way, in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream Luxembourg and Euroclear, and will be settled using the procedures applicable to conventional eurobonds in immediately available funds.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through participants in the Depositary, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream Luxembourg Participants or Euroclear Participants, on the other, will be effected in the Depositary in accordance with the Depositary's rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by its U.S. Depositary; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system, in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its U.S. Depositary to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving Notes in the Depositary, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to the Depositary. Clearstream Luxembourg Participants and Euroclear Participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective U.S. Depositaries.

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

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

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**CERTAIN TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

The following discussion is a general summary of certain material United States federal income tax consequences to non-U.S. holders of the ownership and disposition of the Notes. This discussion applies only to holders of Notes that acquire the Notes pursuant to this offering at the initial offering price. This discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), Treasury regulations promulgated and proposed thereunder, judicial authorities, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) and other applicable authorities, all as in effect on the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect.

No ruling has been or will be sought from the IRS regarding any matter discussed herein. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax discussion points set forth below. This discussion is limited to investors that hold the Notes as capital assets (generally for investment purposes). Furthermore, except to the extent set forth below, this discussion does not address any United States federal gift tax laws or any state, local or foreign tax laws. Prospective investors are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the United States federal, state and local, foreign income and other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Notes.

**Non-U.S. Holder Defined**

For purpose of this discussion, you are a non-U.S. holder if you are a holder that is an individual corporation, estate or trust that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is not a U.S. person. You are generally treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes if you are: (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, including an alien individual who is a lawful permanent resident of the United States or who meets the substantial presence test under Section 7701(b) of the Code; (ii) a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. tax purposes, created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or of any state therein or the District of Columbia; (iii) an estate whose income is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or (iv) a trust (A) whose administration is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (B) which has made a valid election to be treated as a U.S. person under applicable Treasury regulations.

**Interest**

A non-U.S. holder will generally not be subject to United States federal income or withholding tax on payments of interest on the Notes provided that (i) such interest is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by the non-U.S. holder and (ii) the non-U.S. holder (A) does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock, (B) is not a controlled foreign corporation related to us directly or constructively through stock ownership, (C) is not a bank receiving interest described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, and (D) satisfies certain certification requirements under penalty of perjury (generally through the provision of a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN). If interest on the Notes is not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States by a non-U.S. holder, but such non-U.S. holder cannot satisfy the other requirements outlined in the preceding sentence, interest on the Notes will generally be subject to United States withholding tax at a 30% rate unless an income tax treaty applies to reduce or eliminate such withholding tax and the non-U.S. holder properly certifies as to its entitlement to the treaty benefits under penalty of perjury (generally through the provision of a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN). If interest on the Notes is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by the non-U.S. holder, and, if an income tax treaty applies, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States, then the non-U.S. holder will generally be subject to United States federal income tax on such interest, in the same manner as if such holder were a U.S. holder, if such non-U.S. holder provides a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI. A non-U.S. holder that is a foreign corporation may also be subject to the branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate).

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### **Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Notes**

A non-U.S. holder will generally not be subject to United States federal withholding tax with respect to gain recognized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Notes. A non-U.S. holder will also generally not be subject to United States federal income tax with respect to such gain unless (i) the gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by the non-U.S. holder and, if certain tax treaties apply, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States, (ii) in the case of a non-U.S. holder that is a nonresident alien individual, such holder is present in the United States for 183 or more days in the taxable year and certain other conditions are satisfied or (iii) the gain represents accrued but unpaid interest not previously included in income, in which case the rules regarding interest would apply. In the case described above in (i), gain or loss recognized on the disposition of such Notes will generally be subject to United States federal income taxation in the same manner as if such gain or loss were recognized by a U.S. holder, and, in the case of a non-U.S. holder that is a foreign corporation, may also be subject to the branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate). In the case described above in (ii), the non-U.S. holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower applicable treaty rate) on any capital gain recognized on the disposition of the Notes, which may be offset by certain United States source capital losses.

### **Federal Estate Tax**

Notes that are held (or treated as held) by an individual who, at the time of death, is not a citizen or resident of the United States (as defined for United States federal estate tax purposes) will not be subject to United States federal estate tax, provided that at the time of death, (i) such individual is not a shareholder owning actually or constructively 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of CSX entitled to vote and (ii) payments of interest with respect to such Notes would not have been effectively connected with the conduct by such individual of a trade or business in the United States.

### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

A non-U.S. holder will generally be required to comply with certain certification procedures to establish that such holder is not a United States person, in order to avoid backup withholding tax (currently at a rate of 28%) with respect to payments of principal and interest on or the proceeds of a disposition of the Notes. Such certification procedures will generally be satisfied through the provision of a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN (or other appropriate form). In addition, we must report annually to the IRS and to each non-U.S. holder the amount of any interest paid to such non-U.S. holder, regardless of whether any tax was actually withheld. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and the amount of any tax withheld may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which a non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a non-U.S. holder's United States federal income tax liability, provided the required information is provided to the IRS.

### **European Union Tax Reporting and Withholding**

Directive 2003/48/EC of the Council of the European Union, relating to the taxation of savings income, became effective on July 1, 2005. Under this directive, if a paying agent for interest on a debt claim is a resident in one member state of the European Union and an individual who is the beneficial owner of the interest is a resident of another member state, then the former member state will be required to provide information (including the identity of the recipient) to authorities of the latter member state. Paying agent is defined broadly for this purpose and generally includes any agent of either the payor or the payee. Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria have opted instead to withhold tax on the interest during a transitional period (initially at a rate of 15% but rising in steps to 35% after six years), subject to the ability of the individual to avoid withholding tax through voluntary disclosure of the investment to the individual's member state. In addition, certain non-members of the European Union (Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino), as well as dependent and associated territories of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, have adopted equivalent measures effective on the same date, and some (including Switzerland) have exercised the option to apply withholding taxes as described above.

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**UNDERWRITING**

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and UBS Securities LLC are acting as representatives of the underwriters named below.

Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter named below has agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter, the principal amount of Notes set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

<b>Underwriter</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Notes</b>
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC.	\$
UBS Securities LLC	
Total	\$ 400,000,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the Notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all of the Notes if they purchase any of the Notes.

The underwriters propose to offer some of the Notes directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and some of the Notes to dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the Notes. The underwriters may allow, and dealers may reallow, a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the Notes on sales to other dealers. After the initial offering of the Notes to the public, the representatives may change the public offering price and concessions.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of the Notes).

**Paid by CSX**

Per Note  
All sales of the Notes in the United States will be made through U.S. registered broker/dealers.

**European Economic Area**

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter represents and agrees that, with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date), it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the Notes, which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the

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Prospectus Directive, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time,

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

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of Notes to the public, in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State, means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

### **United Kingdom**

Each of the underwriters severally represents, warrants and agrees as follows:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated, and will only communicate or cause to be communicated, an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the United Kingdom Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, or FSMA ) to persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 or in circumstances in which section 21 of FSMA does not apply to CSX; and
- (b) it has complied with, and will comply with all applicable provisions of FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### **Japan**

The underwriters will not offer or sell any of our Notes directly or indirectly in Japan or to or for the benefit of any Japanese person or to others, for re-offering or re-sale directly or indirectly in Japan or to any Japanese person, except in each case pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan and any other applicable laws and regulations of Japan. For purposes of this paragraph, Japanese person means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

Mizuho International plc and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc are not U.S. registered broker-dealers and therefore, each has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold, and it will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any of the Notes in or to residents of the United States.

Purchasers of the Notes may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country of purchase, in addition to the relevant issue price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.

In connection with the offering, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and UBS Securities LLC, on behalf of the underwriters, may purchase and sell Notes in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales

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of Notes in excess of the principal amount of Notes to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the Notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed, in order to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases of Notes made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Notes while the offering is in progress.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and UBS Securities LLC, on behalf of the underwriters, may also impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC or UBS Securities LLC, in covering syndicate short positions or making stabilizing purchases, repurchases Notes originally sold by that syndicate member.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Notes. They may also cause the price of the Notes to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

We estimate that our total expenses (excluding underwriting discounts and commissions) for this offering will be approximately \$250,000. The underwriters have agreed to reimburse us for certain of these expenses.

The underwriters have performed investment banking and advisory services for us from time to time, for which they have received customary fees and expenses. The underwriters may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates engage in commercial lending activities with us and are lenders under CSX's bank credit facilities.

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

**LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters in connection with the offering of the Notes will be passed upon for CSX by Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, New York, and for the underwriters by Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, New York. From time to time, Shearman & Sterling LLP has provided, and may continue to provide, legal services to us, for which it has received, and may receive, customary fees and expenses.

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