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#### **PROSPECTUS**

## Spectrum Brands, Inc.

6.375% Senior Notes due 2020 and Related Guarantees

6.625% Senior Notes due 2022 and Related Guarantees

6.125% Senior Notes due 2024 and Related Guarantees

5.750% Senior Notes due 2025 and Related Guarantees

This prospectus may be used by our affiliate, Jefferies LLC or any of its affiliates (which we collectively refer to as Jefferies ) in connection with offers and sales by Jefferies of our notes (as defined below) in market-making transactions effected from time to time. Market-making transactions in the notes may occur in the open market or may be privately negotiated at prevailing market prices at a time of resale or at related or negotiated prices. In these transactions, Jefferies may act as principal or agent, including as agent for the counterparty in a transaction in which Jefferies acts as principal, or as agent for both counterparties in a transaction in which Jefferies does not act as a principal. Jefferies may receive compensation in the form of discounts and commissions, including from both counterparties in some cases. We will not receive any proceeds from these market-making transactions. Neither Jefferies, nor any of our affiliates, has any obligation to make a market in the notes, and Jefferies or any such other affiliate may discontinue market-making activities at any time without notice.

#### The Notes and the Guarantees

The 6.375% Senior Notes due 2020 and certain related guarantees (the 2020 notes) and the 6.625% Senior Notes due 2022 and certain related guarantees (the 2022 notes) are governed by the indenture dated as of November 16, 2012, as supplemented, which we refer to as the 2020/2022 indenture. As of September 30, 2015, we had \$520.0 million and \$570.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2020 notes and 2022 notes outstanding, respectively.

The 6.125% Senior Notes due 2024 and certain related guarantees (the 2024 notes ) are governed by the indenture dated as of December 4, 2014, as supplemented, which we refer to as the 2024 notes indenture. As

of September 30, 2015, we had \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2024 notes outstanding.

The 5.750% Senior Notes due 2025 and certain related guarantees (the 2025 notes) are governed by the indenture dated as of May 20, 2015, as supplemented, which we refer to as the 2025 notes indenture and, collectively with the 2020/2022 indenture and the 2024 notes indenture, the indentures. As of September 30, 2015, we had \$1,000.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2025 notes outstanding.

We refer to the 2020 notes, the 2022 notes, the 2024 notes and the 2025 notes, collectively or individually, as the context requires, as the notes.

The 2020 notes will mature on November 15, 2020. We will pay interest on the 2020 notes semi-annually on May 15 and November 15 of each year at a rate of 6.375% per annum, to holders of record on the May 1 or November 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date.

The 2022 notes will mature on November 15, 2022. We will pay interest on the 2022 notes semi-annually on May 15 and November 15 of each year at a rate of 6.625% per annum, to holders of record on the May 1 or November 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date.

The 2024 notes will mature on December 15, 2024. We will pay interest on the 2024 notes semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 of each year at a rate of 6.125% per annum, to holders of record on the June 1 or December 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date.

The 2025 notes will mature on July 15, 2025. We will pay interest on the 2025 notes semi-annually on July 15 and January 15 of each year at a rate of 5.750% per annum, to holders of record on the July 1 or January 1 immediately preceding the interest payment date.

The notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by our direct parent, SB/RH Holdings, LLC, and each of our existing and future domestic subsidiaries, which we refer to collectively as the guarantors.

The notes and the related guarantees are the general unsecured obligations of us and the guarantors and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our and the guarantors existing and future senior indebtedness (but effectively subordinated to our secured debt, including the Secured Credit Facilities (as defined herein) to the extent of the value of the assets securing such secured debt), and senior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors future indebtedness that expressly provides for its subordination to the notes and the related guarantees. See Description of 2020/2022 Notes, Description of 2024 Notes and Description of 2025 Notes, as applicable.

There is no established market for trading the notes. We have not applied, and do not intend to apply, for listing or quotation of the notes on any national securities exchange or automated quotation system.

An investment in the notes involves risks. Please refer to the section in this prospectus entitled Risk Factors

commencing on page 15.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the  $\ SEC\$ ) 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 2, 2016.

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We have not authorized anyone to give you any information or to make any representations about us or the transactions we discuss in this prospectus other than those contained in this prospectus. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurances as to the reliability of, any information that others may give you. This prospectus is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy securities anywhere or to anyone where or to whom we are not permitted to offer or sell securities under applicable law. The delivery of this prospectus does not, under any circumstances, mean that there has not been a change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus. Subject to our obligation to amend or supplement this prospectus as required by law and the rules and regulations of the SEC, the information contained in this prospectus is correct only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of these securities.

## **TRADEMARKS**

We have proprietary rights to or are exclusively licensed to use a number of registered and unregistered trademarks that we believe are important to our business, including, without limitation, Rayovac, Remington, VARTA, Tetra, 8-in-1, Dingo, Nature s Miracle, IAMS, Eukanuba, Digest-eeze, Liquid Fence, Black Flag, Wild Harvest, Marineland, FURminator, Spectracide, Cutter, Hot Shot, Garden Safe, Repel, George Foreman, Russell Hobbs, Farberware, Toastmaster, Black & Decker, Kwikset, Weiser, Baldwin, National Hardware, Pfister, Armor All, STP, A/C PRO, Arctic Freeze, Sub Zero and Super Seal Stop Leak. We attempt to obtain registration of our key trademarks whenever possible or practicable and pursue any infringement of those trademarks. Solely for convenience, the trademarks, service marks and tradenames referred to in this prospectus are without the ® and TM symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the rights of the applicable licensors to these trademarks, service marks and tradenames.

## MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA

We obtained the industry, market and competitive position data and information used throughout this prospectus from our own internal company surveys and management estimates as well as from industry and general publications and research, surveys or studies conducted by third parties. Industry and general publications and research, studies and surveys generally state that they have obtained information from sources believed to be reliable, but do not guarantee the accuracy and completeness of such data and information. While we believe that these publications and research, studies and surveys are reliable, neither we nor the initial purchasers have independently verified such data and information and neither we nor the initial purchasers make any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of such data and information.

There is only a limited amount of independent data available about our industry, market and competitive position, particularly outside of the United States. As a result, certain data and information are based on our good faith estimates, which are derived from our review of internal data and information, information that we obtain from customers, and other third-party sources. We believe these internal surveys and management estimates are reliable; however, no independent sources have verified such surveys and estimates.

The industry data that we present in this prospectus include estimates that involve risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under Risk Factors and those discussed under Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

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## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights basic information about us and the notes. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. For a more comprehensive understanding of our business and the offering, you should read this entire prospectus, including the section entitled Risk Factors. Certain statements in this summary are forward-looking statements. See Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

Unless otherwise indicated in this prospectus or the context requires otherwise, Spectrum Brands refers only to Spectrum Brands, Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries; Spectrum refers to Spectrum Brands, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries; SB/RH Holdings, the Company, we, or our refers to the Spectrum Brands parent SB/RH Holdings, LLC and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries, including Spectrum Brands. SB Holdings refers to SB/RH Holdings parent, Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. and, where applicable, its consolidated subsidiaries, including SB/RH Holdings.

### **Our Company**

We are a diversified global branded consumer products company. Spectrum Brands is a wholly owned direct subsidiary of SB/RH Holdings, which is a direct subsidiary of SB Holdings. SB Holdings common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol SPB.

We manufacture and market alkaline, zinc carbon and hearing aid batteries, herbicides, insecticides and repellants and specialty pet supplies. We design and market rechargeable batteries, battery-powered lighting products, electric shavers and accessories, grooming products and hair care appliances. Our operations also include the manufacturing and marketing of specialty pet supplies, and of herbicides, insecticides and insect repellents in North America. We also design, market and distribute a broad range of branded small appliances and personal care products. We also design, manufacture, market, distribute and sell certain hardware, home improvement and plumbing products, and are a leading United States (U.S.) provider of residential locksets and builders—hardware and a leading provider of faucets. Our manufacturing and product development facilities are located in the U.S., Europe, Latin America and Asia. Substantially all of our rechargeable batteries, chargers and portable lighting products, shaving and grooming products, small household appliances and personal care products are manufactured by third-party suppliers, primarily located in Asia.

On May 21, 2015, we acquired Armored AutoGroup Parent Inc. (together, as the context requires, with its successor by merger, Armored AutoGroup Inc., AAG). AAG is a consumer products company consisting primarily of Armor All and STP products, two of the most recognizable brands in the automotive aftermarket appearance products and performance chemicals categories, respectively, and the AC/PRO brand of do-it-yourself automotive air conditioner recharge products. For information pertaining to the AAG Acquisition, see Note 3, Acquisitions to our Consolidated Financial Statements, included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The Company sells its products in approximately 160 countries through a variety of trade channels, including retailers, wholesalers and distributors, hearing aid professionals, industrial distributors and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and enjoy strong name recognition in our markets under the Rayovac, VARTA and Remington brands, each of which has been in existence for more than 80 years, and under the Tetra, 8-in-1, Dingo, Nature s Miracle, IAMS, Eukanuba, Healthy-Hide, Digest-eeze, Spectracide, Cutter, Hot Shot, Black & Decker, George Foreman, Russell Hobbs, Farberware, Black Flag, FURminator, Kwikset, Weiser, Baldwin, National Hardware, Stanley, Pfister and the previously mentioned AAG brands. We also have patented technologies such as Smartkey, a rekeyable lockset technology, and Smart Code Home Connect.

Our diversified global branded consumer products have positions in seven major product categories: consumer batteries, small appliances, personal care, hardware and home improvement, pet supplies, auto care and home and garden controls.

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Our chief operating decision-maker manages the businesses in five vertically integrated, product-focused reporting segments: (i) Global Batteries & Appliances, which consists of the Company s worldwide battery, personal care and small appliances primarily in the kitchen and home product categories (Global Batteries & Appliances); (ii) Hardware & Home Improvement, which consists of the Company s worldwide hardware, home improvement and plumbing business (Hardware & Home Improvement); (iii) Global Pet Supplies, which consists of the Company s worldwide pet supplies business (Global Pet Supplies); (iv) Home and Garden, which consists of the Company s home and garden and insect control business (Home and Garden); and (v) Global Auto Care, which consists of the Company s automotive aftermarket appearance products, performance chemicals/additives and do-it-yourself automotive air conditioner recharge (Global Auto Care). Management reviews our performance based on these segments. For information pertaining to our business segments, see Note 18, Segment Information, to our audited Consolidated Financial Statements in this prospectus.

Global and geographic strategic initiatives and financial objectives are determined at the corporate level. Each business segment is responsible for implementing defined strategic initiatives and achieving certain financial objectives and has a general manager responsible for sales and marketing initiatives and the financial results for all product lines within that business segment.

Our operating performance is influenced by a number of factors including: general economic conditions; foreign exchange fluctuations; trends in consumer markets; consumer confidence and preferences; our overall product line mix, including pricing and gross margin, which vary by product line and geographic market; pricing of certain raw materials and commodities; energy and fuel prices; and our general competitive position, especially as impacted by our competitors—advertising and promotional activities and pricing strategies.

### **Recent Developments**

# AAG Acquisition

On May 21, 2015, we completed our acquisition (the AAG Acquisition ) of AAG pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among AAG, SB Holdings, Ignite Merger Sub, Inc. and, solely in its capacity as representative, Avista Capital Partners II GP, LLC, dated as of April 28, 2015, for a purchase price of \$1.4 billion in cash and an assumption of debt of \$540 million.

We funded the AAG Acquisition with the proceeds of our offering of the 2025 notes and gross proceeds from SB Holdings registered offering of its common stock. SB Holdings also contributed to us the additional proceeds received by it in connection with the underwriters exercise of their option to purchase additional shares in the registered offering of its common stock. We expect to use such additional proceeds for general corporate purposes.

# Refinancing Transactions

On June 23, 2015, we entered into a Credit Agreement (the Credit Agreement ), by and among Spectrum Brands, SB/RH Holdings, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto from time to time. See Description of Other Indebtedness Credit Agreement.

Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, on June 23, 2015, we closed senior secured credit facilities consisting of (a) a \$1,450 million U.S. Dollar-denominated term loan facility (the USD Term Loan Facility ), (b) a 300 million Euro-denominated term loan facility (the Euro Term Loan Facility ), (c) a CAD\$75 million Canadian Dollar-denominated term loan facility (the CAD Term Loan Facility and, collectively with the USD Term Loan Facility and the Euro Term Loan Facility, the Term Credit Facilities ) and (d) a \$500 million cash flow revolving credit

facility (the Revolving Credit Facility and, together with the Term Credit Facilities, the Secured Credit Facilities ).

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The net proceeds of the Term Credit Facilities were used, among other things, to (i) refinance our Credit Agreement dated as of December 17, 2012 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the Prior Term Loan Credit Agreement ) and repay in full all obligations in respect of the Prior Term Loan Credit Agreement and related loan documents, (ii) repay in full all obligations in respect of our Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of June 16, 2010 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the Prior ABL Facility Agreement ) and (iii) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the transactions referenced in clause (i) and for general corporate purposes. A portion of the net proceeds, together with borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility, was also used to fund the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture governing Spectrum Brands 6.750% Senior Notes due 2020 (the 6.75% Notes ).

The Revolving Credit Facility includes a letter of credit subfacility. Letters of credit issued thereunder were used by Spectrum to replace then-existing letters of credit under the Prior ABL Facility Agreement on the closing date of the Credit Agreement. Letters of credit and proceeds of the loans under the Revolving Credit Facility may be used by Spectrum, the other borrowers and their respective subsidiaries for, among other things, working capital and other general corporate purposes, including the financing of permitted acquisitions and other permitted investments and dividends and other distributions on account of the capital stock of the borrowers, restricted payments and any other use not prohibited by the terms of the loan documents.

### **Corporate Structure**

The chart below is a summary of the organizational structure of the Issuer and its parents and subsidiaries.

SB/RH Holdings (i) is a guarantor of our obligations under the Secured Credit Facilities and pledged only the capital stock issued to it by Spectrum as collateral and (ii) is a guarantor of the notes.

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- None of our foreign subsidiaries are, or will be, guarantors of the notes offered hereby. None of our foreign subsidiaries are guarantors under the Secured Credit Facilities as of the closing date of the Secured Credit Facilities.
- Our domestic subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions, are guarantors of the notes offered hereby. Certain of our domestic subsidiaries are guarantors under the Secured Credit Facilities.

## **Additional Information**

Spectrum Brands is a Delaware corporation and the address of our principal executive office is 3001 Deming Way, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562. Our telephone number is (608) 275-3340. Our website address is www.spectrumbrands.com. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not part of, and is not incorporated by reference into, this prospectus.

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## Summary of Terms of the 2020 Notes

The following is a summary of the terms of the 2020 notes. For a more complete description of the 2020 notes as well as the definitions of certain capitalized terms used below, see Description of 2020/2022 Notes in this prospectus.

Issuer Spectrum Brands, Inc.

2020 Notes 6.375% Senior Notes due 2020.

Maturity Date November 15, 2020.

Interest The 2020 notes will bear interest at a rate of 6.375% per annum. Interest

on the 2020 notes will be payable in cash on May 15 and November 15

of each year.

Optional Redemption On or after November 15, 2016, we may redeem some or all of the 2020

notes at any time at the redemption prices set forth in Description of

2020/2022 Notes Optional Redemption. In addition, prior to November 15, 2016, we may redeem the 2020 notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus a make-whole

premium.

Change of Control Upon a Change of Control (as defined under Description of 2020/2022

Notes ), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 2020 notes. The purchase price will equal 101% of the principal amount of the 2020 notes on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest. We may not have sufficient funds available at the time of any Change of Control to make any required debt repayment (including repurchases of the 2020 notes). See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes We may not be able to

make the change of control offer required by the indentures.

Guarantees The 2020 notes will be unconditionally, jointly and severally guaranteed,

on a senior unsecured basis, by SB/RH Holdings and all of our domestic

subsidiaries.

Ranking The 2020 notes and the related guarantees will be the senior unsecured

obligations of us and the guarantors and will:

rank equally in right of payment with all of our and the guarantors existing and future senior indebtedness, including the other notes; and

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rank senior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors future indebtedness that expressly provide for its subordination to the 2020 notes and the related guarantees.

However, the 2020 notes will be effectively subordinated to any of our secured indebtedness, including under our Secured Credit Facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In addition, the 2020 notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of Spectrum Brands subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 2020 notes.

### Certain Covenants

The terms of the 2020/2022 indenture restrict our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries (as described in Description of 2020/2022 Notes ) to:

incur additional indebtedness;

create liens;

engage in sale-leaseback transactions;

pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock;

purchase or redeem capital stock;

make investments or certain other restricted payments;

sell assets;

issue or sell stock of restricted subsidiaries;

enter into transactions with affiliates; or

However, these limitations will be subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions. In addition, if the 2020 notes are rated investment grade at any time by both Moody s Investors Service and Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, most of the restrictive covenants and corresponding events of default contained in the 2020/2022 indenture will be suspended.

Absence of a Public Market

The 2020 notes are freely transferable, but there may not be an active trading market for the 2020 notes. We cannot assure you as to the future liquidity of any market.

Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association is serving as trustee under the 2020/2022 indenture.

Use of Proceeds

This prospectus is delivered in connection with the sale of the 2020 notes by Jefferies in market-marking transactions effected from time to time. We will not receive any proceeds from such transactions.

Risk Factors

You should consider all of the information contained in this prospectus before making an investment in the 2020 notes. In particular, you should consider the risks described under Risk Factors.

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### Summary of Terms of the 2022 Notes

The following is a summary of the terms of the 2022 notes. For a more complete description of the 2022 notes as well as the definitions of certain capitalized terms used below, see Description of 2020/2022 Notes in this prospectus.

Issuer Spectrum Brands, Inc.

2022 Notes 6.625% Senior Notes due 2022.

Maturity Date November 15, 2022.

Interest The 2022 notes will bear interest at a rate of 6.625% per annum. Interest

on the 2022 notes will be payable in cash on May 15 and November 15

of each year.

Optional Redemption On or after November 15, 2017, we may redeem some or all of the 2022

notes at any time at the redemption prices set forth in Description of

2020/2022 Notes Optional Redemption. In addition, prior to November 15, 2017, we may redeem the 2022 notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus a make-whole

premium.

Change of Control Upon a Change of Control (as defined under Description of 2020/2022

Notes ), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 2022 notes. The purchase price will equal 101% of the principal amount of the 2022 notes on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest. We may not have sufficient funds available at the time of any Change of Control to make any required debt repayment (including repurchases of the 2022 notes). See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes We may not be able to

make the change of control offer required by the indentures.

Guarantees The 2022 notes will be unconditionally, jointly and severally guaranteed,

on a senior unsecured basis, by SB/RH Holdings and all of our domestic

subsidiaries.

Ranking The 2022 notes and the related guarantees will be the senior unsecured

obligations of us and the guarantors and will:

rank equally in right of payment with all of our and the guarantors existing and future senior indebtedness, including the other notes; and

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rank senior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors future indebtedness that expressly provide for its subordination to the 2022 notes and the related guarantees.

However, the 2022 notes will be effectively subordinated to any of our secured indebtedness, including under our Secured Credit Facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In addition, the 2022 notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of Spectrum Brands subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 2022 notes.

### Certain Covenants

The terms of the 2020/2022 indenture restrict our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries (as described in Description of 2020/2022 Notes ) to:

incur additional indebtedness;

create liens;

engage in sale-leaseback transactions;

pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock;

purchase or redeem capital stock;

make investments or certain other restricted payments;

sell assets;

issue or sell stock of restricted subsidiaries;

enter into transactions with affiliates; or

However, these limitations will be subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions. In addition, if the 2022 notes are rated investment grade at any time by both Moody s Investors Service and Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, most of the restrictive covenants and corresponding events of default contained in the 2020/2022 indenture will be suspended.

Absence of a Public Market

The 2022 notes are freely transferable, but there may not be an active trading market for the 2022 notes. We cannot assure you as to the future liquidity of any market.

Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association is serving as trustee under the 2020/2022 indenture.

Use of Proceeds

This prospectus is delivered in connection with the sale of the 2022 notes by Jefferies in market-marking transactions effected from time to time. We will not receive any proceeds from such transactions.

Risk Factors

You should consider all of the information contained in this prospectus before making an investment in the 2022 notes. In particular, you should consider the risks described under Risk Factors.

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## Summary of Terms of the 2024 Notes

The following is a summary of the terms of the 2024 notes. For a more complete description of the 2024 notes as well as the definitions of certain capitalized terms used below, see Description of 2024 Notes in this prospectus.

Issuer Spectrum Brands, Inc.

2024 Notes 6.125% Senior Notes due 2024.

Maturity Date December 15, 2024.

Interest The 2024 notes will bear interest at a rate of 6.125% per annum. Interest

on the 2024 notes will be payable in cash on June 15 and December 15 of

each year.

Optional Redemption On or after December 15, 2019, we may redeem some or all of the 2024

notes at any time at the redemption prices set forth in Description of 2024 Notes Optional Redemption. In addition, prior to December 15, 2019, we may redeem the 2024 notes at a redemption price equal to

100% of the principal amount plus a make-whole premium.

Before December 15, 2017, we may redeem up to 35% of the 2024 notes, including additional notes, with an amount of cash equal to the net proceeds of equity offerings at a price of 106.125% of principal plus accrued and unpaid interest, <u>provided</u> that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2024 notes remains outstanding after the redemption, as further described in Description of 2024 Notes Optional

Redemption.

Change of Control Upon a Change of Control (as defined under Description of 2024 Notes )

we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 2024 notes. The purchase price will equal 101% of the principal amount of the 2024 notes on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest. We may not have sufficient funds available at the time of any Change of Control to make any required debt repayment (including repurchases of the 2024 notes). See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes We may not be able to

make the change of control offer required by the indentures.

Guarantees

The 2024 notes will be unconditionally, jointly and severally guaranteed, on a senior unsecured basis, by SB/RH Holdings and all of our domestic subsidiaries.

Ranking

The 2024 notes and the related guarantees will be the senior unsecured obligations of us and the guaranters and will:

rank equally in right of payment with all of our and the guarantors existing and future senior indebtedness, including the other notes; and

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rank senior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors future indebtedness that expressly provide for its subordination to the 2024 notes and the related guarantees.

However, the 2024 notes will be effectively subordinated to any of our secured indebtedness, including under our Secured Credit Facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In addition, the 2024 notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of Spectrum Brands subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 2024 notes.

### Certain Covenants

The terms of the 2024 notes indenture restrict our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries (as described in Description of 2024 Notes ) to:

incur additional indebtedness;

create liens;

engage in sale-leaseback transactions;

pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock;

purchase or redeem capital stock;

make investments or certain other restricted payments;

sell assets;

issue or sell stock of restricted subsidiaries;

enter into transactions with affiliates; or

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effect a consolidation or merger.

However, these limitations will be subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions. In addition, if the 2024 notes are rated investment grade at any time by both Moody s Investors Service and Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, most of the restrictive covenants and corresponding events of default contained in the 2024 notes indenture will be suspended.

Absence of a Public Market

The 2024 notes are freely transferable, but there may not be an active trading market for the 2024 notes. We cannot assure you as to the future liquidity of any market.

Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association is serving as trustee under the 2024 notes indenture.

Use of Proceeds

This prospectus is delivered in connection with the sale of the 2024 notes by Jefferies in market-marking transactions effected from time to time. We will not receive any proceeds from such transactions.

Risk Factors

You should consider all of the information contained in this prospectus before making an investment in the 2024 notes, including the 2024 notes. In particular, you should consider the risks described under Risk Factors.

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## Summary of Terms of the 2025 Notes

The following is a summary of the terms of the 2025 notes. For a more complete description of the 2025 notes as well as the definitions of certain capitalized terms used below, see Description of 2025 Notes in this prospectus.

Issuer Spectrum Brands, Inc.

2025 Notes 5.750% Senior Notes due 2025.

Maturity Date July 15, 2025.

Interest The 2025 notes will bear interest at a rate of 5.750% per annum. Interest

on the 2025 notes will be payable in cash on July 15 and January 15 of

each year.

Optional Redemption On or after July 15, 2020, we may redeem some or all of the 2025 notes

at any time at the redemption prices set forth in Description of 2025 Notes Optional Redemption. In addition, prior to July 15, 2020, we may

redeem the 2025 notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the

principal amount plus a make-whole premium.

Before July 15, 2018, we may redeem up to 35% of the 2025 notes, including additional notes, with an amount of cash equal to the net proceeds of equity offerings at a price of 105.750% of principal plus accrued and unpaid interest, <u>provided</u> that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2025 notes remains outstanding after the

redemption, as further described in Description of 2025 Notes Optional

Redemption.

Change of Control Upon a Change of Control (as defined under Description of 2025 Notes )

we will be required to make an offer to purchase the 2025 notes. The purchase price will equal 101% of the principal amount of the 2025 notes on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest. We may not have sufficient funds available at the time of any Change of Control to make any required debt repayment (including repurchases of the 2025 notes). See Risk Factors Risks Related to the Notes We may not be able to

make the change of control offer required by the indentures.

Guarantees

The 2025 notes will be unconditionally, jointly and severally guaranteed, on a senior unsecured basis, by SB/RH Holdings and all of our domestic subsidiaries.

Ranking

The 2025 notes and the related guarantees will be the senior unsecured obligations of us and the guaranters and will:

rank equally in right of payment with all of our and the guarantors existing and future senior indebtedness, including the other notes; and

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rank senior in right of payment to all of our and the guarantors future indebtedness that expressly provide for its subordination to the 2025 notes and the related guarantees.

However, the 2025 notes will be effectively subordinated to any of our secured indebtedness, including under our Secured Credit Facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. In addition, the 2025 notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities of Spectrum Brands subsidiaries that do not guarantee the 2025 notes.

### Certain Covenants

The terms of the 2025 notes indenture restrict our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries (as described in Description of 2025 Notes ) to:

incur additional indebtedness;

create liens;

engage in sale-leaseback transactions;

pay dividends or make distributions in respect of capital stock;

purchase or redeem capital stock;

make investments or certain other restricted payments;

sell assets;

issue or sell stock of restricted subsidiaries;

enter into transactions with affiliates; or

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effect a consolidation or merger.

However, these limitations will be subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions. In addition, if the 2025 notes are rated investment grade at any time by both Moody s Investors Service and Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, most of the restrictive covenants and corresponding events of default contained in the 2025 notes indenture will be suspended.

Absence of a Public Market

The 2025 notes are freely transferable, but there may not be an active trading market for the 2025 notes. We cannot assure you as to the future liquidity of any market.

Trustee

U.S. Bank National Association is serving as trustee under the 2025 notes indenture.

Use of Proceeds

This prospectus is delivered in connection with the sale of the 2025 notes by Jefferies in market-marking transactions effected from time to time. We will not receive any proceeds from such transactions.

Risk Factors

You should consider all of the information contained in this prospectus before making an investment in the 2025 notes, including the 2025 notes. In particular, you should consider the risks described under Risk Factors.

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# Summary Historical Financial Data of SB/RH Holdings

The following summary historical financial data have been derived from SB/RH Holdings audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. SB/RH Holdings audited consolidated statements of financial position as of September 30, 2015 and 2014; and SB/RH Holdings audited consolidated statements of operations, audited consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss), audited consolidated statements of shareholder s equity and audited consolidated statements of cash flows, each for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013; are included elsewhere in this prospectus. SB/RH Holdings audited consolidated statement of financial position as of September 30, 2013 is not included in this prospectus.

The financial information and other data indicated may not be indicative of future performance, and the financial information and other data presented for the interim periods may not be indicative of the results for the full year. This financial information and other data should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of SB/RH Holdings, including the notes thereto, and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended September 30,		
	2015(1)	<b>2014</b> <sup>(2)</sup> (in millions)	$2013^{(3)}$
Statement of Operations Data:		(*** **********************************	
Net sales	\$4,690.4	\$4,429.1	\$4,085.6
Gross profit	1,670.3	1,568.9	1,390.3
Operating income	480.5	484.5	352.9
Interest expense <sup>(4)</sup>	271.9	202.1	369.5
Other non-operating expense, net	8.9	6.3	3.5
Income (loss) from operations before income taxes	199.7	276.1	(20.1)
Income tax expense <sup>(5)</sup>	43.9	59.0	27.4
Net income (loss)	155.8	217.1	(47.5)
Net (Loss) income attributable to non-controlling interest	0.4	0.3	(0.1)
Net income (loss) attributable to controlling interest	155.4	216.8	(47.4)
Restructuring and related charges cost of goods sol <sup>(a)</sup>	2.1	3.7	10.0
Restructuring and related charges operating expense(9)	26.6	19.2	24.0
Cash Flow and Related Data:			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 441.8	\$ 434.7	\$ 258.2
Capital expenditures	89.1	73.3	82.0
Depreciation and amortization	170.0	157.6	139.9
Statement of Financial Position Data (at period end):			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247.9	\$ 192.9	\$ 198.2
Working capital <sup>(7)</sup>	666.8	502.3	524.4
Total assets	7,297.9	5,511.3	5,619.0
Total long-term debt, net of current portion	3,937.2	2,894.1	3,115.9
Total debt	4,005.7	3,006.7	3,218.9
Total shareholders equity	1,523.1	1,020.7	884.7

- (1) The information presented as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015 includes the results of AAG operations since the acquisition date of May 21, 2015; the results of the Salix operations since the acquisition date of January 16, 2015; the results of the European IAMS and Eukanuba operations since the acquisition date of December 31, 2014; and the results of the Tell operations since the acquisition date of October 1, 2014.
- (2) The information presented as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014 includes the results of the Liquid Fence operations since the acquisition date of January 2, 2014.

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- (3) The information presented as of and for the year ended September 30, 2013 includes the results of the HHI Business operations since the acquisition date of December 17, 2012, and the results of TLM Taiwan since the acquisition date of April 8, 2013.
- Ouring the year ended September 30, 2015, there was interest expense of \$58.8 million incurred related to the financing of the acquisition of AAG and the refinancing of the then-existing senior credit facility and asset based revolving loan facility. During the year ended September 30, 2014, a non-cash charge of \$9.2 million was recognized as a result of the write-off of unamortized debt issuance costs and unamortized discounts in connection with the amendment of our then existing term loans. During the year ended September 30, 2013, there were \$105.6 million fees and expenses along with a \$10.9 million non-cash charge for the write-off of unamortized debt issuance cost and unamortized premiums in connection with the extinguishment and replacement of our 9.5% Senior Secured Notes due 2018 (the 9.5% Notes) and then-existing term loan in conjunction with the acquisition of the HHI Business.
- During the year ended September 30, 2015, there was a non-cash benefit of \$20.2 million from a decrease in the valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets, and a \$22.8 million benefit due to the reversal of valuation allowance in conjunction with the acquisition of the AAG business. During the year ended September 30, 2014, there was a non-cash benefit of approximately \$115.6 million from a decrease in the valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets. During the year ended September 30, 2013, there was a non-cash charge of approximately \$64.4 million from an increase in the valuation allowance against net deferred tax assets, net of a \$49.8 million benefit due to the reversal of a portion of the valuation allowance in conjunction with the acquisition of the HHI Business.
- (6) See Note 4, Restructuring and Related Charges, to SB/RH Holdings audited consolidated financial statements, included elsewhere in this prospectus, for further discussion.
- Working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities per the consolidated statements of financial position.

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## **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in the notes involves risks. Before deciding whether to invest in the notes, in addition to the other information included in this prospectus, you should consider the matters addressed in the section entitled Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements and the risks discussed below. While we believe that these risks are the most important for you to consider, you should read this prospectus carefully, including our financial statements, the notes to our financial statements and management s discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. These risk factors are not the only risks that we or our subsidiaries may face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or not currently believed to be important also may adversely affect our business.

### Risks Related to the Notes

The notes will be Spectrum Brands senior unsecured obligations and the guarantees will be unsecured obligations of the guaranters. As such, the notes and the guarantees will be effectively subordinated to any of Spectrum Brands or the guaranters secured debt, including our existing and any future debt under our Secured Credit Facilities.

Spectrum Brands obligations under the notes and the guarantors obligations under the guarantees will not be secured. The notes will be effectively subordinated to Spectrum Brands and the guarantors existing and any future secured indebtedness, including our Secured Credit Facilities, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, which assets include substantially all of our assets and the assets of our domestic restricted subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2015, Spectrum Brands and the guarantors had \$1,637.1 million of secured indebtedness outstanding. If we are involved in any dissolution, liquidation or reorganization, or if we default under in the indentures governing the notes offered hereby (such indentures, collectively, the Indentures), holders of our secured debt would be paid before holders of the notes receive any amounts due under the notes to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness. In that event, holders of the notes may not be able to recover any or all of the principal or interest due under the notes.

The notes will be effectively subordinated to all liabilities of, and claims of creditors of, all of our foreign subsidiaries.

The notes will not be guaranteed by any of our non-U.S. subsidiaries. Any right that we or the guarantors have to receive any assets of any of the foreign subsidiaries upon the liquidation or reorganization of those subsidiaries, and the consequent rights of holders of notes to realize proceeds from the sale of any of those subsidiaries—assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of those subsidiaries—creditors, including trade creditors, and holders of preferred equity interests of those subsidiaries. The Indentures permit these subsidiaries to incur additional debt, subject to certain limits, and will not limit their ability to incur liabilities other than debt. As of September 30, 2015, these non-guarantor subsidiaries had 19% of our total liabilities and generated 54% of our revenue in the twelve months ended September 30, 2015.

If we are unable to comply with the restrictions and covenants in the agreements governing the notes and our other debt, there could be a default under the terms of these agreements, which could result in an acceleration of payment of funds that we have borrowed and would impact our ability to make principal and interest payments on the notes.

If we are unable to comply with the restrictions and covenants in the Indentures, our Secured Credit Facilities or in current or future debt financing agreements, there could be a default under the terms of these agreements. Our ability

to comply with these restrictions and covenants, including meeting financial ratios and tests, may be affected by events beyond our control. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with these restrictions and covenants or meet these tests. Any default under the agreements governing our indebtedness, including a default under the aforementioned debt instruments, that is not waived by the required lenders, and the remedies sought by the holders of such indebtedness, could prevent us from paying

principal, premium, if any, and interest on the notes and substantially decrease the market value of the notes. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, or if we otherwise fail to comply with the various covenants, including financial and operating covenants in the instruments governing our indebtedness (including covenants in the aforementioned debt instruments), we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness. In the event of such default:

the holders of such indebtedness could elect to declare all the funds borrowed thereunder to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest;

the lenders under the Secured Credit Facilities could elect to terminate their commitments thereunder, cease making further loans and institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets; and

we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

Moreover, the Secured Credit Facilities and the Indentures each contain cross-default or cross-acceleration provisions that would be triggered by the occurrence of a default or acceleration under other instruments governing our indebtedness. If the payment of our indebtedness is accelerated, there can be no assurance that our assets would be sufficient to repay in full that indebtedness and our other indebtedness that would become due as a result of any acceleration.

If our operating performance declines, we may in the future need to obtain waivers from the required lenders under our Secured Credit Facilities to avoid being in default. If we breach our covenants under our Secured Credit Facilities and seek a waiver, we may not be able to obtain a waiver from the required lenders. If this occurs, we would be in default under our Secured Credit Facilities, the lenders could exercise their rights, as described above, and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation.

Despite our current levels of debt, we may still incur substantially more debt ranking equal or effectively senior to the notes and increase the risks associated with our proposed leverage.

Subject to certain restriction and limitation, we or our subsidiaries could incur significant additional indebtedness in the future. The provisions contained in the Indentures and in our other debt agreements limit but do not prohibit our ability to incur additional indebtedness on an equal and ratable basis with the notes. In addition, any of our debt could be secured and therefore would be effectively senior to the notes to the extent of the value of the collateral securing that debt. This may have the effect of reducing the amount of proceeds available for the notes in the event of any bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization or similar proceeding. If new debt is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we now face as a result of our indebtedness could intensify.

## Fraudulent transfer statutes may limit your rights as a holder of the notes.

Federal and state fraudulent transfer laws as previously interpreted by various courts permit a court, if it makes certain findings, to:

avoid all or a portion of our obligations to holders of the notes;

subordinate our obligations to holders of the notes to our other existing and future creditors, entitling such creditors to be paid in full before any payment is made on the notes; and

take other action detrimental to holders of the notes, including invalidating the notes. In that event, we cannot assure you that you would ever be repaid. There is also no assurance that amounts previously paid to you pursuant to the notes or guarantees would not be subject to return.

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Under federal and state fraudulent transfer laws, in order to take any of those actions, courts will typically need to find that we or the guarantors received less than fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for incurring the indebtedness represented by the notes, and at the time the notes were issued:

were insolvent or were rendered insolvent by reason of the issuance of the notes;

were engaged, or were about to engage, in a business or transaction for which our capital was unreasonably small;

intended to incur, or believed or should have believed we would incur, indebtedness beyond our ability to pay as such indebtedness matures; or

were a defendant in an action for money damages, or had a judgment for money damages docketed against us or such guarantor if, in either case, after final judgment, the judgment was unsatisfied.

A court may also void an issuance of notes, a guarantee or grant of security, without regard to the above factors, if the court found that we issued the notes or the guarantors entered into their respective guaranty with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud current or future creditors.

Many of the foregoing terms are defined in or interpreted under those fraudulent transfer statutes and as judicially interpreted. A court could find that we did not receive fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for the incurrence of the indebtedness represented by the notes.

The measure of insolvency for purposes of the foregoing considerations will vary depending on the law of the jurisdiction that is being applied in any such proceeding. Generally, a company would be considered insolvent if, at the time it incurred the indebtedness:

the sum of its indebtedness (including contingent liabilities) is greater than its assets, at fair valuation;

the present fair saleable value of its assets is less than the amount required to pay the probable liability on its total existing indebtedness and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) as they become absolute and matured; or

it could not pay its debts as they became due.

We cannot assure you what standard a court would apply in determining our solvency and whether it would conclude that we were solvent when we incurred our obligations under the notes.

In addition, the guarantees of the notes may also be subject to review under various laws for the protection of creditors. A court would likely find that we or a guarantor did not receive reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for the notes or the guarantees, respectively, if we or a guarantor did not substantially benefit directly

from the issuance of the notes. If a court were to void an issuance of the notes or the guarantees, you would no longer have a claim against us or the guarantors. Sufficient funds to repay the notes (or the related exchange notes) may not be available from other sources, including the remaining guarantors, if any. In addition, the court might direct you to repay any amounts that you already received from us or the guarantors. In addition, any payment by us pursuant to the notes made at a time we were found to be insolvent could be voided and required to be returned to us or to a fund for the benefit of our creditors if such payment is made to an insider within a one-year period prior to a bankruptcy filing or within 90 days for any outside party and such payment would give the creditors more than such creditors would have received in a distribution under the bankruptcy code.

## We may not be able to make the change of control offer required by the Indentures.

Upon a change of control, subject to certain conditions, we are required to offer to repurchase all outstanding notes in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the

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date of repurchase. We cannot assure you that we will have sufficient funds at the time of any change of control to make required repurchases of notes tendered. In addition, our other indebtedness agreements provide that certain change of control events will constitute an event of default thereunder. If the holders of the notes exercise their right to require us to repurchase all of the notes upon a change of control, the financial effect of this repurchase could cause a default under our other indebtedness, even if the change of control itself would not cause a default. Accordingly, it is possible that we will not have sufficient funds at the time of any such change of control to make the required repurchase of our other indebtedness and the notes or that restrictions in the Indentures will not allow such repurchases. In addition, holders may not be entitled to require us to repurchase their notes upon a change of control in certain circumstances involving a significant change in the composition of our board of directors, including in connection with a proxy contest where our board of directors does not endorse a dissident slate of directors but approves them for purposes of the Continuing Directors definition. Lastly, certain other corporate events, such as leveraged recapitalizations that would increase the level of our indebtedness, would not constitute a Change of Control under the Indentures. See Description of 2020/2022 Notes Repurchase at the Option of Holders Change of Control and Description of 2025 Notes Repurchase at the Option of Holders Change of Control, as applicable, for additional information.

The market price of the notes may decline if we enter into a transaction that is not a change of control under the indentures.

We may enter into a highly leveraged transaction, reorganization, merger or similar transaction that is not a change of control under the indentures. Nevertheless, such transactions could result in a downgrade of our credit ratings, thereby negatively affecting the value of the notes.

Changes in credit ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations could adversely affect our cost of financing and the market price of our securities, including the notes.

Credit rating agencies rate our debt securities on factors that include our operating results, actions that we take, their view of the general outlook for our industry and their view of the general outlook for the economy. Actions taken by the rating agencies can include maintaining, upgrading, or downgrading the current rating or placing us on a watch list for possible future downgrading. Downgrading the credit rating of our debt securities or placing us on a watch list for possible future downgrading would likely increase our cost of financing, limit our access to the capital markets and have an adverse effect on the market price of our securities, including the notes offered hereby.

If the notes are rated investment grade at any time by both Moody's Investor Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, most of the restrictive covenants and corresponding events of default contained in the indentures governing the notes will be suspended, resulting in a reduction of credit protection.

If, at any time, the credit rating on the applicable series of notes, as determined by both Moody s Investors Service and Standard & Poor s Ratings Services, equals or exceeds Baa3 and BBB-, respectively, or any equivalent replacement ratings, we will no longer be subject to most of the restrictive covenants and corresponding events of default contained in the applicable indenture. Any restrictive covenants or corresponding events of default that cease to apply to us as a result of achieving these ratings will be restored if one or both of the credit ratings on the notes later falls below these thresholds. However, during any period in which these restrictive covenants are suspended, we may incur other indebtedness, make restricted payments and take other actions that would have been prohibited if these covenants had been in effect. If the restrictive covenants are later restored, the actions taken while the covenants were suspended will not result in an event of default under the applicable indenture even if they would constitute an event of default at the time the covenants are restored. Accordingly, if these covenants and corresponding events of default are suspended, you will have less credit protection than you will at the time the notes are issued. See Description of 2020/2022

Notes Suspension of Certain Covenants, Description of 2024 Notes Suspension of Certain Covenants and Description of 2025 Notes Suspension of Certain Covenants, as applicable.

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There is no assurance of an active trading market for the notes.

We cannot assure you that a liquid market for the notes will develop or, if developed, that it will continue or that you will be able to sell your notes at a particular time or at favorable prices. We have not applied, and do not intend to apply for listing or quotation of the notes on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.

The liquidity of any market for the notes is subject to a number of factors, including:

our operating performance and financial condition;

the market for similar securities;

the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the notes; and

prevailing interest rates.

We understand that one or more of the initial purchasers with respect to the notes initially issued presently intend to make a market in the notes. However, they are not obligated to do so, and any market-making activity with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. In addition, any market-making activity will be subject to the limits imposed by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

### **Risks Related To Our Business**

Our substantial indebtedness may limit our financial and operating flexibility, and we may incur additional debt, which could increase the risks associated with our substantial indebtedness.

We have, and we expect to continue to have, a significant amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2015, we had total indebtedness under Secured Credit Facilities, notes and other debt instruments of approximately \$4 billion. Our substantial indebtedness has had, and could continue to have, material adverse consequences for our business, and may:

require us to dedicate a large portion of our cash flow to pay principal and interest on our indebtedness, which will reduce the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures and other business activities;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;

restrict our ability to make strategic acquisitions, dispositions or to exploit business opportunities;

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and

limit our ability to borrow additional funds (even when necessary to maintain adequate liquidity) or dispose of assets.

Under the Secured Credit Facilities and the Indentures, we may incur additional indebtedness. If new debt is added to our existing debt levels, the related risks that we now face would increase.

Furthermore, a substantial portion of our debt bears interest at variable rates. If market interest rates increase, the interest rate on our variable rate debt will increase and will create higher debt service requirements, which would adversely affect our cash flow and could adversely impact our results of operations. While we may enter into agreements limiting our exposure to higher debt service requirements, any such agreements may not offer complete protection from this risk.

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Restrictive covenants in the Secured Credit Facilities and the Indentures may restrict our ability to pursue our business strategies.

The Secured Credit Facilities and the Indentures each restrict, among other things, asset dispositions, mergers and acquisitions, dividends, stock repurchases and redemptions, other restricted payments, indebtedness and preferred stock, loans and investments, liens and affiliate transactions. The Secured Credit Facilities and the Indentures also contain customary events of default. These covenants could among other things, limit our ability to fund future working capital and capital expenditures, engage in future acquisitions or development activities, or otherwise realize the value of our assets and opportunities fully. In addition, the Secured Credit Facilities and the Indentures require us to dedicate a portion of cash flow from operations to payments on debt and the Secured Credit Facilities contain financial covenants relating to maximum leverage and minimal interest coverage. Such requirements and covenants could limit the flexibility of our restricted entities in planning for, or reacting to, changes in the industries in which they operate. Our ability to comply with these covenants is subject to certain events outside of our control. If we are unable to comply with these covenants, the lenders under our Secured Credit Facilities could terminate their commitments and the lenders under our Secured Credit Facilities or the holders of the notes could accelerate repayment of our outstanding borrowings and, in either case, we may be unable to obtain adequate refinancing of outstanding borrowings on favorable terms or at all. If we are unable to repay outstanding borrowings when due, the lenders under the Secured Credit Facilities will also have the right to proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure the indebtedness owed to them. If our obligations under the Secured Credit Facilities are accelerated, we cannot assure you that our assets would be sufficient to repay in full such indebtedness.

The sale or other disposition by HRG Group, Inc. (HRG), the holder of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock, to non-affiliates of a sufficient amount of the common stock of SB Holdings would constitute a change of control under the agreements governing our debt.

HRG owns a majority of the outstanding shares of the common stock of SB Holdings. The sale or other disposition by HRG to non-affiliates of a sufficient amount of the common stock of SB Holdings could constitute a change of control under certain of the agreements governing our debt, including any foreclosure on or sale of the SB Holdings common stock pledged as collateral by HRG pursuant to the indenture governing HRG s 7.875% Senior Secured Notes due 2019. Under the Secured Credit Facilities, a change of control is an event of default and, if a change of control were to occur, we would be required to obtain an amendment to these agreements to avoid a default. If we were unable to obtain such an amendment, the lenders could accelerate the maturity of our Secured Credit Facilities. In addition, under the Indentures, upon a change of control, we are required to offer to repurchase such notes from the holders at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued interest or obtain a waiver of default from the holders of such notes. If we were unable to make the change of control offer, or to obtain a waiver of default, it would be an event of default under the Indentures that could allow holders of such notes to accelerate the maturity of the notes.

### We face risks related to the current economic environment.

The economic environment and related turmoil in the global financial system between 2008 and 2012 had an impact on our business and financial condition, and we may face additional challenges if economic and financial market conditions deteriorate in the future.

Global economic conditions have significantly impacted economic markets within certain sectors, with financial services and retail businesses being particularly impacted. Our ability to generate revenue depends significantly on discretionary consumer spending. It is difficult to predict new general economic conditions that could impact consumer and customer demand for our products or our ability to manage normal commercial relationships with our

customers, suppliers and creditors. A number of negative economic factors, including constraints on the supply of credit to households, uncertainty and weakness in the labor market and general consumer fears of a new economic downturn could have a negative impact on discretionary consumer spending.

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If the economy deteriorates or fails to further improve, our business could be negatively impacted, including as a result of reduced demand for our products or supplier or customer disruptions. Any weakness in discretionary consumer spending could have a material adverse effect on our revenues, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, our ability to access the capital markets may be restricted at a time when it could be necessary or beneficial to do so, which could have an impact on our flexibility to react to changing economic and business conditions.

In the last few years, concern over continuing high unemployment, stagnant economic performance and government debt levels in many European Union countries caused significant fluctuations of the Euro relative to other currencies, such as the U.S. Dollar. Continued weakness of the European economy could lead to a decrease in consumer confidence, which could cause reductions in discretionary spending and demand for our products. Furthermore, sovereign debt issues could also lead to further significant, and potentially longer-term, economic issues such as reduced economic growth and devaluation of the Euro against the U.S. Dollar, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial conditions and operating results.

# We depend on key personnel and may not be able to retain those employees or recruit additional qualified personnel.

We are highly dependent on the continuing efforts of our senior management team and other key personnel. Our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected if we lose any of these persons and are unable to attract and retain qualified replacements.

We participate in very competitive markets and we may not be able to compete successfully, causing us to lose market share and sales.

The markets in which we participate are very competitive. In the consumer battery market, our primary competitors are Duracell (a brand of Procter & Gamble), Energizer and Panasonic (a brand of Matsushita). In the electric shaving and grooming and electric personal care product markets, our primary competitors are Braun (a brand of Procter & Gamble), Norelco (a brand of Philips), and Vidal Sassoon and Revlon (brands of Helen of Troy). In the pet supplies market, our primary competitors are Mars, Hartz and Central Garden & Pet. In the Home and Garden Business, our principal national competitors are Scotts, Central Garden & Pet and S.C. Johnson. Our principal national competitors within our small appliances product category include Jarden Corporation, DeLonghi America, Euro-Pro Operating LLC, Metro Thebe, Inc., (d/b/a HWI Breville) NACCO Industries, Inc. (Hamilton Beach ) and SEB S.A. In the hardware and home improvement industry, our principal competitors are Schlage, a division of Allegion, Masco, Fortune Brands, Kohler and American Standard. In the global auto care business, our primary competitors are Valvoline, Prestone, Turtle Wax, Black Magic and Store Brands- In each of these markets, we also face competition from numerous other companies. In addition, in a number of our product lines, we compete with our retail customers, who use their own private label brands, and with distributors and foreign manufacturers of unbranded products. Significant new competitors or increased competition from existing competitors may adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of our operations.

We compete with our competitors for consumer acceptance and limited shelf space based upon brand name recognition, perceived product quality, price, performance, product features and enhancements, product packaging and design innovation, as well as creative marketing, promotion and distribution strategies, and new product introductions. Our ability to compete in these consumer product markets may be adversely affected by a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

We compete against many well-established companies that may have substantially greater financial and other resources, including personnel and research and development, and greater overall market share than us.

In some key product lines, our competitors may have lower production costs and higher profit margins than us, which may enable them to compete more aggressively in offering retail discounts, rebates and other promotional incentives.

Technological advancements, product improvements or effective advertising campaigns by competitors may weaken consumer demand for our products.

Consumer purchasing behavior may shift to distribution channels, including to online retailers, where we and our customers do not have a strong presence.

Consumer preferences may change to lower margin products or products other than those we market.

We may not be successful in the introduction, marketing and manufacture of any new products or product innovations or be able to develop and introduce, in a timely manner, innovations to our existing products that satisfy customer needs or achieve market acceptance.

Some competitors may be willing to reduce prices and accept lower profit margins to compete with us. As a result of this competition, we could lose market share and sales, or be forced to reduce our prices to meet competition. If our product offerings are unable to compete successfully, our sales, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, we may be unable to implement changes to our products or otherwise adapt to changing consumer trends. If we are unable to respond to changing consumer trends, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Sales of certain of our products are seasonal and may cause our operating results and working capital requirements to fluctuate.

On a consolidated basis our financial results are approximately equally weighted between quarters, however, sales of certain product categories tend to be seasonal. Sales in the consumer battery, electric shaving and grooming and electric personal care product categories, particularly in North America, tend to be concentrated in the December holiday season (our first fiscal quarter). Demand for hardware and home improvement products increases during the spring and summer construction period (our third and fourth fiscal quarters) and demand for pet supplies products remains fairly constant throughout the year. Demand for home and garden control products typically peaks during the first six months of the calendar year (our second and third fiscal quarters). Small Appliances peaks from July through December primarily due to the increased demand by customers in the late summer for back-to-school sales and in the fall for the holiday season. Demand for auto care products is generally at its highest during the period from March to June (Spectrum s second and third fiscal quarters) based upon historical customer seasonal purchasing patterns and timing of promotional activities. As a result of this seasonality, our inventory and working capital needs fluctuate significantly throughout the year. In addition, orders from retailers are often made late in the period preceding the applicable peak season, making forecasting of production schedules and inventory purchases difficult. If we are unable to accurately forecast and prepare for customer orders or our working capital needs, or there is a general downturn in business or economic conditions during these periods, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Adverse weather conditions during our peak selling seasons for our home and garden control and auto care products could have a material adverse effect on our Home and Garden Business and auto care business.

Weather conditions have a significant impact on the timing and volume of sales of certain of our lawn and garden and household insecticide and repellent products. For example, periods of dry, hot weather can decrease insecticide sales, while periods of cold and wet weather can slow sales of herbicides. Adverse weather conditions during the first six months of the calendar year (our second and third fiscal quarters), when demand for home and garden control products typically peaks, could have a material adverse effect on our Home and Garden Business and our financial results during such period. Weather can also influence customer behavior for our auto care products, especially with appearance products, which sell best during warm, dry weather. There could be a

material adverse effect on the auto care segment if the weather is cold or wet, especially during peak sales season.

We are subject to significant international business risks that could hurt our business and cause our results of operations to fluctuate.

Approximately 40% of our net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 were to customers outside of the U.S. Our pursuit of international growth opportunities may require significant investments for an extended period before returns on these investments, if any, are realized. Our international operations are subject to risks including, among others:

currency fluctuations, including, without limitation, fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate of the Euro, British Pound, Brazilian Real, Canadian Dollar, Australian Dollar, Japanese Yen and the Mexican Peso; changes in the economic conditions or consumer preferences or demand for our products in these markets; the risk that because our brand names may not be locally recognized, we must spend significant amounts of time and money to build brand recognition without certainty that we will be successful; labor unrest; political and economic instability, as a result of war, terrorist attacks, pandemics, natural disasters or otherwise; lack of developed infrastructure; longer payment cycles and greater difficulty in collecting accounts; restrictions on transfers of funds; import and export duties and quotas, as well as general transportation costs;

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changes in foreign labor laws and regulations affecting our ability to hire and retain employees;

changes in domestic and international customs and tariffs;

inadequate protection of intellectual property in foreign countries;

unexpected changes in regulatory environments;

difficulty in complying with foreign law; and

adverse tax consequences.

The foregoing factors may have a material adverse effect on our ability to increase or maintain our supply of products, financial condition or results of operations.

Our products utilize certain key raw materials; any significant increase in the price of, or change in supply and demand for, these raw materials could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition and profits.

The principal raw materials used to produce our products including zinc powder, brass, electrolytic manganese dioxide powder, petroleum-based plastic materials, steel, aluminum, copper and corrugated materials (for packaging) are sourced either on a global or regional basis by us or our suppliers, and the prices of those raw materials are susceptible to price fluctuations due to supply and demand trends, energy costs, transportation costs, government regulations, duties and tariffs, changes in currency exchange rates, price controls, general economic conditions and other unforeseen circumstances. In particular, during the years 2012 and 2013, we

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experienced extraordinary price increases for raw materials, particularly as a result of strong demand from China. Although we may increase the prices of certain of our goods to our customers, we may not be able to pass all of these cost increases on to our customers. As a result, our margins may be adversely impacted by such cost increases. We cannot provide any assurance that our sources of supply will not be interrupted due to changes in worldwide supply of or demand for raw materials or other events that interrupt material flow, which may have an adverse effect on our profitability and results of operations.

We regularly engage in forward purchase and hedging derivative transactions in an attempt to effectively manage and stabilize some of the raw material costs we expect to incur over the next 12 to 24 months. However, our hedging positions may not be effective, or may not anticipate beneficial trends, in a particular raw material market or may, as a result of changes in our business, no longer be useful for us. In addition, for certain of the principal raw materials we use to produce our products, such as electrolytic manganese dioxide powder, there are no available effective hedging markets. If these efforts are not effective or expose us to above average costs for an extended period of time, and we are unable to pass our raw materials costs on to our customers, our future profitability may be materially and adversely affected. Furthermore, with respect to transportation costs, certain modes of delivery are subject to fuel surcharges which are determined based upon the current cost of diesel fuel in relation to pre-established agreed upon costs. We may be unable to pass these fuel surcharges on to our customers, which may have an adverse effect on our profitability and results of operations.

In addition, we have exclusivity arrangements and minimum purchase requirements with certain of our suppliers for the Home and Garden Business, which increase our dependence upon and exposure to those suppliers. Some of those agreements include caps on the price we pay for our supplies and in certain instances, these caps have allowed us to purchase materials at below market prices. When we attempt to renew those contracts, the other parties to the contracts may not be willing to include or may limit the effect of those caps and could even attempt to impose above market prices in an effort to make up for any below market prices paid by us prior to the renewal of the agreement. Any failure to timely obtain suitable supplies at competitive prices could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We may not be able to fully utilize our U.S. net operating loss carryforwards.

As of September 30, 2015, we had U.S. federal net operating loss carryforwards ( NOLs ) of \$894.5 million and state NOLs of \$68.7 million with capital loss carryforwards of \$14.2 million. These NOLs expire through years ending in 2035. As of September 30, 2015, we determined that it continues to be more likely than not that the U.S. federal and most of the U.S. state net deferred tax asset, will not be realized in the future and as such recorded a full valuation allowance to offset the net U.S. federal and most of the U.S. state deferred tax asset, including our NOLs. In addition, as a consequence of earlier business combinations and issuances of common stock, the Company and its subsidiaries have had various changes of ownership, as defined under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC ) of 1986, as amended, that continue to subject a significant amount of our U.S. NOLs and other tax attributes to certain limitations.

As of September 30, 2015, we estimate that approximately \$272.9 million of the total U.S. federal NOLs with a federal tax benefit of \$95.5 million and tax benefits of \$16.7 million related to state NOLs would expire unused even if the Company generates sufficient income to otherwise use all its NOLs, due to the limitation in Section 382 of the IRC.

If we are unable to fully utilize our NOLs to offset taxable income generated in the future, our future cash taxes could be materially and negatively impacted.

Consolidation of retailers and our dependence on a small number of key customers for a significant percentage of our sales may negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

As a result of consolidation of retailers and consumer trends toward national mass merchandisers, a significant percentage of our sales are attributable to a very limited group of customers. Our largest customer

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accounted for 15% of our consolidated net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. As these mass merchandisers and retailers grow larger and become more sophisticated, they may demand lower pricing, special packaging or impose other requirements on product suppliers. These business demands may relate to inventory practices, logistics or other aspects of the customer-supplier relationship. Because of the importance of these key customers, demands for price reductions or promotions, reductions in their purchases, changes in their financial condition or loss of their accounts could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Although we have long-established relationships with many of our customers, we do not have long-term agreements with them and purchases are generally made through the use of individual purchase orders. Any significant reduction in purchases, failure to obtain anticipated orders or delays or cancellations of orders by any of these major customers, or significant pressure to reduce prices from any of these major customers, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, a significant deterioration in the financial condition of the retail industry in general, the bankruptcy of any of our customers or if any of our customers were to leave the business, could have a material adverse effect on our sales and profitability.

In addition, as a result of the desire of retailers to more closely manage inventory levels, there is a growing trend among them to purchase products on a just-in-time basis. Due to a number of factors, including (i) manufacturing lead-times, (ii) seasonal purchasing patterns and (iii) the potential for material price increases, we may be required to shorten our lead-time for production and more closely anticipate our retailers and customers demands, which could in the future require us to carry additional inventories and increase our working capital and related financing requirements. This may increase the cost of warehousing inventory or result in excess inventory becoming difficult to manage, unusable or obsolete. In addition, if our retailers significantly change their inventory management strategies, we may encounter difficulties in filling customer orders or in liquidating excess inventories, or may find that customers are cancelling orders or returning products, which may have a material adverse effect on our business. See *We and AAG have similar major customers and the loss of any significant customer may adversely affect our results of operations.* 

Furthermore, we primarily sell branded products and a move by one or more of our large customers to sell significant quantities of private label products, which we do not produce on their behalf and which directly compete with our products, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

As a result of our international operations, we face a number of risks related to exchange rates and foreign currencies.

Our international sales and certain of our expenses are transacted in foreign currencies. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, approximately 40% of our net sales and operating expenses were denominated in foreign currencies. We expect that the amount of our revenues and expenses transacted in foreign currencies

will increase as our Latin American, European and Asian operations grow and as a result of acquisitions in these markets and, as a result, our exposure to risks associated with foreign currencies could increase accordingly. Significant changes in the value of the U.S. dollar in relation to foreign currencies will affect our cost of goods sold and our operating margins and could result in exchange losses or otherwise have a material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Changes in currency exchange rates may also affect our sales to, purchases from and loans to our subsidiaries as well as sales to, purchases from and bank lines of credit with our customers, suppliers and creditors that are denominated in foreign currencies.

We source many products from China and other Asian countries. To the extent the Chinese Renminbi (RMB) or other currencies appreciate with respect to the U.S. dollar, we may experience fluctuations in our results of operations. Since 2005, the RMB has no longer been pegged to the U.S. dollar at a constant exchange rate and instead fluctuates versus a basket of currencies. Although the People s Bank of China regularly

intervenes in the foreign exchange market to prevent significant short-term fluctuations in the exchange rate, the RMB may appreciate or depreciate within a flexible peg range against the U.S. dollar in the medium to long term. Moreover, it is possible that in the future Chinese authorities may lift restrictions on fluctuations in the RMB exchange rate and lessen intervention in the foreign exchange market.

While we may enter into hedging transactions in the future, the availability and effectiveness of these transactions may be limited, and we may not be able to successfully hedge our exposure to currency fluctuations. Further, we may not be successful in implementing customer pricing or other actions in an effort to mitigate the impact of currency fluctuations and, thus, our results of operations may be adversely impacted.

Our international operations may expose us to risks related to compliance with the laws and regulations of foreign countries.

We are subject to three EU Directives that may have a material impact on our business: Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and the Directive on Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries, discussed below. Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment requires us to eliminate specified hazardous materials from products we sell in EU member states. Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment requires us to collect and treat, dispose of or recycle certain products we manufacture or import into the EU at our own expense. The EU Directive on Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries bans heavy metals in batteries by establishing maximum quantities of heavy metals in batteries and mandates waste management of these batteries, including collection, recycling and disposal systems, with the costs imposed upon producers and importers such as us. The costs associated with maintaining compliance or failing to comply with the EU Directives may harm our business. For example:

Although contracts with our suppliers address related compliance issues, we may be unable to procure appropriate Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment compliant material in sufficient quantity and quality and/or be able to incorporate it into our product procurement processes without compromising quality and/or harming our cost structure.

We may face excess and obsolete inventory risk related to non-compliant inventory that we may hold for which there is reduced demand, and we may need to write down the carrying value of such inventories.

We may be unable to sell certain existing inventories of our batteries in Europe and other countries that have adopted similar regulations.

Many of the developing countries in which we operate do not have significant governmental regulation relating to environmental safety, occupational safety, employment practices or other business matters routinely regulated in the U.S. and EU or may not rigorously enforce such regulation. As these countries and their economies develop, it is possible that new regulations or increased enforcement of existing regulations may increase the expense of doing business in these countries. In addition, social legislation in many countries in which we operate may result in significantly higher expenses associated with labor costs, terminating employees or distributors and closing manufacturing facilities. Increases in our costs as a result of increased regulation, legislation or enforcement could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may not be able to adequately establish and protect our intellectual property rights, and the infringement or loss of our intellectual property rights could harm our business.

To establish and protect our intellectual property rights, we rely upon a combination of national, foreign and multi-national patent, trademark and trade secret laws, together with licenses, confidentiality agreements and

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other contractual arrangements. The measures that we take to protect our intellectual property rights may prove inadequate to prevent third parties from infringing or misappropriating our intellectual property. We may need to resort to litigation to enforce or defend our intellectual property rights. If a competitor or collaborator files a patent application claiming technology also claimed by us, or a trademark application claiming a trademark, service mark or trade dress also used by us, in order to protect our rights, we may have to participate in expensive and time consuming opposition or interference proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or a similar foreign agency. Similarly, our intellectual property rights may be challenged by third parties or invalidated through administrative process or litigation. The costs associated with protecting intellectual property rights, including litigation costs, may be material. Furthermore, even if our intellectual property rights are not directly challenged, disputes among third parties could lead to the weakening or invalidation of our intellectual property rights, or our competitors may independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to our technology. Obtaining, protecting and defending intellectual property rights can be time consuming and expensive, and may require us to incur substantial costs, including the diversion of the time and resources of management and technical personnel.

Moreover, the laws of certain foreign countries in which we operate or may operate in the future do not protect, and the governments of certain foreign countries do not enforce, intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws and government of the U.S., which may negate our competitive or technological advantages in such markets. Also, some of the technology underlying our products is the subject of nonexclusive licenses from third parties. As a result, this technology could be made available to our competitors at any time. If we are unable to establish and then adequately protect our intellectual property rights, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

We license various trademarks, trade names and patents from third parties for certain of our products. These licenses generally place marketing obligations on us and require us to pay fees and royalties based on net sales or profits. Typically, these licenses may be terminated if we fail to satisfy certain minimum sales obligations or if we breach the terms of the license. The termination of these licensing arrangements could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In our Global Batteries & Appliances segment, we license the use of the Black and Decker brand for marketing in certain small household appliances in North America, South America (excluding Brazil) and the Caribbean. In July 2014, The Black and Decker Corporation (BDC) extended the license agreement through December 2018. The failure to renew the license agreement with BDC or to enter into a new agreement on acceptable terms for the period following December 2018 could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity and results of operations. Additionally, in connection with our acquisition of the HHI Business, we received a limited right to use certain Stanley Black and Decker trademarks, brand names and logos in marketing our products and services for only five years. Pursuant to a transitional trademark license agreement, Stanley Black and Decker granted us the right to use the Stanley and Black and Decker marks and logos, and certain other marks and logos, for up to five years after the completion of the HHI Business acquisition in connection with certain products and services. When our right to use these Stanley Black and Decker trademarks, brand names and logos expires, we may not be able to maintain or enjoy comparable name recognition or status under our new brand. If we are unable to successfully manage the transition of our business to our new brand, our reputation among our customers could be adversely affected, and our revenue and profitability could decline.

Claims by third parties that we are infringing their intellectual property and other litigation could adversely affect our business.

From time to time in the past we have been subject to claims that we are infringing the intellectual property of others. We currently are the subject of such claims and it is possible that third parties will assert infringement claims against

us in the future. An adverse finding against us in these or similar trademark or other intellectual property litigations may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of

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operations. Any such claims, with or without merit, could be time consuming and expensive, and may require us to incur substantial costs, including the diversion of the resources of management and technical personnel, cause product delays or require us to enter into licensing or other agreements in order to secure continued access to necessary or desirable intellectual property. If we are deemed to be infringing a third party—s intellectual property and are unable to continue using that intellectual property as we had been, our business and results of operations could be harmed if we are unable to successfully develop non-infringing alternative intellectual property on a timely basis or license non-infringing alternatives or substitutes, if any exist, on commercially reasonable terms. In addition, an unfavorable ruling in intellectual property litigation could subject us to significant liability, as well as require us to cease developing, manufacturing or selling the affected products or using the affected processes or trademarks. Any significant restriction on our proprietary or licensed intellectual property that impedes our ability to develop and commercialize our products could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our dependence on a few suppliers and one of our U.S. facilities for certain of our products makes us vulnerable to a disruption in the supply of our products.

Although we have long-standing relationships with many of our suppliers, we generally do not have long-term contracts with them. An adverse change in any of the following could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations:

our ability to identify and develop relationships with qualified suppliers;

the terms and conditions upon which we purchase products from our suppliers, including applicable exchange rates, transport and other costs, our suppliers—willingness to extend credit to us to finance our inventory purchases and other factors beyond our control;

the financial condition of our suppliers;

political and economic instability in the countries in which our suppliers are located, as a result of war, terrorist attacks, pandemics, natural disasters or otherwise;

our ability to import outsourced products;

our suppliers noncompliance with applicable laws, trade restrictions and tariffs; or

our suppliers ability to manufacture and deliver outsourced products according to our standards of quality on a timely and efficient basis.

If our relationship with one of our key suppliers is adversely affected, we may not be able to quickly or effectively replace such supplier and may not be able to retrieve tooling, molds or other specialized production equipment or processes used by such supplier in the manufacture of our products. The loss of one or more of our suppliers, a

material reduction in their supply of products or provision of services to us or extended disruptions or interruptions in their operations could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We manufacture the majority of our foil cutting systems for our shaving product lines, using specially designed machines and proprietary cutting technology, at our Portage, Wisconsin facility. In addition, we also manufacture the majority of our residential door locks at our Subic Bay, Philippines facility. Our home and garden products are mainly manufactured from our St. Louis, Missouri, facility. Damage to these facilities, or prolonged interruption in the operations of these facilities whether for repairs, as a result of labor difficulties or for other reasons, could have a material adverse effect on our ability to manufacture and sell our foil shaving, residential door locks and home and garden products which could in turn harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We face risks related to our sales of products obtained from third-party suppliers.

We sell a significant number of products that are manufactured by third party suppliers over which we have no direct control. While we have implemented processes and procedures to try to ensure that the suppliers we use are complying with all applicable regulations, there can be no assurances that such suppliers in all instances will comply with such processes and procedures or otherwise with applicable regulations. Noncompliance could result in our marketing and distribution of contaminated, defective or dangerous products which could subject us to liabilities and could result in the imposition by governmental authorities of procedures or penalties that could restrict or eliminate our ability to purchase products from non-compliant suppliers. Any or all of these effects could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act includes provisions regarding certain minerals and metals, known as conflict minerals, mined from the Democratic Republic of Congo and adjoining countries. These provisions require companies to undertake due diligence procedures and report on the use of conflict minerals in its products, including products manufactured by third parties. Compliance with these provisions will cause us to incur costs to certify that our supply chain is conflict free and we may face difficulties if our suppliers are unwilling or unable to verify the source of their materials. Our ability to source these minerals and metals may also be adversely impacted. In addition, our customers may require that we provide them with a certification and our inability to do so may disqualify us as a supplier.

Class action and derivative action lawsuits and other investigations, regardless of their merits, could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We and certain of our officers and directors have been named in the past, and, may be named in the future, as defendants of class action and derivative action lawsuits. In the past, we have also received requests for information from government authorities. Regardless of their subject matter or merits, class action lawsuits and other government investigations may result in significant cost to us, which may not be covered by insurance, may divert the attention of management or may otherwise have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be exposed to significant product liability claims which our insurance may not cover and which could harm our reputation.

In the ordinary course of our business, we may be named as a defendant in lawsuits involving product liability claims. In any such proceeding, plaintiffs may seek to recover large and sometimes unspecified amounts of damages and the matters may remain unresolved for several years. Any such matters could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition if we are unable to successfully defend against or settle these matters or if our insurance coverage is insufficient to satisfy any judgments against us or settlements relating to these matters. Although we have product liability insurance coverage and an excess umbrella policy, our insurance policies may not provide coverage for certain, or any, claims against us or may not be sufficient to cover all possible liabilities. Additionally, we do not maintain product recall insurance. We may not be able to maintain such insurance on acceptable terms, if at all, in the future. Moreover, any adverse publicity arising from claims made against us, even if the claims were not successful, could adversely affect the reputation and sales of our products. In particular, product recalls or product liability claims challenging the safety of our products may result in a decline in sales for a particular product and could damage the reputation or the value of the related brand. This could be true even if the claims themselves are ultimately settled for immaterial amounts. This type of adverse publicity could occur and product liability claims could be made in the future.

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We may incur material capital and other costs due to environmental liabilities.

We are subject to a broad range of federal, state, local, foreign and multi-national laws and regulations relating to the environment. These include laws and regulations that govern:

discharges to the air, water and land;

the handling and disposal of solid and hazardous substances and wastes; and

remediation of contamination associated with release of hazardous substances at our facilities and at off-site disposal locations.

Risk of environmental liability is inherent in our business. As a result, material environmental costs may arise in the future. In particular, we may incur capital and other costs to comply with increasingly stringent environmental laws and enforcement policies, such as the EU Directives: Restriction of the Use of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment, Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and the Directive on Batteries and Accumulators and Waste Batteries, discussed above. Our international operations may expose us to risks related to compliance with the laws and regulations of foreign countries. See *Our international operations may expose us to risks related to compliance with the laws and regulations of foreign countries.* 

Moreover, there are proposed international accords and treaties, as well as federal, state and local laws and regulations, that would attempt to control or limit the causes of climate change, including the effect of greenhouse gas emissions on the environment. In the event that the U.S. government or foreign governments enact new climate change laws or regulations or make changes to existing laws or regulations, compliance with applicable laws or regulations may result in increased manufacturing costs for our products, such as by requiring investment in new pollution control equipment or changing the ways in which certain of our products are made. We may incur some of these costs directly and others may be passed on to us from our third-party suppliers. Although we believe that we are substantially in compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations at our facilities, we may not always be in compliance with such laws and regulations or any new laws and regulations in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

From time to time, we have been required to address the effect of historic activities on the environmental condition of our properties or former properties. We have not conducted invasive testing at all of our facilities to identify all potential environmental liability risks. Given the age of our facilities and the nature of our operations, material liabilities may arise in the future in connection with our current or former facilities. If previously unknown contamination of property underlying or in the vicinity of our manufacturing facilities is discovered, we could be required to incur material unforeseen expenses. If this occurs, it may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We are currently engaged in investigative or remedial projects at a few of our facilities and any liabilities arising from such investigative or remedial projects at such facilities may have a material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, in connection with certain business acquisitions, we have assumed, and in connection with future acquisitions may assume in the future, certain potential environmental liabilities. To the extent we have not identified such environmental liabilities or to the extent the indemnifications obtained from our counterparties are insufficient to cover such environmental liabilities, these environmental liabilities could have a material adverse effect on our

business.

We are also subject to proceedings related to our disposal of industrial and hazardous material at off-site disposal locations or similar disposals made by other parties for which we are responsible as a result of our relationship with such other parties. These proceedings are under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ( CERCLA ) or similar state or foreign jurisdiction laws that hold persons who arranged for the disposal or treatment of such substances strictly liable for costs incurred in responding to the

release or threatened release of hazardous substances from such sites, regardless of fault or the lawfulness of the original disposal. Liability under CERCLA is typically joint and several, meaning that a liable party may be responsible for all of the costs incurred in investigating and remediating contamination at a site. We occasionally are identified by federal or state governmental agencies as being a potentially responsible party for response actions contemplated at an off-site facility. At the existing sites where we have been notified of our status as a potentially responsible party, it is either premature to determine if our potential liability, if any, will be material or we do not believe that our liability, if any, will be material. We may be named as a potentially responsible party under CERCLA or similar state or foreign jurisdiction laws in the future for other sites not currently known to us, and the costs and liabilities associated with these sites may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Compliance with various public health, consumer protection and other regulations applicable to our products and facilities could increase our cost of doing business and expose us to additional requirements with which we may be unable to comply.

Certain of our products sold through, and facilities operated under, each of our business segments are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other federal consumer protection and product safety agencies and are subject to the regulations such agencies enforce, as well as by similar state, foreign and multinational agencies and regulations. For example, in the U.S., all products containing pesticides must be registered with the EPA and, in many cases, similar state and foreign agencies before they can be manufactured or sold. Our inability to obtain, or the cancellation of, any registration could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The severity of the effect would depend on which products were involved, whether another product could be substituted and whether our competitors were similarly affected. We attempt to anticipate regulatory developments and maintain registrations of, and access to, substitute chemicals and other ingredients, but we may not always be able to avoid or minimize these risks.

As a distributor of consumer products in the U.S., certain of our products are also subject to the Consumer Product Safety Act, which empowers the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (the Consumer Commission ) to exclude from the market products that are found to be unsafe or hazardous. Under certain circumstances, the Consumer Commission could require us to repair, replace or refund the purchase price of one or more of our products, or we may voluntarily do so. Any additional repurchases or recalls of our products could be costly to us and could damage the reputation or the value of our brands. If we are required to remove, or we voluntarily remove our products from the market, our reputation or brands could be tarnished and we may have large quantities of finished products that could not be sold. Furthermore, failure to timely notify the Consumer Commission of a potential safety hazard can result in significant fines being assessed against us. Additionally, laws regulating certain consumer products exist in some states, as well as in other countries in which we sell our products, and more restrictive laws and regulations may be adopted in the future.

The Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) established a standard for food-use pesticides, which is that a reasonable certainty of no harm will result from the cumulative effect of pesticide exposures. Under the FQPA, the EPA is evaluating the cumulative effects from dietary and non-dietary exposures to pesticides. The pesticides in certain of our products that are sold through the Home and Garden Business continue to be evaluated by the EPA as part of this program. It is possible that the EPA or a third party active ingredient registrant may decide that a pesticide we use in our products will be limited or made unavailable to us. We cannot predict the outcome or the severity of the effect of the EPA is continuing evaluations of active ingredients used in our products.

In addition, the use of certain pesticide products that are sold through our Home and Garden Business may, among other things, be regulated by various local, state, federal and foreign environmental and public health agencies. These

regulations may require that only certified or professional users apply the product, that users post notices on properties where products have been or will be applied or that certain ingredients may not be used. Compliance with such public health regulations could increase our cost of doing business and expose us to additional requirements with which we may be unable to comply.

Any failure to comply with these laws or regulations, or the terms of applicable environmental permits, could result in us incurring substantial costs, including fines, penalties and other civil and criminal sanctions or the prohibition of sales of our pest control products. Environmental law requirements, and the enforcement thereof, change frequently, have tended to become more stringent over time and could require us to incur significant expenses.

Most federal, state and local authorities require certification by Underwriters Laboratory, Inc. (UL), an independent, not-for-profit corporation engaged in the testing of products for compliance with certain public safety standards, or other safety regulation certification prior to marketing electrical appliances. Foreign jurisdictions also have regulatory authorities overseeing the safety of consumer products. Our products may not meet the specifications required by these authorities. A determination that any of our products are not in compliance with these rules and regulations could result in the imposition of fines or an award of damages to private litigants.

A cybersecurity breach or failure of one or more key information technology systems could have a material adverse impact on our business or reputation.

We rely extensively on information technology (IT) systems, networks and services, including internet sites, data hosting and processing facilities and tools and other hardware, software and technical applications and platforms, some of which are managed, hosted, provided and/or used by third-parties or their vendors, to assist in conducting our business.

Our IT systems have been, and will likely continue to be, subject to computer viruses or other malicious codes, unauthorized access attempts, phishing and other cyber-attacks. We continue to assess potential threats and make investments seeking to address these threats, including monitoring of networks and systems and upgrading skills, employee training and security policies for the Company and its third-party providers. However, because the techniques used in these attacks change frequently and may be difficult to detect for periods of time, we may face difficulties in anticipating and implementing adequate preventative measures. To date, we have seen no material impact on our business or operations from these attacks; however, we cannot guarantee that our security efforts will prevent breaches or breakdowns to our or our third-party providers databases or systems. If the IT systems, networks or service providers we rely upon fail to function properly, or if we or one of our third-party providers suffer a loss, significant unavailability of or disclosure of our business or stakeholder information, and our business continuity plans do not effectively address these failures on a timely basis, we may be exposed to reputational, competitive and business harm as well as litigation and regulatory action. The costs and operational consequences of responding to breaches and implementing remediation measures could be significant.

Our actual or perceived failure to adequately protect personal data could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A variety of state, national, foreign, and international laws and regulations apply to the collection, use, retention, protection, disclosure, transfer, and other processing of personal data. These privacy- and data protection-related laws and regulations are evolving, with new or modified laws and regulations proposed and implemented frequently and existing laws and regulations subject to new or different interpretations. Compliance with these laws and regulations can be costly and can delay or impede the development of new products.

We historically have relied upon adherence to the U.S. Department of Commerce s Safe Harbor Privacy Principles and compliance with the U.S.-EU Safe Harbor Framework agreed to by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the EU. The U.S.-EU Safe Harbor Framework, which established means for legitimizing the transfer of personal data by U.S. companies from the European Economic Area, or EEA, to the U.S., recently was invalidated by a decision of the European Court of Justice, or the ECJ. In light of the ECJ s decision, we are reviewing our business practices and may

find it necessary or desirable to make changes to our personal data

handling to cause our transfer and receipt of EEA residents personal data to be legitimized under applicable European law. Our actual or alleged failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations, or to protect personal data, could result in enforcement actions and significant penalties against us, which could result in negative publicity, increase our operating costs, subject us to claims or other remedies and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Public perceptions that some of the products we produce and market are not safe could adversely affect us.

On occasion, customers have alleged that some products failed to perform up to expectations or have caused damage or injury to individuals or property. Public perception that any of our products are not safe, whether justified or not, could impair our reputation, damage our brand names and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we rely on certain third party trademarks, brand names and logos over which we do not have exclusive use of. Public perception that any such third party trademarks, band names and logos used by us are not safe, whether justified or not, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we are unable to negotiate satisfactory terms to continue existing or enter into additional collective bargaining agreements, we may experience an increased risk of labor disruptions and our results of operations and financial condition may suffer.

Approximately 16% of our total labor force is covered by collective bargaining agreements. There are 4 collective bargaining agreements that will expire during our fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, which cover approximately 60% of the labor force under collective bargaining agreements, or approximately 10% of our total labor force. While we currently expect to negotiate continuations to the terms of these agreements, there can be no assurances that we will be able to obtain terms that are satisfactory to us or otherwise to reach agreement at all with the applicable parties. In addition, in the course of our business, we may also become subject to additional collective bargaining agreements. These agreements may be on terms that are less favorable than those under our current collective bargaining agreements. Increased exposure to collective bargaining agreements, whether on terms more or less favorable than our existing collective bargaining agreements, could adversely affect the operation of our business, including through increased labor expenses. While we intend to comply with all collective bargaining agreements to which we are subject, there can be no assurances that we will be able to do so and any noncompliance could subject us to disruptions in our operations and materially and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Significant changes in actual investment return on pension assets, discount rates and other factors could affect our results of operations, equity and pension contributions in future periods.

Our results of operations may be positively or negatively affected by the amount of income or expense we record for our defined benefit pension plans. U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( GAAP ) requires

that we calculate income or expense for the plans using actuarial valuations. These valuations reflect assumptions about financial markets and other economic conditions, which may change based on changes in key economic indicators. The most significant assumptions we use to estimate pension income or expense are the discount rate and the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets. In addition, we are required to make an annual measurement of plan assets and liabilities, which may result in a significant change to equity. Although pension expense and pension funding contributions are not directly related, key economic factors that affect pension expense would also likely affect the amount of cash we would contribute to pension plans as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

If our goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets or other long-term assets become impaired, we will be required to record additional impairment charges, which may be significant.

A significant portion of our long-term assets consist of goodwill, other indefinite-lived intangible assets and finite-lived intangible assets recorded as a result of past acquisitions as well as through fresh start reporting. We

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do not amortize goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, but rather review them for impairment on a periodic basis or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying value may not be recoverable. We consider whether circumstances or conditions exist which suggest that the carrying value of our goodwill and other long-lived intangible assets might be impaired. If such circumstances or conditions exist, further steps are required in order to determine whether the carrying value of each of the individual assets exceeds its fair value. If analysis indicates that an individual asset s carrying value does exceed its fair value, the next step is to record a loss equal to the excess of the individual asset s carrying value over its fair value.

The steps required by GAAP entail significant amounts of judgment and subjectivity. Events and changes in circumstances that may indicate that there may be an impairment and which may indicate that interim impairment testing is necessary include, but are not limited to: strategic decisions to exit a business or dispose of an asset made in response to changes in economic, political and competitive conditions; the impact of the economic environment on the customer base and on broad market conditions that drive valuation considerations by market participants; our internal expectations with regard to future revenue growth and the assumptions we make when performing impairment reviews; a significant decrease in the market price of our assets; a significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which our assets are used; a significant adverse change in legal factors or the business climate that could affect our assets; an accumulation of costs significantly in excess of the amount originally expected for the acquisition of an asset; and significant changes in the cash flows associated with an asset. As a result of such circumstances, we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings in our financial statements during the period in which any impairment of our goodwill, indefinite-lived intangible assets or other long-term assets is determined. Any such impairment charges could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our proprietary information and know-how, the value of our technology, products and services could be harmed significantly.

We rely on trade secrets, know-how and other proprietary information in operating our business. If this information is not adequately protected, then it may be disclosed or used in an unauthorized manner. To the extent that consultants, key employees or other third parties apply technological information independently developed by them or by others to our proposed products, disputes may arise as to the proprietary rights to such information, which may not be resolved in our favor. The risk that other parties may breach confidentiality agreements or that our trade secrets become known or independently discovered by competitors, could harm us by enabling our competitors, who may have greater experience and financial resources, to copy or use our trade secrets and other proprietary information in the advancement of their products, methods or technologies. The disclosure of our trade secrets would impair our competitive position, thereby weakening demand for our products or services and harming our ability to maintain or increase our customer base.

Disruption or failures of our information technology systems could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our information technology systems are susceptible to security breaches, operational data loss, general disruptions in functionality, and may not be compatible with new technology. We depend on our information technology systems for the effectiveness of our operations and to interface with our customers, as well as to maintain financial records and accuracy. Disruption or failures of our information technology systems could impair our ability to effectively and timely provide our services and products and maintain our financial records, which could damage our reputation and have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our acquisition and expansion strategy may not be successful.

Our growth strategy is based in part on growth through acquisitions, which poses a number of risks. We may not be successful in identifying appropriate acquisition candidates, consummating acquisitions on satisfactory terms or integrating any newly acquired or expanded business with our current operations. We may

issue additional equity, incur long-term or short-term indebtedness, spend cash or use a combination of these for all or part of the consideration paid in future acquisitions or expansion of our operations. The execution of our acquisition and expansion strategy could entail repositioning or similar actions that in turn require us to record impairments, restructuring and other charges. Any such charges would reduce our earnings. We cannot guarantee that any future business acquisitions will be pursued or that any acquisitions that are pursued will be consummated.

Significant costs have been incurred and are expected to be incurred in connection with the consummation of recent and future business acquisitions and the integration of such acquired businesses with Spectrum into a combined company, including legal, accounting, financial advisory and other costs.

We expect to incur one-time costs in connection with integrating our operations, products and personnel and those of businesses we acquire into a combined company, in addition to costs related directly to completing such acquisitions. We would expect similar costs to be incurred with any future acquisition. These costs may include expenditures for:

employee redeployment, relocation or severance;

integration of operations and information systems;

combination of research and development teams and processes; and

reorganization or closures of facilities.

In addition, we expect to incur a number of non-recurring costs associated with combining our operations with those of acquired businesses. Additional unanticipated costs may yet be incurred as we integrate our business with acquired businesses. Although we expect that the elimination of duplicative costs, as well as the realization of other efficiencies related to the integration of our operations with those of acquired businesses, may offset incremental transaction and transaction-related costs over time, this net benefit may not be achieved in the near term. Additionally, while we expect to benefit from leveraging distribution channels and brand names among the Company and the businesses we acquire, we cannot assure you that we will achieve such benefits.

We may not realize the anticipated benefits of, and synergies from, our business acquisitions and may become responsible for certain liabilities and integration costs as a result.

Business acquisitions involve the integration of new businesses that have previously operated independently from us. The integration of our operations with those of acquired businesses is frequently expected to result in financial and operational benefits, including increased top line growth, margins, revenues and cost savings and be accretive to earnings per share, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and free cash flow before synergies. There can be no assurance, however, regarding when or the extent to which we will be able to realize these increased top line growth, margins, revenues, cost savings or accretions to earnings per share, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization or free cash flow or other benefits. Integration may also be difficult, unpredictable, and subject to delay because of possible company culture conflicts and different opinions on technical decisions and product roadmaps. We will often be required to integrate or, in some cases, replace, numerous systems, including those involving management information, purchasing, accounting and finance, sales, billing, employee benefits, payroll and regulatory compliance, many of which may be dissimilar.

In some instances, we and certain acquired businesses have served the same customers, and some customers may decide that it is desirable to have additional or different suppliers. Difficulties associated with the integration of acquired businesses could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We may also acquire partial or full ownership in businesses or may acquire rights to market and distribute particular products or lines of products. The acquisition of a business or the rights to market specific products or use specific product names may involve a financial commitment by us, either in the form of cash or equity

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consideration. In the case of a new license, such commitments are usually in the form of prepaid royalties and future minimum royalty payments. There is no guarantee that we will acquire businesses or product distribution rights that will contribute positively to our earnings. Anticipated synergies may not materialize, cost savings may be less than expected, sales of products may not meet expectations and acquired businesses may carry unexpected liabilities.

In addition, in connection with business acquisitions, we have assumed, and may assume in connection with future acquisitions, certain potential liabilities. To the extent such liabilities are not identified by us or to the extent the indemnifications obtained from third parties are insufficient to cover such liabilities, these liabilities could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Integrating our business with acquired businesses may divert our management s attention away from operations.

Successful integration of acquired businesses operations, products and personnel with us may place a significant burden on our management and other internal resources. The diversion of management s attention, and any difficulties encountered in the transition and integration process, could harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

As a result of business acquisitions, we may not be able to retain key personnel or recruit additional qualified personnel, which could materially affect our business and require us to incur substantial additional costs to recruit replacement personnel.

We are highly dependent on the continuing efforts of our senior management team and other key personnel. As a result of business acquisitions, our current and prospective employees could experience uncertainty about their future roles. This uncertainty may adversely affect our ability to attract and retain key management, sales, marketing and technical personnel. Any failure to attract and retain key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business. In addition, we currently do not maintain key person insurance covering any member of our management team.

If any of our key personnel or those of our acquired businesses were to join a competitor or form a competing company, existing and potential customers or suppliers could choose to form business relationships with that competitor instead of us. There can be no assurance that confidentiality, non-solicitation, non-competition or similar agreements signed by former directors, officers, employees or stockholders of us, our acquired businesses or our transactional counterparties will be effective in preventing a loss of business.

#### General customer uncertainty related to our business acquisitions could harm us.

Our customers may, in response to the announcement or consummation of a business acquisition, delay or defer purchasing decisions. If our customers delay or defer purchasing decisions, our revenues could materially decline or any anticipated increases in revenue could be lower than expected.

We are required to supply certain products and services to Stanley Black & Decker and its subsidiaries pursuant to the terms of certain supply agreements for a period of time after the completion of the HHI Business acquisition. Our provision of products and services under these agreements require us to dedicate resources of the HHI Business and may result in unfavorable results to us.

Certain products and services currently used by Stanley Black and Decker are produced and provided using equipment of the HHI Business which includes the acquired Tong Lung Metal Industry Co. Ltd. (the TLM Business ) that we acquired or certain equipment belonging to Stanley Black and Decker and its subsidiaries that will continue to be

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located for a period of time after the completion of the HHI Business acquisition at facilities operated by the HHI Business and the TLM Business and maintained by us pursuant to certain specifications. We

and Stanley Black and Decker entered into supply agreements (each, a Supply Agreement ) whereby we provide Stanley Black and Decker and its subsidiaries with certain of these products and services for a period of time. This requires us to dedicate resources of the HHI Business and the TLM Business towards the provision of these products and services and may result in unfavorable results to us. These Supply Agreements are an accommodation to Stanley Black and Decker and its subsidiaries as part of the HHI Business acquisition, and the pricing of the products and services is on terms more favorable to Stanley Black and Decker and its subsidiaries than it would be in the ordinary course of business.

# We face significant risks from the AAG Acquisition similar to risks generally associated with our acquisition and expansion strategy.

The AAG Acquisition subjects us to significant risks generally associated with our acquisition and expansion strategy. Significant costs have been incurred and are expected to be incurred in connection with the AAG Acquisition and our integration of AAG with our business, including legal, accounting, financial advisory and other costs. We may also not realize the anticipated benefits of, and synergies from, the AAG Acquisition and will be responsible for certain liabilities and integration costs as a result of the AAG Acquisition. As a result of the AAG Acquisition and other acquisitions, we may also not be able to retain key personnel or recruit additional qualified personnel, which could require us to incur substantial additional costs. Each of these general risks for acquisition and expansion activities, which are described in more detail in this prospectus (See *Our acquisition and expansion strategy may not be successful*), could result in the AAG Acquisition having a material adverse effect on our business.

# We and AAG have similar major customers and the loss of any significant customer may adversely affect our results of operations.

A limited number of the same customers represent a large percentage of our and AAG s respective net sales. One of our largest customers accounted for approximately 23% of AAG s net sales for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. AAG s largest customer accounted for approximately 12% of net sales for the same period and no other customer accounted for more than 10% of AAG s net sales for the same period. The success of our and AAG s businesses depend, in part, on our ability to maintain our level of sales and product distribution through high volume distributors, retailers, super centers and mass merchandisers.

Currently, neither we nor AAG have long-term supply agreements with a substantial number of our retail customers, including our largest customers. These high-volume stores and mass merchandisers frequently reevaluate the products they carry. A decision by our major customers to discontinue or decrease the amount of products purchased from us, sell a national brand on an exclusive basis or change the manner of doing business with us, could reduce our revenues and materially adversely affect our results of operations. See *Consolidation of retailers and our dependence on a small number of key customers for a significant percentage of our sales may negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations*.

# A change in governmental regulations regarding the use of refrigerant gas R-134a or its potential future substitutes could have a material adverse effect on AAG s ability to sell its aftermarket A/C products.

The refrigerant R-134a is critical component of AAG s aftermarket A/C products and is used in products which comprised approximately 90% of its gross sales in its fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Older generation refrigerants such as R-12 (Freon) have been regulated for some time in the United States and elsewhere, due to concerns about their potential to contribute to ozone depletion. In recent years, refrigerants such as R-134a, which is an approved substitute for R-12, have also become the subject of regulatory focus due to their potential to contribute to global warming.

The European Union has passed regulations that require the phase out of R-134a in automotive cooling systems in new vehicles by 2017. In the United States, AAG has reported that it cannot predict what future action, if any, the EPA will take on the regulation of R-134a. But based on currently available information, it believes that it would take some time for suitable alternatives to R-134a to come into full scale commercial production and therefore such alternatives would not be readily available for wide spread use in new car models. If the future use of R-134a is phased out or is limited or prohibited in jurisdictions in which we do business, the future market for AAG s products containing R-134a may be limited, which could have a material adverse impact on its results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows.

In addition, regulations may be enacted governing the packaging, use and disposal of AAG s products containing refrigerants. For example, regulations are currently in effect in California that govern the sale and distribution of products containing R-134a. While AAG has reported that it is not aware of any noncompliance with such regulations, its failure to comply with these or possible future regulations in California, or elsewhere, could result in material fines or costs or the inability to sell its products in those markets, which could have a material adverse impact on the results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. If substitutes for R-134a become widely used in A/C systems and their use for DIY and retrofit purposes are not approved by the EPA, it could have a material adverse effect on AAG s results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows. In addition, the cost of HFO-1234yf, the leading long-term alternative to R-134a being proposed in the United States and the European Union for use in the A/C systems of new vehicles, will likely be higher than that of R-134a. If HFO-1234yf becomes widely used and AAG is able to develop products using HFO-1234yf, but is unable to price its products to reflect the increased cost of HFO-1234yf, it could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial condition and cash flow.

# All of AAG s refrigerant products are produced at one facility, and a significant disruption or disaster at such a facility could have a material adverse effect on its results of operations.

AAG s manufacturing facility consists of one site which is located in Garland, Texas and thus it is dependent upon the continued safe operation of this facility. Its facility is subject to various hazards associated with the manufacturing, handling, storage, and transportation of chemical materials and products, including human error, leaks and ruptures, explosions, floods, fires, inclement weather and natural disasters, power loss or other infrastructure failures, mechanical failure, unscheduled downtime, regulatory requirements, the loss of certifications, technical difficulties, labor disputes, inability to obtain material, equipment or transportation, environmental hazards such as remediation, chemical spills, discharges or releases of toxic or hazardous substances or gases, and other risks. Many of these hazards could cause personal injury and loss of life, severe damage to, or destruction of, property and equipment and environmental contamination. In addition, the occurrence of material operation problems at AAG s facility due to any of these hazards could cause a disruption in the production of its products. AAG may also encounter difficulties or interruption as a result of the application of enhanced manufacturing technologies or changes to production lines to improve AAG s throughput or to upgrade or repair its production lines. AAG s insurance policies have coverage in case of significant damage to its manufacturing facility but may not fully compensate AAG for the cost of replacement for any such damage and any loss from business interruption. As a result, AAG may not be adequately insured to cover losses resulting from significant damage to its manufacturing facility. Any damage to its facility or interruption in manufacturing could result in production delays and delays in meeting contractual obligations which could have a material adverse effect on AAG s relationship with its customers and on its results of operations, financial condition or cash flows in any given period.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made or implied certain forward-looking statements in this prospectus. All statements, other than statements of historical facts included in this prospectus, including statements regarding our business strategy, future operations, financial condition, estimated revenues, projected costs, projected synergies, prospects, plans and objectives of management, as well as information concerning expected actions of third parties, are forward-looking statements. When used in this prospectus, the words anticipate, intend, plan, estimate, believe, expect, project, may and similar expressions are also intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words.

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Since these forward-looking statements are based upon our current expectations of future events and projections and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control and some of which may change rapidly, actual results or outcomes may differ materially from those expressed or implied herein, and you should not place undue reliance on these statements. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied herein include, without limitation:

the impact of our indebtedness on our business, financial condition and results of operations;

the impact of restrictions in our debt instruments on our ability to operate our business, finance our capital needs or pursue or expand our business strategies;

any failure to comply with financial covenants and other provisions and restrictions of our debt instruments;

the impact of expenses resulting from the implementation of new business strategies, divestitures or current and proposed restructuring activities;

our inability to successfully integrate and operate new acquisitions, including, but not limited to, the AAG Acquisition, at the level of financial performance anticipated;

the unanticipated loss of key members of senior management;

the impact of fluctuations in commodity prices, costs or availability of raw materials or terms and conditions available from suppliers, including suppliers willingness to advance credit;

interest rate and exchange rate fluctuations;

the loss of, or a significant reduction in, sales to any significant retail customer(s);

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competitive promotional activity or spending by competitors or price reductions by competitors;

the introduction of new product features or technological developments by competitors and/or the development of new competitors or competitive brands;

the effects of general economic conditions, including inflation, recession or fears of a recession, depression or fears of a depression, labor costs and stock market volatility or changes in trade, monetary or fiscal policies in the countries where we do business;

changes in consumer spending preferences and demand for our products;

our ability to develop and successfully introduce new products, protect our intellectual property and avoid infringing the intellectual property of third parties;

our ability to successfully implement, achieve and sustain manufacturing and distribution cost efficiencies and improvements, and fully realize anticipated cost savings;

the cost and effect of unanticipated legal, tax or regulatory proceedings or new laws or regulations (including environmental, public health and consumer protection regulations);

public perception regarding the safety of our products, including the potential for environmental liabilities, product liability claims, litigation and other claims;

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the impact of pending or threatened litigation;

changes in accounting policies applicable to our business;

government regulations;

the seasonal nature of sales of certain of our products;

the effects of climate change and unusual weather activity;

the effects of political or economic conditions, terrorist attacks, cybersecurity attacks, acts of war or other unrest in international markets; and

various other risks and uncertainties.

Some of the above-mentioned factors are described in further detail in the section entitled Risk Factors set forth above. You should assume the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date hereof or as otherwise specified, as our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date. Except as required by applicable law, including the securities laws of the U.S. and the rules and regulations of the SEC, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements.

We also caution the reader that our estimates of trends, market share, retail consumption of our products and reasons for changes in such consumption are based solely on limited data available to us and our management s reasonable assumptions about market conditions, and consequently may be inaccurate, or may not reflect significant segments of the retail market.

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## RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth our consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated. You should read these ratios in connection with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those statements, included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended September 30, 2015							
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011			
Fixed charges								
Interest expense	271.9	202.1	369.5	192.0	208.5			
Total fixed charges	271.9	202.1	369.5	192.0	208.5			
Earnings								
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes	199.7	276.1	(20.1)	113.2	17.7			
Add:								
Fixed Charges	271.9	202.1	369.5	192.0	208.5			
Total adjusted earnings	471.6	478.2	349.3	305.2	226.2			
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.7x	2.4x	0.9x	1.6x	1.1x			

**USE OF PROCEEDS** 

This prospectus is delivered in connection with the sale of notes by Jefferies in market-making transactions effected from time to time. We will not receive any proceeds from such transactions.

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# **CAPITALIZATION**

The following table presents the cash and cash equivalents and consolidated capitalization of SB/RH Holdings.

	As of September 30, 2015 <sup>(1)</sup> (in millions)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 247.9		
<b>Debt:</b> Term Credit Facilities <sup>(2)</sup>		1,538.4	
Revolving Credit Facility <sup>(2)</sup>		1,000.1	
6.375% Senior Notes due 2020		520.0	
6.625% Senior Notes due 2022		570.0	
6.125% Senior Notes due 2024		250.0	
5.750% Senior Notes due 2025		1,000.0	
Capital leases		88.2	
Other unsecured debt		45.9	
Total debt	\$	4,012.5	
Total shareholder s equity		1,572.8	
Total capitalization	\$	5,585.3	

<sup>(1)</sup> Balances are reflected at par.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Description of Other Indebtedness Credit Agreement.

#### UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

On May 21, 2015, SB Holdings, the direct parent of SB/RH Holdings, completed the AAG Acquisition pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among AAG, SB Holdings, Ignite Merger Sub, Inc. and, solely in its capacity as representative, Avista Capital Partners II GP, LLC, dated as of April 28, 2015, for a purchase price of \$1,471.4 million (consisting of \$929.3 million in cash and an assumption of debt of \$540.0 million). SB Holdings funded the AAG Acquisition with the proceeds of its initial offering of an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000 million of Spectrum Brands 2025 notes and the registered offering of \$575 million of shares of SB Holdings common stock (the SB Holdings Equity Offering ).

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2015 gives effect to the AAG Acquisition for such period. The unaudited pro forma condensed statement of operations shown below reflects historical financial information and has been prepared on the basis that the transaction will be accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting under Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805: *Business Combinations* (ASC 805). Accordingly, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the AAG Acquisition were measured at their respective fair values with any excess consideration reflected as goodwill. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations presented assumes that AAG is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectrum Brands. Because the financial position data of AAG is reflected in the consolidated statement of financial position as of September 30, 2015, included elsewhere in this prospectus, no pro forma financial position data is presented below.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2015 is presented on a basis to reflect the AAG Acquisition and related transactions as if they had occurred on October 1, 2014.

Because of different fiscal period ends, and in order to present results for comparable periods, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2015 combines SB/RH Holdings audited historical consolidated statement of operations for the fiscal year then ended with the AAG historical consolidated statement of operations information for the period of October 1, 2014 through May 20, 2015, the date prior to the close of the AAG Acquisition. The AAG results from October 1, 2014 through May 20, 2015 have been derived by combining the historical unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the three month period ended March 31, 2015, the historical unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the three month period ended December 31, 2014 and the unaudited historical financial information for the period from April 1, 2015 through May 20, 2015. As a result of the foregoing, the AAG historical unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the three month period ended December 31, 2014 is included in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2015. See Note 1 to the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for additional information. Pro forma adjustments are made in order to reflect the potential effect of the AAG Acquisition and related transactions on the statement of operations.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations should be read in conjunction with the notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations and the notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations are based on, and should be read in conjunction with, the audited consolidated financial statements of SB Holdings and SB/RH Holdings, and the notes thereto, and the AAG historical audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto, each included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The process of valuing the AAG tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed, as well as evaluating accounting policies for conformity, is still in the preliminary stages. Accordingly, the purchase accounting

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adjustments included in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are preliminary and have been presented solely for the purpose of providing these unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements. For purposes of preparing the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial

statements, Spectrum Brands has made preliminary adjustments, where sufficient information is available to make a fair value estimate, to reflect those tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on preliminary estimates of their fair value as of May 21, 2015. For those assets and liabilities where insufficient information is available to make a reasonable estimate of fair value, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements reflect the historical carrying value of those assets and liabilities at May 21, 2015. A final determination of the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed will include management s consideration of a final valuation. Spectrum Brands currently expects that the process of determining the fair values of the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed will be completed within one year of the acquisition date. Material revisions to Spectrum Brands preliminary estimates could be necessary as more information becomes available through the completion of this final determination. The final amounts may be materially different from the information presented in these unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements due to a number of factors, including changes in market conditions and financial results which may impact cash flow projections used in the valuation, and the identification of additional conditions that existed as of the date of the AAG Acquisition which may impact the fair value of the AAG net assets.

SB/RH Holdings and AAG s historical consolidated financial information has been adjusted in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements to give effect to pro forma events that are (1) directly attributable to the AAG Acquisition; (2) factually supportable; and (3) with respect to the unaudited pro forma statements of operations, expected to have a continuing impact on the combined results. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements do not reflect any revenue enhancements, cost savings from operating efficiencies, synergies or other restructurings, or the costs and related liabilities that would be incurred to achieve such revenue enhancements and cost savings, which could result from the AAG Acquisition.

The pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and assumptions that the managements of SB Holdings and AAG believe reasonably reflect the AAG Acquisition. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what the actual consolidated results of operations of SB Holdings or SB/RH Holdings would have been had the AAG Acquisition occurred on the dates assumed, nor are they necessarily indicative of the future consolidated results of operations of SB Holdings or SB/RH Holdings.

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# SB/RH HOLDINGS, LLC

# **Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations**

# For the year ended September 30, 2015

(in millions)

	SB/RH Holdings, LLC 12 months ended September 30,		Aut F Oc M	rmored toGroup Parent Inc. tober 1, 2014 Iay 20,	Pro Forma		Pro orma
	2015			2015	Adjustments	Note	mbined
Net sales	\$	4,690.4	\$	275.8	\$	(4)	\$ 4,966.2
Cost of goods sold		3,018.0		154.4		(A)	3,172.4
Restructuring and related charges		2.1					2.1
Gross profit		1,670.3		121.4			1,791.7
Selling		720.7		23.2			743.9
General and administrative		332.4		90.0	(59.3)	(B)(C)(F)(G)	363.1
Research and development		51.3		1.9	(0,10)	(-)(-)(-)(-)	53.2
Intangible asset and goodwill							
impairment				7.0			7.0
Acquisition and integration charges		58.8			(21.8)	(H)	37.0
Restructuring and related charges		26.6					26.6
Total operating expenses		1,189.8		122.1	(81.1)		1,230.8
Operating income		480.5		(0.7)	81.1		560.9
Interest expense		271.9		85.2	(46.8)	(D)	310.3
Other expense (income), net		8.9		1.1			10.0
Income (loss) from continuing							
operations before income taxes		199.7		(87.0)	127.9		240.6
Income tax expense (benefit)		43.9		(11.6)		(E)	32.3
Net income (loss)		155.8		(75.4)	127.9		208.3
Net income attributable to		133.6		(73.4)	127.9		206.5
non-controlling interests		0.4					0.4
non-condoming interests		0.4					0.4
Net income (loss) attributable to Parent	\$	155.4	\$	(75.4)	\$ 127.9		\$ 207.9

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements

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#### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED

#### **COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)**

(Amounts in millions of dollars, except for share or as otherwise specified)

#### (1) Conforming Interim Periods

SB/RH Holdings fiscal year end is September 30 while the AAG fiscal year end is December 31. AAG s latest interim period prior to the consummation of the AAG Acquisition ended on March 31, 2015, and included its first quarter results for the three month period ended March 31, 2015. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2015 presented herein includes the results for Spectrum Brands latest completed fiscal year and AAG s results for October 1, 2014 through May 20, 2015, the date prior to the close of the AAG Acquisition. Accordingly, the AAG historical financial information for the statement of operations covering the period of October 1, 2014 through May 20, 2015, the date prior to the close of the AAG Acquisition, has been derived by adding the unaudited results for the three month period ended March 31, 2015 to the audited results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, and deducting the unaudited results for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and adding the unaudited period from April 1, 2015 through May 20, 2015, as follows:

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Net sales	\$	410.0	\$	341.6	\$	68.4	\$	119.4	\$	88.0	\$	275.8
Cost of goods sold		226.0		185.2		40.8		68.1		45.5		154.4
Restructuring and related charges												
Gross profit		184.0		156.4		27.6		51.3		42.5		121.4
Selling <sup>(A)</sup>		49.9		41.9		8.0		8.2		7.0		23.2
General and administrative <sup>(A)</sup>		86.9		65.0		21.9		22.1		46.0		90.0
Research and development		2.9		2.1		0.8		0.7		0.4		1.9
Intangible asset and goodwill impairment		7.0				7.0						7.0
Total operating expenses		146.7		109.0		37.7		31.0		53.4		122.1
Operating income (loss)		37.3		47.4		(10.1)		20.3		(10.9)		(0.7