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Environmental Services ETF EVX®
Gaming ETF BJK®
Generic Drugs ETF GNRX
Pharmaceutical ETF PPH®
Retail ETF RTH®
Semiconductor ETF SMH®

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#### VANECK VECTORS® BIOTECH ETF

## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

VanEck Vectors® Biotech ETF (the Fund ) seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the MVIS® US Listed Biotech 25 Index (the Biotech Index ).

#### **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

The following tables describe the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ( Shares ).

**Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment) None **Annual Fund Operating Expenses** 

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fee 0.35% Other Expenses 0.04%

Total Annual Fund

Operating Expenses<sup>(a)</sup> 0.39%

Fee Waivers and Expense

Reimbursement<sup>(a)</sup> -0.04%

Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and Expense

Reimbursement<sup>(a)</sup> 0.35%

## **EXPENSE EXAMPLE**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling Shares of the Fund.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your Shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% annual return and that the Fund s operating expenses remain the same (except that the example incorporates the fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement arrangement for only the first year). Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

<sup>(</sup>a) Van Eck Associates Corporation (the Adviser) has agreed to waive fees and/or pay Fund expenses to the extent necessary to prevent the operating expenses of the Fund (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, interest expense, trading expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding 0.35% of the Fund s average daily net assets per year until at least February 1, 2019. During such time, the expense limitation is expected to continue until the Fund s Board of Trustees acts to discontinue all or a portion of such expense limitation.

## YEAR EXPENSES

1	\$ 36
3	\$ 121
5	\$ 215
10	\$ 489

#### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund will pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it purchases and sells securities (or turns over its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover will cause the Fund to incur additional transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, may affect the Fund s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund s portfolio turnover rate was 27% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund s benchmark index. The Biotech Index includes common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. exchange-listed companies in the biotechnology sector. Such companies may include medium-capitalization companies and foreign companies that are listed on a U.S. exchange. Companies are considered to be in the biotechnology sector if they derive at least 50% of their revenues from (or, in certain circumstances, have at least 50% of their assets related to) biotechnology. The biotechnology sector includes companies engaged primarily in research (including research contractors) and development as well as production, marketing

## **VANECK VECTORS® BIOTECH ETF (continued)**

and sales of drugs based on genetic analysis and diagnostic equipment (excluding pharmacies). Of the largest 50 stocks in the biotechnology sector by full market capitalization, the top 25 by free-float market capitalization (*i.e.*, includes only shares that are readily available for trading in the market) and three month average daily trading volume are included in the Biotech Index. As of December 31, 2017, the Biotech Index included 25 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$3.7 billion and \$126.2 billion and a weighted average market capitalization of \$52.2 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund s 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval upon 60 days prior written notice to shareholders.

The Fund, using a passive or indexing investment approach, attempts to approximate the investment performance of the Biotech Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Biotech Index. Unlike many investment companies that try to beat the performance of a benchmark index, the Fund does not try to beat the Biotech Index and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued. Indexing may eliminate the chance that the Fund will substantially outperform the Biotech Index but also may reduce some of the risks of active management, such as poor security selection. Indexing seeks to achieve lower costs and better after-tax performance by keeping portfolio turnover low in comparison to actively managed investment companies.

The Fund is classified as a non-diversified fund under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ) and, therefore, may invest a greater percentage of its assets in a particular issuer. The Fund may concentrate its investments in a particular industry or group of industries to the extent that the Biotech Index concentrates in an industry or group of industries. As of September 30, 2017, the Fund was concentrated in the biotechnology and health care sectors.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

Investors in the Fund should be willing to accept a high degree of volatility in the price of the Fund s Shares and the possibility of significant losses. An investment in the Fund involves a substantial degree of risk. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit with a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Therefore, you should consider carefully the following risks before investing in the Fund, each of which could significantly and adversely affect the value of an investment in the Fund.

Risk of Investing in the Biotechnology Sector. The Fund will be sensitive to changes in, and its performance will depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the biotechnology sector. The success of biotechnology companies is highly dependent on the development, procurement and/or marketing of drugs. The values of biotechnology companies are also dependent on the development, protection and exploitation of intellectual property rights and other proprietary information, and the profitability of biotechnology companies may be affected significantly by such things as the expiration of patents or the loss of, or the inability to enforce, intellectual property rights. The research and development and other costs associated with developing or procuring new drugs, products or technologies and the related intellectual property rights can be significant, and the results of such research and expenditures are unpredictable and may not necessarily lead to commercially successful products. In addition, the potential for an increased amount of required disclosure or proprietary scientific information could negatively impact the competitive position of these companies. Governmental regulation may delay or inhibit the release of new products. The process for obtaining regulatory approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other governmental regulatory authorities is long and costly and there can be no assurance that the necessary approvals will be obtained or maintained. Companies in the biotechnology sector may also be subject to expenses and losses from

expensive insurance costs due to the risk of product liability lawsuits, and extensive litigation based on intellectual property, product liability and similar claims. Companies in the biotechnology sector may be adversely affected by government regulation and changes in reimbursement rates. Healthcare providers, principally hospitals, that transact with companies in the biotechnology sector often rely on third party payors, such as Medicare, Medicaid and other government sponsored programs, private health insurance plans and health maintenance organizations to reimburse all or a portion of the cost of healthcare related products or services.

A biotechnology company s valuation can often be based largely on the potential or actual performance of a limited number of products. A biotechnology company s valuation can also be greatly affected if one of its products proves unsafe, ineffective or unprofitable. Such companies may also be characterized by thin capitalization and limited markets, financial resources or personnel. The stock prices of companies in the biotechnology sector have been and will likely continue to be extremely volatile, particularly when their products are up for regulatory approval and/or under regulatory scrutiny. Some of the companies in the Biotech Index are engaged in other lines of business unrelated to biotechnology, and they may experience problems with these lines of business which could adversely affect their operating results. The operating results of these companies may fluctuate as a result of these additional risks and events in the other lines of business. In addition, a company s ability to engage in new activities may expose it to business risks with which it has less experience than it has with the business risks associated with its traditional businesses. Despite a company s possible success in traditional

biotechnology activities, there can be no assurance that the other lines of business in which these companies are engaged will not have an adverse effect on a company s business or financial condition.

Certain companies in which the Fund may invest are non-U.S. issuers whose securities are listed on U.S. exchanges. These securities involve risks beyond those associated with investments in U.S. securities, including greater market volatility, higher transactional costs, the possibility that the liquidity of such securities could be impaired because of future political and/or economic developments, taxation by foreign governments, political instability, the possibility that foreign governmental restrictions may be adopted which might adversely affect such securities and that the selection of such securities may be more difficult because there may be less publicly available information concerning such non-U.S. issuers or the accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements applicable to non-U.S. issuers may differ from those applicable to U.S. issuers.

**Equity Securities Risk.** The value of the equity securities held by the Fund may fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the markets in which the issuers of securities held by the Fund participate, or factors relating to specific issuers in which the Fund invests. Equity securities are subordinated to preferred securities and debt in a company s capital structure with respect to priority in right to a share of corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater dividend risk than preferred securities or debt instruments. In addition, while broad market measures of equity securities have historically generated higher average returns than fixed income securities, equity securities have generally also experienced significantly more volatility in those returns, although under certain market conditions fixed income securities may have comparable or greater price volatility.

**Risk of Investing in the Health Care Sector.** To the extent that the Fund continues to be concentrated in the health care sector, the Fund will be sensitive to changes in, and its performance will depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the health care sector. Companies in the health care sector may be affected by extensive government regulation, restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure, an increased emphasis on outpatient services, limited number of products, industry innovation, changes in technologies and other market developments. Many health care companies are heavily dependent on patent protection and are subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims.

**Risk of Investing in Depositary Receipts.** The Fund may invest in depositary receipts which involve similar risks to those associated with investments in foreign securities. Depositary receipts are receipts listed on U.S. exchanges issued by banks or trust companies that entitle the holder to all dividends and capital gains that are paid out on the underlying foreign shares. Investments in depositary receipts may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market and, if not included in the Biotech Index, may negatively affect the Fund s ability to replicate the performance of the Biotech Index.

Risk of Investing in Medium-Capitalization Companies. Medium-capitalization companies may be more volatile and more likely than large-capitalization companies to have narrower product lines, fewer financial resources, less management depth and experience and less competitive strength. In addition, these companies often have greater price volatility, lower trading volume and less liquidity than larger more established companies. Returns on investments in securities of medium-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of large-capitalization companies.

**Issuer-Specific Changes Risk.** The value of individual securities or particular types of securities in the Fund s portfolio can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole, which may have a greater impact if the Fund s portfolio is concentrated in a country, group of countries, region, market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class. The value of securities of smaller issuers can be more

volatile than that of larger issuers.

**Market Risk.** The prices of the securities in the Fund are subject to the risks associated with investing in the securities market, including general economic conditions and sudden and unpredictable drops in value. An investment in the Fund may lose money.

**Operational Risk.** The Fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund s service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures.

Index Tracking Risk. The Fund s return may not match the return of the Biotech Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Biotech Index and incurs costs associated with buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund s securities holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Biotech Index, which are not factored into the return of the Biotech Index. Transaction costs, including brokerage costs, will decrease the Fund s net asset value (NAV) to the extent not offset by the transaction fee payable by an Authorized Participant (AP). Market disruptions and regulatory restrictions could have an adverse effect on the Fund s ability to adjust its exposure to the required levels in order to track the Biotech Index. Errors in the Biotech Index data, the Biotech Index computations and/or the construction of the Biotech Index in accordance with its methodology may occur from

#### **VANECK VECTORS® BIOTECH ETF (continued)**

time to time and may not be identified and corrected by the Biotech Index provider for a period of time or at all, which may have an adverse impact on the Fund and its shareholders. In addition, the Fund may not invest in certain securities included in the Biotech Index, or invest in them in the exact proportions in which they are represented in the Biotech Index, due to legal restrictions or limitations, certain NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ) listing standards, a lack of liquidity on stock exchanges in which such securities trade, potential adverse tax consequences or other regulatory reasons (such as diversification requirements). The Fund may value certain of its investments and/or underlying currencies based on fair value prices. In addition, any issues the Fund encounters with regard to currency convertibility (including the cost of borrowing funds, if any) and repatriation may also increase the index tracking risk. For tax efficiency purposes, the Fund may sell certain securities, and such sale may cause the Fund to realize a loss and deviate from the performance of the Biotech Index. In light of the factors discussed above, the Fund s return may deviate significantly from the return of the Biotech Index. Changes to the composition of the Biotech Index in connection with a rebalancing or reconstitution of the Biotech Index may cause the Fund to experience increased volatility, during which time the Fund s index tracking risk may be heightened.

**Authorized Participant Concentration Risk.** The Fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that act as APs, none of which are obligated to engage in creation and/or redemption transactions. To the extent that those APs exit the business, or are unable to or choose not to process creation and/or redemption orders, and no other AP is able to step forward to create and redeem, there may be a significantly diminished trading market for Shares or Shares may trade like closed-end funds at a discount (or premium) to NAV and possibly face trading halts and/or de-listing. The AP concentration risk may be heightened in scenarios where APs have limited or diminished access to the capital required to post collateral.

**No Guarantee of Active Trading Market.** While Shares are listed on NASDAQ, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Shares will be maintained. Further, secondary markets may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods in times of market stress because market makers and APs may step away from making a market in the Shares and in executing creation and redemption orders, which could cause a material deviation in the Fund s market price from its NAV.

**Trading Issues.** Trading in Shares on NASDAQ may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of NASDAQ, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Shares on NASDAQ is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to NASDAQ s circuit breaker rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of NASDAQ necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

Passive Management Risk. An investment in the Fund involves risks similar to those of investing in any fund invested in equity securities traded on an exchange, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in security prices. However, because the Fund is not actively managed, unless a specific security is removed from the Biotech Index, the Fund generally would not sell a security because the security s issuer was in financial trouble. Therefore, the Fund s performance could be lower than funds that may actively shift their portfolio assets to take advantage of market opportunities or to lessen the impact of a market decline or a decline in the value of one or more issuers.

**Fund Shares Trading, Premium/Discount Risk and Liquidity of Fund Shares.** The market prices of the Shares may fluctuate in response to the Fund s NAV, the intraday value of the Fund s holdings and supply and demand for Shares. The Adviser cannot predict whether Shares will trade above, below, or at their most recent NAV. Disruptions

to creations and redemptions, the existence of market volatility or potential lack of an active trading market for Shares (including through a trading halt), as well as other factors, may result in Shares trading at a significant premium or discount to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund s holdings. If a shareholder purchases Shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the NAV or sells Shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, the shareholder may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Shares that were bought or sold, or the shareholder may be unable to sell his or her Shares. The securities held by the Fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than NASDAQ. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing times. Accordingly, during the time when NASDAQ is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement times, bid-ask spreads on NASDAQ and the resulting premium or discount to the Shares NAV may widen. Additionally, in stressed market conditions, the market for the Fund s Shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund s underlying portfolio holdings. There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell Shares and various orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling Shares of the Fund.

**Non-Diversified Risk.** The Fund is classified as a non-diversified fund under the 1940 Act. Therefore, the Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a smaller number of issuers or may invest a larger proportion of its assets in a single issuer. Moreover, the gains and losses on a single investment may have a greater impact on the Fund s NAV and may make the Fund more volatile than more diversified funds. The Fund may be particularly vulnerable to this risk because the Biotech Index is comprised of securities of a limited number of companies.

Concentration Risk. The Fund s assets may be concentrated in a particular sector or sectors or industry or group of industries to the extent the Biotech Index concentrates in a particular sector or sectors or industry or group of industries. To the extent that the Fund continues to be concentrated in the biotechnology and health care sectors, the Fund will be subject to the risk that economic, political or other conditions that have a negative effect on those sectors will negatively impact the Fund to a greater extent than if the Fund s assets were invested in a wider variety of sectors or industries.

## **PERFORMANCE**

The bar chart that follows shows how the Fund performed for the calendar years shown. The table below the bar chart shows the Fund s average annual returns (before and after taxes). The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing the Fund s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund s average annual returns for the one year, five year and since inception periods compared with the Fund s benchmark index and a broad measure of market performance. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. The Fund s past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily indicative of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available online at www.vaneck.com.

## Annual Total Returns (%) Calendar Years

**Best Quarter:** 21.78% 1Q 12 **Worst Quarter:** -18.19% 1Q 16

Average Annual Total Returns for the Periods Ended December 31, 2017

The after-tax returns presented in the table below are calculated using the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns will depend on your specific tax situation and may differ from those shown below. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold Shares of the Fund through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

	Past One Year	Past Five Years	Since Inception (12/20/2011)
VanEck Vectors Biotech ETF (return before taxes)	16.63%	18.69%	23.58%
VanEck Vectors Biotech ETF (return after taxes on distributions)	16.48%	18.63%	23.50%
VanEck Vectors Biotech ETF (return after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund Shares)	9.54%	15.25%	19.76%
MVIS US Listed Biotech 25 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes, except withholding taxes)	16.86%	18.87%	23.78%
S&P 500® Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)  See License Agreements and Disclaimers for important information.	21.83%	15.79%	16.00%

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Investment Adviser. Van Eck Associates Corporation.

**Portfolio Managers.** The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund s portfolio:

Name Title with Adviser Date Began Managing the Fund

Peter H. Liao Portfolio Manager December 2011 Guo Hua (Jason) Jin Portfolio Manager February 2018

# **VANECK VECTORS® BIOTECH ETF (continued)**

# PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

For important information about the purchase and sale of Fund Shares, tax information and payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries, please turn to Summary Information About Purchases and Sales of Fund Shares, Taxes and Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries on page 43 of this Prospectus.

#### VANECK VECTORS® ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ETF

#### **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

VanEck Vectors® Environmental Services ETF (the Fund ) seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the NYSE Arca Environmental Services Index (the Environmental Services Index ).

#### **FUND FEES AND EXPENSES**

The following tables describe the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund ( Shares ).

**Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment) None **Annual Fund Operating Expenses** 

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fee	0.50%
Other Expenses	0.45%

**Total Annual Fund** 

Operating Expenses<sup>(a)</sup> 0.95%

Fee Waivers and Expense

Reimbursement<sup>(a)</sup> -0.40%

Total Annual Fund

Operating Expenses After

Fee Waiver and Expense

Reimbursement<sup>(a)</sup> 0.55%

## **EXPENSE EXAMPLE**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other funds. This example does not take into account brokerage commissions that you pay when purchasing or selling Shares of the Fund.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your Shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% annual return and that the Fund s operating expenses remain the same (except that the example incorporates the fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement arrangement for only the first year). Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these

<sup>(</sup>a) Van Eck Associates Corporation (the Adviser) has agreed to waive fees and/or pay Fund expenses to the extent necessary to prevent the operating expenses of the Fund (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, interest expense, trading expenses, taxes and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding 0.55% of the Fund s average daily net assets per year until at least February 1, 2019. During such time, the expense limitation is expected to continue until the Fund s Board of Trustees acts to discontinue all or a portion of such expense limitation.

assumptions, your costs would be:

YEAR	AR EXPENSES	
1	\$	56

3	•	203
5	\$	486
10	\$	1,130

### PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The Fund will pay transaction costs, such as commissions, when it purchases and sells securities (or turns over its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover will cause the Fund to incur additional transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, may affect the Fund s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund s portfolio turnover rate was 20% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in common stocks and American depositary receipts (ADRs) of companies involved in the environmental services industry. The Environmental Services Index is comprised of companies that engage in business activities that may benefit from the global increase in demand for consumer waste disposal, removal and storage of industrial by-products, and the management of associated resources and includes securities of companies that are involved in management, removal and storage of consumer waste and industrial by-products and related environmental

#### **VANECK VECTORS® ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ETF (continued)**

services, including waste collection, transfer and disposal services, recycling services, soil remediation, wastewater management and environmental consulting services. Such companies may include small- and medium-capitalization companies. As of December 31, 2017, the Environmental Services Index included 23 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$178.1 million and \$37.5 billion and a weighted average market capitalization of \$10.0 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund s 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and may be changed without shareholder approval upon 60 days prior written notice to shareholders.

The Fund, using a passive or indexing investment approach, attempts to approximate the investment performance of the Environmental Services Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Environmental Services Index. Unlike many investment companies that try to beat the performance of a benchmark index, the Fund does not try to beat the Environmental Services Index and does not seek temporary defensive positions when markets decline or appear overvalued. Indexing may eliminate the chance that the Fund will substantially outperform the Environmental Services Index but also may reduce some of the risks of active management, such as poor security selection. Indexing seeks to achieve lower costs and better after-tax performance by keeping portfolio turnover low in comparison to actively managed investment companies. The Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its assets in securities that comprise the Environmental Services Index.

The Fund is classified as a non-diversified fund under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ) and, therefore, may invest a greater percentage of assets in a particular issuer. The Fund may concentrate its investments in a particular industry or group of industries to the extent that the Environmental Services Index concentrates in an industry or group of industries. As of September 30, 2017, the Fund was concentrated in the industrials sector (which includes as a sub-industry the environmental services industry), and the health care sector represented a significant portion of the Fund.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUND

Investors in the Fund should be willing to accept a high degree of volatility in the price of the Fund s Shares and the possibility of significant losses. An investment in the Fund involves a substantial degree of risk. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit with a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Therefore, you should consider carefully the following risks before investing in the Fund, each of which could significantly and adversely affect the value of an investment in the Fund.

Risk of Investing in the Environmental Services Industry. The Fund will be sensitive to changes in, and its performance will depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the environmental services industry. Companies in the environmental services industry are engaged in a variety of activities related to environmental services and consumer and industrial waste management. These companies may be adversely affected by a decrease in demand for waste disposal, removal or storage of industrial by-products, and the management of associated resources. Competitive pressures may have a significant effect on the financial condition of such companies. These prices may fluctuate substantially over short periods of time so the Fund s Share price may be more volatile than other types of investments. These companies must comply with various regulations and the terms of their operating permits and licenses. Failure to comply with or to renew permits and licenses or changes in government regulations can adversely impact their operations. Waste management companies are also affected by demand cycles, world events, increased outsourcing and economic conditions. In addition, these companies are subject to liability for environmental damage claims.

Certain companies in which the Fund may invest are non-U.S. issuers whose securities are listed on U.S. exchanges. These securities involve risks beyond those associated with investments in U.S. securities, including greater market volatility, higher transactional costs, the possibility that the liquidity of such securities could be impaired because of future political and/or economic developments, taxation by foreign governments, political instability and the possibility that foreign governmental restrictions may be adopted which might adversely affect such securities.

**Equity Securities Risk.** The value of the equity securities held by the Fund may fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the markets in which the issuers of securities held by the Fund participate, or factors relating to specific issuers in which the Fund invests. Equity securities are subordinated to preferred securities and debt in a company s capital structure with respect to priority in right to a share of corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater dividend risk than preferred securities or debt instruments. In addition, while broad market measures of equity securities have historically generated higher average returns than fixed income securities, equity securities have generally also experienced significantly more volatility in those returns, although under certain market conditions fixed income securities may have comparable or greater price volatility.

**Risk of Investing in the Industrials Sector.** To the extent that the Fund continues to be concentrated in the industrials sector, the Fund will be sensitive to changes in, and its performance will depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the industrials sector. Companies in the industrials sector may be adversely affected by changes in government regulation,

world events and economic conditions. In addition, companies in the industrials sector may be adversely affected by environmental damages, product liability claims and exchange rates.

Risk of Investing in the Health Care Sector. To the extent that the health care sector continues to represent a significant portion of the Fund, the Fund will be sensitive to changes in, and its performance may depend to a greater extent on, the overall condition of the health care sector. Companies in the health care sector may be affected by extensive government regulation, restrictions on government reimbursement for medical expenses, rising costs of medical products and services, pricing pressure, an increased emphasis on outpatient services, limited number of products, industry innovation, changes in technologies and other market developments. Many health care companies are heavily dependent on patent protection and are subject to extensive litigation based on product liability and similar claims.

**Risk of Investing in American Depositary Receipts ( ADRs ).** ADRs are issued by U.S. banks or trust companies that entitle the holder to all dividends and capital gains that are paid out on the underlying foreign shares. The Fund s investments in ADRs may be less liquid than the underlying shares in their primary trading market and, if not included in the Environmental Services Index, may negatively affect the Fund s ability to replicate the performance of the Environmental Services Index. In addition, investments in ADRs that are not included in the Environmental Services Index may increase tracking error.

**Risk of Investing in Small- and Medium-Capitalization Companies.** Small- and medium-capitalization companies may be more volatile and more likely than large-capitalization companies to have narrower product lines, fewer financial resources, less management depth and experience and less competitive strength. In addition, these companies often have greater price volatility, lower trading volume and less liquidity than larger more established companies. Returns on investments in securities of small- and medium-capitalization companies could trail the returns on investments in securities of large-capitalization companies.

**Issuer-Specific Changes Risk.** The value of individual securities or particular types of securities in the Fund s portfolio can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole, which may have a greater impact if the Fund s portfolio is concentrated in a country, group of countries, region, market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class. The value of securities of smaller issuers can be more volatile than that of larger issuers.

**Market Risk.** The prices of the securities in the Fund are subject to the risks associated with investing in the securities market, including general economic conditions and sudden and unpredictable drops in value. An investment in the Fund may lose money.

**Operational Risk.** The Fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the Fund s service providers, counterparties or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures.

**Index Tracking Risk.** The Fund s return may not match the return of the Environmental Services Index for a number of reasons. For example, the Fund incurs a number of operating expenses not applicable to the Environmental Services Index and incurs costs associated with buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing the Fund s securities holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the Environmental Services Index, which are not factored into the return of the Environmental Services Index. Transaction costs, including brokerage costs, will decrease the Fund s net asset value (NAV) to the extent not offset by the transaction fee payable by an Authorized Participant (AP). Market disruptions and regulatory restrictions could have an adverse effect on the Fund s ability to adjust its exposure to the

required levels in order to track the Environmental Services Index. Errors in the Environmental Services Index data, the Environmental Services Index computations and/or the construction of the Environmental Services Index in accordance with its methodology may occur from time to time and may not be identified and corrected by the Environmental Services Index provider for a period of time or at all, which may have an adverse impact on the Fund and its shareholders. In addition, the Fund may not invest in certain securities included in the Environmental Services Index, or invest in them in the exact proportions in which they are represented in the Environmental Services Index, due to legal restrictions or limitations, certain NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca") listing standards, a lack of liquidity on stock exchanges in which the securities trade, potential adverse tax consequences or other regulatory reasons (such as diversification requirements). The Fund may value certain of its investments and/or underlying currencies based on fair value prices. In addition, any issues the Fund encounters with regard to currency convertibility (including the cost of borrowing funds, if any) and repatriation may increase the index tracking risk. For tax efficiency purposes, the Fund may sell certain securities, and such sale may cause the Fund to realize a loss and deviate from the performance of the Environmental Services Index. In light of the factors discussed above, the Fund s return may deviate significantly from the return of the Environmental Services Index. Changes to the composition of the Environmental Services Index in connection with a rebalancing or reconstitution of the Environmental Services Index may cause the Fund to experience increased volatility, during which time the Fund s index tracking risk may be heightened.

**Authorized Participant Concentration Risk.** The Fund may have a limited number of financial institutions that act as APs, none of which are obligated to engage in creation and/or redemption transactions. To the extent that those APs exit the

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business, or are unable to or choose not to process creation and/or redemption orders, and no other AP is able to step forward to create and redeem, there may be a significantly diminished trading market for Shares or Shares may trade like closed-end funds at a discount (or premium) to NAV and possibly face trading halts and/or de-listing. The AP concentration risk may be heightened in scenarios where APs have limited or diminished access to the capital required to post collateral.

**No Guarantee of Active Trading Market.** While Shares are listed on NYSE Arca, there can be no assurance that an active trading market for the Shares will be maintained. Further, secondary markets may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods in times of market stress because market makers and APs may step away from making a market in the Shares and in executing creation and redemption orders, which could cause a material deviation in the Fund s market price from its NAV.

**Trading Issues.** Trading in Shares on NYSE Arca may be halted due to market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of NYSE Arca, make trading in Shares inadvisable. In addition, trading in Shares on NYSE Arca is subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to NYSE Arca s circuit breaker rules. There can be no assurance that the requirements of NYSE Arca necessary to maintain the listing of the Fund will continue to be met or will remain unchanged.

Passive Management Risk. An investment in the Fund involves risks similar to those of investing in any fund invested in equity securities traded on an exchange, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in security prices. However, because the Fund is not actively managed, unless a specific security is removed from the Environmental Services Index, the Fund generally would not sell a security because the security s issuer was in financial trouble. Therefore, the Fund s performance could be lower than funds that may actively shift their portfolio assets to take advantage of market opportunities or to lessen the impact of a market decline or a decline in the value of one or more issuers.

Fund Shares Trading, Premium/Discount Risk and Liquidity of Fund Shares. The market prices of the Shares may fluctuate in response to the Fund s NAV, the intraday value of the Fund s holdings and supply and demand for Shares. The Adviser cannot predict whether Shares will trade above, below, or at their most recent NAV. Disruptions to creations and redemptions, the existence of market volatility or potential lack of an active trading market for Shares (including through a trading halt), as well as other factors, may result in Shares trading at a significant premium or discount to NAV or to the intraday value of the Fund s holdings. If a shareholder purchases Shares at a time when the market price is at a premium to the NAV or sells Shares at a time when the market price is at a discount to the NAV, the shareholder may pay significantly more or receive significantly less than the underlying value of the Shares that were bought or sold, or the shareholder may be unable to sell his or her Shares. The securities held by the Fund may be traded in markets that close at a different time than NYSE Arca. Liquidity in those securities may be reduced after the applicable closing times. Accordingly, during the time when NYSE Arca is open but after the applicable market closing, fixing or settlement times, bid-ask spreads on NYSE Arca and the resulting premium or discount to the Shares NAV may widen. Additionally, in stressed market conditions, the market for the Fund s Shares may become less liquid in response to deteriorating liquidity in the markets for the Fund s underlying portfolio holdings. There are various methods by which investors can purchase and sell Shares and various orders that may be placed. Investors should consult their financial intermediary before purchasing or selling Shares of the Fund.

**Non-Diversified Risk.** The Fund is classified as a non-diversified fund under the 1940 Act. Therefore, the Fund may invest a relatively high percentage of its assets in a smaller number of issuers or may invest a larger proportion of its

assets in a single issuer. Moreover, the gains and losses on a single investment may have a greater impact on the Fund s NAV and may make the Fund more volatile than more diversified funds. The Fund may be particularly vulnerable to this risk because the Environmental Services Index is comprised of securities of a limited number of companies.

Concentration Risk. The Fund s assets may be concentrated in a particular sector or sectors or industry or group of industries to the extent the Environmental Services Index concentrates in a particular sector or sectors or industry or group of industries. To the extent that the Fund continues to be concentrated in the industrials sector (which includes as a sub-industry the environmental services industry), the Fund will be subject to the risk that economic, political or other conditions that have a negative effect on that sector or sub-industry will negatively impact the Fund to a greater extent than if the Fund s assets were invested in a wider variety of sectors or industries.

#### **PERFORMANCE**

The bar chart that follows shows how the Fund performed for the calendar years shown. The table below the bar chart shows the Fund s average annual returns (before and after taxes). The bar chart and table provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by comparing the Fund s performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund s average annual returns for the one year, five year and ten year periods compared with the Fund s benchmark index and a broad measure of market performance. All returns assume reinvestment of dividends and distributions. The Fund s past performance

(before and after income taxes) is not necessarily indicative of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available online at www.vaneck.com.

## Annual Total Returns (%) Calendar Years

there shall be no mandatory or optional redemption of these shares. *Series E Preferred, no par value.* All of the Series E Preferred shares are owned by LSB Funding LLC. Each share of the Series E Preferred:

is entitled to receive dividends that are cumulative and payable semi-annually, commencing May 1, 2016, in arrears at the annual rate of 14% of the liquidation value of \$1,000 per share. Each share of Series E Preferred is entitled to receive a semi-annual dividend, only when declared by our board of directors, of \$70.00 per share for the aggregate semi-annual dividend of \$14.7 million. In addition, dividends in arrears at the dividend date, until paid, shall compound additional dividends at the annual rate of 14%. We also must declare a dividend on the Series E Preferred on a pro rata basis with our common stock. As long as LSB Funding LLC holds at least 10% of the Series E Preferred, we may not declare dividends on our common stock and other preferred stocks unless and until dividends have been declared and paid on the Series E Preferred for the then current dividend period in cash.

Generally, the holders of the Series E Preferred will not have any voting rights or powers, and consent of holders of Series E Preferred will not be required for taking of any action by LSB.

At any time on or after August 2, 2019, each Series E Holder has the right to elect to have such holder s shares redeemed by LSB at a redemption price per share equal to the Liquidation Preference of such share as of the redemption date. The Series E Preferred has a liquidation preference per share of \$1,000 plus accrued and unpaid dividends plus the participation rights value (the Liquidation Preference). Additionally, LSB, at its option, may redeem the Series E Preferred at any time at a redemption price per share equal to the Liquidation Preference of such share as of the redemption date. Lastly, with receipt of (i) prior consent of the electing Series E holder or a majority of shares of Series E Preferred and (ii) all other required approvals, including under any principal U.S. securities exchange on which our common stock is then listed for trading, LSB can redeem the Series E Preferred by the issuance of shares of common stock having an aggregate common stock price equal to the amount of the aggregate Liquidation Preference of such shares being redeemed in shares of common stock in lieu of cash at the redemption date.

In the event of liquidation, the Series E Preferred is entitled to receive its Liquidation Preference before any such distribution of assets or proceeds is made to or set aside for the holders of our common stock and any other Junior Stock (as defined below). In the event of a change of control, we must make an offer to purchase all of the shares of Series E Preferred outstanding.

With respect to the payment of dividends and distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of LSB, whether voluntary or involuntary, all shares of Series E Preferred shall rank (i) senior to the common stock, the Series B Preferred, the Series D Preferred, the Series 4 Junior Participating Class C Preferred Stock and any other class or series of stock of LSB (other than Series E Preferred) that ranks junior to the Series E Preferred either or both as to the payment of dividends and/or as to the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation (the Junior Stock), (ii) on a parity with the other shares of Series E Preferred and any other class or series of stock of LSB (other than Series E Preferred) created after the date of the Series E COD (that specifically ranks pari passu to the Series E Preferred) and (iii) junior to any other class or series of stock of LSB created after the date of the Series E COD that specifically ranks senior to the Series E Preferred.

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*Series F Preferred, no par value.* All of the Series F Preferred shares are owned by LSB Funding LLC. The share of the Series F Preferred:

No dividends shall be payable in respect of the Series F Preferred.

The Series F Preferred has voting rights (the Series F Voting Rights) to vote as a single class on all matters which the common stock have the right to vote and was initially entitled to a number of votes equal to 4,559,971 shares of common stock; provided however, the number of votes that may be cast by the Series F Preferred will be reduced automatically upon the occurrence of certain events. Because of the occurrence of one of these events, the Series F Preferred currently has voting rights equal to 456,225 shares of common stock.

The Series F Preferred will be automatically redeemed by LSB, in whole and not in part, for \$0.01 immediately following the date upon which the Series F Voting Rights have been reduced to zero.

In the event of liquidation, the Series F Preferred is entitled to receive its liquidation preference of \$100 before any such distribution of assets or proceeds is made to or set aside for the holders of common stock and any other stock junior to the Series F Preferred.

With respect to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of LSB, whether voluntary or involuntary, the Series F Preferred ranks (i) senior to the common stock and (ii) junior to Series B Preferred, Series D Preferred, Series 4 Junior Participating Class C Preferred Stock, Series E Preferred and any other class or series of stock of LSB after the date of the Certificate of Designations setting forth the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions applicable to the Series F Preferred, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware that specifically ranks senior to the Series F Preferred.

Pursuant to our Certificate of Incorporation we are authorized to issue blank check preferred stock, which may be issued from time to time in one or more series upon authorization by our board of directors. Our board of directors, without further approval of the stockholders, is authorized to fix the dividend rights and terms, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights and terms, liquidation preferences, and any other rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions applicable to each series of the preferred stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes could, among other things, adversely affect the voting power or rights of the holders of our common stock and, under certain circumstances, make it more difficult for a third party to gain control of us, discourage bids for our common stock at a premium or otherwise adversely affect the market price of the common stock.

The summaries above of selected provisions of our common stock and preferred stock are qualified entirely by the provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation, our Bylaws and our debt agreements, all of which are included or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. You should read our Certificate of Incorporation, our Bylaws and our debt agreements. To the extent that any particular provision described in a prospectus supplement differs from any of the provisions described in this prospectus, then the provisions described in this prospectus will be deemed to have been superseded by that prospectus supplement.

# **Preferred Share Rights Plan**

We maintain a preferred share rights plan, which is governed by a Renewed Rights Agreement, dated December 2, 2008, as amended on December 4, 2015, with UMB Bank, n.a., as Rights Agent (Renewed Rights Agreement). The Renewed Rights Agreement became effective on January 5, 2009. Pursuant to the Renewed Rights Agreement, our board of directors declared a dividend distribution of one Right for each outstanding share of our common stock to stockholders of record on January 5, 2009 (the Record Date). The Renewed Rights Agreement also contemplates the issuance of one Right for each share of common stock which is issued by us between the Record Date and the Distribution Date (as defined below) (or earlier redemption or termination of the Rights).

Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from us one one-hundredth of a share of our Series A Preferred Stock, at an initial purchase price of \$47.75 per one-one hundredth of a Preferred Share (the Purchase Price), subject to adjustment. The description of the Rights is set forth in the Renewed Rights Agreement.

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Until the earlier of (a) 10 days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons (an Acquiring Person which excludes LSB Funding LLC and its Affiliates and Associates (as defined therein) in connection with the issuance of certain securities of the Company, and additional securities issuable as contemplated by the terms of those securities, to LSB Funding LLC in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement) have acquired beneficial ownership of 15% or more of our outstanding common stock (except pursuant to a Permitted Offer, as defined below, or by Excluded Persons, as defined below) or (b) 10 business days (or such later date as may be determined by action of our board of directors prior to such time as any person becomes an Acquiring Person) following the commencement of, or announcement of an intention (which intention remains in effect for five business days after the announcement) to make a tender or exchange offer, the consummation of which would result in a person or group becoming an Acquiring Person of 15% or more of our common stock, except pursuant to a Permitted Offer or by an Excluded Person (the earlier of such dates being called the Distribution Date ), the Rights are not exercisable and are not transferable apart from our common stock. Under the Renewed Rights Plan, a person is also deemed to beneficially own shares of our common stock that are the subject of a derivative transaction entered into, or a derivative security acquired by, such person, which gives such person the economic equivalent of ownership. As soon as practicable after the Rights become exercisable, separate Rights certificates would be issued and the Rights would become transferable apart from our common stock. The Rights held by the person or group who triggers the Rights shall be null and void and are not exercisable.

The Rights will not become exercisable or non-redeemable based on the common stock held or beneficially owned by any of the following persons or entities ( Excluded Persons ):

LSB:

any of our subsidiaries;

any employee benefit plan of LSB or our subsidiaries;

any entity holding common stock for or pursuant to any employee benefit plan of LSB or our subsidiaries;

any member of the Golsen Group , which are (a) Jack E. Golsen, (b) his wife and children, (c) the spouse and children of Jack E. Golsen s children, (d) the estate, executor administrator, guardian or custodian of person s described in (a), (b) and (c) above, (e) any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, other entity or trust of which at least 80% of the voting stock, membership or equity interest (or, as to trusts, presumptive interest in principle and income) is beneficially owned by persons described in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, and (f) certain other affiliates, or associates of the persons described in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above;

any person whom our board of directors determines acquired 15% or more of the common stock inadvertently (including, without limitation, (a) any person who was unaware that he, she or it was the beneficial owner of a percentage of the common stock that would otherwise cause such person to trigger the Rights or (b) such person was unaware of the extent of its beneficial ownership of common stock but had no actual knowledge of the consequences of such and had no intention on influencing control of us) and such

person divests, within 10 business days from the date of the board s determination a sufficient number of shares (or derivative common shares) so as to no longer beneficially own 15% of the common stock; or

any person who acquires beneficial ownership of 15% or more of the common stock solely as the result of purchases by us of common stock, unless such person shall, after such share repurchase by us, become the beneficial owner of an additional 1% or more of the then outstanding shares of our common stock.

The Renewed Rights Agreement provides that, until the Distribution Date (or earlier redemption or expiration of the Rights):

the Rights will be transferred with and only with our common stock;

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new common stock certificates issued after the Record Date, upon transfer or new issuance of common stock by us will contain a notation incorporating the Renewed Rights Agreement by reference; and

the surrender for transfer of any certificates for common stock, even without such notation (or a copy of this Summary of Rights) being attached thereto, will also constitute the transfer of Rights associated with the common stock represented by such certificate.

As soon as practicable following the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights (Right Certificates) will be mailed to the holders of record of the common stock as of the close of business on the Distribution Date and such separate Right Certificates alone will evidence the Rights.

The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date. The Rights will expire on January 4, 2019 (the Final Expiration Date ), unless the Final Expiration Date is extended or unless the Rights are earlier redeemed by us, in each case, as described below.

In the event that any person becomes an Acquiring Person (except pursuant to a tender or exchange offer which is for all outstanding shares of common stock at a price and on terms which a majority of certain members of the board of directors determines to be adequate and in the best interests of us, our stockholders and other relevant constituencies, other than the Acquiring Person, its affiliates and associates (a Permitted Offer )), each holder of a Right (except Rights which have been voided as set forth herein) will thereafter have the Right (the Flip-In Rights ) to receive upon exercise the number of shares of common stock or of one-one hundredths of a share of Series A Preferred Stock (or, in certain circumstances, other securities of the Company) having a value (on the date such person became an Acquiring Person) equal to two times the Purchase Price of the Right.

If an acquiring company were to merge or otherwise combine with us, or we were to sell 50% or more of our assets or earning power, each Right then outstanding would flip-over and thereby would become a right to buy that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company which at the time of such transaction would have a market value of two times the exercise price of the Right. The acquirer who triggered the Rights is excluded from the ability to flip-over. A merger or other combination would not entitle the Rights to flip-over if such transaction is consummated with a person or group who acquired our common stock pursuant to a Permitted Offer (as defined below), the price per share of common stock paid to all holders of common stock is not less than the price per share of common stock pursuant to the Permitted Offer, and the form of consideration offered in such transaction is the same as the form of consideration paid pursuant to the Permitted Offer. Permitted Offer is a tender or exchange offer for all shares of our common stock at a price and on terms that a majority of the board of directors, who are not officers or the person or group who could trigger the exercisability of the Rights, deems adequate and in our best interest and our stockholders best interest.

The Purchase Price payable, and the number of Series A Preferred Stock, our common stock or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the Rights are subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution:

in the event of a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the Series A Preferred Stock;

upon the grant to holders of the Series A Preferred Stock of certain rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase Series A Preferred Stock at a price, or securities convertible into Series A Preferred Stock with a

conversion price, less than the then current market price of the Series A Preferred Stock; or

upon the distribution to holders of the Series A Preferred Stock of evidences of indebtedness or assets (excluding regular periodic cash dividends paid out of earnings or retained earnings or dividends payable in Series A Preferred Stock) or of subscription rights or warrants (other than those referred to above).

The number of outstanding Rights and the number of one one-hundredths of a Preferred Share issuable upon exercise of each Right are also subject to adjustment in the event of a stock split of our common stock or a stock dividend on the common stock payable in common stock or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of our common stock occurring, in any such case, prior to the Distribution Date.

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Any Rights that are beneficially owned by (a) any Acquiring Person (or any affiliate or associate of such Acquiring Person), (b) a transferee of an Acquiring Person (or any affiliate or associate thereof) who becomes a transferee after the Acquiring Person becomes such, or (c) under certain conditions, a transferee of any Acquiring Person (or any affiliate or associate thereof) who becomes a transferee prior to or concurrently with the Acquiring Person becoming such, shall be null and void and no holder of such Rights shall thereafter have rights to exercise such Rights.

At any time after a person becomes an Acquiring Person and prior to the acquisition by such Person (or affiliate or associate of an Acquiring Person) of 50% or more of our outstanding common stock, our board of directors may exchange the Rights (other than Rights owned by such Acquiring Person which have become void), in whole or in part, at an exchange ratio of one share of our common stock, or one-one hundredth of a Preferred Share (or of a share of a class or series of our preferred stock having equivalent Rights, preferences and privileges), per Right (subject to adjustment). Upon our board of directors ordering the exchange, the right to exercise the Right shall terminate and the only right thereafter shall be to receive the shares in accordance with the exchange.

With certain exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% in such Purchase Price. No fractional Series A Preferred Stock will be issued (other than fractions which are integral multiples of one one-hundredth of a Preferred Share, which may, at our election, be evidenced by depositary receipts) and in lieu thereof, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock on the last trading day prior to the date of exercise.

At any time prior to the earlier of the Distribution Date or Final Expiration Date, our board of directors may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per Right (the Redemption Price), adjusted to reflect any stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction, and payable, at the option of the Company, either in cash, shares of our common stock, or any other form of consideration deemed appropriate by our board of directors. The redemption of the Rights may be made effective at such time, on such basis and with such conditions as our board of directors in its sole discretion may establish. Immediately upon any redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only right of the holder of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

The terms of the Renewed Rights Agreement and the Rights may be amended by us without the consent of the holders of the Rights, in order to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision contained therein which may be defective or inconsistent with any other provisions contained therein, or to make any other changes or amendments to the provisions contained therein which we may deem necessary or desirable, except that from and after such time as any person becomes an Acquiring Person, no such amendment may adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Rights (other than the Acquiring Person or any affiliate or associate of the Acquiring Person). No amendment to the Renewed Rights Agreement or our Rights shall be made which changes the redemption price or the number of Series A Preferred Stock or shares of common stock for which a Right is exercisable or exchangeable.

Until a Right is exercised, the holder thereof, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of LSB, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

# Anti-Takeover Effects of Delaware Law, Our Certificate of Incorporation and Our Bylaws

Some provisions of Delaware law, our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws contain provisions that could make the following transactions more difficult: acquisitions of us by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise or removal of our incumbent officers and directors. These provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in our management. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish or could deter transactions that stockholders may otherwise consider to be in their best interest or in our best interests, including transactions that might result in a premium over the market price for our shares.

These provisions are expected to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with us. We believe that the benefits of increased protection and our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging these proposals because, among other things, negotiation of these proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

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#### Delaware Law

Section 203 of the DGCL prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years following the date that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

the transaction is approved by the board of directors before the date the interested stockholder attained that status;

upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced; or

on or after such time the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at a meeting of stockholders by at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

An interested stockholder is defined as a person who, together with any affiliates or associates of such person, beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 15% or more of the outstanding voting shares of a Delaware corporation. The term business combination is broadly defined to include a broad array of transactions, including mergers, consolidations, sales or other dispositions of assets having a total value in excess of 10% of the consolidated assets of the corporation or all of the outstanding stock of the corporation, and some other transactions that would increase the interested stockholder s proportionate share ownership in the corporation.

## Our Certificate of Incorporation and Our Bylaws

Provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws may delay or discourage transactions involving an actual or potential change in control or change in our management, including transactions in which stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares, or transactions that our stockholders might otherwise deem to be in their best interests. Therefore, these provisions could adversely affect the price of our common stock.

Among other things, our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws:

provide for the division of the Board into three classes, each class consisting as nearly as possible of one-third of the whole. The term of office of one class of directors expires each year; with each class of directors elected for a term of three years and until the stockholders elect their qualified successors.

provide that all vacancies, including newly created directorships, may, except as otherwise required by law or, if applicable, the rights of holders of a series of preferred stock, be filled by a majority of directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by the sole remaining director;

provide that our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of our then outstanding voting stock;

provide that special meetings of our stockholders may only be called by our chairman or by a majority of the directors then in office;

provide that the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock of LSB voting as a single class shall be required for the approval or authorization of any (i) merger or consolidation of LSB with or into any other corporation, or (ii) sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of LSB to or with any other corporation, person or entity; provided, however, that such two-thirds voting requirement shall not be applicable if (a) LSB is merged with a corporation in which at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of each class of stock of such corporation is owned by LSB, or (b) if a transaction described in clauses (i) or (ii) above has been approved by a vote of at least a majority of the members of the board of directors of LSB. If such two-thirds voting requirement of the outstanding voting stock of LSB shall not be applicable under the provisions of clauses (a) or (b) above, then in such event transactions specified in (i) or (ii) above shall require only such affirmative vote as is required by law, regulation or any other provision of our Certificate of Incorporation; and

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provide that our Bylaws can be amended by our board of directors.

# **Limitations of Liability and Indemnification Matters**

Our Certificate of Incorporation limits the liability of our directors for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors, except for liability that cannot be eliminated under the DGCL. Delaware law provides that directors of a company will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors, except for liabilities:

for any breach of their duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;

for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

for unlawful payment of dividend or unlawful stock repurchase or redemption, as provided under Section 174 of the DGCL; or

for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Any amendment, repeal or modification of these provisions will be prospective only and would not affect any limitation on liability of a director for acts or omissions that occurred prior to any such amendment, repeal or modification.

Our Bylaws also provide that we will indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. If Delaware law is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director, then the liability of our directors will be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, as so amended. Our Bylaws also permit us to purchase insurance on behalf of any officer, director, employee or other agent for any liability arising out of that person s actions as our officer, director, employee or agent, regardless of whether Delaware law would permit indemnification. We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and officers. These agreements require us to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law against liability that may arise by reason of their service to us, and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified. We believe that the limitation of liability provision in Certificate of Incorporation and the indemnification agreements facilitates our ability to continue to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and officers.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duties. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and our stockholders. A stockholder s investment may be harmed to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act, and is, therefore, unenforceable. There is no pending litigation or proceeding naming any of our directors or officers as to which indemnification is being sought, nor are we aware of any pending or threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification by

any director or officer.

# **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare Limited.

# Listing

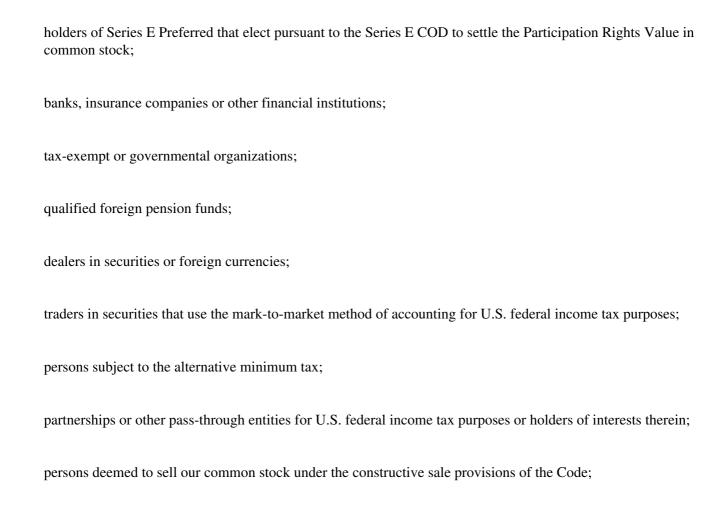
Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol LXU.

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

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations related to the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock by a non-U.S. holder (as defined below), that holds our common stock as a capital asset (generally property held for investment). This summary is based on the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), U.S. Treasury regulations, administrative rulings and judicial decisions, all as in effect on the date hereof, and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. We have not sought any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in the following summary, and there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court will agree with such statements and conclusions.

This summary does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to non-U.S. holders in light of their personal circumstances. In addition, this summary does not address the Medicare tax on certain investment income, U.S. federal estate or gift tax laws, any state, local or non-U.S. tax laws or any tax treaties. This summary also does not address tax considerations applicable to investors that may be subject to special treatment under the U.S. federal income tax laws, such as:



persons that acquired our common stock through the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation or through a tax-qualified retirement plan;

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

real estate investment trusts or regulated investment companies; and

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

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATION, AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR COMMON STOCK ARISING UNDER THE U.S. FEDERAL ESTATE OR GIFT TAX LAWS OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER TAXING JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX TREATY.

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## Non-U.S. Holder Defined

For purposes of this discussion, a non-U.S. holder is a beneficial owner of our common stock that is not for U.S. federal income tax purposes a partnership or any of the following:

an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States:

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

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

a trust (i) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more United States persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) which has made a valid election under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person. If a partnership (including an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner, upon the activities of the partnership and upon certain determinations made at the partner level. Accordingly, we urge partners in partnerships (including entities or arrangements treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) considering the purchase of our common stock to consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax considerations of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock by such partnership.

#### **Distributions**

We do not expect to pay any distributions on our common stock in the foreseeable future. However, in the event we do make distributions of cash or other property on our common stock, such distributions will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. To the extent those distributions exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits, the distributions will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of the non-U.S. holder s tax basis in our common stock and thereafter as capital gain from the sale or exchange of such common stock. See Gain on Disposition of Common Stock. Subject to the withholding requirements under FATCA (as defined below) and with respect to effectively connected dividends, each of which is discussed below, any distribution made to a non-U.S. holder on our common stock generally will be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount of the distribution unless an applicable income tax treaty provides for a lower rate. To receive the benefit of a reduced treaty rate, a non-U.S. holder must provide the applicable withholding agent with an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable or successor form) certifying qualification for the reduced rate.

Dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder that are effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by the non-U.S. holder in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are treated as attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States) generally will be taxed on a net income basis at the rates and in the manner generally applicable to United States persons (as defined under the Code). Such effectively connected dividends will not be subject to U.S. withholding tax if the non-U.S. holder

satisfies certain certification requirements by providing the applicable withholding agent a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI certifying eligibility for exemption. If the non-U.S. holder is a non-U.S. corporation, it may also be subject to a branch profits tax (at a 30% rate or such lower rate as specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on its effectively connected earnings and profits (as adjusted for certain items), which will include effectively connected dividends.

## **Gain on Disposition of Common Stock**

Subject to the discussion below under Additional Withholding Requirements under FATCA, a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other disposition of our common stock unless:

the non-U.S. holder is an individual who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the calendar year in which the sale or disposition occurs and certain other conditions are met;

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the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by the non-U.S. holder in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. holder in the United States); or

our common stock constitutes a United States real property interest by reason of our status as a United States real property holding corporation ( USRPHC ) for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

A non-U.S. holder described in the first bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on the amount of such gain, which generally may be offset by U.S. source capital losses.

A non-U.S. holder whose gain is described in the second bullet point above or, subject to the exceptions described in the next paragraph, the third bullet point above, generally will be taxed on a net income basis at the rates and in the manner generally applicable to United States persons (as defined under the Code) unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. If the non-U.S. holder is a corporation, it may also be subject to a branch profits tax (at a 30% rate or such lower rate as specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on its effectively connected earnings and profits (as adjusted for certain items), which will include such gain.

Generally, a corporation is a USRPHC if the fair market value of its United States real property interests (as defined in the Code) equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market value of its worldwide real property interests and its other assets used or held for use in a trade or business. Although a significant portion of our assets may be considered United States real property interests, we have not made a determination as to whether we are a USRPHC. However, even if we are, or were to become, a USRPHC, as long as our common stock continues to be regularly traded on an established securities market, only a non-U.S. holder that actually or constructively owns, or owned at any time during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of the disposition or the non-U.S. holder s holding period for the common stock, more than 5% of our common stock will be taxable on gain realized on the disposition of our common stock as a result of our status as a USRPHC. If we are, or were to become, a USRPHC and our common stock were not considered to be regularly traded on an established securities market during the calendar year in which the relevant disposition by a non-U.S. holder occurs, such holder (regardless of the percentage of stock owned) would be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a taxable disposition of our common stock (as described in the preceding paragraph), and a 15% withholding tax would apply to the gross proceeds from such disposition.

Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors with respect to the application of the foregoing rules to their ownership and disposition of our common stock.

## **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

Any dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder must be reported annually to the IRS and to the non-U.S. holder. Copies of these information returns may be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides or is established. Payments of dividends to a non-U.S. holder generally will not be subject to backup withholding if the non-U.S. holder establishes an exemption by properly certifying its non-U.S. status on an IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8BEN-E or other appropriate version of IRS Form W-8.

Payments of the proceeds from a sale or other disposition by a non-U.S. holder of our common stock effected by or through a U.S. office of a broker generally will be subject to information reporting and backup withholding (at the applicable rate) unless the non-U.S. holder establishes an exemption by properly certifying its non-U.S. status on an IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8BEN-E or other appropriate version of IRS Form W-8 and certain other conditions are met. Information reporting and backup withholding generally will not apply to any payment of the

proceeds from a sale or other disposition of our common stock effected outside the United States by a non-U.S. office of a broker. However, unless such broker has documentary evidence in its records that the holder is not a United States person and certain other conditions are met, or the non-U.S. holder otherwise establishes an exemption, information reporting will apply to a payment of the proceeds of the disposition of our common stock effected outside the United States by such a broker if it has certain relationships within the United States.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, the U.S. income tax liability (if any) of persons subject to backup withholding will be reduced by the amount of tax withheld. If backup withholding results in an overpayment of taxes, a refund may be obtained, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

## Additional Withholding Requirements under FATCA

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, and the Treasury regulations and administrative guidance issued thereunder (FATCA), impose a 30% withholding tax on any dividends paid on our common stock and on the gross proceeds from a disposition of our common stock (if such disposition occurs after December 31, 2018), in each case if paid to a foreign financial institution or a non-financial foreign entity (each as defined in the Code) (including, in some cases, when such foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity is acting as an intermediary), unless (i) in the case of a foreign financial institution, such institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. government to withhold on certain payments, and to collect and provide to the U.S. tax authorities substantial information regarding U.S. account holders of such institution (which includes certain equity and debt holders of such institution, as well as certain account holders that are non-U.S. entities with U.S. owners), (ii) in the case of a non-financial foreign entity, such entity certifies that it does not have any substantial United States owners (as defined in the Code) or provides the applicable withholding agent with a certification identifying the direct and indirect substantial United States owners of the entity (in either case, generally on an IRS Form W-8BEN-E), or (iii) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules and provides appropriate documentation (such as an IRS Form W-8BEN-E). Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing these rules may be subject to different rules. Under certain circumstances, a holder might be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes.

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

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## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholder may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its shares or interests in the shares on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. The selling stockholder may sell its shares of common stock from time to time at the prevailing market price or in privately negotiated transactions.

The selling stockholder may use any one or more of the following methods when disposing of shares or interests therein:

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;

block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

privately negotiated transactions;

short sales effected after the date the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part is declared effective by the SEC;

through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;

broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share; and

a combination of any such methods of sale.

The selling stockholder may sell the shares at fixed prices, at prices then prevailing or related to the then current market price or at negotiated prices. The offering price of the shares from time to time will be determined by the selling stockholder and, at the time of the determination, may be higher or lower than the market price of our common stock on the NYSE or any other exchange or market.

The shares may be sold directly or through broker-dealers acting as principal or agent, or pursuant to a distribution by one or more underwriters on a firm commitment or best-efforts basis. The selling stockholder may also enter into

hedging transactions with broker-dealers. In connection with such transactions, broker-dealers of other financial institutions may engage in short sales of our common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume with the selling stockholder. The selling stockholder may also enter into options or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). In connection with an underwritten offering, underwriters or agents may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the selling stockholder or from purchasers of the offered shares for whom they may act as agents. In addition, underwriters may sell the shares to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. The selling stockholder and any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in a distribution of the shares may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any profit on the sale of the shares by the selling stockholder and any commissions received by broker-dealers may be deemed to be underwriting commissions under the Securities Act.

The selling stockholder may agree to indemnify an underwriter, broker-dealer or agent against certain liabilities related to the selling of its shares, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act. Under the registration rights agreement entered into with the selling stockholder, we have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholder against

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certain liabilities related to the sale of the common stock, including certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act. Under the registration rights agreement, we have also agreed to pay the costs, expenses and fees of registering the shares of common stock. All underwriting fees, discounts and selling commissions or similar fees or arrangements allocable to the sale of the shares of common stock will be borne by the selling stockholder.

The selling stockholder is subject to the applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, including Regulation M. This regulation may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the shares of common stock offered in this prospectus by the selling stockholder. The anti-manipulation rules under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of shares in the market and to the activities of the selling stockholder and its affiliates. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of the shares to engage in market-making activities for the particular securities being distributed for a period of up to five business days before the distribution. The restrictions may affect the marketability of the shares and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities for the shares.

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution. Instead of selling the shares of common stock under this prospectus, the selling stockholder may sell the shares of common stock in compliance with the provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, or pursuant to other available exemptions from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Under the securities laws of some states, if applicable, the securities registered hereby may be sold in those states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states such securities may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

We cannot assure you that the selling stockholder will sell all or any portion of our common stock offered hereby.

Under the registration rights agreement entered into with the selling stockholder, we agreed to use our commercially reasonable efforts to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part continuously effective under the Securities Act until the earlier of (a) December 4, 2025 and (b) the date that all Registrable Securities (as such term is defined in the registration rights agreement) covered by this registration statement have ceased to be Registrable Securities.

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#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of our common stock offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Dallas, Texas.

## **EXPERTS**

Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our consolidated financial statements and schedule included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, as set forth in their reports, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements and schedule are incorporated by reference in reliance on Ernst & Young LLP s reports, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Certain estimates of the oil and gas reserves and future net cash flows of certain oil and natural gas properties located in Wyoming County, Pennsylvania of Zena Energy, L.L.C, a subsidiary of the Company, incorporated by reference in this prospectus were based upon an engineering report prepared by Pinnacle Energy Services L.L.C., independent petroleum engineers. These estimates are included and incorporated herein in reliance on the authority of such firm as an expert in such matters.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 (including the exhibits, schedules and amendments thereto) under the Securities Act, with respect to our common stock offered hereby. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules thereto. For further information with respect to us and the common stock offered hereby, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules filed therewith. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract, agreement or any other document are summaries of the material terms of this contract, agreement or other document and are not necessarily complete. With respect to each of these contracts, agreements or other documents filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, reference is made to the exhibits for a more complete description of the matter involved. A copy of the registration statement, and the exhibits and schedules thereto, may be inspected without charge at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of these materials may be obtained, upon payment of a duplicating fee, from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference facility. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC s website is www.sec.gov.

We also make available free of charge on our internet website at www.lsbindustries.com our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, our Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website as part of this prospectus.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we have filed with the SEC. This means we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus.

If information in incorporated documents conflicts with information in this prospectus, you should rely on the most recent information. If information in an incorporated document conflicts with information in another incorporated document, you should rely on the most recent incorporated document. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below.

our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015;

our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016;

our current reports on Forms 8-K and 8-K/A filed with the SEC on January 7, 2016, January 8, 2016, January 21, 2016, February 25, 2016, March 1, 2016, March 7, 2016, March 9, 2016, May 10, 2016, May 13, 2016, May 18, 2016, June 6, 2016, and July 8, 2016;

the information specifically incorporated by reference into our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 from our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 29, 2016; and

the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on October 24, 2008 including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating the description. We will provide a copy of these filings (including certain exhibits that are specifically incorporated by reference therein) to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered. You may request a copy of any or all of these filings at no cost, by writing or calling us at:

16 South Pennsylvania Avenue

Post Office Box 754

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101

(405) 235-4546

Attention: Michael J. Foster

mfoster@lsbindustries.com

Copies of certain information filed by us with the SEC, including our annual report and quarterly reports, are also available on our website at www.lsbindustries.com. Information contained on our website or that can be accessed through our website is not incorporated by reference herein.

You should read the information relating to us in this prospectus together with the information in the documents incorporated by reference. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to incorporate information furnished to, but not filed with, the SEC.

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# 4,525,549 Shares

LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.

**Common Stock** 

**Prospectus** 

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#### **PART II**

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the expenses payable by the Registrant expected to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of common stock being registered hereby (other than underwriting discounts and commissions). All of such expenses are estimates, except for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registration fee.

SEC registration fee	\$ 5,095
Financial printer fees and expenses	2,500
Legal fees and expenses	75,000
Accounting fees and expenses	2,500
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Total	\$ 85,095

#### Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person s conduct was unlawful. Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper. To the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145 of the DGCL, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses

(including attorneys fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Any indemnification under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145 of the DGCL (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the present or former director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145. Such determination shall be made, with respect to a person who is a director or officer at the time of such determination, (1) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, or (2) by a committee of such directors designated by majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, or (3) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (4) by the stockholders. Expenses (including attorneys fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the

final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section. Such expenses (including attorneys fees) incurred by former directors and officers or other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the corporation deems appropriate. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person s official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

Section 145 of the DGCL also empowers a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person s status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 145.

The Certificate of Incorporation also contains indemnification rights for the directors and officers. Specifically, the Certificate of Incorporation provides for the indemnity of the officers and directors to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL.

In addition, the DGCL permits the Company and its subsidiaries to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is a director or officer for acts committed in their capacities as such directors or officers. The Company currently maintains such liability insurance.

The general effect of the foregoing is to provide indemnification to officers and directors for liabilities that may arise by reason of their status as officers or directors, other than liabilities arising from willful or intentional misconduct, acts or omissions not in good faith, unlawful distributions of corporate assets or transactions from which the officer or director derived an improper personal benefit.

#### Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

On December 4, 2015, we entered into a securities purchase agreement with unrelated third parties, LSB Funding LLC and Security Benefit Corporation, in a private placement exempt from registration under the Securities Act (the Securities Purchase Agreement ). On that day, we issued \$210 million of Series E Preferred, warrants to purchase 4,103,746 shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 (which was equal to 17.99% of the outstanding shares of common stock before the completion of the private placement) and one share of Series F Redeemable Preferred. Both the Series F Preferred and Series E Preferred were issued in reliance upon an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) thereof.

#### Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page hereto, which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules.

None.

## Item 17. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

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- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement.
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser: each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.
- (b) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Oklahoma City, State of Oklahoma, on July 13, 2016.

## LSB INDUSTRIES, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel D. Greenwell Name: Daniel D. Greenwell

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Mark Behrman and Michael Foster, and each of them, any of whom may act without the joinder of the other, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and any Registration Statement (including any amendment thereto) for this offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his, her or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities held on the dates indicated.

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ Daniel D. Greenwell	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	July 13, 2016
Daniel D. Greenwell	,	
/s/ Mark T. Behrman	Executive Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	July 13, 2016
Mark T. Behrman	Tamasan Canon (Canonput Tamasan Canon)	
/s/ Harold L. Rieker, Jr.	Vice President and Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	July 13, 2016
Harold L. Rieker, Jr.	Theodaming officer)	
/s/ Jack E. Golsen	Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors	July 13, 2016

Jack E. Golsen

/s/ Jonathan S. Bobb

Jonathan S. Bobb

/s/ Mark R. Genender

Mark R. Genender

/s/ Barry H. Golsen

Director

July 13, 2016

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Barry H. Golsen

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/s/ William F. Murdy	Director	July 13, 2016
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/s/ Marran H. Ogilvie	Director	July 13, 2016
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/s/ Joseph E. Reece	Director	July 13, 2016
Joseph E. Reece		
/s/ Richard W. Roedel	Director	July 13, 2016
Richard W. Roedel		
/s/ Richard S. Sanders, Jr.	Director	July 13, 2016
Richard S. Sanders, Jr.		
/s/ Lynn F. White	Director	July 13, 2016
Lynn F. White		

## **EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit		<b>Incorporated by Reference</b>
Number	<b>Exhibit Title</b>	to the Following
3(i).1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, which the Company hereby incorporates by reference from.	Exhibit 3(i).1 to the Company s Form 10-K filed on February 28, 2013
3(ii).1	Amended and Restated Bylaws of LSB Industries, Inc. dated August 20, 2009, as amended February 18, 2010, January 17, 2014, February 4, 2014 and August 21, 2014	Exhibit 3(ii).1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed August 27, 2014
3(ii).2	Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of LSB Industries, Inc., dated as of April 26, 2015	Exhibit 3(ii) to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 30, 2015
3(ii).3	Sixth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of LSB Industries, Inc., dated as of December 2, 2015	Exhibit 3(ii) to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 8, 2015
3(ii).4	Seventh Amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of LSB Industries, Inc., dated as of December 22, 2015	Exhibit 3(ii) to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 29, 2015
4.1	Specimen Certificate for the Company s Series B Preferred Stock	Exhibit 4.27 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 No. 33-9848
4.2	Specimen Certificate for the Company s Series D 6% Cumulative, Convertible Class C Preferred Stock	Exhibit 4.3 to the Company s Form 10-K filed March 3, 2011
4.3	Specimen Certificate for the Company s Common Stock	Exhibit 4.3 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed November 16, 2012
4.4	Certificate of Designations of Series E Cumulative Redeemable Class C Preferred Stock of LSB Industries, dated as of December 4, 2015	Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 8, 2015
4.5	Certificate of Designations of Series F Cumulative Redeemable Class C Preferred Stock of LSB Industries, dated as of December 4, 2015	Exhibit 4.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 8, 2015
4.6	Renewed Rights Agreement, dated as of December 2, 2008, between the Company and UMB Bank, n.a.	Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 5, 2008
4.7	First Amendment to Renewed Rights Agreement, dated December 3, 2008, between LSB Industries, Inc. and UMB Bank, n.a.	Exhibit 4.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 5, 2008

4.8 Amendment to Renewed Rights Agreement, by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and UMB Bank, n.a., dated as of December 4, 2015

Exhibit 4.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 8, 2015

4.9 Indenture, dated August 7, 2013, among LSB Industries, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors named therein, UMB Bank, n.a., as trustee

Exhibit 4.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed August 14, 2013

4.10 Intercreditor Agreement by and among Wells Fargo Capital Finance, Inc., as agent and UMB Bank, n.a., as collateral agent, and acknowledged and agreed to by LSB Industries, Inc. and the other grantors named therein

Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed August 14, 2013

4.11 Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement of LSB Industries, Inc.

Exhibit 10.8 to the Company s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed February 29, 2016

4.12	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement of LSB Industries, Inc.	Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Form 8-K, filed January 8, 2016
5.1(a)	Opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.	
10.1*	Form of Death Benefit Plan Agreement	Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 10-K filed March 31, 2006
10.2*	LSB Industries, Inc. 1998 Stock Option and Incentive Plan	Exhibit 10.44 to the Company s Form 10-K filed April 15, 1999
10.3*	LSB Industries, Inc. Outside Directors Stock Purchase Plan	Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed October 23, 2014
10.4*	Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement, dated June 19, 2006, between LSB Industries, Inc. and Dan Ellis	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed September 10, 2007
10.5*	Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement, dated June 19, 2006, between LSB Industries, Inc. and John Bailey	Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed September 10, 2007
10.6*	LSB Industries, Inc. 2008 Incentive Stock Plan, effective June 5, 2008, as amended by the First Amendment, effective June 5, 2014	Exhibit 99.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed June 11, 2014
10.7*	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement of LSB Industries, Inc.	Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed January 8, 2016
10.8*	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement for 2008 Plan	Exhibit 10.8 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February 29, 2016
10.9*	Employment Agreement, dated April 27, 2015, by and among the Company and Barry H. Golsen	Exhibit 99.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 30, 2015
10.10*	Severance and Release Agreement, dated September 1, 2015, by and between the Company and Barry H. Golsen	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed September 4, 2015
10.11*	Amendment to Severance Agreement, dated December 17, 2008, between Barry H. Golsen and the Company. Each Amendment to Severance Agreement with Jack E. Golsen, Tony M. Shelby, David R. Goss and David M. Shear is substantially the same as this exhibit and will be provided to the Commission upon request.	Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 23, 2008
10.12*	Employment Agreement and Amendment to Severance Agreement dated January 12, 1989, between the Company and Jack E. Golsen, dated March 21, 1996, (with Severance Agreement dated January 17, 1989 attached) as amended by the First Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated April 29, 2003, as amended by the Second Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated May 12, 2005, as amended by the Third Amendment to Employment	Exhibit 10.9 to the Company s Form 10-K filed March 2, 2015

and Severance Agreement, dated December 17, 2008, as amended by the Fourth Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated January 1, 2015

10.13\* 2015 Amendment to Severance Agreement, dated April 27, 2015, by and among the Company and Jack E. Golsen

Exhibit 99.7 to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 30, 2015

10.14\* Offer Letter, dated February 5, 2014, and Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement, by and among the Company to Mark T. Behrman Exhibit 99.5 to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 30, 2015

10.15*	Employment Agreement, dated April 27, 2015, by and among the Company and Mark T. Behrman	Exhibit 99.4 to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 30, 2015
10.16*	Employment Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Mark Behrman, dated January 14, 2016	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed January 21, 2016
10.17*	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Mark Behrman, dated as of December 31, 2015	Exhibit 10.17 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February 29, 2016
10.18*	Amendment and Restated Severance Agreement, dated April 27, 2015, by and among the Company and Tony M. Shelby. Substantially similar Amended and Restated Severance Agreements, each dated April 27, 2015, between the Company and each of David R. Goss, Phil Gough, Greg Withrow, James Murray, III, Michael Tepper, Paul Rydlund, Steven Golsen, Heidi Brown, and David Shear are not attached hereto, but will be provided to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.	Exhibit 99.6 to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 30, 2015
10.19*	Severance and Release Agreement, dated November 3, 2015, by and between the Company and David R. Goss	Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2015
10.20*	Independent Contractor Agreement, dated September 30, 2015, by and among the Company and Circle S. Consulting LLC, (executed by Richard S. Sanders on behalf of Circle S. Consulting LLC as President & Individually).	Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed November 9, 2015
10.21*	Severance and Release Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and David M. Shear, dated as of December 31, 2015	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed January 8, 2016
10.22*	Consulting Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and David M. Shear, dated as of December 31, 2015	Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed January 8, 2016
10.23*	Employment Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Daniel D. Greenwell, dated as of December 31, 2015	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K/A filed January 8, 2016
10.24*	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Daniel D. Greenwell, dated as of December 31, 2015	Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 8-K/A filed January 8, 2016
10.25*	Employment Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Michael Foster, dated as of January 5, 2016	Exhibit 10.25(a) to the Company s Form 10-K, filed February 29, 2016
10.26*		

	Restricted Stock Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Michael Foster, dated as of January 5, 2016	Exhibit 10.26(a) to the Company s Form 10-K, filed February 29, 2016
10.27*	Separation and Release Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Tony M. Shelby, dated as of February 22, 2016	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed February 25, 2016
10.28*	Form of Retention Bonus Agreement	Exhibit 10.28 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February 29, 2016
10.29	Indemnification Agreement, dated October 14, 2015, between the Company and Jack E. Golsen, together with a schedule identifying other substantially identical agreements between the Company and each of the other directors identified on the schedule	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed October 19, 2015

10.30 Indemnification Agreement, dated October 14, 2015, between the Company and David M. Shear, together with a schedule identifying other substantially identical agreements between the Company and each of its executive officers identified on the schedule

Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed October 19, 2015

10.31 Indemnification Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2015, by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and Jonathan S. Bobb, together with a schedule identifying other substantially identical agreements between the Company and each of the other directors identified on the schedule

Exhibit 10.5 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 8, 2015

10.32 Nitric Acid Supply, Operating and Maintenance Agreement, dated October 23, 2008, between El Dorado Nitrogen, L.P., El Dorado Chemical Company and Bayer MaterialScience LLC Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed November 6, 2008

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF #30125, DATED OCTOBER 4, 2013, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Second Amendment to the Nitric Acid Supply,
 Operating and Maintenance Agreement, dated June
 2010, between El Dorado Nitrogen, L.P., El
 Dorado Chemical Company and Bayer
 MaterialScience LLC

Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed August 6, 2010

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF #30124, DATED OCTOBER 4, 2013, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.34 Third Amendment to Nitric Acid Supply, Operating and Maintenance Agreement, dated June 25, 2013, between El Dorado Nitrogen, L.P., El Dorado Chemical Company and Bayer MaterialScience LLC

Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed August 9, 2013

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF #30123, DATED OCTOBER 4, 2013, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.35 AN Supply Agreement, dated effective January 1,2010, between El Dorado Chemical Company andOrica International Pte Ltd.

Exhibit 10.27 to the Company s Form 10-K filed March 8, 2010

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDERS CF #24842, DATED MARCH 25, 2010, AND CF #31968, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2015 GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

- 10.36 First Amendment to AN Supply Agreement, dated effective March 1, 2010, between El Dorado Chemical Company and Orica International Pte Ltd.
- Exhibit 10.28 to the Company s Form 10-K filed March 8, 2010
- 10.37 Third Amendment to AN Supply Agreement, dated effective April 9, 2013, between El Dorado Chemical Company and Orica International Pte Ltd.
- Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K, filed May 1, 2013
- 10.38 Agreement, dated effective August 1, 2013,
   between United Steel Workers of America
   International Union on behalf of LOCAL 13-434
   and El Dorado Chemical Company
- Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed October 11, 2013
- 10.39 Agreement, dated effective October 17, 2013, between International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO Local No. 224 and El Dorado Chemical Company
- Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed October 11, 2013
- 10.40 Agreement, dated November 12, 2013, between
   United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber,
   Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and
   Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO,
   CLC, on behalf of Local No. 00417 and Cherokee
   Nitrogen Company
- Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed February 13, 2014
- 10.41 Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2002 by and among Energetic Systems Inc. LLC, UTeC Corporation, LLC, SEC Investment Corp. LLC, DetaCorp Inc. LLC, Energetic Properties, LLC, Slurry Explosive Corporation, Universal Tech Corporation, El Dorado Chemical Company, LSB Chemical Corp., LSB Industries, Inc. and Slurry Explosive Manufacturing Corporation, LLC
- Exhibit 2.1 to the Company s Form 8-K dated December 27, 2002

10.42 Exhibits and Disclosure Letters to the Asset
Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 6, 2002
by and among Energetic Systems Inc. LLC, UTeC
Corporation, LLC, SEC Investment Corp. LLC,
DetaCorp Inc. LLC, Energetic Properties, LLC,
Slurry Explosive Corporation, Universal Tech

Exhibit 10.1b to the Company s Form 10-Q filed August 6, 2010

Corporation, El Dorado Chemical Company, LSB Chemical Corp., LSB Industries, Inc. and Slurry Explosive Manufacturing Corporation, LLC

10.43 Anhydrous Ammonia Sales Agreement, dated effective January 1, 2009 between Koch Nitrogen International Sàrl and El Dorado Chemical Company

Exhibit 10.49 to the Company s Form 10-K filed March 13, 2009

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF #28828, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2012, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.44 Second Amendment to Anhydrous Ammonia Sales Agreement, dated February 23, 2010, between Koch Nitrogen International Sàrl and El Dorado Chemical Company Exhibit 10.35 to the Company s Form 10-K filed March 8, 2010

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF #28827, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2012, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.45 Fifth Amendment to the Anhydrous Ammonia Sales Agreement, dated August 22, 2012, between KOCH Nitrogen International Sarl and El Dorado Chemical Company

Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed August 28, 2012

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF#28826, DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2012, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.46 Ninth Amendment to Anhydrous Ammonia Sales Agreement, dated November 30, 2015, between Koch Nitrogen International Sarl and El Dorado Chemical Company Exhibit 10.46 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February 29, 2016

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITIES AND

EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 29, 2016 WHEREBY THE COMPANY REQUESTS CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.47 Urea Ammonium Nitrate Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated May 7, 2009, between Pryor Chemical Company and Koch Nitrogen Company, LLC. Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed May 13, 2009

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF #23659, DATED JUNE 9, 2009, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.48 Amendment No. 1 to Urea Ammonium Nitrate
 Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated October 29,
 2009, between Pryor Chemical Company and Koch
 Nitrogen Company, LLC

Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 4, 2009

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER CF #24284, DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2009, GRANTING REQUEST BY THE COMPANY FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

10.49 Ammonia Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between El Dorado Chemical Company and Koch Fertilizer, LLC, dated as of November 2, 2015 Exhibit 10.49 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February. 29, 2016

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS
EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE
SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER
SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 29,
2016 WHEREBY THE COMPANY REQUESTS
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT.

- 10.50 Railcar Management Agreement, dated May 7,2009, between Pryor Chemical Company and KochNitrogen Company, LLC
- Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed May 13, 2009
- 10.51 Real Estate Purchase Contract, dated as of May 26,
   2011, by and between DPMG, Inc., Prime Financial
   L.L.C., Landmark Land Company, Gerald G.
   Barton and Jack E. Golsen

Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed November 7, 2011

10.52	Real Estate Purchase Contract, dated as of September 8, 2011, by and between South Padre Island Development, LLC, Prime Financial L.L.C., Landmark Land Company, Gerald G. Barton and Jack E. Golsen	Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed November 7, 2011
10.53	Common Stock Purchase Warrant granted by Landmark Land Company to Prime Financial, L.L.C., dated February 7, 2012	Exhibit 99.4 to the Company s Form 8-K filed February 16, 2012
10.54	Geothermal Use Contract, between South Padre Island Development, LLC and Prime Financial, L.L.C., dated February 7, 2012	Exhibit 99.5 to the Company s Form 8-K filed February 16, 2012

10.55	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated October 31, 2012, between Clearwater Enterprises, L.L.C. and Zena Energy, L.L.C.	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 2, 2012. Exhibits to the Purchase and Sale Agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K and will be provided supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.
10.56	Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated August 28, 2013, between Hat Creek Energy LLC, Citrus Energy Appalachia, LLC, Troy Energy Investments, LLC, and Zena Energy, L.L.C.	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K, filed August 30, 2013. Exhibits to the Purchase and Sale Agreement have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K and will be provided supplementally to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.
10.57	Contract, between Weatherly Inc. and El Dorado Chemical Company, dated November 30, 2012	Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 6, 2012
10.58	Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement, dated August 12, 2013, between El Dorado Ammonia L.L.C. and SAIC Constructors, LLC	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed August 15, 2013
10.59	Construction Agreement-DMW2, dated November 6, 2013, between El Dorado Chemical Company and SAIC Constructors, LLC	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 12, 2013
10.60	Construction Agreement-NACSAC, dated November 6, 2013, between El Dorado Chemical Company and SAIC Constructors, LLC	Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 12, 2013
10.61	Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement, dated December 31, 2013, between El Dorado Chemical Company and SAIC Constructors, LLC	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed January 7, 2014
10.62	Engineering Procurement and Construction Contract, Amendment No.1 dated October 20, 2015, between El Dorado Ammonia L.L.C. and SAIC Constructors, LLC	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed October 26, 2015
10.63	Promissory Note, dated February 1, 2013, in the original principal amount of \$35 million, issued by Zena Energy L.L.C. in favor of International Bank of Commerce	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed February 7, 2013
10.64	Leasehold Mortgage, Security Agreement, Assignment and Fixture Filing, dated February 1, 2013, from Zena Energy L.L.C. to International Bank of Commerce	Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed February 7, 2013
10.65	Guaranty, dated February 1, 2013, issued by LSB Industries, Inc. in favor of International Bank of Commerce	Exhibit 99.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed February 7, 2013

10.66	Settlement Agreement, dated April 26, 2015, by and among the Company and Starboard Value LP	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 30, 2015
10.67	Agreement by and among the Company and Engine Capital, L.P., Red Alder, LLC, and certain of their respective affiliates, dated April 3, 2014	Exhibit 99.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed April 4, 2014
10.68	Consent Decree, dated May 28, 2014, by and among, LSB Industries, Inc., El Dorado Chemical Co.,	Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed June 3, 2014

Cherokee Nitrogen Co., Pryor Chemical Co., El Dorado Nitrogen, L.P., the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, and the Oklahoma Department of Environment Quality

10.69 Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated effective December 31, 2013, by and among LSB Industries, Inc., each of its subsidiaries that are signatories thereto, the lenders signatories thereto, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC Exhibit 4.9 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February 27, 2014

10.70 Amendment No. 1 to the Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated effective as of June 11, 2015, by and among LSB Industries, Inc. its subsidiaries identified on the signature pages thereof, the lenders identified on the signature pages thereof and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as the arranger and administrative agent for the Lenders

Exhibit 99.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed June 17, 2015

10.71 Amendment No. 2 to the Second Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2015, by and among LSB Industries, Inc., its subsidiaries identified on the signature pages thereof, the lenders identified on the signature pages thereof, and Wells Fargo Capital Finance, LLC, as the arranger and administrative agent for the Lenders

Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 16, 2015

10.72 Security Agreement dated as of August 7, 2013 among LSB Industries, Inc. and the other grantors identified therein in favor of UMB Bank, N.A. as Collateral Agent

Exhibit 10.72 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February 29, 2016

10.73 Supplement No. 1 to Security Agreement February 12, 2014 among LSB Industries, Inc. and the other grantors identified therein in favor of UMB Bank, N.A., as Collateral Agent

Exhibit 10.73 to the Company s Form 10-K filed February 29, 2016

10.74 Note Purchase Agreement, dated November 9,2015, by and among LSB Industries, Inc., theguarantors party thereto and LSB Funding LLC

Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 16, 2015

10.75 Promissory Note, dated November 9, 2015, by LSB Industries, Inc.

Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 16, 2015

10.76 Joinder to Intercreditor Agreement, dated November 9, 2015, by and among LSB Funding LLC, Wells Fargo Capital Finance, Inc., as ABL Exhibit 10.4 to the Company s Form 8-K filed November 16, 2015

	Agent, UMB Bank, N.A., as Notes Agent, LSB Industries, Inc. and the guarantors party thereto		
10.77	Joinder to Security Agreement, dated November 9, 2015, by and among LSB Funding LLC, UMB Bank, N.A., as Collateral Agent, LSB Industries, Inc. and the guarantors party thereto	Exhibit 10.5 to the Company s Fo November 16, 2015	rm 8-K filed
10.78	Securities Purchase Agreement by and among LSB Industries, Inc., LSB Funding LLC, and Security Benefit Corporation, dated as of December 4, 2015	Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s For December 8, 2015	rm 8-K filed
10.79	Warrant to Purchase Common Stock issued by LSB Industries to LSB Funding LLC, dated as of December 4, 2015	Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s For December 8, 2015	rm 8-K filed

10.80 Board Representation and Standstill Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc., LSB Funding LLC, Security Benefit Corporation, Todd Boehly and the Golsen Holders (as defined therein), dated as of December 4, 2015

Exhibit 10.3 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 8, 2015

10.81 Registration Rights Agreement by and between LSB Industries, Inc. and the Purchaser Named on Schedule A thereto, dated as of December 4, 2015

Exhibit 10.4 to the Company s Form 8-K filed December 8, 2015

10.82 Urea Ammonium Nitrate Purchase and Sale Agreement dated as of March 3, 2016 and effective as of June 1, 2016 between Coffeyville Resources Nitrogen Fertilizers, LLC and Pryor Chemical Company Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 10-Q filed May 4, 2016

CERTAIN INFORMATION WITHIN THIS
EXHIBIT HAS BEEN OMITTED AS IT IS THE
SUBJECT OF A COMMISSION ORDER
SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON MAY 4, 2016
WHEREBY THE COMPANY REQUESTS
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT BY THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT.

10.83 Stock Purchase Agreement by and among
Consolidated Industries L.L.C., The Climate Control
Group, Inc., NIBE Energy Systems Inc. and, solely
for purposes of Sections 6.8, 6.19 and 11.15 therein,
LSB Industries, Inc., and solely for purposes of
Section 11.16 therein, NIBE Industrier AB (publ),
dated as of May 11, 2016.

Exhibit 10.1 to the Company s Form 8-K filed May 13 2016

- 21.1(a) Subsidiaries of the Company
- 23.1(a) Consent of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 23.2(a) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 23.3(a) Consent of Pinnacle Energy Services, L.L.C.
- 24.1(a) Power of Attorney (included as part of the signature pages to the Registration Statement).
- (a) Filed herewith.
- \* Executive Compensation Plan or Arrangement