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Title of Each Class of Securities Offered	Amount to be Registered	Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Aggregate Registration Fee(
10% Senior Notes due 2014	\$200,000,000	92.625%	\$185,250,000	\$7,281

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

Prospectus Supplement**March 6, 2009****(To Prospectus dated September 22, 2008)****\$200,000,000****Anixter Inc.****10% Senior Notes due 2014**

**Fully and Unconditionally Guaranteed by
Anixter International Inc.**

Anixter Inc. ("Anixter") will pay interest on the Notes on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning September 15, 2009. The Notes will mature on March 15, 2014. Anixter may redeem some or all of the Notes at any time at the redemption price set forth in this prospectus supplement under Supplemental Description of the Notes Optional Redemption. In addition, before March 15, 2012, Anixter may redeem up to 35% of the Notes at the redemption price of 110% of their principal amount plus accrued interest, using the net cash proceeds from public sales of Anixter International common stock. If Anixter experiences certain kinds of changes of control, it must offer to repurchase all of the Notes outstanding at 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Notes will be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Payments on the Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Anixter International Inc. ("Anixter International"). The Notes will be unsecured obligations and will rank equally with Anixter's existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness. The guarantee will be an unsecured obligation of Anixter International and will rank equally with Anixter International's existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness.

Investing in the Notes involves risk. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement.

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

	Per Note	Total
Public offering price(1)	92.625%	\$ 185,250,000
Underwriting Discount	2.000%	\$ 4,000,000
Proceeds (before expenses) to Anixter	90.625%	\$ 181,250,000

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from March 11, 2009.

The Notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public market for the Notes.

We expect that delivery of the Notes will be made to investors through the book-entry delivery system of The Depository Trust Company for the account of its participants, including Clearstream and the Euroclear system, on or about March 11, 2009.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Banc of America Securities LLC

J.P. Morgan

Wachovia Securities

Co-Manager

Scotia Capital

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

It is important for you to read and consider all of the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in *Incorporation by Reference* on page ii of this prospectus supplement and *Where You Can Find More Information* on page 2 of the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained in this document or to which we have referred you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale of these securities is not permitted. This document may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. The information in this document may only be accurate on the date of this document.

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INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document that Anixter International has filed separately with the SEC that contains that information. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Information that Anixter International files with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement will automatically modify and supersede the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus to the extent that the subsequently filed information modifies or supersedes the existing information. We incorporate by reference:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009;

our Proxy Statement for our 2008 Annual Meeting filed April 8, 2008; and

any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until we sell all of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement.

You may request a copy of any of these filings at no cost by writing to or telephoning us at the following address and telephone number: Anixter International Inc., 2301 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, Illinois 60026, attention Treasurer, telephone: (224) 521-8000.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement may contain various forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act, which can be identified by the use of forwarding-looking terminology such as believes, expects, intends, anticipates, contemplates, estimates, plans, projects, should, may or similar expressions, including the negative thereof, or other variations thereon or comparable terminology indicating our expectations or beliefs concerning future events. Such statements are subject to a number of factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from what is indicated in this prospectus supplement. These factors include general economic conditions, changes in supplier sales strategy or financial viability, political, economic and currency risks related to foreign operations, inventory obsolescence, copper price fluctuations, customer viability, risks associated with accounts receivable, potential impairment of goodwill, risks associated with integration of acquired companies, and other factors identified herein under the heading Risk Factors, and in our reports filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act, including under Item 1A, Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 2, 2009.

We undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements as a result of any events or circumstances after the date made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information appearing elsewhere in this document. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before purchasing the Notes. You should carefully read the Risk Factors section beginning on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement to determine whether an investment in our Notes is appropriate for you. Unless the context requires otherwise, references to Anixter are to Anixter Inc. and its subsidiaries and references to we, us or our refer collectively to Anixter International and its subsidiaries.

Anixter International Inc.

Overview. We believe we are a leader in the provision of advanced inventory management services including procurement, just-in-time delivery, quality assurance testing, advisory engineering services, component kit production, small component assembly and e-commerce and electronic data interchange to a broad spectrum of customers. Our comprehensive supply chain management solutions are designed to reduce customer procurement and management costs and enhance overall production or installation efficiencies. Inventory management services are frequently provided under customer contracts for periods in excess of one year and include the interfacing of Anixter International and customer information systems and the maintenance of dedicated distribution facilities. These services are provided exclusively in connection with the sales of products, and as such, the price of such services are included in the price of the products delivered to the customer.

Through a combination of our service capabilities and a portfolio of products from industry leading manufacturers, we are a leading global distributor of data, voice, video and security network communication products and the largest North American distributor of specialty wire and cable products. In addition, we are a leading distributor of C Class inventory components which are incorporated into a wide variety of end use applications and include screws, bolts, nuts, washers, pins, rings, fittings, springs, electrical connectors and similar small parts, the majority of which are specialized or highly engineered for particular customer applications.

Customers. We sell products to over 100,000 active customers. These customers are international, national, regional and local companies that include end users of our products, installers, integrators and resellers of our products as well as original equipment manufacturers who use our products as a component of their end product. Customers for our products cover all industry groups including manufacturing, telecommunications, internet service providers, finance, education, healthcare, transportation, utilities, aerospace and defense and government as well as contractors, installers, system integrators, value-added resellers, architects, engineers and wholesale distributors. Our customer base is well diversified with no single customer accounting for more than 3% of sales and no single end market industry group accounting for more than 11% of sales.

Products. We sell over 425,000 products. These products include communications (voice, data, video and security) products used to connect personal computers, peripheral equipment, mainframe equipment, security equipment and various networks to each other. These products consist of an assortment of transmission media (copper and fiber optic cable), connectivity products, support and supply products, and security surveillance and access control products. These products are incorporated into enterprise networks, physical security networks, central switching offices, web hosting sites and remote transmission sites. In addition, we provide electrical wire and cable products, including electrical and electronic wire and cable, control and instrumentation cable and coaxial cable that is used in a wide variety of maintenance, repair and construction related applications. We also provide a wide variety of electrical and electronic wire and cable products, fasteners and other small components that are used by original equipment manufacturers in manufacturing a wide variety of products.

Suppliers. We source products from over 7,000 suppliers. However, approximately 30% of our dollar volume purchases in 2008 were from our five largest suppliers. An important element of our overall business strategy is to develop and maintain close relationships with our key suppliers, which include the world's leading manufacturers of communication cabling, connectivity, support and supply products, electrical wire and cable and fasteners. Such relationships emphasize joint product planning, inventory management, technical support, advertising and marketing. In support of this strategy, we generally do not compete with our suppliers

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in product design or manufacturing activities. We also generally do not sell private label products that are either one of our brands or a brand name exclusive to us.

Our typical distribution agreement includes the following significant terms:

- a non-exclusive right to re-sell products to any customer in a geographical area (typically defined as a country);
- usually cancelable upon 90 days notice by either party for any reason;
- no minimum purchase requirements, although pricing may change with volume on a prospective basis; and
- the right to pass through the manufacturer's warranty to our customers.

Distribution and Service Platform. We cost-effectively serve our customers' needs through our proprietary computer systems, which connect most of our warehouses and sales offices throughout the world. The systems are designed for sales support, order entry, inventory status, order tracking, credit review and material management. Customers may also conduct business through our e-commerce platform, one of the most comprehensive, user-friendly and secure websites in the industry.

We operate a series of large modern regional warehouses in key geographic locations in North America, Europe and Emerging Markets (defined as Latin America and Asia Pacific) that provide for cost-effective, reliable storage and delivery of products to our customers. We have designated 14 warehouses as regional warehouses. Collectively these facilities store approximately 37% of our inventory. In certain cities, some smaller warehouses are also maintained to maximize transportation efficiency and to provide for the local needs of customers. This network of warehouses and sales offices consists of 159 locations in the United States, 18 in Canada, 37 in the United Kingdom, 43 in Continental Europe, 26 in Latin America, 18 in Asia and 4 in Australia/New Zealand.

We have also developed close relationships with certain freight, package delivery and courier services to minimize transit times between our facilities and customer locations. The combination of our information systems, distribution network and delivery partnerships allows us to provide a high level of customer service while maintaining a reasonable level of investment in inventory and facilities.

Employees. At January 2, 2009, we employed 8,645 people. Approximately 41% of our employees are engaged in sales or sales-related activities, 40% are engaged in warehousing and distribution operations and 19% are engaged in support activities, including inventory management, information services, finance, human resources and general management. Less than three percent of our employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements.

Competition. Given our role as an aggregator of many different types of products from many different sources and because these products are sold to many different industry groups, there is no well-defined industry group against which we compete. We view the competitive environment as highly fragmented with hundreds of distributors and manufacturers that sell products directly or through multiple distribution channels to end users or other resellers. There is significant competition within each end market and geography served that creates pricing pressure and the need for constant attention to improve services. Competition is based primarily on breadth of products, quality, services, price and geographic proximity. We believe that we have a significant competitive advantage due to our comprehensive product and service offerings, highly-skilled workforce and global distribution network. We believe our global distribution platform provides a competitive advantage to serving multinational customers' needs. Our operations and logistics platform gives us the ability to ship orders from inventory for delivery within 24 to 48 hours to all major global markets. In addition, we have common systems and processes throughout much of our operations in 52 countries that provide our customers and suppliers with global consistency.

We enhance our value proposition to both key suppliers and customers through our specifications and testing facilities and numerous quality assurance certification programs such as ISO 9001 and QSO 9000. We use our testing facilities in conjunction with suppliers to develop product specifications and to test quality

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compliance. At our data network-testing lab located at our suburban Chicago headquarters, we also work with customers to design and test various product configurations to optimize network design and performance specific to our customers' needs. At our various regional quality labs, we offer original equipment manufacturers a comprehensive range of mechanical testing and materials characterization for product testing and failure investigation.

Most of our competitors are privately held, and as a result, reliable competitive information is not available.

Contract Sales and Backlog. We have a number of customers who purchase products under long-term (generally three to five year) contractual arrangements. In such circumstances, the relationship with the customer typically involves a high degree of material requirements planning and information systems interfaces and, in some cases, may require the maintenance of a dedicated distribution facility or dedicated personnel and inventory at, or in close proximity to, the customer site to meet the needs of the customer. Such contracts do not generally require the customer to purchase any minimum amount of goods from us, but would require that materials acquired by us as a result of joint material requirements planning between us and the customer be purchased by the customer.

Generally, backlog orders, excluding contractual customers, represent approximately four weeks of sales and ship to customers within 30 to 60 days from order date. Our operations and logistics platform gives us the ability to ship orders from inventory stock for delivery within 24 to 48 hours to all major global markets.

Seasonality. Our operating results are not significantly affected by seasonal fluctuations except for the impact resulting from variations in the number of billing days from quarter to quarter. Consecutive quarter sales from the third to fourth quarters are generally lower due to the holidays and lower number of billing days as compared to other consecutive quarter comparisons. As our fastener business grows, we expect seasonal fluctuations to increase slightly, as the first and second quarter are somewhat stronger in the fastener business, due to third and fourth quarter seasonal and holiday plant shutdowns among our original equipment manufacturer customers.

Anixter Inc.

All of the operating activities of Anixter International are conducted through its wholly owned subsidiary Anixter Inc.

Our executive offices are located at 2301 Patriot Boulevard, Glenview, Illinois 60026. Our telephone number at those offices is (224) 521-8000.

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The Offering

Issuer	Anixter Inc. (Anixter)
Securities Offered	\$200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 10% Senior Notes due 2014.
Guarantees	Anixter International Inc. will fully and unconditionally guarantee all the obligations of Anixter Inc. under the Notes. The Notes initially will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. As of and for the year ended January 2, 2009, Anixter (excluding Anixter's subsidiaries) holds approximately 75% of Anixter International's U.S. assets and generates approximately 90% of Anixter International's U.S. operating income.
Issue Price	92.625% plus accrued interest from March 11, 2009.
Interest	10% per year. Interest on the Notes is payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2009.
Optional Redemption	Anixter may redeem all or part of the Notes at any time at its option at a redemption price equal to the greater of (1) the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date or (2) a "make-whole" amount based on the yield of a comparable U.S. Treasury security plus 0.50%. In addition, before March 15, 2012, Anixter may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes with the net cash proceeds from public sales of Anixter International common stock at a redemption price equal to 110% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. See Supplemental Description of the Notes Optional Redemption.
Change of Control	Upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined under Description of Debt Securities Certain Definitions in the accompanying prospectus), Anixter will be required to make an offer to purchase the Notes. The purchase price will equal 101% of the principal amount of the Notes on the date of purchase, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. Anixter may not have enough funds available at the time of a change of control to make any required debt payment (including repurchases of the Notes).
Ranking	<p>The Notes will be senior unsecured obligations of Anixter, ranking equally in right of payment with other senior unsecured indebtedness of Anixter from time to time outstanding.</p> <p>The guarantee of Anixter International will be a senior unsecured obligation of Anixter International, ranking equally in right of payment with other senior unsecured indebtedness of Anixter International from time to time outstanding.</p> <p>The Notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the assets securing such</p>

indebtedness. The Notes will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other obligations of our subsidiaries.

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The Indenture pursuant to which the Notes are issued does not limit the amount of debt that Anixter, Anixter International or any of its subsidiaries may incur.

Certain Covenants

The Indenture limits our ability to:

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engage in sale and leaseback transactions;

make certain restricted payments; and

merge or consolidate with or into other companies or sell all or substantially all of our assets.

For additional information, see Description of the Debt Securities Certain Covenants of Anixter and Anixter International in the accompanying prospectus and Supplemental Description of the Notes Certain Covenants of Anixter and Anixter International herein.

Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds, after estimated expenses, to Anixter from the sale of the Notes offered hereby will be approximately \$180,500,000 million, which we will use for general corporate purposes, including to reduce funding under our accounts receivable securitization program. See Use of Proceeds.

Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the information set forth under Risk Factors before deciding to invest in the Notes.

For additional information regarding the Notes, see Supplemental Description of the Notes.

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The summary consolidated financial data presented below as of and for the fiscal years ended January 2, 2009, December 28, 2007 and December 29, 2006 is derived from our audited financial statements. You should read this information in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes incorporated herein by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009.

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	December 29, 2006	December 28, 2007	January 2, 2009
	(In millions, except share amounts)		
Selected Income Statement Data:			
Net sales	\$ 4,938.6	\$ 5,852.9	\$ 6,136.6
Operating income(a)	337.1	439.1	391.9
Interest expense and other, net(b)	(34.1)	(41.6)	(73.8)
Net income(a)(b)(c)	\$ 209.3	\$ 253.5	\$ 195.7
Selected Balance Sheet Data:			
Total assets(d)	\$ 2,566.2	\$ 3,016.2	\$ 3,091.7
Total short term debt(e)	\$ 212.3	\$ 84.1	\$ 249.5
Total long term debt(e)	\$ 597.0	\$ 937.2	\$ 917.5
Stockholders' equity(d)(f)	\$ 962.0	\$ 1,047.8	\$ 1,035.8
Other Financial Data:			
Working capital	\$ 1,097.8	\$ 1,439.0	\$ 1,350.9
Capital expenditures	\$ 25.0	\$ 36.1	\$ 32.7
Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets	\$ 24.0	\$ 30.8	\$ 34.6
EBITDA(g)	\$ 365.8	\$ 473.5	\$ 400.7
Adjusted EBITDA(g)	\$ 369.4	\$ 481.8	\$ 478.9

Notes:

- (a) For the year ended January 2, 2009, operating income includes \$4.2 million of expense (\$0.07 per diluted share) related to the retirement of our former Chief Executive Officer, \$24.1 million (\$0.38 per diluted share) related to receivable losses from customer bankruptcies, \$2.0 million (\$0.04 per diluted share) related to the inventory lower of cost or market adjustments resulting from sharply lower copper prices, and \$8.1 million (\$0.14 per diluted share) primarily related to personnel severance costs related to staffing reductions and exit costs associated with leased facilities that we incurred to re-align our business in connection with current market conditions. For the year ended December 29, 2006, operating income includes a favorable sales tax-related settlement in Australia which reduced operating expenses by \$2.2 million (\$0.04 per diluted share).
- (b) In 2006, we recorded interest income of \$6.9 million (\$0.10 per diluted share) as a result of tax settlements in the U.S. and Canada.
- (c) For the year ended January 2, 2009, net income includes a pre-tax loss of \$18.0 million, \$13.1 million, net of tax (\$0.34 per diluted share) related to foreign exchange losses due to both a sharp change in the relationship between the U.S. dollar and all of the major currencies in which we conduct our business and, for several weeks, highly volatile conditions in the foreign exchange markets. For the year ended January 2, 2009, net income also

includes a pre-tax loss of \$6.5 million, \$4.0 million, net of tax (\$0.10 per diluted share) related to the decline in the cash surrender value inherent in a series of our owned life insurance policies associated with our sponsored deferred compensation program and \$1.6 million (\$0.04 per diluted share) of net tax benefits related to the reversal of valuation allowances associated with certain foreign net operating loss carryforwards in the first quarter of 2008. For the year ended December 28, 2007, we recorded \$11.8 million (\$0.28 per diluted share) of net income primarily related to foreign tax benefits as well as a tax settlement in the U.S. For the year ended December 29, 2006, we recorded \$27.0 million

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(\$0.63 per diluted share) of net income primarily related to tax settlements in the U.S. and Canada and the initial establishment of deferred taxes associated with our foreign operations.

- (d) On December 30, 2006 (the beginning of our fiscal 2007), the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109* (FIN 48) were adopted. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recorded a \$0.9 million increase in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits, which was accounted for as a reduction to the December 30, 2006 opening balance of retained earnings. In 2006, upon the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 158, *Employer’s Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans* (an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)) (SFAS No. 158) we recorded the amount of our unfunded pension liability on our balance sheet resulting in an increase of \$25.9 million in total pension liabilities. The pension liability adjustment was offset by a net reduction in stockholders’ equity of \$19.0 million and deferred tax assets of \$6.9 million. In accordance with SFAS No. 158, the financial statements for periods prior to the date of adoption have not been restated.
- (e) At January 2, 2009, December 28, 2007, and December 29, 2006, short-term debt primarily consists of the accounts receivable securitization facility. During the first quarter of 2007, we issued \$300 million of convertible senior notes due 2013. For more information on short-term and long-term debt, see Note 4. Debt in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements incorporated herein by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009.
- (f) Stockholders’ equity reflects treasury stock purchases of \$244.8 million and \$104.6 million for the year ended December 28, 2007 and the year ended January 2, 2009, respectively, all of which stock has been retired. We did not purchase any treasury shares in 2006.
- (g) EBITDA is defined as income before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA before foreign exchange and other non-operating income and stock-based compensation. Adjusted EBITDA for fiscal 2008 also excludes the previously mentioned items: \$24.1 million related to receivable losses from customer bankruptcies, \$2.0 million related to the inventory lower of cost or market adjustments and \$8.1 million primarily related to personnel severance costs related to staffing reductions and exit costs associated with leased facilities. Adjusted EBITDA for fiscal 2006 excludes a favorable sales tax-related settlement in Australia which reduced operating expenses by \$2.2 million. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are presented because we believe they are useful indicators of our performance and our ability to meet debt service requirements. They are not, however, intended as an alternative measure of operating results or cash flow from operations as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not necessarily comparable to similarly

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titled measures used by other companies. The following table presents a reconciliation of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA to net income:

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	December 29, 2006	December 28, 2007 (In millions)	January 2, 2009
Net income	\$ 209.3	\$ 253.5	\$ 195.7
Interest expense	38.8	45.2	48.0
Income taxes	93.7	144.0	122.4
Depreciation	19.3	22.9	24.9
Amortization of intangible assets	4.7	7.9	9.7
EBITDA	\$ 365.8	\$ 473.5	\$ 400.7
Foreign exchange and other non-operating income	(4.7)	(3.6)	25.8
Stock-based compensation	10.5	11.9	18.2
Receivable losses from customer bankruptcies			24.1
Inventory lower of cost or market adjustment			2.0
Personnel severance costs/exit costs associated with leased facilities			8.1
Sales tax-related settlement in Australia	(2.2)		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 369.4	\$ 481.8	\$ 478.9

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RISK FACTORS

*In deciding whether to invest in the Notes, you should consider carefully the following factors that could materially adversely affect our operating results and financial condition. Each of the risks described below could result in a decrease in the value of the Notes and your investment therein. Although we have tried to discuss key factors, please be aware that other risks may prove to be important in the future. New risks may emerge at any time, and we cannot predict those risks or estimate the extent to which they may affect our financial performance. You should also consider the information included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009. The information contained and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, and we refer you to *Forward-Looking Statements* in the accompanying prospectus.*

Risks Related to the Business

A change in sales strategy or financial viability of our suppliers could adversely affect our sales or earnings.

Most of our agreements with suppliers are terminable by either party on short notice for any reason. We currently source products from over 7,000 suppliers. However, approximately 30% of our dollar volume purchases in 2008 were from our five largest suppliers. If any of these suppliers changed its sales strategy to reduce its reliance on distribution channels, or decided to terminate its business relationship with us, our sales and earnings could be adversely affected until we were able to establish relationships with suppliers of comparable products. Although we believe our relationships with these key suppliers are good, they could change their strategies as a result of a change in control, expansion of their direct sales force, changes in the marketplace or other factors beyond our control, including a key supplier becoming financially distressed.

Our foreign operations are subject to political, economic and currency risks.

We derive approximately 41% of our revenues from sales outside of the United States. Economic and political conditions in some of these markets may adversely affect our results of operations, cash flows and financial condition in these markets. Our results of operations and the value of our foreign assets are affected by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, and different legal, tax, accounting and regulatory requirements.

We have risks associated with inventory.

We must identify the right product mix and maintain sufficient inventory on hand to meet customer orders. Failure to do so could adversely affect our sales and earnings. However, if circumstances change (for example, an unexpected shift in market demand, pricing or customer defaults) there could be a material impact on the net realizable value of our inventory. To guard against inventory obsolescence, we have negotiated various return rights and price protection agreements with certain key suppliers. We also maintain an inventory valuation reserve account against diminution in the value or salability of our inventory. However, there is no guaranty that these arrangements will be sufficient to avoid write-offs in excess of our reserves in all circumstances.

Our operating results are affected by copper prices.

Our operating results have been affected by changes in prices of copper, which is a major component in the electrical wire and cable products sold by us. As our purchase costs with suppliers change to reflect the changing copper prices, our mark-up to customers remains relatively constant, resulting in higher or lower sales revenue and gross profit,

depending on whether copper prices are increasing or decreasing.

We have risk associated with the integration of acquired businesses.

Our recent growth in sales and earnings is attributable to a combination of organic growth and acquisitions. In connection with recent and future acquisitions, it is necessary for us to continue to create a cohesive business from the various acquired properties. This requires the establishment of a common management team to guide

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the acquired businesses, the conversion of numerous information systems to a common operating system, the establishment of a brand identity for the acquired businesses, the streamlining of the operating structure to optimize efficiency and customer service and a reassessment of the inventory and supplier base to ensure the availability of products at competitive prices. No assurance can be given that these various actions can continue to be completed without disruption to the business, that the various actions can be completed in a short period of time or that anticipated improvements in operating performance can be achieved.

Our debt agreements could impose restrictions on our business.

Our debt agreements contain certain financial and operating covenants that limit our discretion with respect to certain business matters. These covenants restrict our ability to incur additional indebtedness. As a result of these restrictions, we are limited in how we may conduct our business and may be unable to compete effectively or take advantage of new business opportunities.

We have risks associated with accounts receivable.

Although no single customer accounts for more than 3% of the our sales, a payment default by one of our larger customers could have a short-term impact on earnings. Given the current economic environment, the risk that constrained access to capital and general market contractions may heighten exposure of customer default.

We may be required to record a charge to our earnings if our goodwill becomes impaired.

We test for impairment of goodwill annually at the beginning of the third quarter in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards. When events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value for such assets may not be recoverable, however, we review our goodwill for impairment on an interim basis. Factors that may be considered a change in circumstances requiring our interim testing include a decline in stock price as compared to our book value per share, future cash flows and slower growth rates. As a result of the dramatic change in the economic and market conditions in the fourth quarter of 2008, including the change in our stock price as compared to its book value per share and the significant disruptions in the global credit markets, we performed an interim impairment test for goodwill as of the fiscal year end 2008. We did not record any impairment charge as a result of that interim test. However, in connection with future annual or interim tests, we may be required to record a non-cash charge to earnings in our financial statements during the period in which any impairment of goodwill is determined, resulting in an impact on our results of operations. For additional information related to impairment of goodwill, see Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Goodwill in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements incorporated herein by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009.

Risks Related to the Notes

Our level of indebtedness and our ability to incur additional debt may restrict our future operations and impair our ability to meet our obligations under the Notes.

As of January 2, 2009, we had approximately \$1,167.0 million of outstanding indebtedness. After giving pro forma effect to, and the use of proceeds from, the sale of the Notes, our total consolidated indebtedness as of January 2, 2009 would have been \$1,186.5 million.

The indenture governing the Notes permits us to incur additional indebtedness. In addition, in certain circumstances, we may incur secured indebtedness. We therefore may incur additional debt, including secured indebtedness that would be effectively senior to the Notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing such debt, or indebtedness at the subsidiary level to which the Notes would be structurally subordinated.

The amount of our debt may have important consequences to you. For instance, it could:

make it more difficult for us to satisfy our financial obligations, including those relating to the Notes;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of interest and principal due under our debt, including the Notes, which will reduce funds available for other business purposes;

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increase the risk of a ratings downgrade, increasing our cost of financing and limiting our access to capital markets;

increase the risk of a default of certain loan covenants, restricting our use of cash and financing alternatives;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

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

place us at a competitive disadvantage compared with some of our competitors that have less debt; and

limit our ability to obtain additional financing required to fund working capital and capital expenditures, mergers and acquisitions and for other general corporate purposes.

From time to time we have paid special dividends and repurchased shares of our common stock. To the extent we use cash to pay dividends or acquire shares of common stock, we will have less cash to satisfy our obligation under the Notes.

Our ability to satisfy our obligations depends on our future operating performance and on economic, financial, competitive and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. Our business may not generate sufficient cash flow, and future financings may not be available to provide sufficient net proceeds, to meet these obligations or to successfully execute our business strategy.

The Notes will be structurally subordinated to the debt and liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The Notes will not be guaranteed by our subsidiaries. Payments on the Notes are required to be made only by Anixter and Anixter International. We will not have direct access to the assets of our subsidiaries unless those assets are transferred by dividend or otherwise to us. The ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or otherwise transfer assets to us is subject to various restrictions, including restrictions under other agreements and under applicable law. Certain of our domestic subsidiaries provide guarantees of our revolving credit facility. Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries, including trade creditors and lenders under our revolving credit facility in the case of subsidiaries that guarantee our revolving credit facility, generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of our subsidiaries over our claims or those of our creditors, including holders of the Notes. As a result, the Notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future debt and liabilities, including trade payables, of our subsidiaries.

We sell, on an ongoing basis without recourse, substantially all our accounts receivable originating in the United States to a wholly owned bankruptcy remote subsidiary of ours. The accounts receivable are not our assets or assets of our subsidiaries and are not available to us or our subsidiaries to repay debt.

We may be prohibited from repurchasing, and may be unable to repurchase, the Notes upon a change of control, which would cause defaults under the indenture for the Notes and possibly our other debt or financing agreements that may be in effect at the time of the change of control.

If we experience a change of control, as defined under Description of Debt Securities Certain Definitions in the accompanying prospectus, we will be required to make an offer to repurchase all of the Notes at 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. We cannot assure you that we will have sufficient funds or be able to arrange for additional financing to repurchase the Notes following such a change of

control. In addition, we cannot assure you that a repurchase of the Notes following such a change in control would be permitted pursuant to our other debt or financing agreements that may be in effect at the time of such change in control, which could cause our other indebtedness to be accelerated. If such indebtedness were to be accelerated, we may not have sufficient funds to repurchase the Notes and repay such indebtedness.

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An active trading market for the Notes may not develop.

We cannot assure you that an active trading market will develop or be maintained for the Notes. If an active trading market does develop for the Notes, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and our performance and other factors.

The Notes will be issued with original issue discount for United States federal income tax purposes.

The Notes will be issued with original issue discount (OID) for United States federal income tax purposes because the stated principal amount of the Notes exceeds their issue price by more than a de minimis amount. A United States holder of a Note will have to report any OID as gross income as it accrues (prior to the receipt of cash attributable thereto), based on a constant yield method and regardless of the United States holder's regular method of accounting for United States federal income tax purposes. See Certain United States Federal Tax Considerations.

If a bankruptcy petition were filed by or against us, holders of Notes may receive a lesser amount for their claim than they would have been entitled to receive under the Indenture governing the Notes.

If a bankruptcy petition were filed by or against us under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code after the issuance of the Notes, the claim by any holder of the Notes for the principal amount of the Notes may be limited to an amount equal to the sum of:

the original issue price for the Notes; and

that portion of the original issue discount that does not constitute unmatured interest for purposes of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Any original issue discount that was not amortized as of the date of the bankruptcy filing would constitute unmatured interest. Accordingly, holders of the Notes under these circumstances may receive a lesser amount than they would be entitled to receive under the terms of the Indenture governing the Notes, even if sufficient funds are available.

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The net proceeds, after underwriting discounts and estimated expenses, to Anixter from the sale of the Notes offered hereby will be approximately \$180,500,000 million. We will use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes, including to reduce funding under our accounts receivable securitization program. On January 2, 2009, the effective cost of funding under the accounts receivable securitization program was 2.4%.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of January 2, 2009 (i) on an actual basis and (ii) on an as adjusted basis, after giving effect to this offering and the use of the net proceeds thereof. This table should be read in conjunction with Use of Proceeds in this prospectus supplement and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2009.

	As of January 2, 2009	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(In millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65.3	\$ 65.3
Total debt:		
Short-term debt	249.5	69.0
Bank revolving lines of credit	250.0	250.0
5.95% senior notes due 2015	200.0	200.0
Notes offered hereby ⁽¹⁾		200.0
1.00% convertible senior notes due 2013	300.0	300.0
3.25% zero coupon convertible notes due 2033	167.5	167.5
Total debt	1,167.0	1,186.5
Total stockholders' equity	1,035.8	1,035.8
Total capitalization	\$ 2,202.8	\$ 2,222.3

(1) The Notes are being offered at a price of 92.625% of their face value, resulting in approximately \$185.3 million in gross proceeds to us.

RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following are ratios of our earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods indicated:

Fiscal Year Ended

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	December 31, 2004	December 30, 2005	December 29, 2006	December 28, 2007	January 2, 2009
Actual	4.97	4.70	6.44	7.17	5.60
Pro Forma ⁽¹⁾					4.66

(1) The pro forma ratio gives effect to the issuance of the Notes offered hereby and the use of proceeds as described under the Use of Proceeds section of the prospectus supplement as if they occurred on December 29, 2007 (the beginning of fiscal 2008 for the Company).

Earnings represent income before taxes, adjusted for minority interest in fiscal year ended December 29, 2006, plus fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of (i) interest on all indebtedness (including capital leases) and amortization of debt discount and deferred financing fees, (ii) interest factor attributable to rentals and (iii) interest on liabilities associated with Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, which was adopted by us at the beginning of fiscal year ended January 2, 2009.

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SUPPLEMENTAL DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

Please read the following information concerning the Notes in conjunction with the statements under Description of the Debt Securities in the accompanying prospectus, which the following information supplements and, if there are any inconsistencies, supersedes. The following description is not complete. The Notes will be issued under the Indenture, dated as of September 9, 1996, as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 24, 2005 and the Second Supplemental Indenture dated as of March 11, 2009, that we have entered into with The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. The Indenture is described in the accompanying prospectus and is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement under which the Notes are being offered and sold.

General

Anixter will offer \$200,000,000 of 10% Senior Notes due 2014 as a series of Notes under the Indenture. The Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Anixter International. The Notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. See Guarantee of Anixter International in the accompanying prospectus.

The Notes will constitute part of the senior debt of Anixter and are equal in right of payment to any other existing or future senior unsecured obligations of Anixter. The guarantee by Anixter International will constitute part of the senior debt of Anixter International and is equal in right of payment to any other existing or future senior unsecured obligations of Anixter International. The Notes will not be subject to any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments.

Interest Payments

The entire principal amount of the Notes will mature and become due and payable, together with any accrued and unpaid interest, on March 15, 2014. Each Note will bear interest at the annual rate set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement beginning March 11, 2009. The interest will be paid semi-annually on March 15 and September 15, commencing September 15, 2009. Interest will be paid on March 15 to the person in whose name the Note is registered at the close of business on the immediately preceding March 1 and on September 15 to the person in whose name the Note is registered at the close of business on the immediately preceding September 1. We will compute the amount of interest payable on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Optional Redemption

The Notes will not be redeemable at any time prior to maturity except as set forth below.

Anixter may redeem all or part of the Notes at any time at its option at a redemption price equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date or (2) the Make-Whole Amount for the Notes being redeemed.

As used herein:

Make-Whole Amount means the sum, as determined by a Quotation Agent, of the present values of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, together with scheduled payments of interest (exclusive of interest to the redemption date) from the redemption date to the stated maturity of the Notes, in each case discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis, assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, at the Adjusted Treasury Rate, plus accrued interest on the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed to the redemption date.

Adjusted Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15 (519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury

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Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the remaining term of the Notes, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month) or (ii) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date, in each case calculated on the third business day preceding the redemption date, plus 0.50%.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term from the redemption date to the stated maturity of the Notes that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, if clause (ii) of the definition of Adjusted Treasury Rate is applicable, the average of three, or such lesser number as is obtained by the trustee, Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date.

Quotation Agent means the Reference Treasury Dealer selected by us.

Reference Treasury Dealers mean Banc of America Securities LLC and any successor thereto or any other primary U.S. Government securities dealers selected by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by a Reference Treasury Dealer, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue, expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount, quoted in writing to the trustee by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

In addition, at any time prior to March 15, 2012, Anixter may redeem up to 35% of the principal amount of the Notes with the net cash proceeds of one or more public sales of Anixter International common stock at a redemption price (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) of 110%, plus accrued interest to the redemption date; *provided* that at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes originally issued on the Issue Date remains outstanding after each such redemption and notice of any such redemption is mailed within 60 days of each such sale of common stock.

Selection and Notice of Redemption

If we are redeeming less than all the Notes at any time, the trustee will select the Notes to be redeemed using a method it considers fair and appropriate.

We will redeem Notes in increments of \$1,000. We will cause notices of redemption to be mailed by first-class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of Notes to be redeemed at its registered address. However, in the case of a redemption described in the second paragraph of *Optional Redemption*, we will not know the exact redemption price until three business days before the redemption date. Therefore, the notice of redemption in such case will only describe how the redemption price will be calculated.

If any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to that Note will state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. We will issue a Note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed

portion of the original Note in the name of the holder thereof upon cancellation of the original Note. Notes called for redemption will become due on the date fixed for redemption. On or after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on Notes or portions of them called for redemption.

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Forms and Denominations

The Notes will be issued as one or more global securities in the name of a nominee of the Depository Trust Company and will be available only in book-entry form. See *Description of Debt Securities Book-Entry Issuance* in the accompanying prospectus. The Notes are available for purchase in multiples of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Additional Notes

Anixter may, without the consent of the holders of the Notes, create and issue additional notes (the *Additional Notes*) ranking equally with the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement in all respects, including having the same CUSIP number, so that such Additional Notes would be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes offered hereby and would have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the Notes offered hereby. No Additional Notes may be issued if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to the Notes.

Guarantees

Anixter International fully and unconditionally guarantees the payments of principal and interest on the Notes when due regardless of whether at maturity or at an earlier date. The guarantee by Anixter International ranks equally with all other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Anixter International and will remain in full force and effect until all principal and interest on the Notes have been paid.

Certain Covenants of Anixter and Anixter International

The Indenture contains certain covenants of Anixter, Anixter International and certain subsidiaries set forth under *Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants of Anixter and Anixter International* in the accompanying prospectus and shall also contain the following covenant:

Limitations on Restricted Payments

Anixter and Anixter International will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, make any Restricted Payment if at the time of such Restricted Payment:

- (a) a Default shall have occurred and be continuing or shall occur as a consequence thereof;
- (b) after giving effect to such Restricted Payment (including, without limitation, the incurrence of any Indebtedness to finance such Restricted Payment), the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio would be less than 2:00 to 1:00; or
- (c) the amount of such Restricted Payment, when added to the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made after the Issue Date (other than Restricted Payments made pursuant to clauses (b), (c) or (d) of the next paragraph), exceeds the sum (the *Restricted Payments Basket*) of (without duplication):
 - (i) 50% of consolidated net income of Anixter International and all of its Subsidiaries (for the avoidance of doubt, including Unrestricted Subsidiaries) determined in accordance with GAAP for the period (taken as one accounting period) commencing on the first day of the first full fiscal quarter commencing after the Issue Date to and including the last day of the fiscal quarter ended immediately prior to the date of such calculation for which consolidated financial statements are available (or, if such consolidated net income shall be a deficit, minus 100% of such aggregate deficit), *plus*

(ii) 100% of the aggregate net cash proceeds received by Anixter International from the issuance and sale of Qualified Equity Interests of Anixter International after the Issue Date, other than (A) any such proceeds which are used to redeem Notes in accordance with the last paragraph under Optional Redemption or (B) any such proceeds or assets received from a Subsidiary of Anixter, *plus*

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(iii) the aggregate amount by which Indebtedness (other than any Subordinated Indebtedness) incurred by Anixter or Anixter International or any Subsidiary subsequent to the Issue Date is reduced on Anixter International's balance sheet upon the conversion or exchange (other than by a Subsidiary of Anixter) into Qualified Equity Interests of Anixter International (less the amount of any cash, or the fair value of assets, distributed by Anixter, Anixter International or any Subsidiary upon such conversion or exchange).

The foregoing provisions will not prohibit:

(a) the payment by Anixter International of any dividend within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if on the date of declaration the payment would have complied with the provisions of the Indenture;

(b) the redemption of any Equity Interests of Anixter International in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent issuance and sale of, Qualified Equity Interests;

(c) payments by Anixter International to redeem Equity Interests of Anixter International held by officers, directors or employees or former officers, directors or employees (or their transferees, estates or beneficiaries under their estates) of Anixter, Anixter International or the Subsidiaries, upon their death, disability, retirement, severance or termination of employment or service; *provided* that the aggregate cash consideration paid for all such redemptions shall not exceed (A) \$5 million since the Issue Date *plus* (B) the amount of any net cash proceeds received by Anixter International from the issuance and sale after the Issue Date of Qualified Equity Interests of Anixter International to officers, directors or employees of Anixter, Anixter International or the Subsidiaries that have not been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments pursuant to this clause (c), *plus* (C) the net cash proceeds of any key-man life insurance policies that have not been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments pursuant to this clause (c);

(d) repurchases of Equity Interests deemed to occur upon the exercise of stock options if the Equity Interests represents a portion of the exercise price thereof;

(e) Restricted Payments in an amount not to exceed \$125 million since the Issue Date; and

(f) other Restricted Payments if, at the time of the making of such payments, and after giving effect thereto (including, without limitation, the incurrence of any Indebtedness to finance such payment), the Total Leverage Ratio would not exceed 3.25 to 1.00.

provided that (a) in the case of any Restricted Payment pursuant to clause (c), (e) or (f) above, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or occur as a consequence thereof and (b) no issuance and sale of Qualified Equity Interests that are used to make a payment pursuant to clauses (b) or (c)(B) above shall increase the Restricted Payments Basket.

Certain Definitions

The following terms, in addition to the terms set forth under Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants of Anixter and Anixter International Certain Definitions in the accompanying prospectus, are used in this description as so defined:

Attributable Indebtedness, when used with respect to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, means, as at the time of determination, the present value (discounted at a rate borne by the Notes, compounded on a semi-annual basis) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in any such Sale and Leaseback Transaction.

Capitalized Lease means a lease required to be capitalized for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP.

Capitalized Lease Obligations of any Person means the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under a Capitalized Lease, and the amount of such obligation shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

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Consolidated Fixed Charges for any period means the sum, without duplication, of (a) Consolidated Interest Expense of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries for such period, plus (b) the product of (a) all dividend payments on any series of Disqualified Equity Interests of Anixter, Anixter International or any Subsidiary or any Preferred Stock of any Subsidiary (other than any such Disqualified Equity Interests or any Preferred Stock held by Anixter, Anixter International or a Subsidiary or to the extent paid in Qualified Equity Interests) for such period, multiplied by (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is one minus the then current combined federal, state and local statutory tax rate of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries, expressed as a decimal.

Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio means the ratio of Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries during the most recent four consecutive full fiscal quarters for which financial statements are available (the Four-Quarter Period) ending on or prior to the date of the transaction giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio (the Transaction Date) to Consolidated Fixed Charges of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries for the Four-Quarter Period. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in the definitions of Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges and Consolidated Interest Expense (and all component definitions referenced in such definitions), for purposes of determining the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio, such definitions (and all component definitions referenced in such definitions) shall be calculated with respect to Anixter, Anixter International and all of the Subsidiaries, notwithstanding the use of the term Restricted Subsidiaries in such definitions, and otherwise in accordance with such definitions.

For purposes of this definition, Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges and Consolidated Fixed Charges shall be calculated after giving effect on a pro forma basis for the period of such calculation to the incurrence of any Indebtedness or the issuance of any Preferred Stock of Anixter, Anixter International or any Subsidiary (and the application of the proceeds thereof) and any repayment of other Indebtedness or redemption of other Preferred Stock (and the application of the proceeds therefrom) (other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness in the ordinary course of business for working capital purposes pursuant to any revolving credit arrangement) occurring during the Four-Quarter Period or at any time subsequent to the last day of the Four-Quarter Period and on or prior to the Transaction Date, as if such incurrence, repayment, issuance or redemption, as the case may be (and the application of the proceeds thereof), occurred on the first day of the Four-Quarter Period.

In calculating Consolidated Fixed Charges for purposes of determining the denominator (but not the numerator) of this Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio:

- (a) interest on outstanding Indebtedness determined on a fluctuating basis as of the Transaction Date and which will continue to be so determined thereafter shall be deemed to have accrued at a fixed rate per annum equal to the rate of interest on such Indebtedness in effect on the Transaction Date;
- (b) if interest on any Indebtedness actually incurred on the Transaction Date may optionally be determined at an interest rate based upon a factor of a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, or other rates, then the interest rate in effect on the Transaction Date will be deemed to have been in effect during the Four-Quarter Period; and
- (c) notwithstanding clause (a) or (b) above, interest on Indebtedness determined on a fluctuating basis, to the extent such interest is covered by agreements relating to Hedging Obligations, shall be deemed to accrue at the rate per annum resulting after giving effect to the operation of these agreements.

Default means (1) any Event of Default or (2) any event, act or condition that, after notice or the passage of time or both, would be an Event of Default.

Disqualified Equity Interests of any Person means any class of Equity Interests of such Person that, by its terms, or by the terms of any related agreement or of any security into which it is convertible, puttable or exchangeable, is, or upon the happening of any event or the passage of time would be, required to be redeemed by such Person, whether or not at the option of the holder thereof, or matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date which is 91 days after the final maturity date of the Notes; *provided, however*, that any class of Equity

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Interests of such Person that, by its terms, authorizes such Person to satisfy in full its obligations with respect to the payment of dividends or upon maturity, redemption (pursuant to a sinking fund or otherwise) or repurchase thereof or otherwise by the delivery of Equity Interests that are not Disqualified Equity Interests, and that is not convertible, puttable or exchangeable for Disqualified Equity Interests or Indebtedness, will not be deemed to be Disqualified Equity Interests so long as such Person satisfies its obligations with respect thereto solely by the delivery of Equity Interests that are not Disqualified Equity Interests; *provided, further, however*, that any Equity Interests that would not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests but for provisions thereof giving holders thereof (or the holders of any security into or for which such Equity Interests are convertible, exchangeable or exercisable) the right to require Anixter or Anixter International to redeem such Equity Interests upon the occurrence of a change in control occurring prior to the 91st day after the final maturity date of the Notes shall not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests if the change of control applicable to such Equity Interests are no more favorable to such holders than the provisions described under Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants of Anixter and Anixter International Repurchase of Notes Upon a Change of Control in the accompanying prospectus and such Equity Interests specifically provide that Anixter will not redeem any such Equity Interests pursuant to such provisions prior to Anixter's purchase of the Notes as required pursuant to the provisions described under Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants of Anixter and Anixter International Repurchase of Notes Upon a Change of Control in the accompanying prospectus.

Equity Interests of any Person means (1) any and all shares or other equity interests (including common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests and partnership interests) in such Person and (2) all rights to purchase, warrants or options (whether or not currently exercisable), participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) such shares or other interests in such Person, but excluding any debt securities that are convertible into such shares or other interests in such Person.

Hedging Obligations of any Person means the obligations of such Person under swap, cap, collar, forward purchase or similar agreements or arrangements dealing with interest rates, currency exchange rates or commodity prices, either generally or under specific contingencies.

Indebtedness of any Person at any date means, without duplication:

- (a) all liabilities, contingent or otherwise, of such Person for borrowed money (whether or not the recourse of the lender is to the whole of the assets of such Person or only to a portion thereof);
- (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (c) all reimbursement obligations of such Person in respect of letters of credit, letters of guaranty, bankers' acceptances and similar credit transactions;
- (d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property or services, except trade payables and accrued expenses incurred by such Person in the ordinary course of business in connection with obtaining goods, materials or services;
- (e) the maximum fixed redemption or repurchase price of all Disqualified Equity Interests of such Person;
- (f) all Capitalized Lease Obligations of such Person;
- (g) all Indebtedness of others secured by a Security Interest on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person;

(h) all Indebtedness of others guaranteed by such Person to the extent of such guarantee; *provided* that Indebtedness of Anixter, Anixter International or the Subsidiaries that is guaranteed by Anixter, Anixter International or the Subsidiaries shall only be counted once in the calculation of the amount of Indebtedness of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis;

(i) all Attributable Indebtedness;

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(j) to the extent not otherwise included in this definition, Hedging Obligations of such Person; and

(k) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to assets purchased by such Person.

The amount of Indebtedness of any Person at any date shall be the outstanding balance at such date of all unconditional obligations as described above, the maximum liability of such Person for any such contingent obligations at such date and, in the case of clause (g), the lesser of (a) the fair market value of any asset subject to a Security Interest securing the Indebtedness of others on the date that the Security Interest attaches and (b) the amount of the Indebtedness secured. For purposes of clause (e), the maximum fixed redemption or repurchase price of any Disqualified Equity Interests that do not have a fixed redemption or repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Disqualified Equity Interests as if such Disqualified Equity Interests were redeemed or repurchased on any date on which an amount of Indebtedness outstanding shall be required to be determined pursuant to the Indenture.

Issue Date means the date on which the Notes are originally issued.

Preferred Stock means, with respect to any Person, any and all preferred or preference stock or other equity interests (however designated) of such Person whether now outstanding or issued after the Issue Date.

Qualified Equity Interests of any Person means Equity Interests of such Person other than Disqualified Equity Interests; *provided* that such Equity Interests shall not be deemed Qualified Equity Interests to the extent sold to a Subsidiary of such Person or financed, directly or indirectly, using funds (1) borrowed from such Person or any Subsidiary of such Person until and to the extent such borrowing is repaid or (2) contributed, extended, guaranteed or advanced by such Person or any Subsidiary of such Person (including, without limitation, in respect of any employee stock ownership or benefit plan). Unless otherwise specified, Qualified Equity Interests refer to Qualified Equity Interests of Anixter International.

Restricted Payment means any of the following:

(a) the declaration or payment of any dividend or any other distribution on Equity Interests of Anixter International or any payment made to the direct or indirect holders (in their capacities as such) of Equity Interests of Anixter International, including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Anixter International but excluding dividends or distributions payable solely in Qualified Equity Interests of Anixter International or through accretion or accumulation of such dividends on such Equity Interests; or

(b) the redemption of any Equity Interests of Anixter International, including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Anixter International.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) no purchase of common stock by Anixter International from Merrill Lynch International pursuant to the Confirmation of OTC Convertible Note Hedge, dated February 12, 2007, between Anixter International and Merrill Lynch International, and no cash payment by Anixter International to Merrill Lynch International pursuant to the Confirmation of OTC Warrant Transaction, dated February 12, 2007, between Merrill Lynch International and Anixter International, will be deemed a Restricted Payment and (ii) any payment made as a result of a merger or consolidation will be deemed a Restricted Payment only to the extent paid from the funds of Anixter International, Anixter or its Subsidiaries or from newly borrowed funds used to complete such merger or consolidation that would be deemed Indebtedness of Anixter International, Anixter or its Subsidiaries.

Subordinated Indebtedness means Indebtedness of Anixter or Anixter International or any Subsidiary that is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or the guarantees of the Notes by Anixter International or such Subsidiary, as the case may be.

Total Debt means, at any date of determination, the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

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Total Leverage Ratio means, as of the date of determination, the ratio of (a) the Total Debt of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries to (b) Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges of Anixter, Anixter International and the Subsidiaries for the most recently ended four fiscal quarter period ending immediately prior to such date for which financial statements are available. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in the definition of Consolidated Cash Flow Available for Fixed Charges (and all component definitions referenced in such definitions), for purposes of determining the Total Leverage Ratio, such definition (and all component definitions referenced in such definition) shall be calculated with respect to Anixter, Anixter International and all of the Subsidiaries, notwithstanding the use of the term Restricted Subsidiaries in such definitions, and otherwise in accordance with such definitions.

In the event that Anixter, Anixter International or any Subsidiary incurs, redeems, retires or extinguishes any Total Debt (other than the incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness in the ordinary course of business for working capital purposes pursuant to any revolving credit arrangement) subsequent to the commencement of the period for which the Total Leverage Ratio is being calculated but prior to or simultaneously with the event for which the calculation of the Total Leverage Ratio is made, then the Total Leverage Ratio shall be calculated giving *pro forma* effect to such incurrence, redemption, retirement or extinguishment of Total Debt as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period.

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CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following summary describes certain material United States federal income tax consequences and, in the case of a non-U.S. holder (as defined below), certain material United States federal estate tax consequences, of purchasing, owning and disposing of the Notes. This summary applies to you only if you are a beneficial owner of a Note and you acquire the Note in this offering for a price equal to the issue price of the Notes. The issue price of the Notes is the first price at which a substantial amount of the Notes is sold other than to bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers.

This summary deals only with Notes held as capital assets (generally, investment property) and does not deal with persons in special tax situations such as:

dealers in securities or currencies;

traders in securities;

United States holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the United States dollar;

persons holding Notes as part of a conversion, constructive sale, wash sale or other integrated transaction or a hedge, straddle or synthetic security;

persons subject to the alternative minimum tax;

certain United States expatriates;

financial institutions;

insurance companies;

controlled foreign corporations, foreign personal holding companies, passive foreign investment companies and regulated investment companies and shareholders of such corporations;

entities that are tax-exempt for United States federal income tax purposes and retirement plans, individual retirement accounts and tax-deferred accounts;

pass-through entities, including partnerships and entities and arrangements classified as partnerships for United States federal tax purposes, and beneficial owners of pass-through entities; and

persons that acquire the Notes for a price other than their issue price.

If you are a partnership (or an entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for United States federal tax purposes) holding Notes or a partner in such a partnership, the United States federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership generally will depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership, and you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the United States federal income and estate tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the Notes.

This summary does not discuss all of the aspects of United States federal income and estate taxation that may be relevant to you in light of your particular investment or other circumstances. In addition, this summary does not discuss any United States state or local income or foreign income or other tax consequences. This summary is based on United States federal income and estate tax law, including the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Treasury Regulations, administrative rulings and judicial authority, all as in effect or in existence as of the date of this prospectus supplement. Subsequent developments in United States federal income and estate tax law, including changes in law or differing interpretations, which may be applied retroactively, could have a material effect on the United States federal income and estate tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of Notes as set forth in this summary. This summary is for general information purposes only and is not intended to be tax advice. Before you purchase Notes, you should consult your own tax advisor regarding the particular United States federal, state and local and foreign income and other tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of the Notes that may be applicable to you.

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PURSUANT TO U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 230, WE ARE INFORMING YOU THAT (A) THIS SUMMARY IS NOT INTENDED AND WAS NOT WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED, BY ANY TAXPAYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING PENALTIES UNDER THE U.S. FEDERAL TAX LAWS THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE TAXPAYER, (B) THIS SUMMARY WAS WRITTEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING BY US AND THE UNDERWRITERS OF THE NOTES, AND (C) EACH TAXPAYER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON ITS PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR.

United States Holders

The following summary applies to you only if you are a United States holder (as defined below).

Definition of a United States Holder

A United States holder is a beneficial owner of a Note or Notes that is for United States federal income tax purposes:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or other entity classified as a corporation for these 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 United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of that income; or

a trust, if (1) a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more United States persons (within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code) has the authority to control all of the trust's substantial decisions or (2) the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person.

Interest

Treatment of stated interest. Stated interest on the Notes will be treated as qualified stated interest (i.e., stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash at least annually at a single fixed rate over the entire term of the Note) and will be taxable to United States holders as ordinary interest income as the interest accrues or is paid in accordance with the holder's regular method of tax accounting.

Original issue discount. The Notes will be treated as being issued with original issue discount (OID) for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

A United States holder (whether a cash or accrual method taxpayer) will be required to include in gross income all OID as it accrues on a constant yield to maturity basis, before the receipt of cash payments attributable thereto. The amount of OID includible in gross income for a taxable year will be the sum of the daily portions of OID with respect to the Note for each day during that taxable year on which the United States holder holds the Note. The daily portion is determined by allocating to each day in an accrual period a pro rata portion of the OID allocable to that accrual period. The OID allocable to any accrual period will equal (a) the product of the adjusted issue price of the Note as of the beginning of such period and the Note's yield to maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) less (b) the qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period. Accrual periods with respect to a Note may be of any length selected by the United States holder and may vary in length over the term of the Note as long as (i) no accrual period is longer than one year

and (ii) each scheduled payment of interest or principal on the Note occurs on either the final or first day of an accrual period. The adjusted issue price of a Note as of the beginning of any accrual period will equal its issue price, increased by previously accrued OID.

A United States holder will not be required to recognize any additional income upon the receipt of any payment on the Notes that is attributable to previously accrued OID.

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Sale or Other Disposition of Notes

Upon the sale, redemption, exchange or other taxable disposition of the Notes, you generally will recognize taxable gain or loss equal to the difference, if any, between:

the amount realized on the disposition (less any amount attributable to accrued and unpaid stated interest, which will be taxable as ordinary interest income to the extent not previously included in gross income, in the manner described above under **United States Holders Interest**); and

your tax basis in the Notes.

Your tax basis in your Notes generally will be their cost, increased by any OID previously includible in income by the United States holder. Your gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss. This capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of the disposition you have held the Notes for more than one year. Subject to limited exceptions, your capital losses cannot be used to offset your ordinary income. If you are a non-corporate United States holder, your long-term capital gain generally will be subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%, which maximum tax rate currently is scheduled to increase to 20% for dispositions occurring during taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

Backup Withholding

In general, backup withholding at a rate of 28% (which rate currently is scheduled to increase to 31% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011) may apply:

to any payments made to you of principal of and interest (including OID) on your Note, and

to payment of the proceeds of a sale or other disposition (including a retirement or redemption) of your Note,

if you are a non-corporate United States holder and you fail to provide a correct taxpayer identification number or otherwise comply with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules.

The backup withholding tax is not an additional tax and may be refunded or credited against your United States federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely provided to the Internal Revenue Service.

Non-U.S. Holders

The following summary applies to you if you are a beneficial owner of a Note and you are neither a United States holder (as defined above) nor a partnership (or an entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for United States federal tax purposes) (a non-U.S. holder). An individual may, subject to several exceptions not described herein, be deemed to be a resident alien, as opposed to a non-resident alien, by, among other ways, being present in the United States:

on at least 31 days in the calendar year, and

for an aggregate of at least 183 days during a three-year period ending in the current calendar year, counting for such purposes all of the days present in the current year, one-third of the days present in the immediately preceding year, and one-sixth of the days present in the second preceding year.

Resident aliens are subject to United States federal income tax as if they were United States citizens and are United States holders for purposes of this summary.

United States Federal Withholding Tax

Under current United States federal income tax laws, and subject to the discussion below, United States federal withholding tax will not apply to payments by us or our paying agent (in its capacity as such) of

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principal of and interest (including OID) on your Notes, provided that in the case of interest (including OID) you satisfy the following requirements:

you do not, actually or constructively, own ten percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder;

you are not a controlled foreign corporation for United States federal income tax purposes that is related, directly or indirectly, to us through sufficient stock ownership (as provided in the Internal Revenue Code);

you are not a bank receiving interest (or OID) described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code;

such interest (or OID) is not effectively connected with your conduct of a United States trade or business; and

you provide a signed written statement, on an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) which can reliably be related to you, certifying under penalties of perjury that you are not a United States person within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, to:

(1) us or our paying agent; or

(2) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business and holds your Notes on your behalf and that certifies to us or our paying agent under penalties of perjury that it, or the bank or financial institution between it and you, has received from you your signed, written statement and provides us or our paying agent with a copy of this statement.

The applicable Treasury Regulations provide alternative methods for satisfying the certification requirement described in this section.

If you cannot satisfy the requirements described above, payments of interest (including OID) made to you will be subject to 30% United States federal withholding tax unless you provide us or our paying agent with a properly executed (1) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) stating that interest (including OID) paid on your Notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States or (2) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) claiming an exemption from or reduction in this withholding tax under an applicable income tax treaty.

United States Federal Income Tax

Except for the possible application of United States federal withholding tax as described above in **Non-U.S. Holders United States Federal Withholding Tax** and backup withholding tax as described below in **Non-U.S. Holders Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**, you generally will not have to pay United States federal income tax on payments of principal and interest (including OID) on your Notes, or on any gain realized from (or accrued interest or OID treated as received in connection with) the sale, redemption, retirement at maturity or other disposition of your Notes unless:

in the case of gain, you are an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of the sale or other disposition of your Notes and specific other conditions are met (in which case, except as otherwise provided by an applicable income tax treaty, the gain, which may be offset by United States source capital losses, generally will be subject to a flat 30% United States federal income tax); or

the interest (including OID) or gain is effectively connected with your conduct of a United States trade or business and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment maintained by you.

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If you are engaged in a trade or business in the United States and interest (including OID) or gain in respect of your Notes is effectively connected with the conduct of your trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment maintained by you), the interest (including OID) or gain generally will be subject to Uni