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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**Interface, Inc.**

*(Exact Name of Issuer as Specified in its Charter)*

**Georgia**  
*(State or Other Jurisdiction*  
*of*  
*Incorporation or*  
*Organization)*

**58-1451243**  
*(I.R.S. Employer*  
*Identification Number)*

**2859 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 2000**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30339**  
**(770) 427-6800**

*(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,*  
*including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)*

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**General Counsel and Secretary**  
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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. x

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered(1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)</b>	<b>Registration Fee(1)</b>
Common Stock(2)				
Preferred Stock				
Depositary Shares(3)				
Debt Securities				
Warrants				

(1) An indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or amount of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities or that are issued in units or represented by depositary shares. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

- (2) Each share of common stock includes one preferred stock purchase right as described under “Description of Capital Stock”. No separate consideration will be received for the preferred stock purchase rights.
- (3) Each depositary share will be issued under a deposit agreement, will represent an interest in a fractional share or multiple shares of preferred stock and will be evidenced by a depositary receipt.

**PROSPECTUS**

Common Stock  
Preferred Stock  
Depository Shares  
Debt Securities  
Warrants

We may from time to time offer to sell common stock, preferred stock, depository shares, debt securities or warrants. Each time we sell securities pursuant to this prospectus, we will provide a new prospectus or a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the specific terms of the securities offered. You should read this prospectus and any other applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities.

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement that contains a description of those securities.

Our Class A common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol IFSIA.

**Investing in our securities involves risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 2.**

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

The date of this prospectus is May 16, 2006.

## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf process, we may from time to time offer to sell common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants, or any combination thereof, in one or more offerings. Each time we sell securities pursuant to this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus or a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the specific terms of the securities offered. You should read this prospectus and any other applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references in this prospectus to we, our, us, or the company refer to Interface, Inc. and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

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**You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the documents to which we have referred you or information that is contained in any free writing prospectus we may authorize to be delivered to you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from such information. If anyone provides you with different information, you should not rely on it. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of each document regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of these securities. In case there are any differences or inconsistencies between this prospectus and**

**the information incorporated by reference, you should rely on the information in the document with the latest date.**

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## A WARNING ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any prospectus supplement (and other documents to which each refers) contains statements about future events and expectations which are characterized as forward-looking statements. Words such as “may”, “could”, “would”, “should”, “believes”, “expects”, “anticipates”, “estimates”, “intends”, “plans”, “targets”, “objectives”, “seek”, “strive”, these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on management’s beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future economic performance, taking into account the information currently available to our management. They are expressions based on historical fact, but do not guarantee future performance. Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions and certain other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or financial condition to differ materially from the expectations of future results, performance or financial condition we express or imply in any forward-looking statements. Factors that could contribute to these differences include those discussed in “Risk Factors” and in other sections of this prospectus. We qualify any forward-looking statements entirely by these cautionary factors.

We believe these forward-looking statements are reasonable, but we caution that you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, because our future results and shareholder values may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. We do not intend to update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, relating to the matters discussed in this prospectus.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), which means that we are required to file reports, proxy statements, and other information, all of which are available at the Public Reference Section of the Securities and Exchange Commission at Room 1580, 100 F. Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of the reports, proxy statements, and other information from the Public Reference Section of the SEC, at prescribed rates, by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov> where you can access reports, proxy, information and registration statements, and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC through the EDGAR system.

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 to register the securities to be issued pursuant to this prospectus. As allowed by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement because some parts of the registration statement are omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. You may obtain a copy of the registration statement from the SEC at the address listed above or from the SEC’s website.

We also maintain an Internet website at <http://www.interfaceinc.com>, which provides additional information about our company through which you can also access our SEC filings. The information set forth on our website is not part of this prospectus.

## TRADEMARKS

In this prospectus, we use several of our trademarks including: *Bentley*®, *Bentley Prince Street*™, *Chatham*®, *Guilford of Maine*®, *Heuga*®, *Interface*®, *InterfaceFLOR*™, *Intersept*®, *Prince Street*®, *Prince Street House and Home*™ and *Terratex*®. All brand names or other trademarks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective holders.

### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us which is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. The information in the documents incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Statements contained in documents that we file with the SEC and that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus, including information in previously filed documents or reports that have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus, to the extent the new information differs from or is inconsistent with the old information. The following documents filed by us under the Exchange Act are incorporated by reference into this prospectus as of their respective dates of filing:

- our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2006;
- our Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting;
- our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 2, 2006;
- our Form 8-Ks filed with the SEC on April 11, 2006 and April 26, 2006;
- all other reports filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since January 1, 2006; and
- all documents filed after the date of this prospectus pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

**Documents incorporated by reference are available from us without charge, excluding all exhibits, unless an exhibit has been specifically incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by requesting them in writing, by telephone, by facsimile or by e-mail from Patrick C. Lynch, Chief Financial Officer, Interface, Inc., at 2859 Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30339; telephone number (770) 437-6800; facsimile number (770) 437-6887; e-mail address [patrick.lynch@us.interfaceinc.com](mailto:patrick.lynch@us.interfaceinc.com).**



## ABOUT THE COMPANY

We are the worldwide leader in design, production and sales of modular carpet, and we are a leading manufacturer and marketer of other products for the interiors market, with a strong presence in the broadloom carpet, panel fabrics and upholstery fabrics market segments. We market products in over 100 countries around the world under such brand names as *Interface*®, *Heuga*®, *Bentley Prince Street*™ and *InterfaceFLOR*™ in modular carpet; *Bentley Prince Street* and *Prince Street House and Home*™ in broadloom carpet; *Guilford of Maine*®, *Chatham*® and *Terratex*™ in interior fabrics and upholstery products; and *Intersept*® in antimicrobial chemicals. Our sales force is one of the largest in the global commercial floorcovering industry. Our principal geographic markets are the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific, where our sales were approximately 62%, 31% and 7%, respectively, of total net sales for fiscal year 2005.

Our market share, which we believe is approximately 35% of the specified carpet tile segment (which is the segment where architects and designers are heavily involved in “specifying”, or selecting, the carpet), is more than double that of our nearest competitor. In the broadloom market segment, our *Bentley Prince Street* brand is the leader in the high-end, designer-oriented sector, where custom design and high quality are the principal specifying and purchasing factors. Our Fabrics Group includes the leading U.S. manufacturer of panel fabrics for use in open plan office furniture systems, with a market share we believe to be approximately 50%, and the leading manufacturer of contract upholstery fabrics sold to office furniture manufacturers in the United States, with a market shares we believe to be approximately 30%.

Drawing upon these strengths — especially our historical leadership in modular carpet for the corporate office segment — we are increasing our presence and market share in other non-corporate market segments, such as government, healthcare, hospitality, education and retail space, and we have begun to develop our business in the much larger residential market segment. The U.S. residential market segment for carpet is approximately \$11 billion, and the combined U.S. market for carpet in the other commercial and institutional market segments is almost twice the size of the corporate office segment. The appeal and utilization of modular carpet is expanding rapidly in each of these markets, and we are using our considerable skills and experience with designing, producing and marketing modular products to support and facilitate our penetration into these new markets.

We weathered successfully the unprecedented downturn, both in severity and duration, in the commercial interiors industry from 2001 to 2003, and we emerged better positioned for a resurgence as economic conditions began to improve and the interiors industry began to recover in the second half of 2004. Our modular product dominance, strong business model, continued implementation of strategic restructuring initiatives we had commenced in 2000, and sustained strategic investments in innovative product concepts and designs during that period, all contributed to that success and the reduction in our exposure to economic and business cycles that affect the corporate office segment more adversely than other segment of the interiors industry. While maintaining our historical dominance in modular products and fabrics for the corporate office segment, we also built upon that dominance and the strength of our high-end specified broadloom carpet businesses to penetrate additional segments of the interiors market.

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Interface, Inc., a Georgia corporation, began operations in 1973. Our principal offices are located at 2859 Paces Ferry Road, Suite 2000, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, where our telephone number is (770) 437-6800.

A detailed discussion of our business is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2006 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 2, 2006, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.



## **RISK FACTORS**

*You should carefully consider the following factors, in addition to the other information included in this prospectus, before making an investment in our securities. Any or all of the risk factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operation and prospects.*

***We compete with a large number of manufacturers in the highly competitive commercial floorcovering products market, and some of these competitors have greater financial resources than we do.***

The commercial floorcovering industry is highly competitive. Globally, we compete for sales of floorcovering products with other carpet manufacturers and manufacturers of vinyl and other types of floorcovering. Although the industry has experienced significant consolidation, a large number of manufacturers remain in the industry. Some of the competitors, including a number of large diversified domestic and foreign companies who manufacture modular carpet as one segment of their business, have greater financial resources than we do.

***Sales of our principal products have been and may continue to be affected by adverse economic cycles in the construction and renovation of commercial and institutional buildings.***

Sales of our principal products are related to the construction and renovation of commercial and institutional buildings. This activity is cyclical and has been affected by the strength of a country's or region's general economy, prevailing interest rates and other factors that lead to cost control measures by businesses and other users of commercial or institutional space. The effects of cyclicity upon the corporate office segment tend to be more pronounced than the effects upon the institutional segment. Historically, we have generated more sales in the corporate office segment than in any other market. The effects of cyclicity upon the new construction segment of the market also tend to be more pronounced than the effects upon the renovation segment. The recent adverse cycle has significantly lessened the overall demand for commercial interiors products, which has adversely affected our business during the past several years. These effects may continue and could be more pronounced if the global economy does not improve or is further weakened.

***Our success depends significantly upon the efforts, abilities and continued service of our senior management executives and our principal design consultant, and our loss of any of them could affect us adversely.***

We believe that our success depends to a significant extent upon the efforts and abilities of our senior management executives. In addition, we rely significantly on the leadership that David Oakey of David Oakey Designs provides to our internal design staff. Specifically, Oakey Designs provides product design/production engineering services to us under an exclusive consulting contract that contains non-competition covenants. Our current agreement with Oakey Designs extends to April 2011. The loss of any of these key persons could have an adverse impact on our business.

***Our substantial international operations are subject to various political, economic and other uncertainties that could adversely affect our business results, including by restrictive taxation or other government regulation and by foreign currency fluctuations.***

We have substantial international operations. In fiscal 2005, approximately 43% of our net sales and a significant portion of our production were outside the United States, primarily in Europe but also in Asia-Pacific. Our corporate strategy includes the expansion and growth of our international business on a worldwide basis. As a result, our operations are subject to various political, economic and other uncertainties, including risks of restrictive taxation policies, changing political conditions and governmental regulations. We also make a substantial portion of our net sales in currencies other than U.S. dollars (approximately 43% of 2005 net sales), which subjects us to the risks inherent in currency translations. The scope and volume of our global operations make it impossible to eliminate completely all foreign currency translation risks as an influence on our financial results.

***Our Chairman, together with other insiders, currently has sufficient voting power to elect a majority of our Board of Directors.***

Our Chairman, Ray C. Anderson, beneficially owns approximately 49% of our outstanding Class B common stock. The holders of the Class B common stock are entitled, as a class, to elect a majority of our Board of Directors. Therefore, Mr. Anderson, together with other insiders, has sufficient voting power to elect a majority of the Board of Directors. On all other matters submitted to the shareholders for a vote, the holders of the Class B common stock generally vote together as a single class with the holders of the Class A common stock. Mr. Anderson's beneficial ownership of the outstanding Class A and Class B common stock combined is approximately 7%.

***Large increases in the cost of petroleum-based raw materials, which we are unable to pass through to our customers, could adversely affect us.***

Petroleum-based products comprise the predominant portion of the cost of raw materials that we use in manufacturing. While we attempt to match cost increases with corresponding price increases, continued large increases in the cost of petroleum-based raw materials could adversely affect our financial results if we are unable to pass through such price increases to our customers.

***Unanticipated termination or interruption of any of our arrangements with our primary third-party suppliers of synthetic fiber could have a material adverse effect on us.***

Invista Inc., a subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc., currently supplies approximately 46% of our requirements for synthetic fiber (nylon), which is the principal raw material that we use in our carpet products. In addition, other of our businesses have a high degree of dependence on their third party suppliers of synthetic fiber for certain products or markets. The unanticipated termination or interruption of any of our supply arrangements with our current suppliers could have a material adverse effect on us because of the cost and delay associated with shifting more business to another supplier. We do not have a long-term supply agreement with Invista.

***We have a significant amount of indebtedness, which could have important negative consequences to us.***

Our substantial indebtedness could have important negative consequences to us, including:

- making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to such indebtedness;
- increasing our vulnerability to adverse general economic and industry conditions and adverse changes in governmental regulations;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions or other growth initiatives, and other general corporate requirements;
- requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund capital expenditures, acquisitions or other growth initiatives, or other general corporate purposes;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our less leveraged competitors; and
- limiting our ability to refinance our existing indebtedness as it matures.

***Our Rights Agreement could discourage tender offers or other transactions for our stock that could result in shareholders receiving a premium over the market price for our stock.***

Our Board of Directors adopted a Rights Agreement in 1998 pursuant to which holders of our common stock will be entitled to purchase from us a fraction of a share of our Series B Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock if a third party acquires beneficial ownership of 15% or more of our common stock without our consent. In addition, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to purchase the stock of an Acquiring Person (as defined in the Rights Agreement) at a discount upon the occurrence of triggering events. These provisions of the Rights Agreement could have the effect of discouraging tender offers or other transactions that could result in shareholders receiving a

premium over the market price for our common stock.

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## USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds we receive from the sale of securities by us as set forth in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement.

## THE SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

The descriptions of the securities contained in this prospectus, together with any applicable prospectus or prospectus supplements, summarize all the material terms and provisions of the various types of securities that we may offer. We will describe in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement relating to any securities the particular terms of the securities offered by that prospectus or prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement, the terms of the securities may differ from the terms we have summarized below. We will also include in the prospectus or prospectus supplement information, where applicable, about material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities, and the securities exchange, if any, on which the securities will be listed.

We may sell from time to time, in one or more offerings:

- common stock;
- preferred stock;
- depositary shares
- debt securities; and
- warrants to purchase any of the securities listed above.

In this prospectus, we refer to the common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities and warrants collectively as “securities”.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

We are authorized by our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to issue 80,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$.10 per share; 40,000,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$.10 per share; and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share. On May 12, 2006, we had issued and outstanding 47,816,109 shares of Class A common stock, 6,918,214 shares of Class B common stock and no shares of preferred stock.

### **Class A and Class B Common Stock**

**Voting.** The Class A common stock and Class B common stock have one vote per share on all matters submitted to our shareholders. The holders of the Class B common stock have the right to elect the smallest number of directors that constitutes a majority of our entire Board of Directors; the holders of the Class A common stock elect the remaining directors. Each class may remove and replace any directors elected by such class. The holders of shares of both classes vote together as a class on all other matters submitted to the shareholders for a vote, except as otherwise required by law.

**Conversion.** Shares of our Class B common stock are convertible on a one-for-one basis into Class A common stock at any time at the option of the holder, and at other times upon the transfer of Class B shares to an ineligible

shareholder.

**Stock Dividends.** Holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to receive the same percentage dividend (payable in shares of Class A common stock) as the holders of Class B common stock receive (payable in shares of Class B common stock).

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**Restrictions on Transfer.** Any transfer of Class B common stock other than to a “Qualified Transferee” shall be conclusively deemed to constitute an election by the record holder of such shares to convert the shares of Class B common stock into an equal number of shares of Class A common stock. “Qualified Transferee” means any one or more of (1) the holder’s spouse, issue, parents or siblings, or a trust for the benefit of the holder or any of such persons, (2) in the event of the holder’s death or legal disability, the holder’s executor, administrator or personal representative, (3) any transferee receiving the shares as a gift, legacy or inheritance, or as a distribution from a corporation or partnership in respect of the transferee’s ownership interest, or (4) any other person approved by the Board of Directors.

**Issuance of Class B Common Stock.** We may only issue Class B common stock (1) in connection with an acquisition by Interface or any of our subsidiaries of any other firm, corporation or business enterprise, (2) pursuant to an employee benefit plan, (3) in exchange for Class A common stock held by our officers, directors or employees, or (4) to effect a subdivision of such shares in the form of a stock split, stock dividend or other distribution in respect of such shares.

**Liquidation.** Holders of our Class A and Class B common stock share with each other on a ratable basis as a single class in our net assets available for distribution in respect of Class A and Class B common stock in the event of liquidation.

**Other Terms.** The holders of the Class A common stock and Class B common stock do not have preemptive rights enabling them to subscribe for or receive shares of any class of our stock or any other securities convertible into shares of any class of our stock. Except as otherwise summarized above, the holders of shares of both our classes of common stock, as such, have the same rights and are subject to the same limitations. If the outstanding shares of Class B common stock fall below 10% of the aggregate outstanding shares of Class A and Class B common stock, then, immediately upon the occurrence of such event, there shall be no distinction between the voting rights or any other rights and privileges of the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock.

## **Preferred Stock**

**General.** Under our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, our Board of Directors is authorized to create and issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to determine the rights and preferences of each series, to the extent permitted by our Articles of Incorporation, and to fix the terms of such preferred stock without any vote or action by the shareholders. The issuance of any series of preferred stock may have an adverse effect on the rights of holders of common stock and could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to holders of common stock. In addition, any issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company.

**Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.** Our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation designate 250,000 shares of preferred stock as Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value per share. Shares of Series A Preferred Stock will entitle the holder to a preferential cash dividend if and as declared by the Board of Directors, at a rate of seven percent (7%) per annum on the sum of (1) the face value of each share of Series A Preferred Stock, plus (2) the amount, if any, of previously accrued and due but unpaid dividends on such share. Dividends on each issued and outstanding share of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be cumulative and shall accrue, whether or not declared and paid, from the date of original issuance. In the event of liquidation, each share of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to a preferential liquidation payment in cash equal to the face value per share of outstanding Series A Preferred Stock plus the amount of accrued but unpaid dividends accumulated thereon. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any further payment upon any such liquidation.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall not have any right to vote or to give or withhold consent on any matter on which a vote or consent of our shareholders may be required, but shall be entitled to receive notice of any such

meeting at which a vote or consent may be taken and all information provided by us to holders of the Class A common stock. As long as any Series A Preferred Stock remains outstanding, the affirmative vote or written consent of the holders of a majority of the Series A Preferred Stock will be required for any amendment to any provision of the Articles of Incorporation that would adversely affect the powers, preferences, or special rights of all preferred stock or all Series A Preferred Stock as a class.

Each holder of a share of Series A Preferred Stock shall have the right to require us to redeem each share of Series A Preferred Stock by paying in cash for each share the face value of each share of Series A Preferred Stock plus an amount equal to the full dividends accrued but unpaid on each such share through the redemption date, subject to any provisions in any contracts, credit agreements, indentures, or other outstanding debt securities or instruments binding upon us.

**Series B Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock.** Our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation designate 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock as Series B Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value per share. The dividend and liquidation rights of the Series B Preferred Stock are designed so that the value of one one-hundredth of a share of Series B Preferred Stock issuable upon exercise of each right to acquire Series B Preferred Stock under the Rights Agreement described below will approximate the same economic value as one share of common stock, including voting rights. Shares of Series B Preferred Stock will entitle the holder to a minimum preferential dividend of \$1.00 per share, but will entitle the holder to an aggregate dividend payment of 100 times the dividend declared on each share of common stock. In the event of liquidation, each share of Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to a minimum preferential liquidation payment of \$1.00, plus accrued and unpaid dividends and distributions thereon, but will be entitled to an aggregate payment of 100 times the payment made per share of common stock. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which common stock is exchanged for or changed into other stock or securities, cash or other property, each share of Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive 100 times the amount received per share of common stock. Series B Preferred Stock is not convertible into common stock.

Each share of Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to 100 votes on all matters submitted to a vote of the shareholders of the Company, and shares of Series B Preferred Stock will generally vote together as one class with the common stock and any other of our voting capital stock on all matters submitted to a vote of our shareholders. While our Class B common stock remains outstanding, holders of Series B Preferred Stock will vote as a single class with the Class A common stockholders for election of directors.

Further, whenever dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are in arrears in an amount equal to six quarterly payments, the Series B Preferred Stock, together with any other shares of preferred stock then entitled to elect directors, shall have the right, as a single class, to elect one director until the default has been cured. The rights under the Rights Agreement expire on March 15, 2008 unless extended or unless the rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged by the Company.

### **Rights Agreement**

Our Board of Directors has adopted a Rights Agreement pursuant to which holders of our common stock will be entitled to purchase from us one one-hundredth of a share of our Series B Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock if a third party acquires beneficial ownership of 15% or more of our common stock or if other specified events occur without our consent. In addition, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to purchase the stock of an Acquiring Person (as defined in the Rights Agreement) at a discount upon the occurrence of triggering events. The exercise price per right is \$90, subject to adjustment. These provisions of the Rights Agreement could have certain anti-takeover effects because the rights provided to holders of our common stock under the Rights Agreement will cause substantial dilution to a person or group that acquires our common stock or engages in other specified events without the rights under the agreement having been redeemed or in the event of an exchange of the rights for common stock as permitted under the agreement.

### **Certain Provisions of our Bylaws**

Article III of our Amended and Restated Bylaws provides that a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors is required to approve certain transactions with, of or to any holder of 10% or more of our issued and outstanding shares. Such approval is required in the event of a merger; consolidation; sale, lease, exchange, transfer or disposition of all or any substantial part of our assets; any share exchange; liquidation or dissolution; any repurchase, redemption or other distribution; or any other transaction that would have the affect of increasing the beneficial ownership by one percent or more in any 12 month period with, of or to any such holder, or if such a holder

commences or announces an intention to commence an exchange or tender offer of all or any part of our outstanding voting shares or a proxy contest intended to cause either the removal or replacement of any member of the Board.

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## Depository Shares

**General.** We may, at our option, elect to issue fractional shares of preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. If such option is exercised, we may elect to have a depository issue receipts for depository shares, each receipt representing a fraction (to be set forth in any applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of preferred stock) of a share of a particular series of preferred stock as described below. The shares of any series of preferred stock represented by depository shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement between us and a depository. Subject to the terms of such a deposit agreement, each owner of a depository share will be entitled, in proportion to the applicable fraction of a share of preferred stock represented by such depository share, to all the rights and preferences of the preferred stock represented thereby (including dividend, voting, redemption and liquidation rights).

Any depository shares will be evidenced by depository receipts issued pursuant to such a deposit agreement. Depository receipts will be distributed to those persons purchasing the fractional shares of preferred stock in accordance with the terms of an offering of the preferred stock. In connection with the issuance of any series of preferred stock represented by depository shares, the forms of deposit agreement and depository receipt will be filed as exhibits to this registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Pending the preparation of definitive engraved depository receipts, a depository may, upon our written order, issue temporary depository receipts substantially identical to (and entitling the holders thereof to all the rights pertaining to) the definitive depository receipts but not in definitive form. Definitive depository receipts will be prepared thereafter without unreasonable delay, and temporary depository receipts will be exchangeable for definitive depository receipts at our expense.

Upon surrender of depository receipts at the office of the depository and upon payment of the charges provided in the deposit agreement and subject to the terms thereof, a holder of depository receipts is entitled to have the depository deliver to such holder the whole shares of preferred stock relating to the surrendered depository receipts. Holders of depository shares will be entitled to receive whole shares of the related series of preferred stock on the basis set forth in any applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement for such series of preferred stock, but holders of such whole shares will not thereafter be entitled to receive depository shares therefor. If the depository receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depository shares in excess of the number of depository shares representing the number of whole shares of the related series of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the depository will deliver to such holder at the same time a new depository receipt evidencing such excess number of depository shares.

**Dividends and Other Distributions.** The depository will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions received in respect of the preferred stock to the record holders of depository shares relating to such preferred stock in proportion to the numbers of such depository shares owned by such holders.

In the event of a distribution other than in cash, the depository will distribute property received by it to the record holders of depository shares entitled thereto, unless the depository determines that it is not feasible to make such distribution, in which case the depository may, with our approval, sell such property and distribute the net proceeds from such sale to such holders.

**Redemption of Depository Shares.** If a series of preferred stock represented by depository shares is subject to redemption, the depository shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the depository resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of such series of preferred stock held by the depository. The redemption price per depository share will be equal to the applicable fraction of the redemption price per share payable with respect to such series of the preferred stock. Whenever we redeem shares of preferred stock held by the depository, the depository will redeem as of the same redemption date the number of depository shares representing shares of preferred stock so

redeemed. If less than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or ratably as may be determined by the depositary.

***Voting the Preferred Shares.*** Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of the preferred stock are entitled to vote, the depositary will mail the information contained in such notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to such preferred stock. Each record holder of such depositary shares on the record date (which will be the same date as the record date for the preferred stock) will be entitled to instruct the depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the amount of the preferred stock represented by such holder's depositary shares. The depositary will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote the amount of the preferred stock represented by such depositary shares in accordance with such instructions, and we will agree to take all action which may be deemed necessary by the depositary in order to enable the depositary to do so. The depositary will abstain from voting shares of the preferred stock to the extent it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary shares representing such preferred stock.

***Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement.*** The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of any deposit agreement may at any time be amended by agreement between us and the depositary. However, any amendment which materially and adversely alters the rights of the holders of depositary shares will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. The deposit agreement may be terminated by us or the depositary only if (1) all outstanding depositary shares have been redeemed or (2) there has been a final distribution in respect to the preferred stock in connection with our liquidation, dissolution or winding up and such distribution has been distributed to the holders of depositary receipts.

***Charges of Depositary.*** We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay charges of the depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock and any redemption of the preferred stock. Holders of depositary receipts will pay other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges and such other charges as are expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be for their accounts.

***Miscellaneous.*** The depositary will forward to the record holders of the depositary shares relating to such preferred stock all reports and communications from us which are delivered to the depositary.

Neither the depositary nor we will be liable if it is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond its control in performing its obligations under any deposit agreement. The obligations of us and the depositary under the deposit agreement will be limited to performance in good faith of their duties thereunder, and they will not be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. They may rely upon written advice of counsel or accountants, or information provided by persons presenting preferred stock for deposit, holders of depositary receipts or other persons believed to be competent and on documents believed to be genuine.

***Resignation and Removal of Depositary.*** The depositary may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so, and we may at any time remove the depositary, any such resignation or removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. Such successor depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000.

#### **Transfer Agent**

The transfer agent for our common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any future debt securities we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any debt securities that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement. If we so indicate in a prospectus or prospectus supplement, the terms of any debt securities we offer under such prospectus or prospectus supplement may differ from the terms we describe below.

### General

We may enter into indenture agreements with respect to any debt securities we may offer. We would enter into separate indentures, with different trustees, for (1) any and all senior debt securities and (2) any and all subordinated debt securities. We use the term “indentures” to refer to the form of senior indenture and the subordinated indenture and any additional such indenture we may enter into in the future, and we use the term “trustees” to refer to the several trustees under such indentures. The material terms of any future indenture governing a series of debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement. The indentures will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act.

### Additional Information

We will describe in any applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement the following terms relating to a series of debt securities:

the title;

any limit on the amount that may be issued;

whether or not we will issue the series of notes in global form, the terms and who the depository will be;

the maturity date;

the annual interest rate, which may be fixed or variable, or the method for determining the rate and the date interest will begin to accrue, the dates interest will be payable and the regular record dates for interest payment dates or the method for determining such dates;

whether or not the notes will be secured or unsecured, and the terms of any secured debt;

the terms of the subordination of any series of subordinated debt;

the place where payments will be payable;

our right, if any, to defer payment of interest and the maximum length of any such deferral period;

the date, if any, after which, and the price at which, we may, at our option, redeem the series of notes pursuant to any optional redemption provisions;

the date, if any, on which, and the price at which we are obligated, pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund provisions or otherwise, to redeem, or at the holder’s option to purchase, the series of notes;



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· whether the indenture will restrict our ability to pay dividends, or will require us to maintain any asset ratios or reserves;

· whether we will be restricted from incurring any additional indebtedness;

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- a discussion on any material or special United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the notes;
- the denominations in which we will issue the series of notes, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof; and
  - any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of, or restrictions on, the debt securities.

**Conversion or Exchange of Debt Securities**

Such prospectus or prospectus supplement will also describe, if applicable, the terms on which the debt securities may be converted or exchanged into our common stock, preferred stock or other securities or property. These terms will include whether the conversion or exchange is mandatory, is at our option or is at the option of the holder. The prospectus supplement will describe how the number of common stock, preferred stock or other securities or property to be received would be calculated.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the prospectus or prospectus supplement, the terms of any warrants offered under that prospectus or prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. Specific warrant agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.

### General

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock or debt securities in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock, preferred stock and debt securities, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities.

We will evidence each series of warrants by warrant certificates that we will issue under a separate agreement. We may enter into the warrant agreement with a warrant agent. We will indicate the name and address and other information regarding the warrant agent in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of warrants.

Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including:

- in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the right to receive payments of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, the debt securities purchasable upon exercise or to enforce covenants in the applicable indenture; or
- in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the right to receive dividends, if any, or, payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

### Additional Information

We will describe in an applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement the terms of the series of warrants, including:

- the offering price and aggregate number of warrants offered;
- the currency for which the warrants may be purchased;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the price at, and currency in which, this principal amount of debt securities may be purchased upon such exercise;
- in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon the exercise of one warrant and the price at which these shares

may be purchased upon such exercise;

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- the effect of any merger, consolidation, sale or other disposition of our business on the warrant agreement and the warrants;
- the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;
- any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;
- the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and expire;
- the manner in which the warrant agreement and warrants may be modified;
- a discussion on any material or special United States federal income tax consequences of holding or exercising the warrants;
- the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of or restrictions on the warrants.

### **Exercise of Warrants**

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the securities that we specify in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement at the exercise price that we describe in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to 5 p.m., Eastern time, on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants by delivering the warrant certificate representing the warrants to be exercised together with specified information, and paying the required amount to the warrant agent in immediately available funds, as provided in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement. We will set forth on the reverse side of the warrant certificate and in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement the information that the holder of the warrant will be required to deliver to the warrant agent.

Upon receipt of the required payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement, we will issue and deliver the securities purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, then we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining amount of warrants. If we so indicate in the applicable prospectus or prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may surrender securities as all or part of the exercise price for warrants.

### **Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Warrants**

Each warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single bank or trust company may act as warrant agent for more than one issue of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to

exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, its warrants.

## LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

We can issue securities in registered form or in the form of one or more global securities. We describe global securities in greater detail below. We refer to those persons who have securities registered in their own names on the books that we or any applicable trustee maintain for this purpose as the “holders” of those securities. These persons are the legal holders of the securities. We refer to those persons who, indirectly through others, own beneficial interests in securities that are not registered in their own names, as “indirect holders” of those securities. As we discuss below, indirect holders are not legal holders, and investors in securities issued in book-entry form or in street name will be indirect holders.

### **Book-Entry Holders**

We may issue securities in book-entry form only, as we will specify in the applicable prospectus supplement. This means securities may be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a financial institution that holds them as depositary on behalf of other financial institutions that participate in the depositary’s book-entry system. These participating institutions, which are referred to as participants, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the securities on behalf of themselves or their customers.

Only the person in whose name a security is registered is recognized as the holder of that security. Securities issued in global form will be registered in the name of the depositary or its participants. Consequently, for securities issued in global form, we will recognize only the depositary as the holder of the securities, and we will make all payments on the securities to the depositary. The depositary passes along the payments it receives to its participants, which in turn pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depositary and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers; they are not obligated to do so under the terms of the securities.

As a result, investors in a book-entry security will not own securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depositary’s book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the securities are issued in global form, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the securities.

### **Street Name Holders**

We may terminate a global security or issue securities in non-global form. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their securities in their own names or in “street name”. Securities held by an investor in street name would be registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution that the investor chooses, and the investor would hold only a beneficial interest in those securities through an account he or she maintains at that institution.

For securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the securities are registered as the holders of those securities, and we will make all payments on those securities to them. These institutions pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold securities in street name will be indirect holders, not holders, of those securities.

### **Legal Holders**

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of any applicable trustee and of any third parties employed by us or a trustee, run only to the legal holders of the securities. We do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor

chooses to be an indirect holder of a security or if we issue the securities only in global form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders but does not do so. Similarly, we may want to obtain the approval of the holders to amend an indenture, to relieve us of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of the indenture or for other purposes. In such an event, we would seek approval only from the holders, and not the indirect holders, of the securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect holders is up to the holders.



### Special Considerations for Indirect Holders

If you hold securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

- how it handles securities payments and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required;

• whether and how you can instruct it to send you securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future;

• how it would exercise rights under the securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and

- if the securities are in book-entry form, how the depository's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

### Global Securities

A global security is a security held by a depository that represents one or any other number of individual securities. Generally, all securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms.

Each security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depository. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, known as DTC, will be the depository for all securities issued in book-entry form.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depository, its nominee or a successor depository, unless special termination situations arise. We describe those situations below under "Special Situations When a Global Security will be Terminated". As a result of these arrangements, the depository, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all securities represented by a global security, and investors will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depository or with another institution that does. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

If the prospectus or prospectus supplement for a particular security indicates that the security will be issued in global form only, then the security will be represented by a global security at all times unless and until the global security is terminated. If termination occurs, we may issue the securities through another book-entry clearing system or decide that the securities may no longer be held through any book-entry clearing system.

### Special Considerations for Global Securities

As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. We do not

recognize an indirect holder as a holder of securities and instead deal only with the depositary that holds the global security.

If securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

• an investor cannot cause the securities to be registered in his or her name, and cannot obtain non-global certificates for his or her interest in the securities, except in the special situations we describe below;

• an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the securities, as we describe under “Legal Ownership of Securities”;

• an investor may not be able to sell interests in the securities to some insurance companies and to other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in non-book-entry form;

• an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective;

• the depositary’s policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an investor’s interest in a global security. We and any applicable trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depositary’s actions or for its records of ownership interests in a global security. We and the trustee also do not supervise the depositary in any way;

• the depositary may, and we understand that DTC will, require that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security within its book-entry system use immediately available funds, and your broker or bank may require you to do so as well; and

• financial institutions that participate in the depositary’s book-entry system, and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security, may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the securities. There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. We do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any of those intermediaries.

### **Special Situations When a Global Security will be Terminated**

In a few special situations described below, the global security will terminate and interests in it will be exchanged for physical certificates representing those interests. After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in securities transferred to their own name, so that they will be direct holders. We have described the rights of holders and street name investors above.

The global security will terminate when the following special situations occur:

• if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depositary for that global security and we do not appoint another institution to act as depositary within 90 days;

- if we notify any applicable trustee that we wish to terminate that global security; or

• if an event of default has occurred with regard to securities represented by that global security and has not been cured or waived.

The prospectus or prospectus supplement may also list additional situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of securities covered by the prospectus or prospectus supplement. When a

global security terminates, the depositary, and not we or any applicable trustee, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions that will be the initial direct holders.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities through underwriters or dealers, through agents, or directly to one or more purchasers. The accompanying prospectus or prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters;
- the purchase price of the securities being offered and the proceeds we will receive from the sale;
- any over-allotment options pursuant to which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;
- any agency fees or underwriting discounts and other items constituting agents' or underwriters' compensation; and
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers.

If underwriters are used in the sale, they will acquire the securities for their own account and may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of the sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. We may offer the securities to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or by underwriters without a syndicate. Subject to certain conditions, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities offered by the prospectus or prospectus supplement. We may change from time to time the public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers. We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe such relationships in the prospectus supplement naming the underwriter and the nature of any such relationship.

We may sell securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of the securities, and we will describe any commissions we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus or prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may provide agents and underwriters with indemnification against civil liabilities related to this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission may limit the ability of any underwriters to bid for or purchase securities before the distribution of the securities is completed. However, underwriters may engage in the following activities in accordance with the rules:

***Stabilizing transactions.*** Underwriters may make bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the shares, so long as stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

***Over-allotments and syndicate covering transactions.*** Underwriters may sell more shares of our common stock than the number of shares that they have committed to purchase in any underwritten offering. This over-allotment creates a short position for the underwriters. This short position may involve either "covered" short sales or "naked" short sales. Covered short sales are short sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriters' over-allotment option to purchase additional shares in any underwritten offering. The underwriters may close out any covered short position either by exercising their over-allotment option or by purchasing shares in the open market. To determine how they will close the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market, as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the

over-allotment option. Naked short sales are short sales in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriters must close out any naked position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that, in the open market after pricing, there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares that could adversely affect investors who purchase shares in the offering.

**Penalty bids.** If underwriters purchase shares in the open market in a stabilizing transaction or syndicate covering transaction, they may reclaim a selling concession from other underwriters and selling group members who sold those shares as part of the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, an underwriter's purchases to cover the syndicate short sales or to stabilize the market price of our securities may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our securities or preventing or mitigating a decline in the market price of our securities. As a result, the price of the securities may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. The imposition of a penalty bid might also have an effect on the price of shares if it discourages resales of the securities.

If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

Any underwriters who are qualified market makers on the Nasdaq National Market may engage in passive market making transactions in the securities on the Nasdaq National Market in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M, during the business day prior to the pricing of the offering, before the commencement of offers or sales of the securities. Passive market makers must comply with applicable volume and price limitations and must be identified as passive market makers. In general, a passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid for such security; if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker's bid, however, the passive market maker's bid must then be lowered when certain purchase limits are exceeded.

In compliance with guidelines of the National Association of Securities Dealers, or NASD, the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any NASD member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount of the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered hereby has been passed upon for us by Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

## EXPERTS

BDO Seidman LLP, independent public accountants, has audited the financial statements of Interface, Inc. included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2006, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 1, 2006, as set forth in their reports, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements and schedule and management's assessment are incorporated by reference in reliance on BDO Seidman LLP's reports, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION**

The following table sets forth the expenses in connection with the registration of securities being registered hereby. All of the amounts shown are estimated, except the SEC registration fee, and relate to this Form S-3 only.

SEC Registration Fee	\$ (1)
National Association of Securities Dealers Inc. Registration Fee	(2)
Printing and Engraving Expenses	(2)
Legal Fees and Expenses	(2)
Accounting Fees and Expenses	(2)
Miscellaneous	(2)
Total	(2)

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- (1) Deferred in reliance on Rule 456(b).  
(2) The amount of these expenses is not presently known.

**ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

As provided under Georgia law, the Registrant's Articles of Incorporation, as amended, provide that a director shall not be personally liable to the Registrant or its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of duty of care or any other duty owed to Registrant as a director, except that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (1) for any appropriation, in violation of his duties, of any business opportunity or the Registrant, (2) for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) for unlawful corporate distributions, or (4) for any transaction from which the director received an improper benefit.

Under Article VII of the Registrant's Bylaws, as amended, the Registrant is authorized to indemnify its officers and directors for any liability and expense incurred by them in connection with or resulting from any threatened, pending or completed legal action or other proceeding or investigation by reason of his being or having been an officer or director. An officer or director may only be indemnified if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Registrant, and, with respect to a criminal matter, he did not have reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. No officer or director who has been adjudged liable for the improper receipt of a personal benefit is entitled to indemnification.

Any officer or director who has been wholly successful on the merits or otherwise in an action or proceeding in his official capacity is entitled to indemnification as to expenses by the Registrant. All other determinations in respect of indemnification shall be made by either: (1) a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested directors; (2) independent legal counsel selected in accordance with the Bylaws and at the request of the Board; or (3) the holders of a majority of the Registrant's stock who at such time are entitled to vote for the election of directors.

The provisions of the Registrant's Bylaws on indemnification are consistent in all material respects with the laws of the State of Georgia, which authorize indemnification of corporate officers and directors.



Subject to the foregoing, the Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its executive officers and directors providing such officers and directors indemnification and expense advancement to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and the Registrant's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, subject to certain limitations and procedural requirements. The Registrant's directors and executive officers are also insured against losses arising from any claim against them as such for wrongful acts or omissions, subject to certain limitations.

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**ITEM 16. EXHIBITS.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
1.1	—Form of underwriting agreement or placement agreement will be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
3.1	—Restated Articles of Incorporation (included as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 5, 1998 (the “1998 Second Quarter 10-Q”), previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference).
3.2	—Bylaws, as amended and restated (included as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 1, 2001, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference).
4.1	—See Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2 for provisions in the Company’s Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws defining the rights of holders of Common Stock of the Company.
4.2	—Rights Agreement between the Company and Wachovia Bank, N.A., dated as of March 4, 1998, with an effective date of March 16, 1998 (included as Exhibit 10.1A to the Company’s registration statement on Form 8-A/A dated March 12, 1998, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	—Form of Indenture governing the Company’s 7.3% Senior Notes due 2008, among the Company, Certain U.S. subsidiaries of the Company, as Guarantors, and First Union National Bank, as Trustee (the “1998 Indenture”) (included as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company’s registration statement on Form S-3/A, File No. 333-46611, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference); Supplement No. 1 to the 1998 Indenture, dated as of December 31, 2002 (included as Exhibit 4.4 to the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2002 (the “2002 10-K”), previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference); Supplement No. 2 to the 1998 Indenture, dated as of June 18, 2003 (included as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 29, 2003 (the “2003 Second Quarter 10-Q”), previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference); and Supplement No. 3 to the 1998 Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2005 (included as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company’s current report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2005, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference).
4.4	—Indenture governing the Company’s 10.375% Senior Notes due 2010, among the Company, certain U.S. subsidiaries of the Company, as Guarantors, and First Union National Bank, as Trustee (the “2002 Indenture”) (included as Exhibit 4.5 to the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2001 (the “2001 10-K”), previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference); Supplemental Indenture related to the 2002 Indenture, dated as of December 31, 2002 (included as Exhibit 4.5 to the 2002 10-K, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference); Second Supplemental Indenture related to the 2002 Indenture, dated as of June 18, 2003 (included as Exhibit 4.3 to the 2003 Second Quarter 10-Q, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference); and Third Supplemental Indenture related to the 2002 Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2005 (included as Exhibit 99.2 to the Company’s current report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2005, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference).
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Indenture governing the Company's 9.5% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014, dated as of February 4, 2004, among the Company, certain U.S. subsidiaries of the Company, as guarantors, and SunTrust Bank, as Trustee (the "2004 Indenture") (included as Exhibit 4.6 to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2003 (the "2003 10-K"), previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference); and First Supplemental Indenture related to the 2004 Indenture, dated as of January 10, 2005 (included as Exhibit 99.3 to the Company's current report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2005, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by reference).

- 4.8 —Form of any senior note with respect to each particular series of senior debt securities issued hereunder will be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.9 —Form of any subordinated note with respect to each particular series of subordinated debt securities issued hereunder will be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report of Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4.10 —Form of warrant agreement will be filed as exhibits to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

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- 4.11 —Form of certificate of designation with respect to any preferred stock certificate and related form of preferred stock certificate will be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 5.1 —Legal Opinion of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP
- 8.1 —Opinion of tax counsel on certain U.S. federal income tax matters will be filed as exhibits to a current report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 12.1 —Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges will be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.
- 23.1 —Consent of Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP (see Exhibit 5).
- 23.2 —Consent of BDO Seidman, LLP.
- 24.1 —Power of Attorney (see signature page of this Registration Statement).
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#### ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act.

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the “Calculation of Registration Fee” table in the effective Registration Statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement.

*provided, however, that:*

(B) Paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the Registration Statement is on Form S-3 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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(5) That, for purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:

(i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B (§230.430B of this chapter):

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) (§230.424(b)(3) of this chapter) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) (§230.424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) of this chapter) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) (§230.415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) of this chapter) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(ii) If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C (§230.430C of this chapter), each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A (§230.430A of this chapter), shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(6) That, for purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser.

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (§230.424 of this chapter);

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

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(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(e) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to deliver or cause to be delivered with the prospectus, to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest annual report, to security holders that is incorporated by reference in the prospectus and furnished pursuant to and meeting the requirements of Rule 14a-3 or Rule 14c-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and, where interim financial information required to be presented by Article 3 of Regulation SX is not set forth in the prospectus, to deliver or caused to be delivered to each person to whom the prospectus is sent or given, the latest quarterly report that is specifically incorporated by reference in the prospectus to provide such interim financial information.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.



**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Atlanta, State of Georgia, on May 16, 2006.

INTERFACE, INC.

By: /s/ Daniel T. Hendrix  
Daniel T. Hendrix,  
President and Chief Executive Officer

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Daniel T. Hendrix and Patrick C. Lynch as attorneys-in-fact, having the power of substitution, for them in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-3 and to file the same, with exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact, or their substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Ray C. Anderson</u> Ray C. Anderson	Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors
<u>/s/ Daniel T. Hendrix</u> Daniel T. Hendrix	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Patrick C. Lynch</u> Patrick C. Lynch	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Edward C. Callaway</u> Edward C. Callaway	Director
<u>/s/ Dianne Dillon-Ridgley</u> Dianne Dillon-Ridgley	Director

/s/ Carl I. Gable

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/s/ June M. Henton

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/s/ Christopher G. Kennedy

Christopher G. Kennedy

Director

/s/ J. Smith Lanier, II

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/s/ James B. Miller, Jr.

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/s/ Thomas R. Oliver

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/s/ Clarinus C. Th. van Andel

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