

CSX CORP
 Form 424B2
 October 14, 2016
Table of Contents

Filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2)
 Registration No. 333-209541

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of Registration Fee(1)
2.600% Notes due 2026	\$700,000,000	99.596%	\$697,172,000	\$80,803
3.800% Notes due 2046	\$800,000,000	99.431%	\$795,448,000	\$92,193
4.250% Notes due 2066	\$700,000,000	99.751%	\$698,257,000	\$80,928
Total				\$253,924

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

Table of Contents

Prospectus Supplement

(To Prospectus dated February 16, 2016)

\$2,200,000,000

\$700,000,000 2.600% Notes due 2026

\$800,000,000 3.800% Notes due 2046

\$700,000,000 4.250% Notes due 2066

We are offering \$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 2.600% Notes due 2026 (the 2026 Notes), \$800,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 3.800% Notes due 2046 (the 2046 Notes) and \$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.250% Notes due 2066 (the 2066 Notes and, together with the 2026 Notes and the 2046 Notes, the Notes). The 2026 Notes will mature on November 1, 2026, the 2046 Notes will mature on November 1, 2046 and the 2066 Notes will mature on November 1, 2066. Interest is payable on the Notes on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 2017. Interest on the Notes will accrue from October 18, 2016. We may redeem the Notes of any series, in whole or in part, at any time, at the redemption prices set forth under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption.

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

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

Investing in these Notes involves risks. See risks described as risk factors in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2015, as they may be amended, updated and modified periodically in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

	Price to Public(1)	Underwriting Discount	Proceeds to Us
Per 2026 Note	99.596%	0.650%	98.946%
2026 Notes Total	\$ 697,172,000	\$ 4,550,000	\$ 692,622,000
Per 2046 Note	99.431%	0.875%	98.556%
2046 Notes Total	\$ 795,448,000	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 788,448,000
Per 2066 Note	99.751%	0.875%	98.876%
2066 Notes Total	\$ 698,257,000	\$ 6,125,000	\$ 692,132,000

(1) Plus accrued interest from October 18, 2016 if settlement occurs after that.

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

We expect that delivery of the Notes will be made to investors on or about October 18, 2016, through the book-entry system of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear system, and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme*.

Joint Book-Running Managers

Citigroup

Credit Suisse

J.P. Morgan

UBS Investment Bank

Mizuho Securities

Morgan Stanley

Senior Co-Manager

MUFG

Co-Managers

PNC Capital Markets LLC

October 13, 2016

The Williams Capital Group, L.P

Table of Contents

We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with information other than that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or in any such free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the respective date of such document.

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

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
Prospectus Supplement	
<u>About this Prospectus Supplement</u>	S-1
<u>Special Notes Regarding Forward-Looking Statements</u>	S-1
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	S-3
<u>CSX Corporation</u>	S-4
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	S-5
<u>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</u>	S-5
<u>Description of Notes</u>	S-6
<u>Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</u>	S-16
<u>Underwriting</u>	S-19
<u>Legal Matters</u>	S-23
<u>Experts</u>	S-23
Prospectus	
<u>CSX Corporation / CSX Transportation, Inc.</u>	1
<u>CSX Capital Trust I</u>	1
<u>Where You Can Find More Information</u>	3
<u>Special Note on Forward-Looking Statements</u>	3
<u>Risk Factors</u>	4
<u>Use of Proceeds</u>	5
<u>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</u>	5
<u>Description of Debt Securities</u>	6
<u>Description of Trust Preferred Securities and the Guarantee of the Trust Preferred Securities</u>	23
<u>Description of Capital Stock</u>	36
<u>Description of Depositary Shares</u>	40

<u>Description of Securities Warrants</u>	41
<u>Description of Purchase Contracts</u>	43
<u>Description of Units</u>	44
<u>Plan of Distribution</u>	45
<u>Validity of Securities</u>	47
<u>Experts</u>	47

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the Notes we are offering and certain other matters relating to CSX Corporation (CSX and, together with its subsidiaries, the Company). The second part, the accompanying base prospectus, gives more general information about securities we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the Notes we are offering. Generally, when we refer to the prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. If the information, including the description of Notes, in this prospectus supplement differs from the information in the base prospectus, the information in this prospectus supplement supersedes the information in the base prospectus. All cross references in this prospectus supplement are to captions contained in this prospectus supplement and not in the accompanying prospectus, unless otherwise indicated.

SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including documents incorporated by reference, contain forward-looking statements. The Company intends for all such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the provisions of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). These forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act may contain, among others, statements regarding:

projections and estimates of earnings, revenues, margins, volumes, rates, cost-savings, expenses, taxes or other financial items;

expectations as to results of operations and operational initiatives;

expectations as to the effect of claims, lawsuits, environmental costs, commitments, contingent liabilities, labor negotiations or agreements on the Company s financial condition, results of operations or liquidity;

management s plans, strategies and objectives for future operations, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, safety and service performance, proposed new services and other matters that are not historical facts, and management s expectations as to future performance and operations and the time by which objectives will be achieved; and

future economic, industry or market conditions or performance and their effect on the Company s financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

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

indications of the timing when, or by which, such performance or results will be achieved.

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

S-1

Table of Contents

documents incorporated by reference, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by any forward-looking statements:

legislative, regulatory or legal developments involving transportation, including rail or intermodal transportation, the environment, hazardous materials, taxation and initiatives to further regulate the rail industry;

the outcome of litigation, claims and other contingent liabilities, including, but not limited to, those related to fuel surcharge, environmental matters, taxes, shipper and rate claims subject to adjudication, personal injuries and occupational illnesses;

changes in domestic or international economic, political or business conditions, including those affecting the transportation industry (such as the impact of industry competition, conditions, performance and consolidation) and the level of demand for products carried by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT);

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

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

the cost of compliance with laws and regulations that differ from expectations (including those associated with Positive Train Control implementation), as well as costs, penalties and operational and liquidity impacts associated with noncompliance with applicable laws or regulations;

the impact of increased passenger activities in capacity-constrained areas, including potential effects of high speed rail initiatives, or regulatory changes affecting when CSXT can transport freight or service routes;

unanticipated conditions in the financial markets that may affect timely access to capital markets and the cost of capital, as well as management's decisions regarding share repurchases;

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

the impact of natural gas prices on coal-fired electricity generation;

availability of insurance coverage at commercially reasonable rates or insufficient insurance coverage to cover claims or damages;

the inherent business risks associated with safety and security, including the transportation of hazardous materials or a cybersecurity attack which would threaten the availability and vulnerability of information technology;

adverse economic or operational effects from actual or threatened war or terrorist activities and any governmental response;

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

the Company's success in implementing its strategic, financial and operational initiatives;

changes in operating conditions and costs or commodity concentrations; and

the inherent uncertainty associated with projecting economic and business conditions.

Other important assumptions and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are specified elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference, which are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and the Company's website at www.csx.com. The information on the Company's website is not incorporated by reference in, and does not form a part of, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Table of Contents

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

CSX files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. You may also read and copy these documents at the offices of Nasdaq Global Select Market, 165 Broadway, New York, New York 10006.

The SEC allows CSX to incorporate by reference the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. CSX incorporates by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the termination of the offering of all of the Notes, except that, unless otherwise indicated, we do not incorporate any information furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K or corresponding information furnished or included as an exhibit under Item 9.01 of such Current Report.

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2015, filed with the SEC on February 10, 2016;

the information responsive to Part III of Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2015, provided in our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC in two parts on March 28, 2016;

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 25, 2016, June 24, 2016 and September 23, 2016, filed with the SEC on April 13, 2016, July 14, 2016 and October 12, 2016, respectively;

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 16, 2016 and May 16, 2016.

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

Table of Contents

CSX CORPORATION

CSX, based in Jacksonville, Florida, is one of the nation's leading transportation companies. The Company provides rail-based transportation services including traditional rail service and the transport of intermodal containers and trailers.

CSX's principal operating subsidiary, CSXT, provides an important link to the transportation supply chain through its approximately 21,000 route mile rail network, which serves major population centers in 23 states east of the Mississippi River, the District of Columbia and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The Company's intermodal business, also part of CSXT, links customers to railroads via trucks and terminals.

Other Entities

In addition to CSXT, the Company's subsidiaries include CSX Intermodal Terminals, Inc. (CSX Intermodal Terminals), Total Distribution Services, Inc. (TDSI), Transflo Terminal Services, Inc. (Transflo), CSX Technology, Inc. (CSX Technology) and other subsidiaries. CSX Intermodal Terminals owns and operates a system of intermodal terminals, predominantly in the eastern United States and also performs drayage services (the pickup and delivery of intermodal shipments) for certain customers and trucking dispatch operations. TDSI serves the automotive industry with distribution centers and storage locations. Transflo connects non-rail served customers to the many benefits of rail by transferring products from rail to trucks. The biggest Transflo markets are chemicals and agriculture, which include shipments of plastics and ethanol. CSX Technology and other subsidiaries provide support services for the Company.

CSX's other holdings include CSX Real Property, Inc., a subsidiary responsible for the Company's operating and non-operating real estate sales, leasing, acquisition and management and development activities. These activities are classified in either operating income or other income net depending upon the nature of the activity. Results of these activities fluctuate with the timing of real estate transactions.

Table of Contents**USE OF PROCEEDS**

CSX estimates that the net proceeds from the sale of the Notes will be approximately \$2,172.7 million, after deducting our estimated offering expenses and the underwriting discounts. The net proceeds from the sale of the Notes will be used to fully redeem, upon completion of the offering, CSX's outstanding 5.600% Notes due May 1, 2017, 6.250% Notes due March 15, 2018 and 7.375% Notes due February 1, 2019, all issued under the senior indenture referred to in the accompanying base prospectus, and for general corporate purposes, which may include repurchases of CSX's common stock, capital investment, pension contributions, working capital requirements, improvements in productivity and other cost reductions at CSX's major transportation units.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

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

	For the Nine Months Ended September 23,		For the Fiscal Years Ended			
	2016	Dec. 25, 2015	Dec. 26, 2014	Dec. 27, 2013	Dec. 28, 2012	Dec. 30, 2011
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (a)(b)	5.3x	6.3x	6.0x	5.7x	5.8x	5.9x

- (a) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings represent earnings from operations before income taxes plus interest expense related to indebtedness, amortization of debt discount and the interest portion of fixed rent expense, less undistributed earnings of affiliates accounted for using the equity method. Fixed charges include interest on indebtedness (whether expensed or capitalized), amortization of debt discount and the interest portion of fixed rent expense. Currently, we have no shares of preferred stock outstanding and have not paid any dividends on preferred stock in the periods presented. Accordingly, the ratio of combined fixed charges and preference dividends to earnings is identical to the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the periods shown above.
- (b) See the revision of prior period financial statements disclosed in the 2013 Form 10-K, Note 1, Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

Set forth below is a description of the specific terms of the Notes. This description supplements, and should be read together with, the description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities set forth in the accompanying base prospectus under the caption Description of Debt Securities. The following description does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the description in the base prospectus and the senior indenture. If the description of the Notes in this prospectus supplement differs from the description of the debt securities in the base prospectus, the description in this prospectus supplement supersedes the description in the base prospectus. Capitalized terms used in this Description of Notes that are not defined in this prospectus supplement have the meanings given to them in the base prospectus or the senior indenture.

General

The 2026 Notes will initially be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$700,000,000 and will mature on November 1, 2026. The 2046 Notes will initially be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$800,000,000 and will mature on November 1, 2046. The 2066 Notes will initially be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$700,000,000 and will mature on November 1, 2066. The Notes of each series will be issued in fully registered form only, in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The 2026 Notes, the 2046 Notes and the 2066 Notes will each be issued as a series of senior debt securities under the senior indenture referred to in the accompanying base prospectus. The senior indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities that may be issued under it. CSX may, from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the 2026 Notes, the 2046 Notes or the 2066 Notes, issue other debt securities under the senior indenture in addition to the \$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2026 Notes, \$800,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2046 Notes and \$700,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2066 Notes. CSX may also, from time to time, without the consent of the holders of a series of Notes, issue additional debt securities having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the Notes of the applicable series. Any additional debt securities having similar terms as the Notes of any series, together with the Notes of the applicable series, will constitute a single series of debt securities under the senior indenture if such additional debt securities are fungible with the Notes of that series for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any additional debt securities that are not fungible with the Notes of the applicable series for U.S. federal income tax purposes will have a separate CUSIP, ISIN and other identifying number from the applicable series of Notes offered hereby.

Each series of Notes will bear interest from October 18, 2016, at the annual rate set forth for the applicable series of Notes on the cover page of this prospectus supplement, payable semi-annually on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing May 1, 2017, to the persons in whose names the Notes are registered at the close of business on the immediately preceding April 15 and October 15, respectively, whether or not that day is a business day.

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

The Notes do not provide for any sinking fund.

The senior indenture does not contain any provisions that may afford you protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction or other transaction that may occur in connection with a change of control of CSX, except to the extent described below under Change of Control Repurchase Event. Additionally, the senior indenture does not restrict CSX's ability to incur additional indebtedness or otherwise affect changes in our capital structure.

Table of Contents

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

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

Limitation on Liens on Stock of CSXT

The senior indenture provides that CSX may not, nor may it permit any subsidiary to, create, assume, incur or suffer to exist any mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, charge or security interest of any kind upon any stock or indebtedness, whether owned on the date of the senior indenture or acquired later, of any principal subsidiary, to secure any obligation (other than the senior debt securities) of CSX, any subsidiary or any other person, unless all of the outstanding senior debt securities (and other outstanding debt securities issued from time to time pursuant to the senior indenture) will be directly secured equally and ratably with that obligation. This provision does not restrict any other property of CSX or our subsidiaries. The senior indenture defines [obligation](#) as indebtedness for money borrowed or indebtedness evidenced by a bond, note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness; [principal subsidiary](#) as CSXT; and [subsidiary](#) as a corporation a majority of the outstanding voting stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by CSX or one or more subsidiaries, or by CSX and one or more subsidiaries. The senior indenture does not prohibit the sale by CSX or any subsidiary of any stock or indebtedness of any subsidiary, including any principal subsidiary.

Optional Redemption

The Notes of each series will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at our option at any time.

If the Notes are redeemed prior to the date that is three months (for the 2026 Notes), six months (for the 2046 Notes) or six months (for the 2066 Notes) prior to the applicable maturity date for such series of Notes, the redemption price for the Notes to be redeemed will equal the greater of the following amounts, plus, in each case, accrued interest to the redemption date:

100% of the principal amount of such Notes; or

as determined by the Independent Investment Banker (as defined below), the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Notes to be redeemed (not including any portion of any payments of interest accrued as of the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis at the Adjusted Treasury Rate (as defined below) plus 15 basis points with respect to the 2026 Notes, 20 basis points with respect to the 2046 Notes and 30 basis points with respect to the 2066 Notes.

If the 2026 Notes, the 2046 Notes or the 2066 Notes are redeemed on or after the date that is three months (for the 2026 Notes), six months (for the 2046 Notes) or six months (for the 2066 Notes) prior to the applicable maturity date for such series of Notes, the redemption price for the Notes to be redeemed will equal 100% of the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

The redemption price will be calculated assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

For purposes of the discussion of optional redemption with respect to each series of Notes, the following definitions are applicable:

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

the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor

S-7

Table of Contents

publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the remaining term of the applicable Notes to be redeemed, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Adjusted Treasury Rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight-line basis, rounding to the nearest month); or

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

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

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

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

Independent Investment Banker means Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC or UBS Securities LLC and their respective successors, or if they are unwilling or unable to serve in that capacity, an independent investment and banking institution of national standing appointed by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of:

Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC or UBS Securities LLC and their respective successors; provided that, if any ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the U.S. (Primary Treasury Dealer), we will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer; and

up to four other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by us.

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

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

Notes to be redeemed in a manner that it deems fair and appropriate, or in accordance with the applicable procedures of the Depositary (as defined below).

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

S-8

Table of Contents

Change of Control Repurchase Event

If a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurs with respect to the Notes of any series, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the Notes of the applicable series as described above, we will be required to make an offer to each holder of Notes of the applicable series to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that holder's Notes of such series at a repurchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of such Notes repurchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest on such Notes repurchased to, but not including, the date of repurchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control Repurchase Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control, but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, we will mail a notice to each holder of the applicable series of Notes, with a copy to the trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute the Change of Control Repurchase Event and offering to repurchase the Notes of such series on the payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed. The notice shall, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the offer to purchase is conditioned on a Change of Control Repurchase Event occurring on or prior to the payment date specified in the notice. We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder, to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes of the applicable series as a result of a Change of Control Repurchase Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of the Notes of the applicable series, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Repurchase Event provisions of such Notes by virtue of such conflict or compliance.

On the repurchase date following a Change of Control Repurchase Event with respect to a series of Notes, we will, to the extent lawful:

- (1) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes of the applicable series properly tendered pursuant to our offer;
- (2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the aggregate purchase price in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes of the applicable series properly tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the Notes of the applicable series properly accepted, together with an officers' certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of such Notes being purchased by us. The paying agent will promptly pay to each holder of properly tendered Notes of the applicable series the purchase price for such Notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Notes of the applicable series surrendered; provided that each new note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

We will not be required to make an offer to repurchase with respect to the applicable series of Notes upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and such third party purchases all of the Notes of the applicable series properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

For purposes of the foregoing description of a repurchase at the option of holders, the following definitions are applicable:

Below Investment Grade Ratings Event means, with respect to a series of Notes, that on any day within the 60-day period (which period shall be extended so long as the rating of such Notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies) after the earlier of (1) the occurrence of a Change of Control; or (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or the intention

Table of Contents

by CSX to effect a Change of Control, such Notes are rated below Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Below Investment Grade Ratings Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Ratings Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Repurchase Event hereunder) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the ratings event).

Change of Control means the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than CSX or our subsidiaries, becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the combined voting power of our Voting Stock or other Voting Stock into which our Voting Stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than number of shares.

Change of Control Repurchase Event means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Ratings Event.

Investment Grade means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of Moody's); a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating categories of S&P); or the equivalent Investment Grade credit rating from any additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies selected by us.

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

Rating Agency means (1) each of Moody's and S&P; and (2) if any of Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the applicable Notes or fails to make a rating of such Notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization as defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act, selected by us (as certified by a resolution of the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer) as a replacement agency for Moody's or S&P, or both of them, as the case may be.

S&P means S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc.

Voting Stock of any specified person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) as of any date means the capital stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

The Change of Control Repurchase Event feature of each series of Notes may in certain circumstances make more difficult or discourage a sale or takeover of CSX and, thus, the removal of incumbent management. Subject to the limitations discussed below, we could, in the future, enter into certain transactions, including acquisitions, refinancings or other recapitalizations, that would not constitute a Change of Control under any series of Notes, but that could increase the amount of indebtedness outstanding at such time or otherwise affect our capital structure or credit ratings on the Notes. Restrictions on our ability to incur liens are contained in the covenants as described in this prospectus supplement under **Description of Notes Limitation on Liens on Stock of CSXT** and in the accompanying prospectus under **Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants and Agreements of CSX Covenant in the Senior Indenture Limitation on Liens on Stock of Our Principal Subsidiaries**.

We may not have sufficient funds to repurchase all the Notes of the applicable series, or any other outstanding debt securities that we would be required to repurchase, upon a Change of Control Repurchase Event.

S-10

Table of Contents**Book-Entry Notes**

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

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

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

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

Euroclear advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear (Euroclear Participants) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Euroclear provides various other services, including securities lending and borrowing, and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. Euroclear is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the Euroclear Operator), under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the Cooperative). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The

Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and

S-11

Table of Contents

dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly. The Euroclear Operator was launched on December 31, 2000, and replaced Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York as the operator of and banker to the Euroclear system. The Euroclear Operator has capital of approximately EUR 1 billion. Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the Terms and Conditions). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis, without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants. Distributions with respect to each series of Notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear Participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Euroclear.

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

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

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

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

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

CSX expects that the Depositary will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of Notes (including the presentation of Notes for exchange as described below) only at the direction of one or more participants to

S-12

Table of Contents

whose account or accounts the depositary interests in a global Note are credited and only in respect of the portion of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of the applicable series as to which that participant or participants has or have given that direction. However, if there is an event of default under the Notes of any series, the Depositary will exchange the applicable global Note for definitive Notes of such series in registered form, which it will distribute to its participants.

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

Although the Depositary is expected to follow the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in a global Note among participants of the Depositary, it is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform those procedures and those procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of CSX, the underwriters or the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by the Depositary or its respective participants or indirect participants of its respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

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

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

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

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

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

Any global Note representing book-entry Notes that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence will be exchangeable in whole for definitive Notes in registered form, of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Upon the exchange of a global Note for definitive Notes, that global Note will be canceled by the trustee and the definitive Notes will be registered in

the names and in the authorized denominations as the Depositary, pursuant to instructions from its participants, any indirect participants or otherwise, instructs the trustee. The trustee will deliver those Notes to the persons in whose names those Notes are registered and will recognize those persons as the holders of those Notes.

Except as provided above, owners of book-entry Notes will not be entitled to receive physical delivery of Notes in definitive form and will not be considered the holders of those Notes for any purpose under the senior indenture, and no global Note representing book-entry Notes will be exchangeable, except for another global

Table of Contents

Note of like denomination and tenor to be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee. Accordingly, each person owning a book-entry Note must rely on the procedures of the Depository and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under that global Note or the senior indenture. The senior indenture provides that the Depository, as a holder, may appoint agents and otherwise authorize participants to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action that a holder is entitled to give or take under the senior indenture. CSX understands that under existing industry practices, if CSX requests any action of holders or an owner of a book-entry Note desires to give or take any action a holder is entitled to give or take under the senior indenture, the Depository would authorize the participants owning the relevant book-entry Notes to give or take that action, and those participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through those participants to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Clearance and Settlement Procedures

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

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

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

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

Concerning the Trustee

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. shall be entitled to deduct FATCA Withholding Tax that it is required to deduct.

S-14

Table of Contents

For purposes of the foregoing discussion of matters concerning the Trustee, the following definitions are applicable:

FATCA Withholding Tax means any withholding or deduction pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (or any regulations or agreements thereunder or official interpretations thereof) or any intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof (or any law implementing such an intergovernmental agreement).

Code means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Table of Contents

MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

Non-U.S. Holder Defined

For purpose of this discussion, you are a non-U.S. holder if you are a beneficial owner of the Notes and are an individual, corporation, estate or trust that, for U.S. federal income tax p