

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION
Form 424B3
November 18, 2010

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities Registered | Amount to be Registered | Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Amount of Aggregate Offering Price | Registration Fee(1)(2) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Common stock, \$1.00 par value per share | 2,133,656 | \$51.25 | \$109,351,000 | \$7,797 |

- (1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) and 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (2) A registration fee of \$63,350 was paid with respect to securities available for issuance under a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-120239) filed by Avery Dennison Corporation on November 5, 2004. Pursuant to Rule 457(p) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the \$63,350 registration fee available for future offset under Registration No. 333-120239 was carried forward to an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-147369) filed by Avery Dennison Corporation on November 14, 2007. Pursuant to Rule 457(p), \$17,004 of the previously paid registration fee available for future offset under Registration No. 333-147369 was carried forward to an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-169954) filed by Avery Dennison Corporation on October 15, 2010, and \$9,188 is presently available for offset. The \$7,797 registration fee associated with the instant offering is hereby offset against the prepaid registration fees made in connection with the securities available for issuance under Registration No. 333-120239. Since the prepaid registration fees completely offset the registration fee for this offering, no additional registration fee is being paid for this offering, and, following this offering, \$1,391 will remain available for future offset against registration fees that would otherwise be payable under Registration No. 333-169954.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(to prospectus dated October 15, 2010)

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3)
Registration No. 333-169954

2,133,656 Shares
Common Stock

In 2007, we issued \$440,000,000 aggregate stated amount of HiMEDS Units in the form of Corporate HiMEDS Units. In 2009, we issued shares of our common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and cash to participating holders in exchange for \$330,648,900 aggregate stated amount of our Corporate HiMEDS Units. We are now issuing an aggregate of 2,133,656 shares of our common stock to holders of our outstanding Corporate HiMEDS Units in settlement of the obligation of the holders to purchase shares of our common stock pursuant to the purchase contract component of the Corporate HiMEDS Units. We expect to receive \$109,351,000 in cash proceeds (before giving effect to cash in lieu of fractional shares that we will pay to such holders) for the shares of common stock. See

Description of common stock and preferred stock in the accompanying prospectus for a description of our common stock to be issued.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol AVY. On November 12, 2010, the last reported sale of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$36.44 per share.

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.

We expect to deliver the shares on or about November 15, 2010.

November 15, 2010

PROSPECTUS

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

**Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Depositary Shares
Debt Securities
Warrants
Purchase Contracts
Units**

We may offer and sell the securities in any combination from time to time in one or more offerings. The debt securities, preferred stock, warrants, purchase contracts and units may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock, our preferred stock or our other securities. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer.

Each time we sell securities we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the terms of the securities. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and any supplement before you invest in any of our securities.

We may sell the securities described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods, on a continuous or delayed basis. The names of any underwriters will be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol AVY.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See Risk Factors on page 4 of this prospectus and any similar section contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus to read about factors you should consider before investing in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is October 15, 2010.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, using a shelf registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell any combination of our common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants, purchase contracts and units from time to time and in one or more offerings. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities being offered and the specific terms of that offering. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and any supplement, together with the additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference**.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the supplement to this prospectus is accurate as of the date on its respective cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

When we refer to **we**, **our** and **us** in this prospectus, we mean Avery Dennison Corporation and its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise expressly stated. When we refer to **you** or **yours**, we mean the holders of the applicable series of securities.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Information filed with the SEC by us can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is <http://www.sec.gov>.

Our web site address is <http://www.averydennison.com>. The information on our web site, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as indicated below. Forms of the

indenture and other documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C., as well as through the SEC's website.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The rules of the SEC allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. Any statement contained in a previously filed document incorporated by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus modifies or replaces that statement. We incorporate by reference our documents listed below and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act between the date of this prospectus and the termination of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof, whether specifically listed below or filed in the future, that are not deemed filed with the SEC.

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2010 (including information specifically incorporated by reference therein from our Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A dated March 19, 2010);

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 3, 2010;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended July 3, 2010;

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 4, 2010;

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 13, 2010;

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 27, 2010;

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 28, 2010.

our Form 8-A filed with the SEC on December 15, 1994 (File No. 001-07685), including any amendments or supplements thereto; and

our Form 8-A filed with the SEC on November 14, 2007 including any amendments or supplements thereto.

You may request a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (other than exhibits, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in the documents) by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Secretary
Avery Dennison Corporation
150 North Orange Grove Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91103
(626) 304-2000

Exhibits to the filings will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the information incorporated herein and therein by reference may contain certain forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements, which are not statements of historical fact, may contain estimates, assumptions, projections and/or expectations regarding future events, which may or may not occur. Words such as aim, anticipate, assume, believe, continue, could, estimate, expect, intend, may, might, objective, plan, potential, project, seek, shall, should, target, will, would, and other expressions, which refer to future events and trends, identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements, and financial or other business targets, are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results, performance or achievements of the Company expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Certain risks and uncertainties are discussed in more detail in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors and Part II, Item 7.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2010 and elsewhere in other reports and documents we file with the SEC that are incorporated by reference herein and include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties relating to investment in development activities and new production facilities; fluctuations in cost and availability of raw materials; our ability to achieve and sustain targeted cost reductions; our ability to generate sustained productivity improvement; successful integration of acquisitions; successful implementation of new manufacturing technologies and installation of manufacturing equipment; disruptions in information technology systems; successful installation of new or upgraded information technology systems; the financial condition and inventory strategies of customers; customer and supplier concentrations; changes in customer order patterns; loss of significant contract(s) or customer(s); timely development and market acceptance of new products; fluctuations in demand affecting sales to customers; collection of receivables from customers; impact of competitive products and pricing; selling prices; business mix shift; volatility of capital and credit markets; impairment of capitalized assets, including goodwill and other intangibles; credit risks; our ability to obtain adequate financing arrangements and to maintain access to capital; fluctuations in interest and tax rates; fluctuations in pension, insurance and employee benefit costs; impact of legal proceedings; changes in tax laws and regulations; changes in governmental regulations; changes in political conditions; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and other risks associated with foreign operations; worldwide and local economic conditions; impact of epidemiological events on the economy and our customers and suppliers; acts of war, terrorism and natural disasters; and other factors.

We believe that the most significant risk factors that could affect our financial performance in the near-term include (1) the impact of economic conditions on underlying demand for our products and on the carrying value of our assets; (2) the impact of competitors' actions, including pricing, expansion in key markets, and product offerings; (3) the degree to which higher costs can be offset with productivity measures and/or passed on to customers through selling price increases, without a significant loss of volume; and (4) the impact of changes in tax laws and regulations throughout the world.

The forward-looking statements included in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement and the reports and documents that we incorporate by reference herein and

therein are made only as of their respective dates, and we assume no duty to update the forward-looking statements to reflect new, changed or unanticipated events or circumstances, other than as may be required by law.

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

We are a recognized industry leader in pressure-sensitive technology and materials, retail branding and information solutions, and organization and identification products for businesses and consumers worldwide. Headquartered in Pasadena, California, we had sales of \$5.95 billion for 2009. As of January 2, 2010, we had approximately 31,000 employees in over 60 countries who develop, manufacture and market a wide range of products for both consumer and industrial markets. Our products include: pressure-sensitive labeling materials; graphics imaging media; retail apparel ticketing and branding systems; radio-frequency identification inlays and tags; office products; specialty tapes; and a variety of specialized labels for automotive, industrial and durable goods applications.

Avery Dennison is a Delaware corporation. Our principal executive offices are located at 150 North Orange Grove Boulevard, Pasadena, California 91103. Our main telephone number is (626) 304-2000.

RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus involves risks and uncertainties. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated herein by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, along with the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement, before acquiring any of our securities. If one or more of the events discussed in these risk factors were to occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity, as well as the value of an investment in our securities, could be materially adversely affected.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges are as follows for the periods indicated:

| | Six Months Ended July 3, 2010 | 2009(2) | 2008 | Fiscal Year 2007(3) | 2006 | 2005 |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(1) | 4.4 | | 2.7 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 5.1 |

(1) The ratios of earnings to fixed charges were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. For this purpose, earnings consist of income before taxes plus fixed charges and amortization of capitalized interest, less capitalized interest. Fixed charges consist of interest expense, capitalized interest and the portion of rent expense (estimated to be 35%) on operating leases deemed representative of interest.

(2) For the year ended January 2, 2010, our earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$792 million. This deficiency primarily resulted from non-cash goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment charges of \$832 million, a loss on extinguishment of debt of approximately \$21 million, and legal settlement costs of \$41 million recorded during 2009.

(3) 2007 included results for Paxar Corporation from June 15, 2007 (acquisition date) to December 29, 2007, as well as the incremental interest expense related to our increased borrowings to fund the acquisition.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may invest funds not required immediately for those purposes in short-term investment grade securities.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

We may issue from time to time, in one or more offerings, the following securities:

common stock;

preferred stock;

depository shares;

debt securities;

warrants to purchase debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or depository shares;

purchase contracts to purchase common stock, preferred stock or depository shares; and

units.

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement a description of the common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, debt securities, warrants, purchase contracts and units that may be offered under this prospectus. The terms of the offering of securities, the initial offering price and the net proceeds to us will be contained in the prospectus supplement, and other offering material, relating to the offer. The supplement may also add, update or change

information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and any supplement before you invest in any of our securities.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK AND PREFERRED STOCK

The following description of our common stock and preferred stock is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws. Therefore, you should read carefully our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, or the Restated Certificate, and our bylaws, as amended and restated, copies of which are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

General

This prospectus describes certain general terms of our capital stock. For a more detailed description of these securities, we refer you to the applicable provisions of Delaware law and our Restated Certificate. When we offer to sell a particular series of our preferred stock, we will describe the specific terms of the series in a supplement to this prospectus. Accordingly, for a description of the terms of any series of our preferred stock, you must refer to both the prospectus supplement relating to that series and the description of our preferred stock set forth in this prospectus.

Pursuant to our Restated Certificate, our authorized capital stock consists of 400,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share. As of September 30, 2010, we had 109,417,343 shares of common stock outstanding and no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

Common Stock

Subject to any preferential rights that our board of directors may grant in connection with the future issuance of preferred stock, each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote per share on all matters voted upon by the stockholders. Each holder of common stock is entitled to receive ratably any dividends declared on the common stock by the board of directors from funds legally available for distribution. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, after we pay all debts and other liabilities and any liquidation preference on the preferred stock, each holder of common stock would be entitled to share ratably in all of our remaining assets. The common stock has no subscription, redemption, conversion or preemptive rights. All shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

Delaware General Corporation Law Section 203

As a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, we are subject to Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, which restricts certain business combinations between us and an interested stockholder (in general, a stockholder owning 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock) or that stockholder s

affiliates or associates for a period of three years following the date on which the stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. The restrictions do not apply if:

prior to an interested stockholder becoming such, our board of directors approves either the business combination or the transaction in which the stockholder becomes an interested stockholder;

upon consummation of the transaction in which the stockholder becomes an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owns at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, subject to certain exceptions; or

on or after the date an interested stockholder becomes such, the business combination is both approved by our board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of our stockholders (and not by written consent) by the affirmative vote of at least 66²/₃% of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

Preferred Stock

Under the Restated Certificate, our board of directors is authorized generally without stockholder approval to issue shares of preferred stock from time to time, in one or more series. Prior to the issuance of shares of each series, the board of directors is required by the DGCL and the Restated Certificate to adopt resolutions and file a certificate of designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The certificate of designation fixes for each series the designations, powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions, including, but not limited to, the following:

the number of shares constituting each series;

voting rights;

rights and terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions);

dividend rights and rates;

conversion rights;

redemption prices; and

liquidation preferences.

All shares of preferred stock offered hereby will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable and will not have any preemptive or similar rights. Our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions that could have the effect of discouraging a takeover or other transaction that might involve a premium price for holders of the shares or that holders might believe to be in their best interests.

We will set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to the series of preferred stock being offered the specific terms of each series of our preferred stock.

Preferred Share Purchase Rights

On October 23, 1997, our board of directors adopted a Rights Agreement (Rights Plan) and declared a dividend distribution of one preferred share purchase right (a Right) on each

outstanding share of our common stock. The Rights expired on October 31, 2007. The company has not yet redesignated the Series A Junior Participating preferred stock underlying the Rights.

Registrar and Transfer Agent

Computershare Trust Company, N.A., is the registrar and transfer agent for our common stock.

VALIDITY OF THE SECURITIES

Latham & Watkins LLP, Los Angeles, California, will pass upon the validity of the securities offered hereby for us.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 2, 2010 have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

