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## REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER** 

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

EURONET WORLDWIDE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 74-2806888 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

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

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The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

## SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2005

## **PROSPECTUS**

### \$140,000,000

### **Euronet Worldwide, Inc.**

#### 1.625% Convertible Senior Debentures Due 2024

# **Common Stock Issuable upon Conversion of the Debentures**

We issued and sold \$140,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 1.625% Convertible Senior Debentures Due 2024 in a private offering on December 15, 2004. This prospectus may be used by selling security holders to sell the Debentures and common stock issuable upon conversion of the Debentures. The shares of common stock include preferred stock purchase rights attached to the common stock under our stockholder rights plan. We will not receive any proceeds from the offering of these securities by the selling security holders. The Debentures are our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other existing and future senior unsecured debt. The Debentures will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured debt and to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.

The Debentures bear interest at a rate of 1.625% per annum. We will pay interest on the Debentures on June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning June 15, 2005. Beginning with the period commencing on December 20, 2009 and ending on June 14, 2010, and for each of the six-month periods thereafter commencing on June 15, 2010, we will pay contingent interest during the applicable interest period if the average trading price of a Debenture during a five trading-day period preceding such applicable interest period equals or exceeds 120% of the principal amount of the Debentures. The contingent interest payable per Debenture in respect of any applicable interest period will equal 0.30% per annum of the average trading price of a Debenture for such five trading-day period. The Debentures will mature on December 15, 2024.

The Debentures will be convertible at your option into shares of our common stock, par value \$0.02 per share, if: (1) the price of our common stock reaches a specified threshold, (2) subject to certain limitations, the trading price for the Debentures falls below certain thresholds, (3) we have called your Debentures for redemption or (4) specified corporate transactions occur. Upon conversion, we will have the right to deliver, in lieu of our common stock, cash or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock. Subject to the above conditions, each \$1,000 principal amount of Debentures will be convertible into 29.7392 shares (equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$33.63 per share of common stock), subject to adjustment as described in this prospectus. If a change of control (as defined in this prospectus) occurs on or prior to December 15, 2009, we will increase the conversion rate by a number of additional shares of common stock or, in lieu thereof, we may in certain circumstances elect to adjust the conversion rate and related conversion obligation so that the Debentures are convertible into shares of the acquiring or surviving company, in each case as described in this prospectus. Shares of our common stock are traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "EEFT." The last reported bid price of our common stock on March 22, 2005

was \$26.05 per share.

We may redeem some or all of the Debentures for cash at any time on or after December 20, 2009 at 100% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest, if any, and liquidated damages, if any. You may require us to repurchase all or a portion of your Debentures on December 15, 2009, 2014 and 2019, at a price equal to the principal amount of the Debentures to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest, if any, and liquidated damages, if any, to the repurchase date.

You may require us to repurchase all or a portion of your Debentures upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined in this prospectus).

We do not intend to apply for listing of the Debentures on any securities exchange or for inclusion of the Debentures in any automated quotation system. The Debentures are expected to be eligible for trading in the Private Offerings, Resales and Trading through Automated Linkages (PORTAL) system of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

Investing in the Debentures involves risks. See "Risk Factor" beginning on page 11.

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

The date of this prospectus is November \_\_\_\_, 2005.

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This prospectus is part of a resale registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission using a "shelf" registration process. Under this prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, the selling security holders may sell some or all of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more transactions from time to time.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as well as the information we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission and incorporate by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, is accurate only as of the date of the documents containing the information. The securities covered by this prospectus are not offered in any jurisdiction where offers to sell, or solicitations of offers to purchase, such securities are unlawful.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms "Euronet Worldwide, Inc.," "Company," "Euronet," "us," and "our" refer to Euronet Worldwide, Inc. and not our subsidiaries, except that, for purposes of the information under "Our Business" and "Summary of Historical Consolidated Financial Data" below and "Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business," the terms "Euronet Worldwide, Inc.," "Company," "us," and "our" refer to Euronet Worldwide, Inc. and its subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires. Investors should be aware that Euronet Worldwide, Inc.'s subsidiaries will not guarantee the Debentures. Unless otherwise indicated, all information contained herein assumes no exercise of the initial purchaser's option to purchase additional Debentures.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference may contain "forward-looking statements," including, but not limited to, statements of plans and objectives, statements of future economic performance and statements of assumptions underlying such statements, and statements of the Company's or management's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations or predictions of the future. You can often identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology, such as "could," "should," "will," "will

be,""intended,""continue,""believe,""may,""hope,""anticipate,""goal,""forecast,""plan,""estimate" or variations thereof. In participate, but are not limited to, statements relating to the following:

- trends affecting our business plans and financing plans and requirements;
- trends affecting our business;
- the adequacy of capital to meet our capital requirements and expansion plans;

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- the assumptions underlying our business plans;
- business strategy;
- government regulatory action;
- technological advances; and
- projected costs and revenues.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or results. Forward-looking statements are based on estimates, forecasts and assumptions involving risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. The uncertainties, risks and assumptions referred to above include, but are not limited to, the following:

- technological and business developments in the local card, electronic and mobile banking and mobile phone markets affecting transaction and other fees that we are able to charge for our services;
- foreign exchange fluctuations;
- competition from bank-owned ATM networks, outsource providers of ATM services, software providers and providers of outsourced mobile phone prepaid services;
- our relationships with our major customers, sponsor banks in various markets and international card organizations, including the risk of contract terminations with major customers;
- changes in law and regulations affecting our business;
- our ability to effectively compete for market share and generate growth;
- retention of key executives and personnel;
- the collectibility of receivables and adequacy of our allowance for credit losses;
- general economic, financial and market conditions and the duration and extent of any future economic downturns;
- the cost of borrowing, availability of credit and terms of and compliance with debt covenants;
- renewal of sources of funding as they expire and the availability of replacement funding;
- the outlook for markets we serve; and
- the other risks and uncertainties as are described under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus or "Factors Affecting Future Performance" in our public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

All of our forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements and any other cautionary statements that may accompany such forward-looking statements. In addition, we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus.

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#### **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not intended to be a complete description of the matters covered in this prospectus and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and historical consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those financial statements, appearing elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Investors should carefully consider the information set forth under "Risk Factors."

## **Business Summary**

Euronet Worldwide, Inc. is a leading provider of secure electronic financial transaction solutions. In our EFT Division, we process transactions for a network of approximately 6,841 automated teller machines ("ATMs") across Europe and provide financial transaction processing services, network gateways, and ATM operation outsourcing services to financial institutions, retailers and mobile phone operators. Through our Prepaid Processing Division, we provide prepaid processing, or top-up services, for prepaid mobile airtime and other prepaid products as well as electronic consumer money transfer and bill payment services. We operate a network of more than 218,000 point of sale ("POS") terminals providing electronic processing of prepaid mobile phone airtime top-up services in the U.K., Australia, Poland, Ireland, New Zealand, Germany, the U.S., Spain, Malaysia and Indonesia. Our Software Solutions Division offers a suite of integrated electronic financial transaction (EFT) software solutions for electronic payment and transaction delivery systems.

Our solutions are used in more than 70 countries around the world. As of September 30, 2005, we had 14 principal offices in Europe, three in the United States four in Asia-Pacific and two in the Middle East. Our headquarters office is in Leawood, Kansas.

## **EFT Processing Segment**

Our EFT Processing Segment provides services to banks and mobile phone companies primarily in the developing markets of Central and Southern Europe (Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Croatia, Romania, Slovakia, Serbia and Greece), Egypt, Indonesia and India, as well as in the developed countries of Western Europe (Germany and the U.K.). In most of these markets, we own small networks of ATMs and accept cards of our client banks or international logo'd cards on those ATMs. We also increasingly provide ATM operation services under outsourcing agreements with banks in a number of markets, and in the U.K., to an independent operator of ATMs.

#### Transactions on Owned Networks of ATMs

Our agreements with banks and international card organizations generally provide that all credit and debit cards issued by the customer bank or organization may be used at all ATM machines we operate in a given market. In many markets, we have agreements with a bank under which we are designated as a service provider (which we refer to as "sponsorship agreements") for the acceptance of cards bearing international logos, such as Visa and MasterCard. These card acceptance or sponsorship agreements allow us to receive transaction authorization directly from the card issuing bank or international card organization. Our agreements generally provide for a term of three to seven years and are automatically renewed unless either party gives notice of non-renewal prior to the termination date. In some cases, the agreements are terminable by either party upon six months notice. We are generally able to connect a bank to our network within 30 to 90 days of signing a card acceptance agreement. Generally, the bank provides the cash needed to complete transactions on the ATM, although we have contracted for cash supply with a cash supply bank in the Czech Republic.

The ATM transaction fees we charge under our card acceptance agreements vary depending on the type of transaction (which are currently cash withdrawals, balance inquiries, GSM airtime recharge purchases, deposits and transactions not completed because authorization is not given by the relevant card issuer) and the number of transactions attributable to a particular card issuer. The fees we charge to the card issuers are independent of any fees charged by the card issuers to cardholders in connection with the ATM transactions.

We have processing centers for EFT processing in Budapest, Hungary, Mumbai, India and Jakarta, Indonesia. Our operations centers use our own proprietary software, the Integrated Transaction Management System. The ATMs in our networks are able to process transactions for holders of credit and debit cards issued by or bearing

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the logos of banks and international card organizations such as American Express, Diners Club International, Visa, MasterCard and Europay.

### ATM Outsourcing

We offer complete outsourced management services to banks and other organizations using our processing centers' full suite of secure electronic financial transaction processing software. Our outsourced management services include management of an existing bank network of ATMs, development of new ATM networks on a complete turn-key basis (as we have done for Citibank in Greece), management of POS networks, management of charge and debit card databases and other financial processing services. These services include 24-hour monitoring from our processing centers of each individual ATM's status and cash condition, coordinating the cash delivery and management of cash levels in the ATM and automatic dispatch for necessary service calls. They also include real-time transaction authorization, advanced monitoring, network gateway access, network switching, 24-hour customer services, maintenance services, settlement and reporting.

Our outsourced management agreements, other than in Germany, provide for fixed monthly management fees in addition to fees payable for each transaction. Therefore, the transaction fees under these agreements are generally lower than under card acceptance agreements. The fees payable under our outsourced management agreement in Germany are purely transaction based and include no fixed component.

#### Other Products and Services

Our network constitutes a distribution network through which financial and other products or services may be sold at a low incremental cost. We have developed value-added services in addition to basic cash withdrawal and balance inquiry transactions. These new services include bill payment, "mini-statement" and recharge (purchasing prepaid airtime from ATMs and mobile phone devices) transactions. We are committed to the ongoing development of innovative new products and services to offer our processing services customers and will implement additional services as markets develop.

### **Prepaid Processing Segment**

Our Prepaid Processing Division provides networks for electronic distribution of prepaid mobile phone time to mobile operators and electronic consumer money transfer and bill payment services, through the maintenance of processing centers that are connected to POS terminals or cash register systems at retail outlets. Our principal Prepaid Processing operations are in the U.K., Germany, Australia, the U.S., New Zealand, Poland and Spain. We have expanded this division principally through acquisitions and are continuing to seek acquisition opportunities in many markets.

Customers using mobile phones pay for their usage in two ways: through "postpaid" accounts where usage is billed at the end of each billing period, and through "prepaid" accounts where customers must pay in advance by crediting their accounts prior to usage. Although operators in the United States and certain European countries have provided service principally through postpaid accounts, the trend in Europe has shifted toward prepaid accounts because mobile operators of those accounts do not take the credit risk with respect to payment for airtime usage. In many developing markets, the majority of mobile phones are prepaid. Currently two principal methods are available to credit prepaid accounts (referred to as "top-up" of accounts). The first is through the purchase of "scratch cards" bearing code numbers, that, when entered into a customer's mobile phone account, credit the account by a certain value of airtime. Scratch cards are sold predominantly through retail outlets. The second is through various electronic means of crediting accounts using POS terminals. Electronic top-up or "e-top-up" methods have several advantages over scratch cards,

primarily because electronic methods do not require the creation, distribution and management of a physical inventory of cards. Currently scratch cards are the predominant method of crediting mobile phone accounts in many developed markets, but a shift is occurring in such markets away from usage of scratch cards to the usage of electronic top-up methods.

In a typical POS top-up transaction in the UK, a consumer in a retail shop will use an electronic card issued by the mobile phone operator to identify the consumer's mobile phone number. The consumer uses this card with a specially programmed POS terminal in the shop that is connected to our network. The consumer will make a payment of

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a defined amount to the retailer (in cash or by adding to the amount to a bank card transaction for other services). Using the electronic connection we maintain with the mobile operator, the retailer will use the POS terminal to credit the purchased amount of airtime directly to the account of the consumer. We receive a commission on each transaction that is withheld from the payments made, and we share that commission with the retailers.

In a typical POS top-up transaction in markets other than the U.K., we top-up the consumer's account by issuing a voucher from the POS terminal. The voucher includes PIN numbers used to access the mobile phone time. Depending upon market practices, we purchase such vouchers either from the mobile operators directly or from wholesalers of PINs. The retailers settle the transaction by paying us the amount received from the consumer, and we pay that amount to the mobile phone operators. We receive a commission on each transaction that is withheld from the payments made, and we share that commission with the retailers.

Our agreements with major retailers for the POS business typically have two-year terms. These agreements include terms regarding the connection of our networks to the respective retailer's registers or payment terminals or the maintenance of POS terminals, and obligations concerning settlement and liability for transactions processed. Our agreements with individual or small retailers regarding the installation and operation of the POS terminals are short-term agreements, typically with terms of two years, but with the ability of either party to terminate the agreement upon three months' notice and include provisions similar to those with major retailers.

During the second quarter 2005, we launched our money transfer and bill payment services through the acquisition of TelecommUSA. TelecommUSA's patented card-based money transfer and bill payment system allows transactions to be initiated primarily through POS terminals and Integrated Cash Register Systems (ICR). Transactions can also be initiated through the internet, fax or telephone. Revenue in the money transfer and bill payment business is earned through the charging of a transaction fee, as well as the difference between purchasing currency at wholesale exchange rates and selling the currency to consumers at retail exchange rates. We have origination and distribution agents in place, which each earn a fee for the respective service. These fees are recognized as a direct operating costs at the time of sale.

## **Software Solutions Segment**

Through our subsidiary Euronet USA, we offer an integrated suite of card and retail transaction delivery applications for the IBM i-Series (formerly AS/400) platform and some applications on NT server environments. The core system of this product, called "Integrated Transaction Management" (ITM), provides for transaction identification, transaction routing, security, transaction detail logging, network connections, authorization interfaces and settlement. Front-end systems in this product support ATM and POS management, telephone banking, Internet banking, mobile banking and event messaging. These systems provide a comprehensive solution for ATM, debit or credit card management and bill payment facilities. We also offer increased functionality to authorize, switch and settle transactions for multiple banks through our GoldNet module. We use GoldNet for our own EFT requirements, processing transactions across ten countries in Europe.

Although our Software Solutions Segment is headquartered in the United States, approximately 75% of our software customers are international and in particular in developing markets. This distribution is largely because our core software product is a relatively small and inexpensive package that is appropriate for banks with smaller transaction processing needs. Euronet Software is the preferred transaction-processing software for banks that operate their back office software using the IBM iSeries platform, which is also a relatively inexpensive, expandable hardware platform.

Software Solutions Segment revenue is derived from three main sources: software license fees, professional service fees and software maintenance fees. Software license fees are the initial fees we charge for the licensing of our proprietary application software to customers. We charge professional service fees for customization, installation and consulting services provided to customers. Software maintenance fees are the ongoing fees we charge to customers for the maintenance of the software products.

## The Offering

Selling Security Holders The securities to be offered and sold using this prospectus will be offered and sold by the selling security holders. See "Selling Security Holders".

Securities Offered Maturity Date

\$140,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 1.625% Convertible Senior Debentures Due 2024. The Debentures will mature on December 15, 2024, unless earlier converted, redeemed or repurchased.

Ranking

The Debentures are our general unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations and senior in right of payment to all of our future subordinated indebtedness. The Debentures are effectively subordinated to any of our existing and future secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our credit facilities with respect to any collateral securing such indebtedness. At December 31, 2004, the senior unsecured indebtedness of Euronet Worldwide, Inc. on an unconsolidated basis totaled approximately \$142.9 indebtedness (including indebtedness under our credit facilities) totaled approximately \$21.3 million. The Debentures are not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and, accordingly, the Debentures are effectively subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries, including trade creditors. As of December 31, 2004, our subsidiaries had liabilities of approximately \$340.7 million, excluding intercompany indebtedness. Neither we nor our subsidiaries are restricted under the indenture from incurring additional secured indebtedness or other additional indebtedness.

Interest

The Debentures will bear interest at a rate of 1.625% per year. We will pay interest on the Debentures on June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning June 15, 2005. Liquidated damages are payable if we fail to comply with certain obligations under the registration rights agreement as set forth below under "Description of the Debentures—Registration Rights." We will pay contingent interest to the holders of Debentures, commencing with the period beginning December 20, 2009 to June 14, 2010 and for any six-month period from June 15 to December 14 and December 15 to June 14 thereafter, if the average trading price of a Debenture for the five trading days ending on the second trading day immediately preceding the relevant contingent interest period equals or exceeds 120% of the principal amount of the Debentures. The amount of contingent interest payable per Debenture in respect of any contingent interest period will equal 0.30% per annum calculated on the average trading price of a Debenture for the five trading-day period referred to above. Such payments will be paid on the interest payment date immediately following the last day of the relevant contingent interest period.

Contingent Interest

Conversion Rights

Holders may convert their Debentures at any time prior to stated maturity, at their option, only under the following circumstances:

- during any fiscal quarter commencing after December 31, 2004 (and only during such fiscal quarter), if the closing price of our common stock for at least 20 trading days in the 30 trading-day period ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter was 130% or more of the conversion price of the Debentures on that 30th trading day;
- during the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period (the "measurement period") in which the trading price per Debenture (as defined under "Description of the Debentures—Conversion Rights") for each day of such measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the closing price of our common stock and the conversion rate for the Debentures; provided, however, holders may not convert their Debentures in reliance on this provision after December 15, 2019 if on any trading day during such measurement period the closing price of shares of our common stock was between 100% and 130% of the conversion price of the Debentures;
- we have called your Debentures for redemption; or
- upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions described under "Description of the Debentures-Conversion Rights."

For each \$1,000 principal amount of Debentures surrendered for conversion, a holder will receive 29.7392 shares, equal to an initial conversion price of approximately \$33.63, subject to adjustment as set forth in "Description of the Debentures—Conversion Rights—Conversion Rate Adjustments."

Upon conversion, holders will not receive any cash payment representing accrued interest, including contingent interest, if any. Instead, any such amounts will be deemed paid by the common stock or cash received by holders on conversion. You will, however, receive any accrued and unpaid liquidated damages to the conversion date.

Upon conversion, we will have the right to deliver, in lieu of our common stock, cash or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock.

If you elect to convert your Debentures in connection with a change of control that occurs on or prior to December 15, 2009, we will increase the conversion rate by a number of additional shares of common stock upon conversion or, in lieu thereof, we may in certain circumstances elect to adjust the conversion rate and related conversion obligation so that the Debentures are convertible into shares of the acquiring or surviving company, in each case as described under "Description of Debentures—Conversion Rights—Adjustment to Conversion Rate upon a Change of Control."

Debentures called for redemption may be surrendered for conversion until the close of business on the business day prior to the redemption date.

Due to new accounting rules, shares issuable upon conversion of convertible debt instruments with contingent conversion provisions such as the Debentures must be included in computations of diluted earnings per share regardless of whether the contingent conversion triggers have been achieved. As a result, assuming the initial purchaser does not exercise its option to purchase additional Debentures and assuming we do not irrevocably elect to pay principal on the Debentures in cash (as further described in "Description of the Debentures—Conversion Rights—Payment Upon Conversion-Conversion after Irrevocable Election to Pay Principal in Cash"), an additional 4,163,488 shares of our common stock, representing approximately 11.2% of our common stock outstanding on the date of this prospectus, will be included in our future calculations of diluted earnings per share beginning with the first quarter of 2005.

Payment at Maturity