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The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated December 5, 2017)

\$525,000,000

Service Corporation International

% Senior Notes due 2027

We are offering \$525,000,000 aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2027 (the notes). We will pay interest on the notes on and of each year, beginning on , 2018. The notes will mature on , 20 .

We may redeem some or all of the notes at any time on or after , 20 at the redemption prices described in this prospectus supplement, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption, and prior to such date at a make-whole redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. If a change of control occurs, we will be required to offer to purchase the notes from the holders.

The notes will be our general unsecured senior obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other unsecured indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness and to all indebtedness and other obligations of our subsidiaries, whether or not secured, including subsidiary guarantees of obligations under our senior credit facilities.

The notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or included in any automated dealer quotation system.

Investing in the notes involves risks that are described in the Risk factors section beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement.

	Per note	Total
Public offering price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$
Underwriting discount	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us ⁽¹⁾	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from _____, 2017, if settlement occurs after that date.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) 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.

The notes will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through the facilities 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 S.A., on or about _____, 2017.

Joint Book-Running Managers

**J.P. Morgan
BofA Merrill Lynch**

**Wells Fargo Securities
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey**

Senior Co-Managers

BBVA

Scotiabank

Lead Co-Managers

**US Bancorp
Fifth Third Securities**

MUFG

**Regions Securities LLC
PNC Capital Markets LLC
, 2017.**

The date of this prospectus supplement is

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectuses we may provide to you in connection with this offering. We have not, and the underwriters 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 as having been authorized by us or the underwriters. 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. The information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference herein and any free writing prospectuses we may provide to you in connection with this offering is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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About this prospectus supplement

This document consists of two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering. The second part is the prospectus, which describes more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. You should read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the information incorporated by reference herein as set forth under the heading "Incorporation of certain information by reference" on page S-43.

In this prospectus supplement, the terms "SCI," "the Company," "we," "our" and "us" refer to Service Corporation International and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires. References to "underwriters" refer to the firms listed on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. Each reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 shall mean such Form 10-K as amended by the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2016. If the information set forth in this prospectus supplement differs in any way from the information set forth in the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information set forth in this prospectus supplement.

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Summary

*This summary highlights selected information about us and this offering, including information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein, and does not contain all of the information that you should consider in making your investment decision. You should read this summary together with the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, as well as the information in the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference or deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters discussed in the sections titled *Risk factors* on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017.*

Our business

Service Corporation International is North America's largest provider of deathcare products and services, with a network of funeral service locations and cemeteries unequalled in geographic scale and reach. At September 30, 2017, we operated 1,509 funeral service locations and 476 cemeteries (including 287 funeral service/cemetery combination locations), which are geographically diversified across 45 states, eight Canadian provinces, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

We are well known for our Dignity Memorial® brand, North America's first transcontinental brand of deathcare products and services. Our other brands are Dignity Planning, National Cremation Society®, Advantage® Funeral and Cremation Services, Funeraria del Angel, Making Everlasting Memories®, Neptune Society and Trident Society. Our funeral and cemetery operations consist of funeral service locations, cemeteries, funeral service/cemetery combination locations, crematoria and related businesses, which enable us to serve a wide array of customer needs. We sell cemetery property and funeral and cemetery merchandise and services at the time of need and on a preneed basis.

We were incorporated in Texas in July of 1962. Our principal executive offices are located at 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019. Our telephone number at that address is (713) 522-5141. Our website is located at www.sci-corp.com. Other than as described in *Where you can find more information* and *Incorporation of certain information by reference* below, the information on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus supplement. Our website address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

Recent developments

The Financing Transactions

Our existing credit agreement, with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and certain other financial institutions, as lenders, includes a \$647 million senior term loan facility, maturing in March 2021 (the *Existing Term Loan A*), and a revolving credit facility providing for borrowings of up to \$700 million, with commitments expiring and loans maturing in March 2021 (the *Existing Revolving Facility* and, together with the *Existing Term Loan A*, the *existing senior credit facilities*). On or about December 6, 2017, we expect to repay in full the *Existing Term Loan A* and terminate the *Existing Revolving Facility* and enter into a new credit agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and certain other financial institutions, as lenders, providing for a \$675 million senior term loan facility, maturing in December 2022 (the *Term Loan A*), and a revolving credit facility providing for borrowings of up to \$1,000 million, with commitments expiring and loans maturing in December 2022 (the *Revolving*

Facility and, together with the Term Loan A, the senior

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credit facilities). Assuming that we obtain the senior credit facilities in the amounts described herein, immediately prior to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, we expect to have \$647 million of outstanding borrowings under the Term Loan A and approximately \$442 million of outstanding borrowings under the Revolving Facility.

We will use the net proceeds of this offering to (i) repay a portion of the outstanding loans under the Revolving Facility, (ii) redeem all \$250 million aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 7.625% Senior Notes due 2018 (the 2018 notes) and (iii) pay fees, interest and expenses of this offering and the other transactions described herein.

The completion of the Term Loan A and the Revolving Facility, the repayment and termination of the Existing Term Loan A, the repayment and termination of the Existing Revolving Facility, the redemption of the 2018 notes and the repayment of borrowings under the Revolving Facility with the proceeds of this offering of notes and the payment of the related fees, interest and expenses are collectively referred to herein as the Financing Transactions.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The following table contains the estimated sources and uses in connection with the Financing Transactions and the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby. Actual amounts may vary from these estimated amounts as a result of several factors, including changes in the amount of, and accrued interest on, the indebtedness that is being refinanced and in the estimated fees and expenses relating to such transactions.

Sources	Amount (Dollars in millions)	Uses	Amount
% Senior Notes due 2027 offered hereby	\$ 525	Redeem outstanding 2018 notes	\$ 250
Term Loan A	675	Repay Existing Term Loan A	647
		Repay Revolving Facility ⁽¹⁾	275
		Estimated accrued interest on 2018 notes	5
		Estimated make-whole premium on existing 2018 notes	11
		Estimated fees and expenses	12
Total sources	\$ 1,200	Total uses	\$ 1,200

⁽¹⁾ As of September 30, 2017, the actual amount outstanding under our Existing Revolving Facility was \$470 million. On or about December 6, 2017, we expect to repay and terminate the Existing Revolving Facility and enter into the Revolving Facility. Immediately prior to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby, we expect to have approximately \$442 million of outstanding borrowings under our Revolving Facility. After giving effect to the Financing Transactions, \$195 million will be outstanding under the Revolving Facility.

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The following summary contains basic information about the notes and it is not intended to be complete. It may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete description of the notes, see Description of the notes. In this summary of the offering, the words we, us and our refer only to Service Corporation International and not to any of its subsidiaries.

Issuer	Service Corporation International, a Texas corporation.
Notes Offered	\$525,000,000 aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2027.
Maturity	, 2027.
Interest	% per annum. Interest on the notes will accrue from , 20 and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, beginning on , 2018.
Ranking	<p>The notes will be our general unsecured obligations and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other unsubordinated indebtedness; will rank senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness; and will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness and to all indebtedness and other obligations of our subsidiaries, whether or not secured, including subsidiary guarantees of obligations under our senior credit facilities. <p>As of September 30, 2017, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby and the Financing Transactions (as defined herein):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> we would have had approximately \$3,397 million of outstanding senior indebtedness, with \$870 million outstanding under our senior credit facilities, \$2,350 million of currently outstanding senior notes, \$177 million of other indebtedness and undrawn availability of \$805 million under our Revolving Facility (excluding \$33 million of undrawn letters of credit); and our subsidiaries would have had approximately \$1,526 million of total indebtedness and other liabilities outstanding, including trade payables, and excluding intercompany obligations, deferred revenue, deferred receipts held in trust and care trusts corpus and guarantees of remaining debt obligations under our senior credit facilities.

As of September 30, 2017, we had approximately \$193 million of secured indebtedness outstanding.

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Optional Redemption	Prior to _____, 20____, we may redeem the notes at our option, at any time in whole or in part, pursuant to a make-whole redemption at the make-whole redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. On or after _____, 20____, we may redeem the notes at our option, at any time in whole or in part, at the redemption prices specified in Description of the notes Optional redemption, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.
Change of Control	If we experience a Change of Control (as defined in Description of the notes Change of control), each holder of the notes may require us to repurchase such holder's notes, in whole or in part, at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the purchase date.
Guarantees	None.
Covenants	Under the indenture, we have agreed to certain restrictions on our ability to create or incur liens and to enter into certain sale/leaseback transactions. These covenants are subject to important exceptions and qualifications. See Description of the notes Certain covenants.
Use of Proceeds	We expect the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to be approximately \$ million, after deduction of offering-related expenses and the underwriting discount. We will use the net proceeds of this offering to (i) repay a portion of the Revolving Facility, (ii) redeem all of the 2018 notes and (iii) pay fees, interest and expenses of this offering and the other transactions described herein.
Additional Notes	The indenture does not limit the amount of notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness that we may issue and provides that notes may be issued from time to time in one or more series.
Denomination and Form	We will issue the notes in the form of one or more fully registered global notes registered in the name of the nominee of The Depository Trust Company (DTC). Beneficial interests in the notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking S.A. will hold interests on behalf of their participants through their respective U.S. depositaries, which in turn will hold such interests in accounts as participants of DTC. Except in the limited circumstances described in this prospectus supplement, owners of beneficial interests in the notes will not be entitled to have notes registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive notes in definitive form and will not be considered holders of notes under the indenture. The notes will be issued only in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

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Risk Factors

Investment in the notes involves certain risks. You should carefully read and consider the information set forth in **Risk factors** beginning on page S-8 and the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, and in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017, before investing in the notes.

Trustee

BOKF, NA

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The following table sets forth SCI's summary historical financial information and other data for the periods, and as of the dates, indicated below. SCI's summary historical financial information for the fiscal years 2014, 2015 and 2016 has been derived from SCI's audited annual financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. SCI's summary consolidated financial data as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2017 has been derived from SCI's unaudited interim financial statements included in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2017, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. As described in more detail in note 1 below, one component of Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA has not been derived from SCI's historical financial statements. Operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year period.

	Year ended December 31,			Nine months ended	
	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
	(Dollars in millions)			(Dollars in millions)	
Statement of operations data:					
Revenues	\$ 2,994	\$ 2,986	\$ 3,031	\$ 2,222	\$ 2,282
Gross profits	676	675	676	466	510
(Gains) losses on divestitures & impairment charges, net	(117)	(7)	27	30	(6)
Operating income	608	550	512	333	392
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	403	370	327	187	267
Income from continuing operations	177	235	177	111	299
Net income attributable to common stockholders	172	234	177	111	299
Financial and other data:					
EBITDA (as defined) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 813	\$ 777	\$ 733	\$ 483	\$ 572
Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA (as defined) ⁽¹⁾	787	800	814	565	605
Capital expenditures	144	151	193	131	142
Depreciation and amortization ⁽²⁾	237	235	245	174	181
Net cash provided by operating activities	317	472	464	359	390
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	257	(166)	(216)	(179)	(179)
Net cash used in financing activities	(538)	(338)	(189)	(140)	(148)
Balance sheet data (at period end):					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 177	\$ 135	\$ 195	\$ 178	\$ 268
Working capital ⁽³⁾	(155)	(211)	(183)	(193)	(175)
Total assets	11,924	11,676	12,038	12,051	12,625
Total debt	3,055	3,124	3,287	3,271	3,369
Stockholders' equity	1,377	1,189	1,095	1,090	1,239

(1) EBITDA represents net income attributable to common stockholders plus (i) provision for (benefit from) income taxes, (ii) interest expense and (iii) depreciation and amortization.

Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA represents EBITDA further adjusted to reflect the impact of (i) losses on early extinguishment of debt, (ii) non-cash stock compensation expenses, (iii) acquisition, restructuring & system transition costs, (iv) (gains) losses on divestitures and impairment charges, net, (v) pro-forma effect of acquisitions (divestitures), net and (vi) other adjustments.

The adjustment described in the foregoing clause (v) is derived from the acquired company's financial statements, and not SCI's historical financial statements.

We believe that EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA are meaningful measures of performance as they are commonly utilized by management and investors to analyze operating performance. We believe

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that EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA facilitate company-to-company performance comparisons by removing potential differences caused by variations in capital structure, taxation and the age and depreciation of facilities and equipment, which may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to general performance. Our calculations of EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA are not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies.

EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA are not measures of performance under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) and should not be used in isolation or as a substitute for net income (loss), income from continuing operations or other statement of operations data prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The following table provides a reconciliation from net income attributable to common stockholders to EBITDA and Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA for the periods indicated:

	Year ended December 31,			Nine months ended	
	2014	2015	2016	September 30, 2016	2017
	(Dollars in millions)			(Dollars in millions)	
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 172	\$ 234	\$ 177	\$ 111	\$ 299
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	226	135	149	76	(33)
Interest expense	178	173	162	122	125
Depreciation and amortization	237	235	245	174	181
EBITDA	813	777	733	483	572
Losses on early extinguishment of debt	29	7	23	23	
Non-cash stock compensation expenses	13	14	14	10	11
Acquisition, restructuring, system transition costs, and other	67	7	23	17	24
(Gains) losses on divestitures & impairment charges, net	(117)	(7)	27	30	(6)
Pro-forma effect of acquisitions (divestitures), net ^(a)	(20)	1	(6)	1	3
Other ^(b)	2	1		1	1
Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA^(c)	\$ 787	\$ 800	\$ 814	\$ 565	\$ 605

(a) Pro-forma effect of acquisitions (divestitures), net reflects the following pro-forma adjustments: (i) include EBITDA of acquired operations from the beginning of the period for which Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA is presented until the date of acquisition, (ii) deduct EBITDA of divested assets that have been included in EBITDA to the extent positive or add EBITDA of divested assets to the extent negative and (iii) reflect the impact on EBITDA of synergies related to certain acquisitions consistent with criteria in the credit agreement governing our existing senior credit facilities.

(b) Other includes the following adjustments (consistent with the definition of EBITDA in the credit agreement governing our existing senior credit facilities): non-recurring and non-cash income or expense, expenses related to surety premiums and income from discontinued operations for assets that have not been divested during the current period.

(c) The calculation of Pro-forma Adjusted EBITDA is consistent with the calculation of EBITDA as defined in Article I of the credit agreement governing our existing senior credit facilities.

- (2) Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016 exclude the amortization of deferred loan costs of \$9 million, \$9 million and \$6 million, respectively, which are included in the statement of cash flows for these periods.
- (3) Working capital represents current assets less current liabilities.

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Risk factors

*An investment in the notes involves risks. Before deciding whether to purchase the notes, you should consider the risks discussed below and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus, including those set forth under the heading **Forward-looking statements** on page 1 of the accompanying prospectus. You should also consider the risks set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017 that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also impair our business operations.*

Any of the risks discussed below or elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in our SEC filings incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and other risks we have not anticipated or discussed, could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations. In that case, our ability to pay interest on the notes when due or to repay the notes at maturity could be adversely affected, and the trading price of the notes could decline substantially.

Risks related to the notes

Our level of indebtedness following the completion of this offering could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under our indebtedness, including the notes.

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of September 30, 2017, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby and the Financing Transactions, we would have had approximately \$3,397 million of outstanding senior indebtedness, with \$870 million outstanding under our senior credit facilities, \$2,350 million of currently outstanding senior notes, \$177 million of other indebtedness and undrawn availability of \$805 million under our Revolving Facility (excluding \$33 million of undrawn letters of credit). As of September 30, 2017, we had approximately \$193 million of secured indebtedness outstanding.

Our substantial indebtedness could have important consequences to you, including the following:

it may limit our ability to obtain additional debt or equity financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements and general corporate or other purposes;

a substantial portion of our cash flows from operations will be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, including indebtedness we may incur in the future, and will not be available for other purposes, including to finance our working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and general corporate or other purposes;

it could limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate and place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt;

it could make us more vulnerable to downturns in general economic or industry conditions or in our business, or prevent us from carrying out activities that are important to our growth;

it could increase our interest expense if interest rates in general increase because a portion of our indebtedness, including all of our indebtedness under our senior credit facilities will bear interest at floating rates; and

it could make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness, including under the notes, and any failure to comply with the obligations of any of our debt instruments, including any financial and other restrictive covenants, could result in an event of default

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under the indenture governing the notes or under the agreements governing our other indebtedness which, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of our indebtedness under our senior credit facilities and under our outstanding notes, including the notes offered hereby.

Any of the above listed factors could materially affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition to our high level of indebtedness, we also have significant rental and other obligations under our operating and capital leases for funeral service locations, cemetery operating and maintenance equipment and transportation equipment. These obligations could further increase the risks described above.

To service our indebtedness, we will require a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate cash depends on many factors beyond our control, and any failure to meet our debt service obligations could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A significant portion of our cash flow from operations is dedicated to pay principal and interest on outstanding debt. Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby, and to fund our operations, working capital, capital expenditures and any future acquisitions, will principally depend upon our ability to generate cash flow from our future operations. To a certain extent, our cash flow is subject to general economic, industry, financial, competitive, operating, legislative, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. In addition, a portion of our indebtedness, as well as any future indebtedness under our senior credit facilities, bears interest at floating rates, and, therefore, if interest rates increase, our debt service requirements will increase.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or that future borrowings will be available to us under our senior credit facilities in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby, or to fund other liquidity needs.

Despite our substantial indebtedness, we may still incur significantly more debt, which could further exacerbate the risks described above.

The indenture governing the notes offered hereby and our existing debt securities does not limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness. Although covenants in our senior credit facilities will limit our ability and the ability of our present and future subsidiaries to incur certain additional indebtedness, the terms of the senior credit facilities will permit us to incur significant additional indebtedness, including unused availability under our Revolving Facility. As of September 30, 2017, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby and the Financing Transactions, we would have had \$805 million available for additional borrowing under our Revolving Facility (excluding \$33 million of undrawn letters of credit). In addition, neither our senior credit facilities nor the indenture will prevent us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness (as defined in those documents) or prevent our subsidiaries from incurring certain obligations. To the extent that we incur additional indebtedness or such other obligations, the risks associated with our substantial leverage described above, including our possible inability to service our debt, would increase.

The notes lack certain covenants typically found in other comparably rated public debt securities.

Although the notes are rated below investment grade by both Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service, they lack the protection of several restrictive covenants typically associated with comparably rated public debt securities, including:

incurrence of additional indebtedness;

payment of dividends and other restricted payments;

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sale of assets and the use of proceeds therefrom;

transactions with affiliates; and

dividend and other payment restrictions affecting subsidiaries.

We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control, which would result in a default under the indenture governing the notes and would adversely affect our business and financial condition.

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control events, we must offer to purchase the notes at 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the purchase date. We may not have sufficient funds available to make any required repurchases of the notes, and restrictions under our senior credit facilities may not allow such repurchase. If we fail to repurchase notes in that circumstance, we will be in default under the indenture governing the notes and, in turn, under our senior credit facilities. In addition, certain change of control events will constitute an event of default under our senior credit facilities. A default under our senior credit facilities would result in an event of default under the indenture if the administrative agent or the lenders accelerate our debt thereunder. Upon the occurrence of a change of control, we could seek to refinance the indebtedness under our senior credit facilities and the notes or obtain a waiver from the lenders or the holders of the notes. We cannot assure you, however, that we would be able to obtain a waiver or refinance our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Any future debt that we incur may also contain restrictions on repayment of the notes upon a change of control. See Description of the notes Change of control.

Our subsidiaries are not guarantors of the notes and, therefore, the notes will be structurally subordinated in right of payment to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our existing and future subsidiaries.

The claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will be required to be paid before the holders of the notes have a claim against our subsidiaries and their assets. Therefore, if there was a dissolution, bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, the holders of the notes would not receive any amounts with respect to the notes from the assets of such subsidiary until after the payment in full of the claims of the creditors of such subsidiary.

As of September 30, 2017, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby and the Financing Transactions, our subsidiaries would have had approximately \$1,526 million of total indebtedness and other liabilities outstanding, including trade payables, but excluding intercompany obligations, deferred revenues, deferred receipts held in trust and care trusts corpus and guarantees of debt obligations under our senior credit facilities. Certain of our subsidiaries will be guarantors of the outstanding indebtedness under our senior credit facilities and would be guarantors of any additional indebtedness that we may incur under our senior credit facilities.

We are a holding company; therefore, our ability to repay our indebtedness, including the notes, is dependent on cash flow generated by our subsidiaries and their ability to make distributions to us.

We are a holding company with no significant operations or material assets other than the capital stock of our subsidiaries. As a result, our ability to repay our indebtedness, including the notes, is dependent on the generation of cash flow by our subsidiaries and their ability to make such cash available to us by dividend, intercompany debt repayment or otherwise. Our subsidiaries are not guarantors of the notes and do not have any obligation to pay amounts due on the notes or to make funds available for that purpose. In addition, our subsidiaries may not be able to, or be permitted to, make distributions to enable us to make payments in respect of our indebtedness, including with

respect to the notes. Each of our subsidiaries is a distinct legal entity and, under certain circumstances, legal and contractual restrictions, as well as the financial condition and operating requirements of our subsidiaries, may limit our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries.

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The notes are unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured obligations to the extent of the collateral securing such obligations.

The notes are unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured obligations to the extent of the collateral securing such obligations. As of September 30, 2017, we had approximately \$193 million of secured indebtedness, which is effectively senior to the notes.

An active trading market for the notes may not develop.

The notes are a new issue of securities for which there is no established trading market. Although the underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market for the notes, they have no obligation to do so, and may discontinue their market-making activities at any time without notice. In addition, any market-making activity will be subject to limits imposed by federal securities laws and may be limited during the offering of the notes.

The liquidity of any market for the notes will depend upon the number of holders of the notes, our operating performance and financial condition, the market for similar securities, the interest of securities dealers in making a market for the notes, prevailing interest rates and other factors. If an active market does not develop or is not maintained, the price and liquidity of the notes may be adversely affected. Historically, the market for non-investment grade debt has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the notes. We cannot assure you that the market for the notes, if any, will be free from similar disruptions or that any such disruptions will not adversely affect the prices at which the holders may sell their notes. In addition, subsequent to their initial issuance, the notes may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar notes, our operating performance and financial condition and other factors.

An increase in market interest rates could result in a decrease in the value of the notes.

In general, as market interest rates rise, notes bearing interest at a fixed rate generally decline in value because the premium, if any, over market interest rates will decline. Consequently, if you purchase notes and market interest rates increase, the market value of your notes may decline. We cannot predict the future level of market interest rates.

A downgrade, suspension or withdrawal of the rating assigned by a rating agency to the notes, if any, could cause the liquidity or market value of the notes to decline.

We anticipate that the notes will be assigned ratings by rating agencies. We cannot assure you that any rating assigned will remain for any given period of time or that a rating will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency if, in that rating agency's judgment, circumstances relating to the basis of the rating, such as adverse changes in our business, so warrant. Any lowering or withdrawal of a rating by a rating agency could reduce the liquidity or market value of the notes.

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Use of proceeds

We expect the net proceeds from the sale of the notes to be approximately \$ million, after deduction of offering-related expenses and the underwriting discount. We will use the net proceeds of this offering to (i) repay a portion of the Revolving Facility, (ii) redeem all of the 2018 notes and (iii) pay fees, interest and expenses of this offering and the other transactions described herein. As of September 30, 2017, we had approximately \$470 million of outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Facility at an interest rate of %. The amount of outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Facility immediately prior to the time of this offering is expected to be approximately \$442 million.

In order to effectuate the redemption of the 2018 notes, we intend, prior to or promptly upon consummation of this offering, to deliver notice to holders of the 2018 notes of the redemption, which notice must be delivered at least 30 days prior to the redemption date. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute a notice of redemption or an obligation to issue a notice of redemption with respect to such notes.

Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates will be lenders under our senior credit facilities and will receive a portion of the amounts repaid under our Revolving Facility with the proceeds of the notes. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are holders of the 2018 notes to be redeemed with the net proceeds of this offering as described above, and therefore such underwriters or their affiliates will receive a portion of the net proceeds of this offering. See Underwriting.

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The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of September 30, 2017 and as adjusted to give effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby and the Financing Transactions. The following information should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference herein.

	As of September 30, 2017	
	Actual	As adjusted
	(dollars in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 268	\$ 268
Debt:		
Existing Revolving Facility	470	
New Revolving Facility ⁽¹⁾		195
Existing Term Loan A	647	
New Term Loan A ⁽¹⁾		675
% Senior Notes due 2027 offered hereby		525
7.625% senior notes due 2018	250	
4.500% senior notes due 2020	200	200
8.000% senior notes due 2021	150	150
5.375% senior notes due 2022	425	425
5.375% senior notes due 2024	850	850
7.500% senior notes due 2027	200	200
Other debt	177	177
Total debt	3,369	3,397
Total stockholders' equity ⁽²⁾	1,239	1,227
Non-controlling interests		
Total capitalization	\$ 4,608	\$ 4,624

- (1) On or about December 6, 2017, we expect to repay our existing senior credit facilities and enter into the senior credit facilities providing for the \$675 million Term Loan A, maturing in December 2022, and the Revolving Facility that provides for borrowings of up to \$1,000 million, with commitments expiring and loans maturing in December 2022. The amount of outstanding indebtedness under the Revolving Facility immediately prior to the time of this offering is expected to be approximately \$442 million. Following the consummation of the Financing Transactions, we will have undrawn availability under the Revolving Facility of \$805 million, excluding \$33 million of undrawn letters of credit. See Description of other indebtedness.
- (2) Total stockholders' equity will decrease by \$12 million due to our loss on early extinguishment of debt, attributable to make-whole premiums, professional fees and costs and the write-off of remaining discounts associated with the redemption of the 2018 notes.

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Description of other indebtedness

Senior credit facilities

On or about December 6, 2017, we will enter into a new credit agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and certain other financial institutions, as lenders, which will provide for a \$675 million senior term loan facility, maturing in December 2022 (the Term Loan A), and a revolving credit facility providing for borrowings of up to \$1,000 million, with a sub-limit for the issuance of letters of credit, with commitments expiring and loans maturing in December 2022 (the Revolving Facility and, together with the Term Loan A, the senior credit facilities). Our ability to draw under the Revolving Facility will be conditioned upon, among other things, our ability to make the representations and warranties contained in the credit agreement and the absence of any default or event of default.

Under each of the Term Loan A and the Revolving Facility, loans bear interest, at our option, at an annual rate equal to (i) the highest of (a) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, (b) the prime rate and (c) the one month LIBO rate plus 1.00%, or (ii) the LIBO rate for the applicable interest period, in each case, plus an applicable margin and subject to applicable floors.

Prepayments

Voluntary prepayments

We will be permitted to voluntarily repay outstanding loans under the senior credit facilities at any time, in whole or in part, subject to customary breakage costs with respect to Eurodollar loans and, with respect to the Revolving Facility only, to subsequently reborrow amounts prepaid. We will be able to reduce commitments under the Revolving Facility at any time, in whole or in part, subject to minimum amounts.

Term Loan A prepayments

The Term Loan A will require us to prepay outstanding term loans, subject to certain exceptions, with:

when the pro forma Leverage Ratio (as defined in the credit agreement governing our senior credit facilities) exceeds 3.75 to 1.00, 100% of the net cash proceeds received by the Company or any of its restricted subsidiaries from all non-ordinary course asset sales or other dispositions of property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries (including insurance and condemnation proceeds), subject to reinvestment rights and other limited exceptions; *provided* that such reinvestment rights shall apply solely to the extent that, after giving to such asset sale or other disposition, the pro forma Leverage Ratio (as defined in the credit agreement governing our senior credit facilities) is less than or equal to 4.50 to 1.00; and

100% of the net proceeds of any issuance or incurrence of any indebtedness of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, other than permitted indebtedness under the senior credit facilities.

Amortization

The Term Loan A will amortize in quarterly installments payable on the last day of each full fiscal quarter, commencing with the quarter ended March 31, 2018, in the following amounts (expressed as a percentage of the

principal amount outstanding), with the balance payable at maturity:

Quarter ending	Amount
March 31, 2018 through December 31, 2021	1.250%
March 31, 2022 and subsequent	2.500%

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Guarantees

All obligations under the senior credit facilities and any interest rate protection and other permitted hedging arrangements and overdrafts resulting from cash management arrangements will be unconditionally guaranteed by certain of our existing and subsequently acquired or organized subsidiaries.

Certain covenants

The senior credit facilities will contain a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability or the ability of our subsidiaries to:

incur additional indebtedness (including guarantee obligations);

create liens on assets;

enter into sale and leaseback transactions;

engage in mergers, liquidations and dissolutions;

sell assets;

pay dividends, distributions and other payments in respect of capital stock, and purchase our capital stock in the open market;

make investments, loans or advances;

engage in certain transactions with affiliates;

create restrictions on our ability to receive distributions from subsidiaries; and

change our lines of business.

In addition, the senior credit facilities will require us to maintain the following financial covenants:

a maximum total leverage ratio; and

a minimum interest coverage ratio.

The senior credit facilities will contain customary affirmative covenants.

Events of default

The senior credit facilities will contain certain customary events of default, including, among others: failure to pay principal, interest or other amounts; inaccuracy of representations and warranties; violation of covenants; cross events of default; certain bankruptcy and insolvency events; certain ERISA events; certain undischarged judgments; and change of control.

Existing SCI indebtedness

As of September 30, 2017, we had the following outstanding existing notes in the principal amounts set forth in the table below:

	September 30, 2017 (dollars in millions)
7.625% senior notes due 2018	250
4.500% senior notes due 2020	200
8.000% senior notes due 2021	150
5.375% senior notes due 2022	425
5.375% senior notes due 2024	850
7.500% senior notes due 2027	200

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All of the existing notes and debentures listed above were issued under our senior indenture dated February 1, 1993, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee. These senior debt securities are our general unsecured obligations, which rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, including the notes offered hereby. The indenture contains covenants that, among other things, restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to create liens on assets and enter into sale and leaseback transactions. The indenture contains customary events of default. These senior debt securities are redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus a make-whole premium, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. Certain of these senior debt securities are also redeemable at our option after scheduled dates at redemption premiums that decline ratably to par over specified annual periods.

As of September 30, 2017, we also had outstanding \$6 million of existing mortgage notes and other indebtedness with various maturities through 2050 and \$192 million of capital leases. Our capital leases principally relate to funeral home facilities and transportation equipment.

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Description of the notes

SCI will issue \$525 million aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due 2027 (the notes) under our senior indenture, dated February 1, 1993 (the Base Indenture), between us and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as trustee (the Base Trustee), as supplemented by the Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture with respect to the notes, to be dated the date of delivery of the notes (the Supplemental Indenture and, together with the Base Indenture, the Indenture), among us, the Base Trustee and BOKF, NA, as series trustee (the Trustee). The terms of the notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made a part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

In this description, the words Company, SCI, we, us and our refer only to Service Corporation International and any of its subsidiaries.

The following description is only a summary of the material provisions of the Indenture and the notes, does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the Indenture and the notes, including definitions therein of certain terms. We urge you to read the Indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as Holders of the notes. You may request copies of the Indenture at our address set forth under the heading Where you can find more information.

Brief description of the notes

The notes:

are general unsecured obligations of the Company;

are senior in right of payment to all future subordinated debt of the Company;

are equal in right of payment to all existing and future senior debt of the Company;

are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the Company's existing and future secured debt to the extent of the collateral securing that debt; and

are structurally subordinated in right of payment to all of the liabilities and obligations, including trade payables, of each of our subsidiaries, including subsidiary guarantees of our senior credit facilities.

Principal, maturity and interest

The Company will issue the notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$525 million. The notes will mature on , 2027. The Company will issue the notes in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. We are permitted to issue more notes from time to time under the Indenture on the same terms and conditions as the notes being offered hereby in an unlimited additional aggregate principal amount (the Additional Notes). The notes and the Additional Notes, if any, will be treated as a single class for all purposes of the Indenture, including waivers, amendments and redemptions; *provided* that, if the notes and the Additional Notes are not fungible

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for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a separate CUSIP number will be issued for any Additional Notes.

Interest on the notes will accrue at a rate of _____ % per annum and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on _____ and _____, commencing on _____, 2018. We will make each interest payment to the Holders of record of the notes at the close of business on the immediately preceding _____ and _____.

Interest on the notes will accrue from the date of original issuance. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

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Prior to _____, 2022, the notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at our option at any time, upon at least 30 days and not more than 60 days notice to the Holders, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(1) 100% of the principal amount of such notes to be redeemed; and

(2) as determined by the Quotation Agent, the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal (at the redemption price set forth in the table below as if redeemed on _____, 2022) and interest thereon (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption) through _____, 2022 discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months), at the Adjusted Treasury Rate, plus _____ basis points,

plus, in each case, accrued interest thereon to the date of redemption.

On and after _____, 2022, the notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at our option at any time, upon at least 30 days and not more than 60 days notice to the Holders, at the redemption prices (expressed in percentages of principal amount on the redemption date), plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, if redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on _____ of the years set forth below:

Period	Redemption price
2022	%
2023	%
2024	%
2025 and thereafter	%

Selection

If we redeem less than all of the notes at any time, the notes to be redeemed will be selected by lot in accordance with DTC's applicable procedures. In the event of a partial redemption, the portions of the principal amount of any note selected for redemption will be in a denomination larger than \$1,000.

Mandatory redemption; open market purchases

We are not required to make any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the notes. However, under certain circumstances, we may be required to offer to purchase notes as described under the caption "Change of control." We may at any time and from time to time purchase notes in the open market or otherwise.

Ranking***Senior indebtedness versus notes***

The notes will be our general unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment with all of our other unsubordinated indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any of our future subordinated indebtedness. The notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

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As of September 30, 2017, on an as adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby and the Financing Transactions, we would have had approximately \$3,397 million of outstanding senior indebtedness, with \$870 million outstanding under our senior credit facilities, \$2,350 million of currently outstanding senior notes, \$177 million of other indebtedness and undrawn availability of \$805 million under our Revolving Facility (excluding \$33 million of undrawn letters of credit).

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Liabilities of subsidiaries versus notes

Substantially all of our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries. The notes are not guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries. Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries, including trade creditors and creditors holding indebtedness or guarantees issued by our subsidiaries, and claims of preferred stockholders of our subsidiaries, generally will have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of our subsidiaries over the claims of our creditors, including Holders of the notes. Accordingly, the notes will be effectively subordinated to creditors (including trade creditors) and preferred stockholders, if any, of our subsidiaries. At September 30, 2017, on an adjusted basis after giving effect to the issuance and sale of the notes offered hereby and the Financing Transactions, our subsidiaries would have had approximately \$1,526 million of total indebtedness, including trade payables, but excluding intercompany obligations, deferred revenue, deferred receipts held in trust and care trusts corpus and guarantees of debt outstanding under our senior credit facilities. Certain of our subsidiaries will be guarantors of outstanding indebtedness under our senior credit facilities and would be guarantors of any additional indebtedness that we may incur under our senior credit facilities.

Change of control

Upon the occurrence of any of the following events (each a **Change of Control**), each Holder shall have the right to require that the Company repurchase all or any part of such Holder's notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof on the date of purchase plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date):

(1) any person (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**)) becomes the **beneficial owner** (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that for purposes of this clause (1) such person shall be deemed to have **beneficial ownership** of all shares that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time), directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the total voting power of the **Voting Stock** of the Company;

(2) individuals who on the **Issue Date** constituted the board of directors (together with any new directors whose election by such board of directors or whose nomination for election by the shareholders of the Company was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors of the Company then still in office who were either directors on the **Issue Date** or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved) cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the board of directors then in office;

(3) the Company is liquidated or dissolved or adopts a plan of liquidation or dissolution; or

(4) the merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another Person or the merger of another Person with or into the Company, or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Company (determined on a consolidated basis) to another Person, other than a transaction following which (i) in the case of a merger or consolidation transaction, holders of securities that represented 100% of the **Voting Stock** of the Company immediately prior to such transaction (or other securities into which such securities are converted as part of such merger or consolidation transaction) own directly or indirectly at least a majority of the voting power of the **Voting Stock** of the surviving Person in such merger or consolidation transaction immediately after such transaction and (ii) in the case of a sale of assets transaction, each transferee becomes an obligor in respect of the notes and a subsidiary of the transferor of such assets.

Within 30 days following any **Change of Control**, we will mail a notice to each Holder with a copy to the **Trustee** (the **Change of Control Offer**) stating:

(1) that a Change of Control has occurred and that such Holder has the right to require us to purchase such Holder's notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof on the date of purchase, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest on the relevant interest payment date);

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(2) the circumstances and relevant facts regarding such Change of Control (including information with respect to pro-forma historical income, cash flow and capitalization, in each case after giving effect to such Change of Control);

(3) the purchase date (which shall be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed); and

(4) the instructions, as determined by us, consistent with the covenant described hereunder, that a Holder must follow in order to have its notes purchased.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer with respect to notes following a Change of Control if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by us and purchases all notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer or (2) notice of redemption of all such notes has been given pursuant to the Indenture as described herein under the caption **Optional redemption** unless and until there has been a default in payment of the applicable redemption price.

A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon the Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of the making of the Change of Control Offer.

We will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Section 14(e) of the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the repurchase of notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of the covenant described hereunder, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the covenant described hereunder by virtue of our compliance with such securities laws or regulations.

The Change of Control purchase feature of the notes may in certain circumstances make more difficult or discourage a sale or takeover of the Company and, thus, the removal of incumbent management. The Change of Control purchase feature is a result of negotiations between the Company and the underwriters. The Company does not have the present intention to engage in a transaction involving a Change of Control, although it is possible that we could decide to do so in the future. 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 the Indenture, but that could increase the amount of indebtedness outstanding at such time or otherwise affect our capital structure or credit ratings. Restrictions on our ability to incur additional secured indebtedness or permit our assets to become subject to liens are contained in the covenant described under **Certain covenants** **Limitation on liens**. Such restrictions can only be waived with respect to the notes with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes then outstanding. Except for the limitations contained in such covenant, however, the Indenture will not contain any covenants or provisions that may afford Holders of the notes protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction.

Our senior credit facilities will provide that the occurrence of certain change of control events, including a Change of Control under the Indenture, would constitute a default thereunder. In the event that at the time of such Change of Control the terms of our senior credit facilities will restrict or prohibit the purchase of notes following such Change of Control, then prior to the mailing of the notice to Holders but in any event within 30 days following any Change of Control, we undertake to (1) repay in full all such indebtedness under the senior credit facilities or (2) obtain the requisite consents under the senior credit facilities to permit the repurchase of the notes. If we do not repay such indebtedness or obtain such consents, we will remain prohibited from purchasing notes. In such case, our failure to

comply with the foregoing undertaking, after appropriate notice and lapse of time, would result in an Event of Default under the Indenture, which would, in turn, constitute a default under the credit agreement governing our senior credit facilities.

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Our other series of outstanding notes under the Indenture require the repurchase of those notes upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, and future indebtedness that we may incur may prohibit certain events that would constitute a Change of Control or require the repurchase of such indebtedness upon a Change of Control. Moreover, the exercise by the Holders of their right to require us to repurchase their notes could cause a default under such indebtedness, even if the Change of Control itself does not, due to the financial effect of such repurchase on us. Finally, our ability to pay cash to the Holders of the notes and to holders of our other outstanding notes following the occurrence of a Change of Control may be limited by our then-existing financial resources. We cannot assure you that sufficient funds will be available when necessary to make any required repurchases.

The definition of *Change of Control* includes a disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company to another Person. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase *substantially all*, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, in certain circumstances there may be a degree of uncertainty as to whether a particular transaction would involve a disposition of *all or substantially all* of the assets of the Company. As a result, it may be unclear as to whether a Change of Control has occurred and whether a Holder of notes may require the Company to make an offer to repurchase the notes as described above. The provisions under the Indenture relative to our obligation to make an offer to repurchase the notes as a result of a Change of Control may be waived or modified with respect to the notes with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes.

Certain covenants

Limitation on liens

We will not, and we will not permit any of our subsidiaries to, mortgage, pledge, encumber or subject to any lien or security interest to secure any of our indebtedness or any indebtedness of any subsidiary (other than indebtedness owing to us or a wholly owned subsidiary) any assets without providing that the senior debt securities issued pursuant to the Indenture, including the notes, shall be secured equally and ratably with (or prior to) any other indebtedness so secured, unless, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate outstanding amount of all such secured indebtedness of us and our subsidiaries (excluding secured indebtedness existing as of September 30, 2017, and any extensions, renewals or refundings thereof that do not increase the principal amount of indebtedness so extended, renewed or refunded and excluding secured indebtedness incurred as set forth in the next paragraph), together with all outstanding *Attributable Indebtedness* from sale and leaseback transactions described in the first bullet point under *Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions* below, would not exceed 20% of *Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets* of us and our subsidiaries on the date such indebtedness is so secured.

This restriction will not prevent us or any subsidiary:

from acquiring and retaining property subject to mortgages, pledges, encumbrances, liens or security interests existing thereon at the date of acquisition thereof, or from creating within one year of such acquisition mortgages, pledges, encumbrances or liens upon property acquired by us or any subsidiary after September 30, 2017, as security for purchase money obligations incurred by us or any subsidiary in connection with the acquisition of such property, whether payable to the person from whom such property is acquired or otherwise;

from mortgaging, pledging, encumbering or subjecting to any lien or security interest current assets to secure current liabilities;

from mortgaging, pledging, encumbering or subjecting to any lien or security interest property to secure indebtedness under one or more senior credit facilities in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1 billion;

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from extending, renewing or refunding any indebtedness secured by a mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, lien or security interest on the same property theretofore subject thereto, *provided* that the principal amount of such indebtedness so extended, renewed or refunded shall not be increased; or

from securing the payment of workmen's compensation or insurance premiums or from making good faith pledges or deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than contracts for the payment of money) or leases, deposits to secure public or statutory obligations, deposits to secure surety or appeal bonds, pledges or deposits in connection with contracts made with or at the request of the United States government or any agency thereof, or pledges or deposits for similar purposes in the ordinary course of business.

Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions

We will not, and we will not permit any of our subsidiaries to, enter into any transaction with any bank, insurance company or other lender or investor, or to which any such lender or investor is a party, providing for the leasing to us or a subsidiary of any real property (except a lease for a temporary period not to exceed three years by the end of which it is intended that the use of such real property by the lessee will be discontinued) which has been or is to be sold or transferred by us or such subsidiary to such lender or investor or to any person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such lender or investor on the security of such real property unless either:

such transaction is the substantial equivalent of a mortgage, pledge, encumbrance, lien or security interest which we or any subsidiary would have been permitted to create under the covenant described in Limitation on liens without equally and ratably securing all senior debt securities (including the notes) then outstanding under the Indenture; or

within 120 days after such transaction we applied (and in any such case we covenant that we will so apply) an amount equal to the greater of:

the net proceeds of the sale of the real property leased pursuant to such transaction; or

the fair value of the real property so leased at the time of entering into such transaction (as determined by our board of directors),

to the retirement of Funded Debt of SCI; *provided* that the amount to be applied to the retirement of Funded Debt of SCI shall be reduced by: (1) the principal amount of any senior debt securities outstanding under the Indenture delivered within 120 days after such sale to the Trustee for retirement and cancellation and (2) the principal amount of Funded Debt, other than senior debt securities outstanding under the Indenture, voluntarily retired by us within 120 days after such sale; *provided*, that no retirement referred to in this clause (2) may be effected by payment at maturity or pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund payment or any mandatory prepayment provision.

Reports

Whether or not required by the SEC, so long as any notes are outstanding, we will furnish to the Trustee and to any Holders of the notes who so request, within 15 days of the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations:

(1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if we were required to file such Forms, including a Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by our independent accountants; and

(2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if we were required to file such reports.

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In addition, whether or not required by the SEC, we will file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the SEC for public availability within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request.

Consolidation, merger or sale of assets

We may consolidate or merge with or into any other corporation, and may sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our property and assets to any other corporation authorized to acquire and operate the same, *provided*, that, in any such case,

immediately after such transaction we or such other corporation formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger, or to which such sale, lease, exchange or other disposition shall have been made, will not be in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants and conditions in the Indenture to be kept or performed by us;

the corporation (if other than SCI) formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger, or to which such sale, lease, exchange or other disposition shall have been made, shall be a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia; and

the corporation (if other than SCI) formed by such consolidation, or into which we shall have been merged, or the corporation which shall have acquired or leased such property and assets, shall assume, by a supplemental indenture, our obligations under the Indenture.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale, lease, exchange or other disposition and upon any such assumption by the successor corporation, such successor corporation shall succeed to and be substituted for us, with the same effect as if it had been named in the Indenture as SCI, and, except in the case of a lease, we shall be relieved of any further obligation under the Indenture and any senior debt securities, including the notes, issued thereunder.

Discharge and defeasance

We may discharge or defease our obligations with respect to the notes as set forth below.

We may discharge all of our obligations (except those set forth below) to Holders of the notes that have not already been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation and which either have become due and payable or are by their terms due and payable within one year (or are to be called for redemption within one year) by irrevocably depositing with the Trustee cash or U.S. government obligations, or a combination thereof, as trust funds in an amount certified to be sufficient to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all outstanding notes.

We may also discharge at any time all of our obligations (except those set forth below) to Holders of the notes (*defeasance*) if, among other things:

we irrevocably deposit with the Trustee cash or U.S. government obligations, or a combination thereof, as trust funds in an amount certified to be sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on all outstanding notes when due, and such funds have been so deposited for 91 days;

such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or cause a default under, any agreement or instrument to which we are a party or by which we are bound; and

we deliver to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the Holders of the notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance, and that such defeasance will not otherwise alter the United States federal income tax treatment of principal, premium, if any, and interest payments on the notes. Such opinion of counsel must be based on a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in United States federal income tax law, since such a result would not occur under current tax law.

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In the event of such discharge and defeasance of the notes, the Holders thereof would be entitled to look only to such trust funds for payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the notes.

Notwithstanding the preceding, no discharge or defeasance described above shall affect the following obligations to or rights of the Holders of such notes:

- (1) rights of registration of transfer and exchange of notes;
- (2) rights of substitution of mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen notes;
- (3) rights of Holders of notes to receive payments of principal thereof, premium, if any, and interest thereon when due from the trust funds held by the Trustee;
- (4) the rights, obligations, duties and immunities of the Trustee;
- (5) the rights of Holders of notes as beneficiaries with respect to property deposited with the Trustee payable to all or any of them; and
- (6) our obligation to maintain an office or agency for notice, payments and transfers in respect of notes.

Modification of the Indenture

SCI, the Base Trustee and the Trustee may enter into supplemental indentures without the consent of any Holders of senior debt securities outstanding thereunder to:

evidence the assumption by a successor corporation of our obligations under the Indenture;

add covenants or make the occurrence and continuance of a default in such additional covenants a new Event of Default for the protection of the Holders of debt securities;

cure any ambiguity or correct any inconsistency in the Indenture or amend the Indenture in any other manner which we may deem necessary or desirable and which will not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of senior debt securities issued thereunder;

establish the form and terms of any series of senior debt securities to be issued pursuant to the Indenture;

evidence the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee; or

secure the senior debt securities with any property or assets.

The Indenture also contains provisions permitting us, the Base Trustee and the Trustee, with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, to add any provisions

to, or change in any manner or eliminate any of the provisions of, the Indenture or modify in any manner the rights of the Holders of notes; *provided* that, we, the Base Trustee and the Trustee may not, without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding note:

extend the stated maturity of the principal of the notes, reduce the principal amount thereof, reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of any interest thereon, reduce or alter the method of computation of any amount payable on redemption thereof, change the coin or currency in which principal, premium, if any, and interest are payable, or impair or affect the right of any Holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment thereof; or

reduce the percentage in aggregate principal amount of notes, the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such modification.

Events of default

An Event of Default with respect to the notes is defined as being any one or more of the following events:

(1) failure to pay any installment of interest on such notes for 30 days;

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- (2) failure to pay the principal of or premium, if any, on any of the notes when due;
- (3) failure to perform any other of the covenants or agreements in the notes or in the Indenture that continues for a period of 60 days after the date on which written notice of such failure, requiring the same to be remedied, shall have been given to us by the Trustee by registered or certified mail, or to us and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of notes then outstanding;
- (4) if a court having jurisdiction enters a bankruptcy order or a judgment, order or decree adjudging SCI bankrupt or insolvent, or an order for relief for reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of SCI and the judgment, order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days;
- (5) if we institute a voluntary case in bankruptcy, or consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against us, or file a petition seeking, or seek or consent to, reorganization, arrangement, composition or relief, or consent to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of a receiver, custodian, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of SCI or of substantially all of our property, or we shall make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (6) default under any bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness for money borrowed by us or any subsidiary or under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by us or any subsidiary (other than non-recourse indebtedness), whether such indebtedness exists on the date of the Indenture or shall thereafter be created, which default shall have resulted in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, or any default in payment of such indebtedness (after the expiration of any applicable grace periods and the presentation of any debt instruments, if required), if the aggregate amount of all such indebtedness which has been so accelerated and with respect to which there has been such a default in payment shall exceed \$10,000,000, without each such default and acceleration having been rescinded or annulled within a period of 30 days after there shall have been given to us by the Trustee by registered mail, or to us and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, a written notice specifying each such default and requiring us to cause each such default and acceleration to be rescinded or annulled and stating that such notice is a Notice of Default under the Indenture.

If an Event of Default with respect to the notes then outstanding occurs and is continuing, then, and in each and every such case, unless the principal of all of the notes then outstanding shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, by notice in writing to us (and to the Trustee if given by Holders of notes), may declare the unpaid principal amount of all notes then outstanding and the optional redemption premium, if any, and interest accrued thereon to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become and shall be immediately due and payable. This provision, however, is subject to the condition that, if at any time after the unpaid principal amount of the notes shall have been so declared due and payable and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the moneys due shall have been obtained or entered, we shall pay or shall deposit with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest upon all notes and the principal of any and all notes which shall have become due otherwise than by acceleration (with interest on overdue installments of interest to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law and on such principal at the rate borne by such notes to the date of such payment or deposit) and the reasonable compensation, disbursements, expenses and advances of the Trustee, and any and all defaults under the Indenture, other than the nonpayment of such portion of the principal amount of and accrued interest on such notes which shall have become due by acceleration, shall have been cured or shall have been waived in accordance with the Indenture or provision deemed by the Trustee to be adequate shall have been made therefor, then and in every such case the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding, by

written notice to us and to the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences; but no such rescission and annulment shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default, or shall impair any right consequent thereon. If any Event of Default with respect to us specified in clause (4) or

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(5) above occurs, the unpaid principal amount and accrued interest on all notes then outstanding shall ipso facto become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any Holder of notes.

If the Trustee shall have proceeded to enforce any right under the Indenture and such proceedings shall have been discontinued or abandoned because of such rescission or annulment or for any other reason or shall have been determined adversely to the Trustee, then and in every such case we, the Trustee and the Holders of such notes shall be restored respectively to their several positions and rights under the Indenture, and all rights, remedies and powers of SCI, the Trustee and the Holders of such notes shall continue as though no such proceeding had been taken. Except with respect to an Event of Default pursuant to clause (1) or (2) above, the Trustee shall not be charged with knowledge of any Event of Default unless written notice thereof shall have been given to the Trustee by us, a paying agent or any Holder of such notes.

The Indenture provides that, subject to the duty of the Trustee during default to act with the required standard of care, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of the notes, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity.

No Holder of notes then outstanding shall have any right by virtue of or by availing of any provision of the Indenture to institute any suit, action or proceeding in equity or at law upon or under or with respect to the Indenture or the notes or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or similar official, or for any other remedy under the Indenture or under the notes, unless such Holder previously shall have given to the Trustee written notice of default and of the continuance thereof, and unless the Holders of not less than 25 percent in aggregate principal amount of such notes then outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute such action, suit or proceeding in its own name as Trustee and shall have offered to the Trustee such reasonable indemnity as it may require against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby, and the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity, shall have neglected or refused to institute any such action, suit or proceeding. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Indenture, however, the right of any Holder of notes to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such notes, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such notes, or to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

The Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee with respect to such notes; *provided* that (subject to certain exceptions) the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee shall determine upon advice of counsel that the action or proceeding so directed may not lawfully be taken or if the Trustee in good faith shall determine that the action or proceeding so directed would involve the Trustee in personal liability. The Holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding may on behalf of the Holders of all notes waive any past default or Event of Default and its consequences except a default in the payment of premium, if any, or interest on, or the principal of, such notes. Upon any such waiver we, the Trustee and the Holders of all notes shall be restored to our and their former positions and rights under the Indenture, respectively; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon. Whenever any default or Event of Default shall have been waived as permitted, said default or Event of Default shall for all purposes of the notes and the Indenture be deemed to have been cured and to be not continuing.

The Trustee shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of a default, with respect to the notes then outstanding, mail to all Holders of such notes, as the names and the addresses of such Holders appear upon the applicable notes register,

notice of all defaults known to the Trustee with respect to such notes, unless such defaults shall have been cured before the giving of such notice (the term "defaults" for the purpose of these

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provisions being hereby defined to be the events specified in clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) above, not including periods of grace, if any, provided for therein and irrespective of the giving of the written notice specified in said clause (3) or (6) but in the case of any default of the character specified in said clause (3) or (6) no such notice to Holders of the notes shall be given until at least 60 days after the giving of written notice thereof to us pursuant to said clause (3) or (6), as the case may be); *provided* that, except in the case of default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any of the notes, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the best interests of the Holders of such notes.

We are required to furnish to the Trustee annually a statement as to the fulfillment by us of all of our obligations under the Indenture.

Governing law

The Indenture and the notes are governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Definitions

For all purposes of the Indenture, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below (except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise clearly requires). All accounting terms used in the Indenture and herein and not expressly defined shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the term generally accepted accounting principles means such accounting principles as are generally accepted at the Issue Date.

Adjusted Consolidated Net Tangible Assets means, at the time of determination, the aggregate amount of total assets included in SCI's most recent quarterly or annual consolidated balance sheet prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, net of applicable reserves reflected in such balance sheet, after deducting the following amounts reflected in such balance sheet:

goodwill;

deferred charges and other assets;

preneed funeral receivables and trust investments;

preneed cemetery receivables and trust investments;

cemetery perpetual care trust investments;

current assets of discontinued operations;

non-current assets of discontinued operations;

other like intangibles; and

current liabilities (excluding, however, current maturities of long-term debt).

Adjusted Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, 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 its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Attributable Indebtedness, when used with respect to any sale and leaseback transaction, means, at the time of determination, the present value (discounted at the rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease included in such transaction) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments (other than amounts required to be paid on account of property taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating

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and labor costs and other items that do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining term of the lease included in such transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended). In the case of any lease that is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty or other termination payment, such amount shall be the lesser of the amount determined assuming termination upon the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the amount shall also include the amount of the penalty or termination payment, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) or the amount determined assuming no such termination.

Capital Stock of any Person means any and all shares, interests (including partnership interests), rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of such Person, including any preferred stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Quotation Agent as having a maturity most nearly equal to _____, 20____ that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities with a maturity of _____, 20____.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Quotation Agent obtains fewer than three such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such Quotations.

Funded Debt means indebtedness for money borrowed which by its terms matures at or is extendible or renewable at the option of the obligor to a date more than 12 months after the date of the creation of such indebtedness.

Holder means, in the case of any note, the Person in whose name such note is registered in the security register kept by the Company for that purpose in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

Issue Date means _____, 2017.

Person means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, estate, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Quotation Agent means the Reference Treasury Dealer appointed by SCI.

Reference Treasury Dealer means each of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (and its successors) and any other nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a primary U.S. government securities dealer specified from time to time by SCI.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by SCI, 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 SCI by such Reference Treasury Dealer as of 5:00 p.m., New York time, on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

Trustee means, with respect to the notes, BOKF, NA, and any successor trustee.

Voting Stock of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof.

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Paying agent and registrar for the notes

The Trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar. We may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the Holders of the notes, and we may act as paying agent or registrar.

Transfer and exchange

A Holder may transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the Indenture. The registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and we may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture.

The registered Holder of a note will be treated as its owner for all purposes.

Notices

Notices to Holders of the notes will be given by mail to the addresses of such Holders as they appear in the security register.

No personal liability of officers, directors or stockholders

No director, officer or stockholder, as such, of SCI will have any personal liability in respect of our obligations under the Indenture or the notes by reason of his, her or its status as such.

Concerning the trustee

BOKF, NA is the Trustee for the notes under the Indenture.

The Indenture contains certain limitations on the right of the Trustee, should it become our creditor, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize for its own account on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The Trustee is permitted to engage in certain other transactions. However, if it acquires any conflicting interest within the meaning of the Indenture when a default has occurred and is continuing, it must eliminate the conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee or resign.

Book-entry delivery and form

The notes will be issued in the form of one or more fully registered global notes which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and registered in the name of the Cede & Co., DTC's nominee. Beneficial interests in the global notes will be represented through book-entry accounts of financial institutions acting on behalf of beneficial owners as direct and indirect participants in DTC. Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through DTC, Clearstream Banking, S.A. (Clearstream), or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System (Euroclear) if they are participants of such systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such systems. Clearstream and Euroclear will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in Clearstream's and Euroclear's names on the books of their respective depositaries. Clearstream's and Euroclear's depositaries will hold interests in customers' securities accounts in the depositaries' names on the books of DTC. Except as set forth below, the global notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee.

DTC has advised us that it is (1) a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, (2) a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, (3) a member of the Federal Reserve System, (4) a clearing corporation within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code, as amended, and (5) a clearing agency registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created

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to hold securities for its participants and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between participants through electronic book-entry changes to the accounts of its participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical transfer and delivery of certificates. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriters, banks and trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Indirect access to DTC's system is also available to other entities such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies, referred to as indirect participants, that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. Investors who are not participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through participants or indirect participants.

According to DTC, the foregoing information with respect to DTC has been provided to the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind. We make no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Clearstream has advised that it is incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as a professional depository. Clearstream holds securities for its participating organizations (Clearstream participants). Clearstream facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream participants, eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Clearstream provides to Clearstream participants, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. As a professional depository, Clearstream is subject to regulation by the Luxembourg Commission for the Supervision of the Financial Sector (CSSF). Clearstream participants are recognized financial institutions around the world, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Indirect access to Clearstream is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Clearstream participant, either directly or indirectly.

Distributions, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Clearstream, with respect to the notes held beneficially through Clearstream will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream participants in accordance with its rules and procedures.

Euroclear has advised that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for its participants (Euroclear participants) and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and eliminating 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 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 has advised us that it is licensed by the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission to carry out banking activities on a global basis. As a Belgian bank, it is regulated and examined by the Belgian Banking Commission.

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

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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, to the extent received by the U.S. Depository for Euroclear, with respect to notes held beneficially through Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear participants in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

If (1) we notify the trustee in writing that DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream is no longer willing or able to act as a depository or clearing system for the notes or DTC ceases to be registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act, and a successor depository or clearing system is not appointed within 90 days of this notice or cessation, (2) we, at our option, notify the trustee in writing that we elect to cause the issuance of the notes in definitive form under the indenture or (3) upon the occurrence and continuation of an event of default under the indenture with respect to the notes, then, upon surrender by DTC of the global notes, certificated notes will be issued to each person that DTC identifies as the beneficial owner of the notes represented by the global notes. Upon any such issuance, the trustee is required to register the certificated notes in the name of the person or persons or the nominee of any of these persons and cause the same to be delivered to these persons. Neither we nor the trustee shall be liable for any delay by DTC or any participant or indirect participant in identifying the beneficial owners of the related notes and each such person may conclusively rely on, and shall be protected in relying on, instructions from DTC for all purposes, including with respect to the registration and delivery, and the respective principal amounts, of the notes to be issued.

Title to book-entry interests in the global notes will pass by book-entry registration of the transfer within the records of DTC, Clearstream or Euroclear in accordance with their respective procedures. Book-entry interests in the global notes may be transferred within DTC in accordance with procedures established for this purpose by DTC. Book-entry interests in the notes may be transferred within Euroclear and within Clearstream and between Euroclear and Clearstream in accordance with procedures established for these purposes by Euroclear and Clearstream. Transfers of book-entry interests in the notes between Euroclear and Clearstream and DTC may be effected in accordance with procedures established for this purpose by Euroclear, Clearstream and DTC.

Global clearance and settlement procedures

Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the notes, cross-market transfers between the participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by its respective depository; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, by the counterparty in the system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (Brussels time) of the system. Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant global notes in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear participants and Clearstream participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositories for Euroclear or Clearstream.

Because of time-zone differences, credits of notes received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent notes settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Credits or any transactions of the type described above settled during subsequent notes settlement processing will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream participants on the business day

that the processing occurs. Cash received in Clearstream or Euroclear as a result of sales of the notes by or through a Clearstream participant or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

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Although DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of the notes among participants of DTC, Clearstream and Euroclear, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform these procedures. The foregoing procedures may be changed or discontinued at any time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

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The following is a general discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the notes by initial holders of the notes, but does not purport to be a complete analysis of all the potential tax considerations. This discussion is based upon the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), the Treasury regulations thereunder and administrative rulings and court decisions, all as of the date hereof, and all of which are subject to change, possibly retroactively. Unless otherwise stated, this discussion is limited to the tax consequences to those persons who are original beneficial owners of the notes (Holders) who purchase notes at their original issue price for cash and who hold such notes as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally, property held for investment). This discussion does not consider any specific facts or circumstances that may apply to a particular Holder (including, for example, a financial institution, a broker-dealer, an insurance company, a tax-exempt organization, a partnership or other pass-through entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes (or an investor therein), an expatriate, a real estate investment trust, a regulated investment company, or a person that holds securities as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction, or other integrated investment). This discussion also does not address the tax consequences to U.S. Holders (as defined below) that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar. In addition, this discussion does not address U.S. federal alternative minimum tax, the Medicare tax on net investment income or estate and gift tax consequences or any aspect of state, local or foreign taxation. We have not sought any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in this discussion, and we cannot assure you that the IRS will agree with such statements and conclusions.

For purposes of this discussion, a U.S. Holder means a Holder that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes (1) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (2) a corporation or other entity taxable as a corporation created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (3) an estate whose income is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source, or (4) a trust (a) whose administration is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (b) if a valid election to be treated as a U.S. person is in effect with respect to such trust. A Non-U.S. Holder is a Holder that is neither a U.S. Holder nor a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a partnership (or other entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds the notes, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of its partners generally will depend on the status its partners and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership acquiring the notes, you should consult your tax advisor about the tax consequences of acquiring, holding and disposing of the notes.

In certain circumstances, we may be obligated to pay amounts in excess of stated principal on the notes or retire the notes before their stated maturity dates (see Description of the notes Optional redemption, Description of the notes Change of control). Notwithstanding these possibilities, we do not believe that the notes are contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and, consequently, we do not intend to treat the notes as contingent payment debt instruments. If, notwithstanding our view, the notes were treated as contingent payment debt instruments, a Holder subject to U.S. federal income taxation generally could be required to accrue ordinary income at a rate in excess of the stated interest rate on such notes and to treat as ordinary income (rather than capital gain) any gain recognized on a sale or other taxable disposition of such notes. The remainder of this discussion assumes that the notes will not be treated as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE U.S. FEDERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING, HOLDING, AND DISPOSING OF THE NOTES, AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY ARISE UNDER

THE LAWS OF ANY FOREIGN, STATE, LOCAL, OR OTHER TAXING JURISDICTION.

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U.S. federal income taxation of U.S. Holders

Payments of interest

Interest on the notes generally will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as ordinary interest income at the time it is accrued or is received in accordance with the U.S. Holder's method of accounting for tax purposes.

Disposition

In general, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss upon the sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition of the notes measured by the difference between (1) the amount of cash and fair market value of property received (except to the extent such cash or property is attributable to accrued but unpaid interest, which is treated as interest as described above) and (2) the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the notes. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the notes generally will equal the cost of the notes to the U.S. Holder. Any gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if such notes had been held by such U.S. Holder for more than one year at the time of such sale, exchange, redemption or other taxable disposition. In the case of non-corporate U.S. Holders, long-term capital gain is subject to preferential rates of U.S. federal income tax. The deductibility of capital losses by U.S. Holders is subject to limitations.

U.S. federal income taxation of Non-U.S. Holders

Payments of interest

Subject to the discussions of FATCA and backup withholding below, payments of interest on the notes to a Non-U.S. Holder, that are not effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. Holder, generally will not be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax, *provided* that:

the Non-U.S. Holder does not actually or constructively own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote;

the Non-U.S. Holder is not a bank receiving interest pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business;

the Non-U.S. Holder is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us through stock ownership; and

either (a) the beneficial owner of the notes certifies to us or our agent on IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or a suitable substitute form or successor form), under penalties of perjury, that it is not a U.S. person (as defined in the Code) and provides its name and address, or (b) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business (a Financial Institution) holds the notes on behalf of the beneficial owner and certifies to us or our agent, under penalties of perjury, that such a certification has been received from the beneficial owner by it, or by a Financial Institution between it and the beneficial owner, and furnishes us with a copy thereof.

The requirements set forth in the bulleted clauses above are known as the Portfolio Interest Exception.

If a Non-U.S. Holder cannot satisfy the requirements of the Portfolio Interest Exception, payments of interest made to such Non-U.S. Holder will be subject to 30% U.S. federal withholding tax unless the beneficial owner of the note provides us or our agent, as the case may be, with a properly executed:

IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable (or successor form) claiming, under penalties of perjury, an exemption from, or reduction in, U.S. federal withholding tax under an applicable income tax treaty (a Treaty Exemption), or

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IRS Form W-8ECI (or successor form) stating that interest paid on the note is not subject to U.S. federal withholding tax because it is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. Holder (in which case such interest will be subject to regular graduated U.S. federal income tax rates described below). The certification requirements described above also may require the Non-U.S. Holder to provide its U.S. taxpayer identification number.

Each Non-U.S. Holder is urged to consult its own independent tax advisor about the specific methods for satisfying these requirements. A claim for exemption will not be valid if the person receiving the applicable form has actual knowledge or reason to know that statements on the form are false.

If interest on the notes is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business of the Non-U.S. Holder (and if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), the Non-U.S. Holder, although exempt from the U.S. federal withholding tax described above (*provided* that the certification requirements described above are satisfied), will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such interest on a net income basis in the same manner as if it were a U.S. Holder. In addition, if such Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation and interest on the note is effectively connected with its U.S. trade or business (and if required by an applicable treaty, attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), such Holder may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or lower income tax treaty rate) in respect of such interest.

Disposition

Except with respect to accrued and unpaid interest and subject to the discussions of FATCA and backup withholding below, a Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the notes, unless (a) that Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year and certain other requirements are met or (b) the gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business of the Holder (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment or fixed base). Accrued and unpaid interest realized on a sale, exchange or other disposition of a note will be subject to U.S. federal income tax to the extent interest would have been subject to U.S. federal income tax as described under U.S. federal income taxation of Non-U.S. Holders Payments of interest.

Gain realized by a Non-U.S. Holder described in clause (a) above generally will be subject to tax at a rate of 30% (or a lower applicable income tax treaty rate, *provided* certain certification requirements are met) to the extent of the excess of such Holder's U.S.-source capital gains during the tax year over U.S.-source capital losses during such tax year. Gain realized by a Non-U.S. Holder described in clause (b) above generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the same manner as a U.S. Holder. In addition, if such Non-U.S. Holder is a foreign corporation and gain on the note is effectively connected with its U.S. trade or business (and if required by an applicable treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment), such Holder may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% (or lower income tax treaty rate) in respect of such gain.

Information reporting and backup withholding

We will, where required, report to Holders and the IRS the amount of any interest paid on the notes in each calendar year and the amounts of U.S. federal tax withheld, if any, with respect to payments. A noncorporate U.S. Holder may be subject to information reporting and to backup withholding at a current rate of 28% with respect to payments of principal and interest made on the notes, or on proceeds of the disposition of the notes before maturity, unless that U.S. Holder provides a correct taxpayer identification number or proof of an applicable exemption, and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the information reporting and backup withholding rules.

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Under the Treasury regulations, backup withholding generally will not apply to payments made by us or our agent (in its capacity as such) to a Non-U.S. Holder if such Non-U.S. Holder has provided the required certification that it is not a U.S. person on an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, or has otherwise established an exemption (*provided* that neither we nor our agent has actual knowledge that such Holder is a U.S. person or that the conditions of any exemption are not in fact satisfied).

Payments of the proceeds from the sale of the notes to or through a foreign office of a broker will not be subject to information reporting or backup withholding, except if the broker is (1) a U.S. person, (2) a controlled foreign corporation, (3) a foreign person 50% of more of whose gross income for certain periods is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business or (4) a foreign partnership, if at any time during its taxable year, one or more of its partners are U.S. persons who in the aggregate hold more than 50% of the income or capital interest in the partnership or if, at any time during its taxable year, the foreign partnership is engaged in a U.S. trade or business, unless the Non-U.S. Holder establishes an exception as specified in the Treasury regulations regarding backup withholding and information reporting, as applicable.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules will be refunded or credited against the Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, *provided* that the required information is furnished to the IRS in a timely manner.

FATCA

Sections 1471-1474 of the Code (commonly referred to as FATCA), when applicable, impose a U.S. federal withholding tax of 30% on certain types of payments, including payments of U.S. source interest and gross proceeds from the sale of certain securities producing such U.S. source interest made to (i) foreign financial institutions unless they agree to collect and disclose to the IRS information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. account holders or (ii) certain non-financial foreign entities unless they certify that they do not have any substantial United States owners (as defined in the Code) or furnish identifying information regarding each substantial United States owner (generally by providing an IRS Form W-8BEN-E). In certain circumstances, the relevant foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity may qualify for an exemption from these rules, which exemption is typically evidenced by providing appropriate documentation (such as an IRS Form W-8BEN-E). In addition, an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and the jurisdiction of a foreign financial institution may modify these rules.

The withholding obligations described above generally will apply to payments of interest on the notes currently, and to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of the notes occurring on or after January 1, 2019. You are urged to consult your own tax advisors regarding FATCA and the application of these requirements to your investment in the notes.

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Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement between us and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as representative of the underwriters named below, we have agreed to sell to each underwriter, and each underwriter has severally agreed to purchase from us, the principal amount of notes that appears opposite its name in the table below:

Underwriter	Principal amount
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith	
Incorporated	
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.	
BBVA Securities Inc.	
Scotia Capital (USA) Inc.	
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	
MUFG Securities Americas Inc.	
Regions Securities LLC	
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.	
PNC Capital Markets LLC	
Total	\$ 525,000,000

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters have agreed to purchase all of the notes if any of them are purchased.

The underwriters initially propose to offer the notes to the public at the public offering price that appears on the cover page of this prospectus supplement. The underwriters may also offer the notes to selected dealers at the public offering price, less a concession not in excess of % of the principal amount of the notes. After the initial offering, the underwriters may change the public offering price and any other selling terms. The underwriters may offer and sell notes through certain of their affiliates.

The following table summarizes the compensation we will pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering.

	Per note	Total
Underwriting discount and commissions paid by us	%	\$

In the underwriting agreement, we have agreed that:

We will not offer or sell any of our debt securities (other than the notes) for a period of 90 days after the date of this prospectus supplement without the prior consent of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC.

We will pay our expenses related to the offering, which we estimate will be \$.

We will indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The notes are a new issue of securities, and there is currently no established trading market for the notes. We do not intend to apply for the notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the notes to be quoted on any quotation system. The underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the notes, but they are not obligated to do so. The underwriters may discontinue any market making in the notes at any time

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in their sole discretion. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that a liquid trading market will develop for the notes, that you will be able to sell your notes at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell will be favorable.

In connection with the offering of the notes, the underwriters may engage in overallotment, stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the underwriters. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the notes in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the notes. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. Stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions may cause the price of the notes to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of those transactions. If the underwriters engage in stabilizing or syndicate covering transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, various financial advisory, investment banking and commercial banking services to us and to persons and entities with relationships with us, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses. The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, financing, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of us or our affiliates. If the underwriters or their affiliates have a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, the underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swap or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. Several of the underwriters and/or their affiliates, including J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc., BBVA Securities Inc., Scotia Capital (USA) Inc., U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., MUFG Securities Americas Inc., Regions Securities LLC, Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and PNC Capital Markets LLC, or their respective affiliates, will act as arrangers, agents and/or lenders under our senior credit facilities and will receive a portion of the amounts repaid under our Revolving Facility with the proceeds of the notes. Additionally, an affiliate of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is the administrative agent under our existing senior credit facilities and will be the administrative agent under our senior credit facilities. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates are holders of the 2018 notes to be redeemed with the net proceeds of this offering as described under *Use of Proceeds*, and therefore such underwriters or their affiliates will receive a portion of the net proceeds of this offering.

It is expected that delivery of the notes will be made, against payment of the notes, on or about _____, 2017, which will be the tenth business day in the United States following the date of pricing of the notes. Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, purchases or sales of securities in the secondary market generally are required to settle within two business days (this settlement cycle being referred to as *T+2*), unless the parties to any such transaction expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers of the notes who wish to trade the notes on the date of this prospectus

supplement or the succeeding seven business days, will be required, because the notes will settle within ten business days (T+10) in the United States, to specify an alternate settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the notes who wish to trade on the date of this prospectus supplement or the succeeding seven business days should consult their own legal advisors.

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Offering restrictions

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction outside of the United States of America that would permit a public offering of the notes, or the possession, circulation or distribution of this prospectus supplement or any material relating to the Company, in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the notes included in this offering may not be offered, sold or exchanged, directly or indirectly, and neither this prospectus supplement or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with this offering may be distributed or published, in or from any such country or jurisdiction, except in compliance with any applicable rules or regulations of any such country or jurisdiction.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Member State), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in such Member State, no offer of notes which are the subject of the offering has been, or will be made to the public in that Member State, other than under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive:

- A. to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- B. to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the Representatives for any such offer; or
- C. in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall result in a requirement for the Company or any Representative to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of notes in any Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Member State of notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Company or any of the Representatives to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither the Company nor the Representatives have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Company or the Representatives to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of notes to the public in relation to any notes in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State. The expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU) and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Member State.

The above selling restriction is in addition to any other selling restrictions set out below.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this prospectus supplement is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005,

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as amended (the Order) and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland

The notes may not be publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX) or on any other exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This prospectus supplement has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance of prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the notes or the offering may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company, or the notes has been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this document will not be filed with, and the offer of the notes will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA (FINMA), and the offer of the notes has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes (CISA). The investor protection afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of the notes.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada

The notes may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or subsection 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the notes must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus supplement (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, *provided* that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

The notes have not been and will not be registered pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act. Accordingly, none of the notes nor any interest therein may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale,

directly or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the benefit of a resident of Japan,

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except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan in effect at the relevant time.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, each Joint Book-Running Manager has not offered or sold any notes or caused such notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell such notes or cause such notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this prospectus supplement or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of such notes, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor, securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA, except:
 - (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA), or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A), or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
 - (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
 - (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law;
 - (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or

- (v) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

Each Joint Book-Running Manager (i) has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any notes other than (a) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the SFO) and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and (ii) has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the

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securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to the notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that Ordinance.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Korea

The notes have not been and will not be registered with the Financial Services Commission of Korea under the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act of Korea. Accordingly, the notes have not been and will not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to, or for the account or benefit of, any resident of Korea (as defined in the Foreign Exchange Transactions Law of Korea and its Enforcement Decree) or to others for re-offering or resale, except as otherwise permitted by applicable Korean laws and regulations. In addition, within one year following the issuance of the notes, the notes may not be transferred to any resident of Korea other than a qualified institutional buyer (as such term is defined in the regulation on issuance, public disclosure, etc. of securities of Korea, a Korean QIB) registered with the Korea Financial Investment Association (the KOFIA) as a Korean QIB and subject to the requirement of monthly reports with the KOFIA of its holding of Korean QIB bonds as defined in the Regulation on Issuance, Public Disclosure, etc. of notes of Korea, *provided* that (a) the notes are denominated, and the principal and interest payments thereunder are made, in a currency other than Korean won, (b) the amount of the securities acquired by such Korean QIBs in the primary market is limited to less than 20 percent of the aggregate issue amount of the notes, (c) the notes are listed on one of the major overseas securities markets designated by the Financial Supervisory Service of Korea, or certain procedures, such as registration or report with a foreign financial investment regulator, have been completed for offering of the securities in a major overseas securities market, (d) the one-year restriction on offering, delivering or selling of securities to a Korean resident other than a Korean QIB is expressly stated in the securities, the relevant underwriting agreement, subscription agreement, and the offering circular and (e) the Company and the Initial Purchasers shall individually or collectively keep the evidence of fulfillment of conditions (a) through (d) above after having taken necessary actions therefor.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Taiwan

The notes have not and will not be registered with the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan pursuant to relevant securities laws and regulations and may not be sold, issued, or offered within Taiwan through a public offering or in circumstances which constitute an offer within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Act of Taiwan that requires a registration or approval of the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan. No person or entity in Taiwan has been authorized to offer, sell, give advice regarding or otherwise intermediate the offering and sale of the notes in Taiwan.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Australia

No placement document, prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document (including as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (Corporations Act)) has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) or any other governmental agency, in relation to the offering. This document does not constitute a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document for the purposes of the Corporations Act, and does not purport to include the information required for a prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under the Corporations Act. No action has been taken which would permit an offering of the notes in circumstances that would require disclosure under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act.

The notes may not be offered for sale, nor may application for the sale or purchase of any notes be invited in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia) and neither this document nor any other offering material or advertisement relating to the notes may be distributed or published in Australia unless, in each

case:

- (a) the aggregate consideration payable on acceptance of the offer or invitation by each offeree or invitee is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in another currency, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by

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the person offering the notes or making the invitation or its associates) or the offer or invitation otherwise does not require disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act;

- (b) the offer, invitation or distribution complied with the conditions of the Australian financial services license of the person making the offer, invitation or distribution or an applicable exemption from the requirement to hold such license;
- (c) the offer, invitation or distribution complies with all applicable Australian laws, regulations and directives (including, without limitation, the licensing requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act);
- (d) the offer or invitation does not constitute an offer or invitation to a person in Australia who is a retail client as defined for the purposes of Section 761G of the Corporations Act; and
- (e) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC or the ASX.

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Legal matters

The validity of the notes offered hereby and certain other legal matters in connection with the sale of the notes will be passed upon for us by Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, New York, Locke Lord LLP, Houston, Texas, and Greg Sangalis, Esq., general counsel to the Company. Certain legal matters relating to the notes offered hereby will be passed upon for the underwriters by Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, New York.

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 supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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Where you can find more information

We are a reporting company and file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You can request copies of these documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the public reference rooms. Our SEC filings are also available at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Please note that the SEC's website is included in this prospectus supplement as an inactive textual reference only. The information contained on the SEC's website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and should not be considered to be a part of this prospectus supplement, except as described in "Incorporation of certain information by reference."

Incorporation of certain information by reference

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Information that we file with the SEC in the future and incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus automatically updates and supersedes previously filed information, as applicable. In all cases, you should rely on later information over different information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and all future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of this offering, except to the extent that any information contained in such filings is deemed "furnished" in accordance with the Exchange Act and applicable SEC rules:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 (as amended by Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on February 21, 2017) (including those sections incorporated by reference from our Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on March 30, 2017).

Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017.

Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 6, 2017, May 15, 2017, August 30, 2017 and November 30, 2017 (to the extent filed and not furnished).

You may obtain a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us as follows:

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Prospectus

Service Corporation International

Debt Securities

We may offer and sell from time to time our debt securities in one or more offerings pursuant to this prospectus. The debt securities may consist of debentures, notes or other types of debt.

We will provide the specific terms and manner of any offering in a supplement to this prospectus. Any prospectus supplement may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement as well as the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement before you purchase any of the debt securities offered hereby.

The names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents involved in the sale of our debt securities and their compensation will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Our net proceeds from the sale of our debt securities also will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol `SCI`. Unless we state otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we will not list any securities sold by us under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement on any securities exchange.

Investing in these securities involves certain risks. You should consider the risks that we have described in this prospectus and in the accompanying prospectus supplement before you invest. See Risk Factors on page 1 of this prospectus.

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 OR ANY ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is December 5, 2017.

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About this prospectus

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may offer and sell our debt securities from time to time in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the debt securities we may offer. Each time that we sell our debt securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement related to any offering as well as additional information described under the headings *Where you can find more information* and *Incorporation of certain information by reference*.

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus. The information contained in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date thereof as set forth on their covers, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement or of any sale of our debt securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since those dates. You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement, provided that if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date—for example, a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement—the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement. We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, our debt securities only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted.

In this prospectus, the terms *SCI*, *the Company*, *we*, *our*, and *us* refer to Service Corporation International and its subsidiaries, unless otherwise specified.

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Our company

Service Corporation International is North America's largest provider of deathcare products and services, with a network of funeral service locations and cemeteries unequalled in geographic scale and reach. At September 30, 2017, we operated 1509 funeral service locations and 476 cemeteries (including 287 funeral service/cemetery combination locations), which are geographically diversified across 45 states, eight Canadian provinces, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

We are well known for our Dignity Memorial® brand, North America's first transcontinental brand of deathcare products and services. Our other brands are Dignity Planning®, National Cremation Society®, Advantage® Funeral and Cremation Services, Funeraria del Angel®, Making Everlasting Memories®, Neptune Society® and Trident Society®. Our funeral and cemetery operations consist of funeral service locations, cemeteries, funeral service/cemetery combination locations, crematoria and related businesses, which enables us to serve a wide array of customer needs. We sell cemetery property and funeral and cemetery merchandise and services at the time of need and on a preneed basis.

We were incorporated in Texas in July of 1962. Our principal executive offices are located at 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas 77019. Our telephone number at that address is (713) 522-5141. Our website is located at www.sci-corp.com. Other than as described in [Where you can find more information](#) and [Incorporation of certain information by reference](#) below, the information on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. Our website address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

Risk factors

Investing in our debt securities involves a high degree of risk. Please see the risk factors described under the caption *Risk Factors* in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 on file with the SEC, as updated by our subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and certain other filings we make with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus and in any accompanying prospectus supplement. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations.

Forward-looking statements

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain statements that may be deemed forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, made in reliance on the "safe harbor" protections provided under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may be accompanied by words such as believe, estimate, project, expect, anticipate, or predict that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. These statements are based on assumptions that we believe are reasonable; however, many important factors could cause our actual results in the future to differ materially from the forward-looking statements made herein and in any other documents or oral presentations made by us, or on our behalf. Important factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include, among others, the following:

Our affiliated funeral and cemetery trust funds own investments in equity securities, fixed income securities, and mutual funds, which are affected by market conditions that are beyond our control.

We may be required to replenish our affiliated funeral and cemetery trust funds to meet minimum funding requirements, which would have a negative effect on our earnings and cash flow.

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Our ability to execute our strategic plan depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control.

Our credit agreements contain covenants that may prevent us from engaging in certain transactions.

If we lost the ability to use surety bonding to support our preneed funeral and preneed cemetery activities, we may be required to make material cash payments to fund certain trust funds.

The funeral and cemetery industry is competitive.

Increasing death benefits related to preneed contracts funded through life insurance contracts may not cover future increases in the cost of providing a price-guaranteed service.

The financial condition of third-party insurance companies that fund our preneed funeral contracts may impact our future revenue.

Unfavorable results of litigation could have a material adverse impact on our financial statements.

Unfavorable publicity could affect our reputation and business.

If the number of deaths in our markets declines, our cash flows and revenue may decrease.

If we are not able to respond effectively to changing consumer preferences, our market share, revenue, and profitability could decrease.

The continuing upward trend in the number of cremations performed in North America could result in lower revenue, gross profit, and cash flows.

Our funeral home and cemetery businesses are high fixed-cost businesses.

Regulation and compliance could have a material adverse impact on our financial results.

Cemetery burial practice legal claims could have a material adverse impact on our financial results.

We use a combination of insurance, self-insurance, and large deductibles in managing our exposure to certain inherent risks; as such, we could be exposed to unexpected costs that could negatively affect our financial performance.

A number of years elapse before particular tax matters, for which we have established accruals, are audited and finally resolved.

Declines in overall economic conditions beyond our control could reduce future potential earnings and cash flows and could result in future impairments to goodwill and/or other intangible assets.

Any failure to maintain the security of the information relating to our customers, their loved ones, our associates, and our vendors could damage our reputation, could cause us to incur substantial additional costs and to become subject to litigation, and could adversely affect our operating results.

Our Canadian business exposes us to operational, economic, and currency risks.

Our level of indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry, and may prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under our indebtedness.

A failure of a key information technology system or process could disrupt and adversely affect our business.

Failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could adversely affect our results of operations, investor confidence, and our stock price.

The application of unclaimed property laws by certain states to our preneed funeral and cemetery backlog could have a material adverse impact on our liquidity, cash flows, and our financial results.

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These and other factors are discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC. We also may include or incorporate by reference in each prospectus supplement additional important factors that we believe could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that we make.

Should one or more known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could differ materially from past results and those anticipated, estimated, projected, or implied by these forward-looking statements. You should consider these factors and the other cautionary statements made in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, or the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus as being applicable to all related forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or the documents incorporated by reference. While we may elect to update forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, or the documents incorporated by reference, we do not assume, and specifically disclaim, any obligation to do so, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

Use of proceeds

Except as may be otherwise set forth in any prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds we receive from sales of our securities offered hereby for general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment of indebtedness outstanding from time to time and for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, and repurchases of our securities. Pending these uses, the net proceeds may also be temporarily invested in short-term securities. Any specific allocations of the proceeds to a particular purpose that has been made at the date of any prospectus supplement will be described therein.

Ratio of earnings to fixed charges

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated. This information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Nine months ended September 30,	Twelve months ended				
	2017	2016	2015	December 31, 2014	2013
3.02	2.91	3.03	3.14	2.63	2.72

For the purposes of the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of pretax income from continuing operations before adjustment for minority interest, plus fixed charges and the amortization of capitalized interest less interest capitalized. Fixed charges consist of interest expense, whether expensed or capitalized, amortization of debt issuance costs, capitalized interest, and one-third of rental expense, which we deem to be a reasonable estimate of the portion of our rental expense that is attributable to interest.

Description of debt securities

The debt securities covered by this prospectus will be issued under our Senior Indenture dated February 1, 1993, as amended and supplemented from time to time, between us and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee to The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "indenture"), a copy of which has been incorporated into

the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The particular terms of the debt securities offered will be outlined in a prospectus supplement. The discussion of such terms in the prospectus supplement is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, reference to all provisions of the indenture and any applicable supplemental indenture.

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Plan of distribution

We may offer and sell these debt securities through one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, or directly to one or more purchasers, or through a combination of any of these methods of sale. We will provide the specific plan of distribution for any debt securities to be offered in a prospectus supplement.

Legal matters

The validity of the debt securities offered hereby and certain other legal matters in connection with the sale of the debt securities will be passed upon for us by Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, New York, Locke Lord LLP, Houston, Texas, and Gregory T. Sangalis, Esq., general counsel to the Company. Certain legal matters in connection with the sale of the debt securities will be passed upon for any underwriters or agents by counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement. Gregory T. Sangalis is paid a salary by our company and participates in various employee benefit plans offered by us, including equity-based plans.

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 year ended December 31, 2016 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

Where you can find more information

We file annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Through our website at www.sci-corp.com, you may access, free of charge, our filings, shortly after we electronically file them with or furnish them to the SEC. Other information contained in our website is not incorporated by reference in, and should not be considered a part of, this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement. You also may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC to register the securities offered hereby under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. This prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement, including certain exhibits and schedules. You may obtain the registration statement and exhibits to the registration statement in any manner noted above.

Incorporation of certain information by reference

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Information that we file with the SEC in the future and incorporate by reference in this prospectus automatically updates and supersedes previously filed information as applicable.

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All documents filed by us in the future under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until all of the securities registered under this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement are sold, other than any portions of any such documents that are not deemed filed under the Exchange Act in accordance with the Exchange Act and applicable SEC rules.

You may obtain a copy of these filings at no cost, by writing or telephoning us as follows:

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Any statement contained in a document that is incorporated by reference will be modified or superseded for all purposes to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement, or in any other document that is subsequently filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference, modifies, or is contrary to that previous statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed a part of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement, except as so modified or superseded. Since information that we later file with the SEC will update and supersede previously incorporated information, you should look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement or in any documents previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded.

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MUFG

Regions Securities LLC

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