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Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HILLENBRAND, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 26-1342272 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana 47006 (812) 934-7500

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

Nicholas R. Farrell Hillenbrand, Inc. Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana 47006 (812) 931-5000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

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

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. \Box

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If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. \Box

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Non-accelerated filer		Smaller reporting company
		Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. \Box

TABLE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

Exact Name of Additional Registrants	Address and Telephone Number	Jurisdiction of Incorporation	I.R.S. Employer Identification Number
Hillenbrand FHN Holdings LLC	One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, IN 47006, Phone: 812-931-5000	Delaware	93-3059556
Hillenbrand Indiana Holdings LLC	One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, IN 47006, Phone: 812-931-5000	Indiana	92-1860520
Hillenbrand Luxembourg Inc.	One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, IN 47006, Phone: 812-931-5000	Delaware	85-3222223
K-Tron Investment Co.	One Batesville Blvd., Batesville, IN 47006, Phone: 812-931-5000	Delaware	51-0330743
Milacron LLC	One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, IN 47006, Phone: 812-931-5000	Delaware	27-0552509
Milacron Marketing Company LLC	One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, IN 47006, Phone: 812-931-5000	Delaware	27-0552782
Milacron Plastics Technologies Group LLC	One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, IN 47006, Phone: 812-931-5000	Delaware	27-0552823
Process Equipment Group, Inc.	590 Woodbury Glassboro Road, Sewell, NJ 08080, Phone: 856-589-0500	New Jersey	22-1759452
Schenck Process Holding North America, Inc.	7901 NW 107th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64153, Phone: 812-931-5000	Delaware	48-0760430
Schenck Process LLC	7901 NW 107th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64153, Phone: 812-931-5000	Kansas	86-1153837

PROSPECTUS

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Debt Securities Guarantees of Debt Securities

From time to time, we may offer up to an aggregate offering amount of \$500 million of debt securities or guarantees for debt securities.

We will provide the specific terms of any offering and the offered securities in supplements to this prospectus. These securities may be offered separately or together in any combination and as separate series. Any prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities.

We may sell the securities to or through underwriters, and also to other purchasers or through agents, whether or not owned on the date hereof. The names of the underwriters will be stated in the prospectus supplements and other offering material. We may also sell securities directly to investors.

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement which will describe the method and terms of the related offering.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HI." Each prospectus supplement will indicate if the securities offered thereby will be listed on any securities exchange.

Investing in our securities involves certain risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page<u>6</u> of this prospectus and Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" beginning on page 16 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023, and in our subsequent quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on February 5, 2024, which are each incorporated by reference herein, as well as the other information included and incorporated by reference herein, to read about factors you should consider before deciding to invest in our securities.

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

The date of this prospectus is February 7, 2024.

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In this prospectus, except as otherwise noted, the words "we," "our," "ours" and "us" refer to Hillenbrand, Inc. and all of its subsidiaries

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any related prospectus supplement. We and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. The information in this prospectus, any related prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein is accurate only as of their respective dates, even though this prospectus may be delivered or securities may be sold under this prospectus on a later date. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and prospects may have changed since those dates.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell, from time to time, up to an aggregate offering amount of \$500 million of any combination of debt securities or guarantees of debt securities, as described in this prospectus, in one or more offerings. As allowed by the SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. For further information, we refer you to the registration statement, including its exhibits. Statements contained in this prospectus about the provisions or contents of any agreement or other document are not necessarily complete. If the SEC's rules or regulations require that an agreement or document be filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, please see that agreement or document for a complete description of these matters.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time that securities are sold, a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of that offering, including the securities offered, will be provided. The prospectus supplement will contain more specific information about the offering. The prospectus supplement also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the information in any such prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in such prospectus supplement. Please carefully read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described below under the section entitled "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference."

We may sell these securities on a continuous or delayed basis directly, through underwriters, dealers or agents as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. We and our agents reserve the sole right to accept and to reject in whole or in part any proposed purchase of the securities. The names of any such underwriters, dealers or agents involved in the sale of any such securities, and any applicable fee, commission or discount arrangements with them, will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement for such securities.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate on any date other than the date on the front cover of such documents or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date. Neither the delivery of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement nor any distribution of securities pursuant to such documents shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the information set forth in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement or in our affairs since the date of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement.

Our principal offices are located at One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, Indiana 47006 and our telephone number is (812) 931-5000.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and its rules and regulations. The Exchange Act requires us to file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Copies of these reports, proxy statements and other information can be read and copied at: SEC Public Reference Room, 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The SEC maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. These materials may be obtained electronically by accessing the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement, which form a part of the registration statement, do not contain all the information that is included in the registration statement. You will find additional information about us in the registration statement. Any statements made in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement concerning the provisions of legal documents are not necessarily complete and you should read the documents that are filed as exhibits to the registration statement or otherwise filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference herein or therein for a more complete understanding of the document or matter.

We make available, free of charge on our website, our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements and amendments to these reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file these documents with, or furnish them to, the SEC. These documents are posted on our website at www.Hillenbrand.com. The information contained on our website (other than the SEC filings expressly referred to below) is not incorporated by reference herein and does not form a part of this prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate into this prospectus information we file with the SEC in other documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus and information we later file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. The documents listed below, previously filed with the SEC, are incorporated by reference herein:

- Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023;
- Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on February 5, 2024;
- Portions of the <u>Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A</u>, filed with the <u>SEC</u> on <u>January 9</u>, 2024, that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our <u>Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30</u>, 2023, filed with the <u>SEC</u> on November 15, 2023;
- <u>Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023</u>(only with respect to the second Form 8-K/A and excluding Exhibit 99.4 thereto) and <u>February 7, 2024</u>; and
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 10-12B, filed with the SEC on November 5, 2007, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Whenever after the date of this prospectus, and before the termination of the offering of the securities made under this prospectus, we file reports or documents under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, those reports and documents will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus from the time they are filed. Notwithstanding the above, information that is "furnished" to the SEC (including information furnished under Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K and corresponding information furnished under Item 9.01 or included as an exhibit) shall not be incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus or the related registration statement, unless specifically stated otherwise.

We will provide, without charge, to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, other than exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents. Requests may be made by telephone at (812) 931-5000, or by sending a written request to Hillenbrand, Inc., One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, Indiana 47006, Attention: Secretary.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Throughout this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, we make a number of "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For a discussion of factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in forward-looking statements, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement and any sections entitled "Business," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Risk Factors" contained in documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement. As the words imply, these are statements about future plans, objectives, beliefs, and expectations that might or might not happen in the future, as contrasted with historical information. Forward-looking statements are based on assumptions that we believe are reasonable, but by their very nature are subject to a wide range of risks. If our assumptions prove inaccurate or unknown risks and uncertainties materialize, actual results could vary materially from Hillenbrand's expectations and projections. Words that could indicate we are making forward-looking statements include:

intend	believe	plan	expect	may	goal	would	project	position
become	pursue	estimate	will	forecast	continue	could	anticipate	remain
target	encourage	promise	improve	progress	potential	should	impact	

This is not an exhaustive list, but is intended to give you an idea of how we try to identify forward-looking statements. The absence of any of these words, however, does not mean that the statement is not forward-looking.

Here is the key point: Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or events, and actual results or events could differ materially from those set forth in any forward-looking statements.

Any number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, could cause our performance to differ significantly from what is described in the forward-looking statements. This includes the impact of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") on the Company's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. We assume no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

THE COMPANY

Hillenbrand is a global industrial company that provides highly-engineered processing equipment and solutions to customers around the world. Our portfolio is composed of leading industrial brands that serve large, attractive end markets, including durable plastics, food, and recycling. Guided by our Purpose, Shape What Matters For TomorrowTM, we pursue excellence, collaboration, and innovation to shape solutions that best serve our people, our customers, and our communities. Customers choose Hillenbrand due to our reputation for designing, manufacturing, and servicing highly-engineered, mission-critical equipment and solutions that meet their unique and complex processing requirements.

Hillenbrand's portfolio is composed of two reportable operating segments: Advanced Process Solutions and Molding Technology Solutions. Advanced Process Solutions is a leading global provider of highly-engineered process and material handling equipment, systems, and aftermarket parts and services for a variety of industries, including durable plastics, food, and recycling. Key technologies within the Advanced Process Solutions portfolio include compounding, extrusion, material handling, conveying, mixing, ingredient automation, portion process, and screening and separating equipment. Molding Technology Solutions is a global leader in highly-engineered equipment, systems, and aftermarket parts and service for the plastic technology processing industry. Molding Technology Solutions has a comprehensive product portfolio that includes injection molding and extrusion equipment, hot runner systems, process control systems, mold bases and components, and maintenance, repair, and operating supplies. These reportable operating segments are characterized by well-known brands that are recognized for technological capabilities and process expertise that can be shared across the reportable operating segments to serve customers globally. These reportable operating segments address macro trends supported by a growing middle class driving demand for plastics in a variety of applications, such as construction, food safety, and recycling, and demand for more sustainable food sources such as plant-based proteins.

Hillenbrand was incorporated on November 1, 2007, in the state of Indiana and began trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HI" on April 1, 2008. "Hillenbrand," "the Company," "we," "us," "our," and similar words refer to Hillenbrand, Inc. and its subsidiaries unless context otherwise requires. Although Hillenbrand has been a publicly traded company since 2008, the brands owned by Hillenbrand have been in operation for many decades.

We are an Indiana corporation and the address of our principal executive offices is One Batesville Boulevard, Batesville, Indiana 47006. Our telephone number is (812) 931-5000, and our website is www.Hillenbrand.com. Any references in this prospectus to our website are inactive textual references only, and the information contained on or that can be accessed through our website (except for the SEC filings expressly incorporated by reference herein) is not incorporated in, and is not a part of, this prospectus, and any such information should not be relied upon in connection with any investment decision to purchase any securities.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. Before you decide whether to purchase any of our securities, you should carefully review the risk factors contained in our filings under the Exchange Act (including those in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023 and in our subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q), each of which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, the information contained under the heading "Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements" in this prospectus or under any similar heading in any applicable prospectus supplement or in any document incorporated herein or therein by reference. The risks and uncertainties described in our SEC filings are not the only risks we face. Additional risks not currently known or considered immaterial by us at this time and thus not listed could also result in adverse effects on our business. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or that we currently see as immaterial, may also harm our business. If any such risks and uncertainties actually occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and prospects could be materially and adversely affected, the market price of our securities could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. See "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements."

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sales of the securities offered by us as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

This prospectus contains summary descriptions of the debt securities and guarantees of debt securities that we may offer and sell from time to time. These summary descriptions are not meant to be complete descriptions of each security. The particular terms of any security will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES AND GUARANTEES

References to "Hillenbrand," "us," "we" or "our" in this section mean Hillenbrand, Inc., and do not include the consolidated subsidiaries of Hillenbrand, Inc. In this section, references to "holders" mean those who own debt securities registered in their own names, on the books that we or the applicable trustee maintain for this purpose, and not those who own beneficial interests in debt securities registered in street name or in debt securities issued in book-entry form through one or more depositaries.

We may offer secured or unsecured debt securities, which may be convertible. Our debt securities and any related guarantees will be issued under an indenture, dated July 9, 2010, between us and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee. The debt securities will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities, including trade payables, of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the debt securities, and the claims of creditors of those subsidiaries, including trade creditors, will have priority as to the assets and cash flows of those subsidiaries.

We have summarized certain general features of the debt securities from the indenture. A copy of the indenture is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The following description of the terms of the debt securities and the guarantees sets forth certain general terms and provisions. The particular terms of the debt securities and guarantees offered by any prospectus supplement (including which indenture such securities will be governed by) and the extent, if any, to which such general provisions may apply to the debt securities and guarantees will be described in the related prospectus supplement. Accordingly, for a description of the terms of a particular issue of debt securities, reference must be made to both the related prospectus supplement and to the following description.

General

The aggregate principal amount of debt securities that may be issued under the indenture is unlimited. The debt securities may be issued in one or more series as may be authorized from time to time.

Reference is made to the applicable prospectus supplement for the following terms of the debt securities (if applicable):

- · the title and aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;
- · whether the debt securities will be senior, subordinated or junior subordinated;
- · whether the debt securities will be secured or unsecured;
- the specific indenture under which the debt securities will be issued;
- whether the debt securities are convertible or exchangeable into other securities;
- the percentage or percentages of principal amount at which such debt securities will be issued;
- the interest rate(s) or the method for determining the interest rate(s);
- the dates on which interest will accrue or the method for determining dates on which interest will accrue and dates on which interest will be payable;
- · the maturity date;
- · redemption or early repayment provisions;
- · authorized denominations;
- · form;
- · amount of discount or premium, if any, with which such debt securities will be issued;
- · whether such debt securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities;
- · the identity of the depositary for global securities;
- whether a temporary security is to be issued with respect to such series and whether any interest payable
 prior to the issuance of definitive securities of the series will be credited to the account of the persons entitled
 thereto:

- the terms upon which beneficial interests in a temporary global security may be exchanged in whole or in part for beneficial interests in a definitive global security or for individual definitive securities;
- · any covenants applicable to the particular debt securities being issued;
- any defaults and events of default applicable to the particular debt securities being issued;
- the guarantors of each series, if any, and the extent of the guarantees (including provisions relating to seniority, subordination, security and release of the guarantees), if any;
- · any restriction or condition on the transferability of the debt securities;
- the currency, currencies or currency units in which the purchase price for, the principal of and any premium and any interest on, such debt securities will be payable;
- the time period within which, the manner in which and the terms and conditions upon which the purchaser of the debt securities can select the payment currency;
- the securities exchange(s) on which the securities will be listed, if any;
- whether any underwriter(s) will act as market maker(s) for the securities;
- · the extent to which a secondary market for the securities is expected to develop;
- our obligation or right to redeem, purchase or repay debt securities under a sinking fund, amortization or analogous provision;
- · provisions relating to covenant defeasance and legal defeasance;
- provisions relating to satisfaction and discharge of the indenture;
- provisions relating to the modification of the indenture both with and without the consent of holders of debt securities issued under the indenture; and
- · additional terms not inconsistent with the provisions of the indenture.

One or more series of debt securities may be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates. One or more series of debt securities may be variable rate debt securities that may be exchanged for fixed rate debt securities.

United States federal income tax consequences and special considerations, if any, applicable to any such series will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Debt securities may be issued where the amount of principal and/or interest payable is determined by reference to one or more currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity indices or other factors. Holders of such securities may receive a principal amount or a payment of interest that is greater than or less than the amount of principal or interest otherwise payable on such dates, depending upon the value of the applicable currencies, commodities, equity indices or other factors. Information as to the methods for determining the amount of principal or interest, if any, payable on any date, the currencies, commodities, equity indices or other factors to which the amount payable on such date is linked and certain additional United States federal income tax considerations will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The term "debt securities" includes debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars or, if specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, in any other freely transferable currency or units based on or relating to foreign currencies.

We expect most debt securities to be issued in fully registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Subject to the limitations provided in the applicable indenture and in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities that are issued in registered form may be transferred or exchanged at the office of the applicable trustee maintained in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York or the principal corporate trust office of the applicable trustee, without the payment of any service charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

Guarantees

Any debt securities may be guaranteed by one or more of our direct or indirect subsidiaries. Each prospectus supplement will describe any guarantees for the benefit of the series of debt securities to which it relates, including required financial information of the subsidiary guarantors, as applicable.

Global Securities

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary (the "depositary") identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Global securities will be issued in registered form and in either temporary or definitive form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depositary for such global security to a nominee of such depositary or by a nominee of such depositary to such depositary or another nominee of such depositary or by such depositary or any such nominee to a successor of such depositary or a nominee of such successor. The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any debt securities of a series and the rights of and limitations upon owners of beneficial interests in a global security will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Governing Law

The indenture, the debt securities and the guarantees shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles thereof relating to conflicts of law.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a description of certain material terms of our restated and amended articles of incorporation (as amended, our "Articles of Incorporation"), our amended and restated code of by-laws (our "By-Laws", and together with our Articles of Incorporation, our "organizational documents") and certain provisions of Indiana law. The following summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, copies of which are filed as exhibits incorporated by reference to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and the relevant provisions of Indiana law.

General

Our authorized capital structure consists of:

- · 199,000,000 shares of common stock, without par value: and
- 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock

As of January 31, 2024, there were 70,150,283 shares of common stock and no shares of preferred stock issued and outstanding.

Common Stock

Voting

The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on each matter submitted to a vote of shareholders, including the election of directors, and do not have any right to cumulate votes in the election of directors.

Dividends

Subject to the rights and preferences of the holders of any series of preferred stock which may at the time be outstanding, holders of our common stock are entitled to share equally such dividends as our board of directors may declare out of funds legally available.

Liquidation Rights

The holders of our common stock are entitled to receive our net assets upon dissolution except as may otherwise be provided in an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation setting out the terms for a series of preferred stock.

Other matters

Holders of our common stock have no conversion, preemptive or other subscription rights and there are no redemption rights or sinking fund provisions with respect to the common stock.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HI."

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

Preferred Stock

We are authorized to issue up to 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series. Our Articles of Incorporation authorize our board of directors to fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions granted to or imposed upon the preferred stock, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, terms of redemption, liquidation preference, sinking fund terms, subscription rights and the number of shares constituting any series or the designation of a series. All shares of preferred stock of the same series must be identical with each other in all respects.

When we issue preferred stock, we will provide specific information about the particular class or series being offered in a prospectus supplement. This information will include some or all of the following:

- the serial designation and the number of shares in that series;
- the dividend rate or rates, whether dividends shall be cumulative and, if so, from what date, the payment
 date or dates for dividends, and any participating or other special rights with respect to dividends;
- · any voting powers of the shares;
- whether the shares will be redeemable and, if so, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions on which the shares may be redeemed;
- the amount or amounts payable upon the shares in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us prior to any payment or distribution of our assets to any class or classes of our stock ranking junior to the preferred stock;
- whether the shares will be entitled to the benefit of a sinking or retirement fund and, if so entitled, the
 amount of the fund and the manner of its application, including the price or prices at which the shares may
 be redeemed or purchased through the application of the fund;
- whether the shares will be convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of any other class or of any other series of the same or any other class of our stock or the stock of another issuer, and if so convertible or exchangeable, the conversion price or prices, or the rates of exchange, and any adjustments to the conversion price or rates of exchange at which the conversion or exchange may be made, and any other terms and conditions of the conversion or exchange; and
- any other preferences, privileges and powers, and relative, participating, optional, or other special rights, and
 qualifications, limitations or restrictions, as our board of directors may deem advisable and as shall not be
 inconsistent with the provisions of our Articles of Incorporation.

Depending on the rights prescribed for a series of preferred stock, the issuance of preferred stock could have an adverse effect on the voting power of the holders of common stock and could adversely affect holders of common stock by delaying or preventing a change in control of us, making removal of our present management more difficult or imposing restrictions upon the payment of dividends and other distributions to the holders of common stock.

The preferred stock, when issued, will be fully paid and non-assessable. Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, the preferred stock will have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional securities which may be issued by us in the future. The transfer agent and registrar for the preferred stock will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Certain Anti-Takeover Matters

Certain provisions of our organizational documents, as well as certain provisions of the Indiana Business Corporation Law (the "IBCL"), may have the effect of encouraging persons considering unsolicited tender offers or other unilateral takeover proposals to negotiate with our board of directors rather than pursue non-negotiated takeover attempts. These provisions include:

Classified Board of Directors

Our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws provide for our board of directors to be composed of not fewer than seven directors and to be divided into three classes of directors, as nearly equal in number as possible, serving staggered terms. Our By-Laws also provide that our board of directors shall not consist of more than thirteen directors. Approximately one-third of our board will be elected each year. Under our Articles of Incorporation, our directors can be removed only for cause and only upon the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the voting power of all shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class. The provisions for our classified board and certain other board of director matters may be amended, altered or repealed only upon the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of all shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

Under Chapter 33 of the IBCL, a corporation with a class of voting shares registered with the SEC under Section 12 of the Exchange Act must have a classified board unless the corporation adopted a by-law expressly electing not to be governed by this provision by the later of July 31, 2009 or 30 days after the corporation's voting shares are registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act. We adopted a by-law electing not to be subject to this mandatory requirement on July 15, 2009; however, the IBCL permits this election to be rescinded by subsequent action of our board.

The provision for a classified board in our Articles of Incorporation could prevent a party that acquires control of a majority of the outstanding voting stock from obtaining control of our board until the second annual shareholders' meeting following the date the acquiror obtains the controlling stock interest. The classified board provision could have the effect of discouraging a potential acquiror from making a tender offer for our shares or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us and could increase the likelihood that our incumbent directors will retain their positions.

We believe that a classified board helps to assure the continuity and stability of our board and our business strategies and policies as determined by our board, because a majority of the directors at any given time will have prior experience on our board. The classified board provision also helps to ensure that our board, if confronted with an unsolicited proposal from a third party that has acquired a block of our voting stock, will have sufficient time to review the proposal and appropriate alternatives and to seek the best available result for all shareholders.

After the initial term of each class, our directors will serve three-year terms. At each annual meeting of shareholders, a class of directors will be elected for a three-year term to succeed the directors of the same class whose terms are then expiring.

Our Articles of Incorporation further provide that vacancies or newly created directorships on our board may only be filled by the vote of a majority of the directors then in office, and any director so chosen will hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders.

At any annual or special meeting of directors, our By-Laws require the presence of a majority of the duly elected and qualified members then occupying office as a quorum. Our Articles of Incorporation provide for a quorum of one-third of such members unless the By-Laws otherwise specify (which they do).

Removal of Directors Only for Cause; Filling Vacancies

Our organizational documents provide that, subject to the right of holders of any series of preferred stock to elect directors, any director may be removed from office, but only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the combined voting power of all of the shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors. Our organizational documents also provide that, subject to the right of holders of any series of preferred stock to elect directors, any newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and any vacancy on the board shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office. Any director elected in accordance with the preceding sentence will hold office for a term expiring at the next annual meeting of shareholders. Each director shall serve throughout the term for which he or she is elected and until such director's successor is duly elected and qualified. No decrease in the number of directors constituting the board of directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

The director removal and vacancy provisions restrict the ability of a third party to remove incumbent directors and simultaneously gain control of the board of directors by filling the vacancies created by removal with its own nominees

Shareholder Proposals

At any meeting of shareholders, only business that is properly brought before the meeting will be conducted. To be properly brought before a meeting of shareholders, business must be specified in the notice of the meeting, brought before the meeting by or at the direction of our board of directors, our chairman of the board or the president or properly brought before the meeting by a shareholder (a) that is a shareholder of record on the date of the giving by such shareholder of the notice and on the record date

for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting, (b) that is entitled to vote on such business at the meeting and (c) that complies with the notice procedures.

For business to be properly brought before any meeting of shareholders by a shareholder, the shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to our secretary at our principal place of business. To be timely, a shareholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received by our secretary not later than 100 days prior to the anniversary of the date of the immediately preceding annual meeting which was specified in the initial formal notice of such meeting (but if the date of the forthcoming annual meeting is more than 30 days after such anniversary date, such written notice will also be timely if received by our secretary by the later of 100 days prior to the forthcoming meeting date and the close of business 10 days following the date on which we first make public disclosure of the meeting date).

A shareholder's notice must set forth, as to each matter the shareholder proposes to bring before the meeting:

- a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the meeting and the proposed text of any
 proposal regarding such business (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and, if
 such business includes a proposal to amend the By-laws, the text of the proposed amendment), and the
 reasons for conducting such business at the meeting;
- a representation that such shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to bring such business before the meeting;
- as to such shareholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf such business is proposed to be brought before the meeting or any such proposal regarding such business is being made:
 - · the name and address of such person;
 - the class and number of shares that are owned beneficially or of record by such person and any affiliates
 or associates of such person;
 - the name of each nominee holder of shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person or any
 affiliates or associates of such person, and the number of such shares held by each such nominee holder;
 - whether and the extent to which any derivative instrument, swap, option, warrant, short interest, hedge, or profit interest or other transaction has been entered into by or on behalf of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, with respect to our shares;
 - whether and the extent to which any other transaction, agreement, arrangement or understanding
 (including, without limitation, any short position or any borrowing or lending of our shares) has been
 entered into or made by or on behalf of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, the
 effect or intent of any of the foregoing being to mitigate loss to, or to manage risk or benefit of share
 price changes for, such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, or to increase or decrease
 the voting power or pecuniary or economic interest of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such
 person, with respect to any of our shares;
 - a description of all agreements, arrangements or understandings (whether written or oral) between or among such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, and any other person or persons (including their names) in connection with or relating to (a) the Company or (b) such business or any such proposal regarding such business, and any material interest in, or anticipated benefit from, such business or proposal on the part of such person or any affiliates or associates of such person; and
 - any other information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy
 statement or other filing required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies by such
 person with respect to such business proposed to be brought by or on behalf of such person before the
 meeting pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated
 thereunder.

Shareholder Nomination of Candidates for Elections to Our Board

Our By-Laws provide that nominations of persons for election to our board of directors may be made at any meeting of shareholders by or at the direction of the board of directors or by any shareholder (a) that is a shareholder of record on the date of the giving by such shareholder of the notice and on the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting, (b) that is entitled to vote for the election of members of the board of directors at the meeting and (c) that complies with the notice procedures. For nominations to be made by a shareholder, the shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to our secretary at our principal place of business and any nominee must satisfy the qualifications established by the board of directors from time to time as contained in the proxy statement for our immediately preceding annual meeting or posted on our website. To be timely, a shareholder's nomination must be delivered to or mailed and received by the secretary not later than (i) in the case of the annual meeting, 100 days prior to the anniversary of the date of the immediately preceding annual meeting which was specified in the initial formal notice of such meeting (but if the date of the forthcoming annual meeting is more than 30 days after such anniversary date, such written notice will also be timely if received by the secretary by the later of 100 days prior to the forthcoming meeting date and the close of business 10 days following the date on which we first make public disclosure of the meeting date) and (ii) in the case of a special meeting, the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which we first make public disclosure of the meeting date.

The notice given by a shareholder must set forth:

- as to each person whom the shareholder proposes to nominate for election as a Director:
 - the name, age, business address, and residence address of such person;
 - · the principal occupation or employment of such person;
 - the class or series and number of all of our shares that are owned beneficially or of record by such
 person and any affiliates or associates of such person;
 - the name of each nominee holder of our shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person or any affiliates or associates of such person, and the number of such shares held by each such nominee holder;
 - whether and the extent to which any derivative instrument, swap, option, warrant, short interest, hedge, or profit interest or other transaction has been entered into by or on behalf of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, with respect to our shares;
 - whether and the extent to which any other transaction, agreement, arrangement or understanding
 (including, without limitation, any short position or any borrowing or lending of our shares) has been
 made by or on behalf of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, the effect or intent of
 any of the foregoing being to mitigate loss to, or to manage risk or benefit of share price changes for,
 such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, or to increase or decrease the voting power or
 pecuniary or economic interest of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, with
 respect to any of our shares;
 - such person's written representation and agreement that such person (a) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement, or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director, will act or vote on any issue or question, (b) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Company with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement, or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director that has not been disclosed to us in such representation and agreement, (c) intends, if elected as a director, to serve as a director for the term for which he or she is so elected, and (d) in such person's individual capacity, would be in compliance and will comply, if elected as a director, with all of our applicable publicly disclosed confidentiality, corporate governance, conflict of interest, Regulation FD, and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines and all applicable publicly disclosed codes of conduct and ethics; and

- any other information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy
 statement or other filing required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of
 directors at the meeting pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations
 promulgated thereunder; and
- · as to such shareholder, and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf such nomination is to be made:
 - the name and record address of such shareholder and the name and principal place of business of such beneficial owner;
 - the class or series and number of all of our shares that are owned beneficially or of record by such
 person and any affiliates or associates of such person;
 - the name of each nominee holder of our shares owned beneficially but not of record by such person or any affiliates or associates of such person, and the number of our shares held by each such nominee holder.
 - whether and the extent to which any derivative instrument, swap, option, warrant, short interest, hedge,
 or profit interest or other transaction has been entered into by or on behalf of such person, or any
 affiliates or associates of such person, with respect to our shares;
 - whether and the extent to which any other transaction, agreement, arrangement or understanding
 (including, without limitation, any short position or any borrowing or lending of our shares) has been
 made by or on behalf of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, the effect or intent of
 any of the foregoing being to mitigate loss to, or to manage risk or benefit of share price changes for,
 such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, or to increase or decrease the voting power or
 pecuniary or economic interest of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, with
 respect to any of our shares;
 - a description of (a) all agreements, arrangements, or understandings (whether written or oral) between
 or among such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, and any proposed nominee, or any
 affiliates or associates of such proposed nominee, (b) all agreements, arrangements, or understandings
 (whether written or oral) between or among such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person,
 and any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are being
 made by such person, or otherwise relating to the Company or their ownership of our shares, and
 (c) any material interest of such person, or any affiliates or associates of such person, in such
 nomination, including any anticipated benefit therefrom to such person or any affiliates or associates of
 such person;
 - a representation that such shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the persons named in such notice; and
 - any other information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing required to be made in connection with the solicitation of proxies for election of directors at the meeting pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder:
- and must be accompanied, for each proposed nominee to which such notice relates, by a written consent of
 such proposed nominee to being named in our proxy materials as a nominee and to serving as a director if
 elected and a written questionnaire (the form of which questionnaire shall be provided by our secretary upon
 written request), completed and duly executed by such proposed nominee, with respect to the background
 and qualification of such proposed nominee.
- In addition, we may require any nominee or proposed nominee for election to the board of directors to furnish any other information (a) that may reasonably be requested to determine whether such nominee or proposed nominee would be independent under the rules and listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, any applicable rules of the SEC or any publicly disclosed standards used by the board of directors in determining and disclosing the independence of the directors, (b) that could be material to a reasonable shareholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such nominee or proposed nominee or (c) that may reasonably be requested to determine the eligibility of such nominee or proposed nominee to serve as a director.

Shareholder Action; Special Meetings of Shareholders

Our Articles of Incorporation provide that shareholder action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the shareholders may be taken without a meeting if a written consent setting forth the action so taken is signed by all the holders of our issued and outstanding capital stock entitled to vote thereon. Our By-Laws provide that special meetings of the shareholders can only be called by our board of directors, our president or our secretary if there is delivered to our secretary a written demand for a special meeting signed by shareholders holding not less than one-fourth of the outstanding shares of our common stock (determined as of the date upon which such demand is received by our secretary), which written demand sets forth a concise statement of the questions or matters proposed to be submitted to a vote at the meeting.

Restrictions on Certain Related Party Business Combination Transactions

Under our Articles of Incorporation, any contract or other transaction between us and (i) any of our directors or (ii) any legal entity (A) in which any of our directors has a material financial interest or is a general partner or (B) of which any of our directors is a director, officer or trustee of such other legal entity (collectively, a "Conflict Transaction") is only valid if (1) the material facts of such Conflict Transaction and our director's interest in such were disclosed to or known by our board of directors, any of our committees with authority to act on the Conflict Transaction, or our shareholders entitled to vote on such Conflict Transaction and (2) the Conflict Transaction was properly authorized, approved or ratified by, as applicable:

- Our board of directors or authorized committee, if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the
 directors who have no interest in the Conflict Transaction; provided, however, that the vote not be of a single
 director; and
- Our shareholders, if it receives the vote of a majority of the shares entitled to be counted, in which shares
 owned or voted under the contract of any director who or legal entity that has an interest in the Conflict
 Transaction may be counted.

Amendment of Articles and Bylaws

Except as otherwise expressly provided in our Articles of Incorporation, any proposal to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision of our Articles of Incorporation, except as may be provided in the terms of any preferred stock, requires approval by our board of directors and our shareholders. In general, such a proposal would be approved by our shareholders if the votes cast favoring the proposal exceed the votes cast opposing the proposal at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

Our By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed either by our board of directors by affirmative vote of a majority of the directors who would constitute a full board at the time of such action or the affirmative vote, at a meeting of shareholders, of at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the outstanding shares of all classes of our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, considered as a single voting group.

Indiana Business Corporation Law

As an Indiana corporation, we are governed by the IBCL. Under specified circumstances, the following provisions of the IBCL may delay, prevent or make more difficult unsolicited acquisitions or changes of control of us. These provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our management. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which shareholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interest.

Control share acquisitions. Under Chapter 42 of the IBCL, an acquiring person or group who makes a "control share acquisition" may not exercise voting rights with respect to any "control shares" unless these voting rights are conferred by a majority vote of the disinterested shareholders of the issuing public corporation at a special meeting of those shareholders held upon the request and at the expense of the acquiring person. If control shares acquired in a control share acquisition are accorded full voting rights and the acquiring person has acquired control shares with a majority or more of all voting power, all shareholders of the issuing public corporation have dissenters' rights to receive the fair value of their shares pursuant to Chapter 44 of the IBCL.

Under the IBCL, "control shares" means shares of an issuing public corporation acquired by a person that, when added to all other shares of the issuing public corporation owned by that person or in respect to which that person may exercise or direct the exercise of voting power, would otherwise entitle that person to exercise voting power of the issuing public corporation in the election of directors within any of the following ranges:

- · one-fifth or more but less than one-third;
- · one-third or more but less than a majority; or
- · a majority or more.

"Control share acquisition" means, subject to specified exceptions, the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person of ownership of, or the power to direct the exercise of voting power with respect to, issued and outstanding control shares. For the purpose of determining whether an acquisition constitutes a control share acquisition, shares acquired within 90 days or under a plan to make a control share acquisition are considered to have been acquired in the same acquisition. "Issuing public corporation" means a corporation which has (i) 100 or more shareholders, (ii) its principal place of business or its principal office in Indiana, or that owns or controls assets within Indiana having a fair market value of greater than \$1,000,000, and (iii) (A) more than 10% of its shareholders resident in Indiana, (B) more than 10% of its shares owned of record or owned beneficially by Indiana residents, or (C) 1,000 shareholders resident in Indiana.

The above provisions do not apply if, before a control share acquisition is made, the corporation's articles of incorporation or by-laws, including a by-law adopted by the corporation's board of directors, provide that they do not apply. Our By-Laws provide that Chapter 42 of the IBCL shall not apply to control share acquisitions of shares of our capital stock.

Certain business combinations. Chapter 43 of the IBCL restricts the ability of a "resident domestic corporation" to engage in any combinations with an "interested shareholder" for five years after the date the interested shareholder became such, unless the combination or the purchase of shares by the interested shareholder on the interested shareholder's date of acquiring shares is approved by the board of directors of the resident domestic corporation before that date. If the combination was not previously approved, the interested shareholder may effect a combination after the five-year period only if that shareholder receives approval from a majority of the disinterested shares or the offer meets specified fair price criteria. For purposes of the above provisions, "resident domestic corporation" means an Indiana corporation that has 100 or more shareholders. "Interested shareholder" means any person, other than the resident domestic corporation or its subsidiaries, who is (i) the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the outstanding voting shares of the resident domestic corporation or (ii) an affiliate or associate of the resident domestic corporation, which at any time within the five-year period immediately before the date in question, was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of the resident domestic corporation.

The definition of "beneficial owner" for purposes of Chapter 43, means a person who, directly or indirectly, has the right to acquire or vote the subject shares (excluding voting rights under revocable proxies made in accordance with federal law), has any agreement, arrangement or understanding for the purpose of acquiring, holding or voting or disposing of the subject shares, or holds any "derivative instrument" that includes the opportunity to profit or share in any profit derived from any increase in the value of the subject shares.

The above provisions do not apply to corporations that elect not to be subject to Chapter 43 in an amendment to their articles of incorporation approved by a majority of the disinterested shareholders. That amendment, however, cannot become effective until 18 months after its passage and would apply only to share acquisitions occurring after its effective date. Our Articles of Incorporation do not exclude us from the restrictions imposed by Chapter 43 of the IBCL.

Directors' duties and liability. Under Chapter 35 of the IBCL, directors are required to discharge their duties:

· in good faith;

- with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances; and
- in a manner the directors reasonably believe to be in the best interests of the corporation.

However, the IBCL also provides that a director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or any failure to act, regardless of the nature of the alleged breach of duty, including alleged breaches of the duty of care, the duty of loyalty and the duty of good faith, unless the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of the director's office in accordance with the foregoing standard and such action or failure to act constitutes willful misconduct or recklessness. The exculpation from liability under the IBCL does not affect the liability of directors for violations of the federal securities laws.

Consideration of effects on other constituents. Chapter 35 of the IBCL also provides that a board of directors, in discharging its duties, may consider, in its discretion, both the long-term and short-term best interests of the corporation, taking into account, and weighing as the directors deem appropriate, the effects of an action on the corporation's shareholders, employees, suppliers and customers and the communities in which offices or other facilities of the corporation are located and any other factors the directors consider pertinent. Directors are not required to consider the effects of a proposed corporate action on any particular corporate constituent group or interest as a dominant or controlling factor. If a determination is made with the approval of a majority of the disinterested directors of the board, that determination is conclusively presumed to be valid unless it can be demonstrated that the determination was not made in good faith after reasonable investigation. Chapter 35 specifically provides that specified judicial decisions in Delaware and other jurisdictions, which might be looked upon for guidance in interpeting Indiana law, including decisions that propose a higher or different degree of scrutiny in response to a proposed acquisition of the corporation, are inconsistent with the proper application of the business judgment rule under that section.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions, including without limitation:

- · directly to one or more purchasers;
- · through agents;
- · to or through underwriters, brokers or dealers; or
- · through a combination of any of these methods.

A distribution of the securities offered by this prospectus may also be effected through the issuance of derivative securities, including without limitation, warrants, subscriptions, exchangeable securities, forward delivery contracts and the writing of options.

In addition, the manner in which we may sell some or all of the securities covered by this prospectus includes, without limitation, through:

- a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell as agent, but may position or resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- · ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker solicits purchasers; or
- · privately negotiated transactions.

We may also enter into hedging transactions. For example, we may:

- enter into transactions with a broker-dealer or affiliate thereof in connection with which such broker-dealer
 or affiliate will engage in short sales of the common stock pursuant to this prospectus, in which case such
 broker-dealer or affiliate may use shares of common stock received from us to close out its short positions;
- · sell securities short and redeliver such shares to close out our short positions;
- enter into option or other types of transactions that require us to deliver common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who will then resell or transfer the common stock under this prospectus; or
- loan or pledge the common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who may sell the loaned shares
 or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged shares pursuant to this prospectus.

In addition, we may enter into derivative or hedging transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. In connection with such a transaction, the third parties may sell securities covered by and pursuant to this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be. If so, the third party may use securities borrowed from us or others to settle such sales and may use securities received from us to close out any related short positions. We may also loan or pledge securities covered by this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement to third parties, who may sell the loaned securities or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged securities pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

A prospectus supplement with respect to each offering of securities will state the terms of the offering of the securities, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them, if any;
- the public offering price or purchase price of the securities and the net proceeds to be received by us from the sale;

- · any delayed delivery arrangements;
- any underwriting discounts or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation;
- · any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- · any securities exchange or markets on which the securities may be listed.

The offer and sale of the securities described in this prospectus by us, the underwriters or the third parties described above may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions, including privately negotiated transactions, either:

- · at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- · at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- · at prices related to the prevailing market prices; or
- · at negotiated prices.

General

Any public offering price and any discounts, commissions, concessions or other items constituting compensation allowed or reallowed or paid to underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms may be changed from time to time. Underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms that participate in the distribution of the offered securities may be "underwriters" as defined in the Securities Act. Any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profits they receive on the resale of the offered securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. We will identify any underwriters, agents or dealers and describe their commissions, fees or discounts in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

Underwriters and Agents

If underwriters are used in a sale, they will acquire the offered securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the offered securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions. These sales may be made at a fixed public offering price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale, at prices related to such prevailing market price or at negotiated prices. We may offer the securities to the public through an underwriting syndicate or through a single underwriter. The underwriters in any particular offering will be mentioned in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the offered securities will be subject to certain conditions contained in an underwriting agreement that we will enter into with the underwriters at the time of the sale to them. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities of the series offered if any of the securities are purchased, unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities. Any initial offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed, reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

We may designate agents to sell the offered securities. Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the agents will agree to use their best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment. We may also sell the offered securities to one or more remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. These firms will remarket the offered securities upon purchasing them in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to the terms of the offered securities. A prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be will identify any remarketing firm and will describe the terms of its agreement, if any, with us and its compensation.

In connection with offerings made through underwriters or agents, we may enter into agreements with such underwriters or agents pursuant to which we receive our outstanding securities in consideration for the securities being offered to the public for cash. In connection with these arrangements, the underwriters or

agents may also sell securities covered by this prospectus to hedge their positions in these outstanding securities, including in short sale transactions. If so, the underwriters or agents may use the securities received from us under these arrangements to close out any related open borrowings of securities.

Dealers

We may sell the offered securities to dealers as principals. We may negotiate and pay dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions for their services. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public either at varying prices to be determined by the dealer or at a fixed offering price agreed to with us at the time of resale. Dealers engaged by us may allow other dealers to participate in resales.

Direct Sales

We may choose to sell the offered securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved.

Institutional Purchasers

We may authorize agents, dealers or underwriters to solicit certain institutional investors to purchase offered securities on a delayed delivery basis pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified future date. The applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be will provide the details of any such arrangement, including the offering price and commissions payable on the solicitations.

We will enter into such delayed contracts only with institutional purchasers that we approve. These institutions may include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions.

Indemnification; Other Relationships

We may have agreements with agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms, and their affiliates, may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business. This includes commercial banking and investment banking transactions.

Market-Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions

There is currently no market for any of the offered securities, other than the common stock which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. If the offered securities are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors. While it is possible that an underwriter could inform us that it intends to make a market in the offered securities, such underwriter would not be obligated to do so, and any such market-making could be discontinued at any time without notice. Therefore, no assurance can be given as to whether an active trading market will develop for the offered securities. We have no current plans for listing of the debt securities or guarantees on any securities exchange or on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. automated quotation system; any such listing with respect to any particular debt securities or guarantees will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

In connection with any offering of common stock, the underwriters may purchase and sell shares of common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of common stock in excess of the number of shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. "Covered" short sales are sales of shares made in an amount up to the number of shares represented by the underwriters' over-allotment option. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short involve either purchases of the

common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also make "naked" short sales of shares in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares of common stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of shares in the open market while the offering is in progress for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities.

In connection with any offering, the underwriters may also engage in penalty bids. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would be in the absence of the transactions. The underwriters may, if they commence these transactions, discontinue them at any time.

Fees and Commissions

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (the "FINRA"), the aggregate maximum discount, commission or agency fees or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 8% of any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be; however, it is anticipated that the maximum commission or discount to be received in any particular offering of securities will be significantly less than this amount.

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Chicago, Illinois and Ice Miller LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana will provide opinions regarding the authorization and validity of the securities. Additional legal matters may be passed on for us, or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel which we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Hillenbrand, Inc. appearing in Hillenbrand, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2023 (excluding the internal control over financial reporting of Linxis Group SAS ("Linxis"), Peerless Food Equipment division ("Peerless") of Illinois Tool Works Inc., and Schenck Process Food and Performance Materials ("FPM")), have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, which as to the report on the effectiveness of Hillenbrand, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting contains an explanatory paragraph describing the above referenced exclusion of Linxis, Peerless and FPM from the scope of such firm's audit of internal control over financial reporting included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are, and audited consolidated financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such consolidated financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the respective dates (to the extent covered by consents filed with the SEC) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The combined financials statements of the Schenck Food and Performance Materials Business as of December 31, 2022 and for the year then ended, appearing in the Hillenbrand, Inc. Form 8-K/A dated November 15, 2023, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

Set forth below is an estimate (except in the case of the registration fee) of the amount of fees and expenses (all of which will be borne by the registrant unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement) to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the offered securities, other than underwriting discounts and commissions (if any).

SEC registration fee	\$	*
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority filing fee	75,500.0	00
Trustee's fees and expenses		**
Printing fees and expenses		**
Legal fees and expenses		**
Accounting fees and expenses		**
Rating agency fees		**
Miscellaneous fees and expenses		**
Total:	\$	**

- * To be deferred pursuant to Rule 456(b) under the Securities Act and calculated in connection with an offering of securities under this registration statement pursuant to Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act.
- ** These fees cannot be estimated at this time as they are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances. An estimate of the aggregate expenses in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities being offered will be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the statute, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws referred to below.

Indiana

Under Chapter 35 of the Indiana Business Corporation Law (the "IBCL"), directors are required to discharge their duties in good faith, with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances and in a manner that the directors reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the corporation. Under the IBCL, a director is not liable for any action taken as a director, or any failure to act, regardless of the nature of the alleged breach of duty (including alleged breaches of the duty of care, the duty of loyalty, and the duty of good faith) unless the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of the director's office and the action or failure to act constitutes willful misconduct or recklessness. This exculpation from liability under the IBCL does not affect the liability of directors for violations of the federal securities laws.

Hillenbrand, Inc. is empowered by Chapter 37 of the IBCL, subject to the procedures and limitations therein, to indemnify any person against expenses (including attorneys' fees) and the obligation to pay a judgment, settlement, penalty, fine or reasonable expenses incurred with respect to a threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative and whether formal or informal, in which such person is made a party because such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of Hillenbrand, Inc. if his or her conduct was in good faith, he or she reasonably believed that, if acting in the individual's official capacity, the conduct was in the best interests of the corporation and in all other cases, the conduct was not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, in the case of any criminal proceeding, he or she had reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful. The statute provides that indemnification pursuant to its

provisions is not exclusive of other rights of indemnification to which a person may be entitled under a corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws, resolution of the board of directors or of the shareholders, or otherwise. In addition, unless limited by its articles of incorporation, a corporation shall indemnify a director or officer who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director or officer was a party because he or she is or was a director or officer of the corporation against reasonable expenses incurred by him or her in connection with the proceeding. A corporation has the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any of the persons described above against any liability asserted against or incurred by such person in any of the capacities described above, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the IBCL.

Hillenbrand, Inc.

Our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws generally obligate us to indemnify our directors and officers to the full extent permitted by the IBCL and to advance expenses incurred by our directors and officers in the defense of certain claims.

We have also entered into indemnification agreements with our non-employee directors. Generally, these indemnification agreements obligate us to indemnify each such director to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Indiana. Indemnification is required against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the investigation, defense or settlement of a claim, made against the director by reason of his or her service in such role for us. Indemnification is not available in certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, where a court determines that the director derived an improper personal benefit, where a court determines that the director is liable for disgorgement of profits resulting from the purchase and sale of Company securities in violation of Section 16(b) of the Securities Act, where a court determines that indemnification is not lawful under any applicable statute or public policy or in connection with any proceeding initiated by the director unless required by law, authorized by the board of directors or related to enforcement of the indemnification agreement.

We have obtained policies that insure our directors and officers and those of our subsidiaries against certain liabilities they may incur in their capacity as directors and officers. Under these policies, the insurer, on our behalf, may also pay amounts for which we have granted indemnification to the directors or officers.

Any agreements that we enter into with respect to the sale of securities may also provide for indemnification provisions.

Item 16. Exhibits

See the "Exhibit Index" following the signature pages hereto.

Item 17. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price

- represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

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

- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
 - (b) The undersigned registrant hereby further undertakes:
 - (1) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (2) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement with respect to the debt securities *
2.1	Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 15, 2022, among Hillenbrand France Acquisition Holdings SAS and the Sellers identified therein with respect to Linxis Group (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 15, 2022) (Incorporated by reference to
2.2	Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 23, 2023, between Milacron LLC and Schenck Process Holdings GmbH (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 1, 2023)(1)
2.3	Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2022, between BL Memorial Partners, LLC and Hillenbrand, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 21, 2022)
3.1	Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of Hillenbrand, Inc., effective as of February 13, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 14, 2020)
3.2	Amended and Restated Code of By-Laws of Hillenbrand, Inc., effective as of November 14, 2023 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed November 15, 2023)
3.3	Amended and Restated Code of By-Laws of Hillenbrand, Inc., effective as of November 14, 2023 (redline version of amended sections) (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Annual Report on Form 10-K filed November 15, 2023)
4.1	Form of Indenture between Hillenbrand, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association as trustee, dated July 9, 2010 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.11 to Form S-3 filed July 6, 2010)
4.2	Form of debt securities*
5.1	Opinion of Ice Miller LLP
5.2	Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP
23.3	Consent of Ice Miller LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.4	Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2)
24.1	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature pages hereto)
25.1	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1
107	<u>Filing Fee Table</u>

^{*} To be filed by an amendment or as an exhibit to a document filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and incorporated by reference herein.

⁽¹⁾ Schedules and certain exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. Hillenbrand hereby undertakes to furnish supplementally copies of any of the omitted schedules and exhibits upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Batesville, State of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

HILLENBRAND, INC.

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr. Title: Vice President and Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Nicholas R. Farrell and Theodore S. Haddad, Jr., and each of them acting individually, with full power to act without the others, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this registration statement and any or all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments, or any abbreviated registration statement and any amendments thereto filed pursuant to Rule 462 under the Securities Act of 1933 and otherwise), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each said attorney-in-fact and agent or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ KIMBERLY K. RYAN Kimberly K. Ryan	President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer), Director	February 7, 2024
/s/ ROBERT VANHIMBERGEN Robert VanHimbergen	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	February 7, 2024
/s/ MEGAN WALKE Megan Walke	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)	February 7, 2024
/s/ HELEN W. CORNELL Helen W. Cornell	Chairperson	February 7, 2024
/s/ GARY L. COLLAR Gary L. Collar	Director	February 7, 2024
/s/ JOY M. GREENWAY Joy M. Greenway	- Director	February 7, 2024
/s/ DANIEL C. HILLENBRAND Daniel C. Hillenbrand	- Director	February 7, 2024
/s/ NEIL S. NOVICH Neil S. Novich	Director	February 7, 2024
/s/ DENNIS W. PULLIN Dennis W. Pullin	Director	February 7, 2024
/s/ JENNIFER W. RUMSEY Jennifer W. Rumsey	Director	February 7, 2024

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ INDERPREET SAWHNEY	Dimoston	Eshman, 7, 2024
Inderpreet Sawhney	Director	February 7, 2024
/s/ STUART A. TAYLOR II	Director	Fohmom, 7, 2024
Stuart A. Taylor II	Director	February 7, 2024

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Hillenbrand FHN Holdings LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

HILLENBRAND FHN HOLDINGS LLC

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr. Title: Vice President and Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ KIMBERLY K. RYAN Kimberly K. Ryan	President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, Jr.	Vice President and Treasurer (principal financial
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Hillenbrand Indiana Holdings LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

HILLENBRAND INDIANA HOLDINGS LLC

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr. Title: Vice President and Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ KIMBERLY K. RYAN	President (principal executive officer)
Kimberly K. Ryan	President (principal executive officer)
/s/ ROBERT VANHIMBERGEN	Vice President (principal financial officer and principal
Robert VanHimbergen	accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Hillenbrand Luxembourg Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

HILLENBRAND LUXEMBOURG INC.

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.

Title: Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.	Treasurer (principal executive officer, principal
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	financial officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Milacron LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

MILACRON LLC

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.

Title: Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.	Treasurer (principal executive officer, principal
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	financial officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Milacron Marketing Company LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

MILACRON MARKETING COMPANY LLC

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr. Title: Treasurer

Title: Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.	Treasurer (principal executive officer, principal
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	financial officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, K-Tron Investment Co. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

K-TRON INVESTMENT CO.

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.

Title: Vice President and Assistant Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.	Vice President and Assistant Treasurer
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	(principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Milacron Plastics Technologies Group LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

MILACRON PLASTICS TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LLC

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr. Title: Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.	Treasurer (principal executive officer, principal
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	financial officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Schenck Process Holding North America, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

SCHENCK PROCESS HOLDING NORTH AMERICA, INC.

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr. Title: Vice President and Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ GERALD R. BROWN, JR.	Describent (arisoinal assoutive offices)
Gerald R. Brown, Jr.	President (principal executive officer)
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.	Vice President and Treasurer (principal financial
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Schenck Process LLC has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

SCHENCK PROCESS LLC

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr. Title: Vice President and Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ GERALD R. BROWN, JR. Gerald R. Brown, Jr.	President (principal executive officer)
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR. Theodore S. Haddad, Ir.	President (principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Process Equipment Group, Inc. has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Batesville, state of Indiana, on February 7, 2024.

PROCESS EQUIPMENT GROUP, INC.

BY: /s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.

Name: Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.

Title: Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Signature	Title
/s/ THEODORE S. HADDAD, JR.	Treasurer (principal executive officer, principal
Theodore S. Haddad, Jr.	financial officer and principal accounting officer)



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Chicago Columbus DuPage County, Ill. Indianapolis New York Philadelphia Washington, D.C.

February 7, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Hillenbrand, Inc., an Indiana corporation (the "Company"), and Hillenbrand Indiana Holdings LLC, an Indiana limited liability company (the "Indiana Co-Registrant" and, together with the Company, the "Issuers"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") being filed by the Issuers and the other co-registrants named therein with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Registration Statement relates to the issuance and sale from time to time, pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act, of the following securities: (i) debt securities of the Company, in one or more series ("Debt Securities"); and (ii) guarantees of one or more of the co-registrants, including the Indiana Co-Registrant, to be issued in connection with the Debt Securities (the "Guarantee"). The Debt Securities and Guarantee are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

This opinion letter is being delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

Each series of Debt Securities and any related Guarantee thereof will be issued pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of July 9, 2010 (the "Indenture"), by and between the Company and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, incorporated by reference as Exhibit 4.1 of the Registration Statement.

In connection with this opinion letter we have examined the Registration Statement and the exhibits being filed thereunder, including the Indenture, as amended and supplemented as of the date hereof, the Restated and Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended, and the Amended and Restated Code of By-Laws of the Company, as amended, each in the form filed with the Commission (collectively, the "Company Organizational Documents"), the Articles of Organization of the Indiana Co-Registrant, as amended and the Operating Agreement of the Indiana Co-Registrant, each as amended as of the date hereof (collectively, the "Indiana Co-Registrant Organizational Documents") and, together with the Company Organizational Documents, the "Organizational Documents"), the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company and the sole member of the Indiana Co-Registrant, respectively, effective as of February 5, 2024 relating to the Registration Statement. We have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the Issuers, such agreements, certificates of public officials and others, and such other documents, instruments, certificates and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth herein. We have also relied upon oral or written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Issuers and others.

In our examination, we have assumed, without independent verification: (a) the legal capacity of all natural persons; (b) the genuineness of all signatures; (c) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals; (d) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed, photostatic or facsimile copies; (e) the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents; (f) the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information, representations and warranties contained in the records, documents, instruments, certificates and records we have reviewed; and (g) the absence of any undisclosed modifications to the agreements and instruments reviewed by us.

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For the purposes of this opinion letter, we also have assumed that, at the time of the issuance, sale and delivery of each issue of Securities: (i) each Issuer will remain validly existing under Indiana law; (ii) the Registration Statement and any additional required post-effective amendments thereto will have become effective under the Securities Act, such effectiveness will not have been terminated or rescinded, and the Registration Statement and any such amendments will comply with all applicable laws; (iii) any Securities being offered will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and as contemplated in the Registration Statement or the prospectus supplement relating thereto; (iv) any legally required consents, approvals, authorizations and other orders of the Commission and any other governmental or regulatory authorities will have been obtained; (v) the information, representations and warranties contained in the instruments, documents, certificates and records we have reviewed will continue to be true, accurate and complete; (vi) all actions necessary for the issuance of any Securities and the form and terms thereof will not (a) contravene the Organizational Documents, (b) violate any law, rule or regulation applicable to either Issuer or (c) result in any conflict with or breach of any agreement or document binding on either Issuer; and (vii) there shall not have occurred any change in law affecting the validity of any Securities to be issued.

The opinions set forth below are limited to the laws of the State of Indiana and the State of New York, and we do not express any opinion with respect to the laws, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction. The Securities may be issued from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and this opinion is limited to the laws, including the rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof.

Based on and subject to the foregoing and to the other qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. With respect to any series of Debt Securities covered by the Registration Statement, when (i) appropriate corporate action under the laws of the State of Indiana has been taken to authorize the issuance and terms of such series of Debt Securities and related matters and, if necessary, to authorize the execution and delivery of a supplement to the Indenture and (ii) such series of Debt Securities has been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, as supplemented, and duly delivered to the purchasers thereof upon payment of the agreed-upon consideration therefor, such series of Debt Securities, when issued and sold in accordance with the Indenture, as supplemented, and the applicable underwriting agreement, if any, or any other duly authorized, executed and delivered valid and legally binding purchase or agency agreement, will be valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms.
- 2. With respect to the Guarantee of the Indiana Co-Registrant, when (i) appropriate limited liability company action under the laws of the State of Indiana has been taken to authorize the issuance and terms of such Guarantee and related matters and, if necessary, to authorize the execution and delivery of a supplement to the Indenture and (ii) such Guarantee has been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, as supplemented, and duly delivered to the purchasers thereof upon payment of the agreed-upon consideration for the related Debt Securities, such Guarantee, when issued and sold in accordance with the Indenture, as supplemented, and the applicable underwriting agreement, if any, or any other duly authorized, executed and delivered valid and legally binding purchase or agency agreement, will be valid and legally binding obligations of the Indiana Co-Registrant, enforceable against the Indiana Co-Registrant in accordance with their respective terms.

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The opinions set forth above are subject to the following: (a) the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally; (b) the effect of general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity), and the discretion of the court before which any proceeding therefor may be brought; (c) public policy considerations which may limit the rights of parties to obtain remedies; (d) the unenforceability under certain circumstances under law or court decisions of provisions providing for the indemnification or contribution to a party with respect to a liability, whether because such indemnification or contribution is contrary to public policy or otherwise; (e) the unenforceability of any provision requiring the payment of attorneys' fees, except to the extent a court determines such fees to be reasonable; (f) requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities denominated in a currency, currency unit or composite currency other than United States dollars (or a judgment denominated other than in United States dollars in respect of such claim) be converted into United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law; (g) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States or in foreign currencies, currency units or composite currencies; (h) the Securities being offered, will be issued and sold solely in the manner stated in the Registration Statement, any appropriate prospectus supplement or other offering material; and (i) in the case of any underwriting agreement and any other agreements or instruments pursuant to which any Securities are to be issued or sold that come into existence after the date of this opinion or that were otherwise not provisions that would have the effect, under applicable law, of vitiating or creating a

We express no opinion as to (a) the enforceability of the waiver of rights or defenses contained in the Indenture; (b) any provisions of the Debt Securities or the Indenture that may provide for interest or interest or penalty interest or whether acceleration of the Debt Securities may affect the collectability of that portion of the stated principal amount thereof which might be determined to constitute unearned interest thereon; (c) the effectiveness of any waiver in respect of any of the Securities of any rights that a party has, or of duties that are owed to it, as a matter of law, or that is broadly stated or does not describe the right or duty purportedly waived with reasonable specificity; (d) whether a subsidiary may guarantee or otherwise be liable for indebtedness incurred by its parent (direct or indirect) (i) where, in the case of the Indiana Co-Registrant, such guarantee is not bona fide under Indiana law, or (ii) to the extent that it has not been determined that such subsidiary has benefited from the incurrence of the indebtedness by its parent (direct or indirect) or if any such benefit is measured other than by the extent to which the proceeds of the indebtedness incurred by its parent (direct or indirectly, made available to such subsidiary for its corporate, limited liability company or other analogous purposes; or (e) the impact, if any, on the enforceability of the Guarantee of the acts or omissions of the holder of the Guarantee after execution and delivery thereof.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We also hereby consent to the use of our name under the heading "Legal Matters" in the prospectuses which form a part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ice Miller LLP

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February 7, 2024

Hillenbrand, Inc. One Batesville Boulevard Batesville, Indiana 47006

Re: <u>Hillenbrand, Inc.</u>

Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special United States counsel to Hillenbrand, Inc., an Indiana corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the automatic registration statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed on the date hereof by the Company and the guarantors listed on Schedule I hereto (collectively, the "Guarantors") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Registration Statement relates to the issuance and sale by the Company from time to time, pursuant to Rule 415 of the General Rules and Regulations of the Commission promulgated under the Securities Act (the "Rules and Regulations"), of (i) debt securities of the Company ("Debt Securities"), which may be issued in one or more series under the Indenture, dated as of July 9, 2010 (the "Indenture") between the Company and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association), as trustee, which is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and (ii) such indeterminate amount of Debt Securities as may be issued upon conversion, exchange or exercise, as applicable, of any Debt Securities as may be issued pursuant to anti-dilution adjustments determined at the time of offering (collectively, "Indeterminate Securities"). The Registration Statement also relates to the issuance and sale from time to time by the Guarantors of guarantees of the Debt Securities ("Guarantees"). The Debt Securities and the Guarantees offered pursuant to the Registration Statement are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

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This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

In rendering the opinions stated herein, we have examined and relied upon the following:

- (a) the Registration Statement;
- (b) an executed copy of the Indenture;
- (c) an executed copy of a certificate for each Opinion Party (as defined below) of the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of each Opinion Party, dated the date hereof (collectively, the "Secretary's Certificates");
- (d) a copy of the certificate of incorporation or certificate of formation, as applicable, as described on Schedule II hereto, of each of the Opinion Parties, as certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as of February 6, 2024, and certified pursuant to the Secretary's Certificates, as applicable;
- (e) a copy of the bylaws, as amended and in effect as of the date hereof, or limited liability company agreements, as applicable, of each of the Opinion Parties, as described on Schedule II hereto (collectively, the "LLC Agreements"), and certified pursuant to the Secretary's Certificates, as applicable; and
- (f) a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the board of directors, managing member, sole member or other governing body, as applicable, of each Opinion Party relating to the Registration Statement and the registration of the Securities and related matters, as certified pursuant to the Secretary's Certificates, as applicable.

We have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the Company and the Guarantors and such agreements, certificates and receipts of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and the Guarantors and others, and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions stated below.

In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, including electronic signatures, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as facsimile, electronic, certified or photocopied copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. As to any facts relevant to the opinions stated herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and the Guarantors and others and of public officials, including those in the Secretary's Certificates.

We do not express any opinion with respect to the laws of any jurisdiction other than (i) the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") and (ii) the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "DLLCA").

As used herein, (i) "Opinion Parties" means each of the Guarantors listed on Schedule III hereto and "LLC Opinion Party" means each of the Opinion Parties that is a limited liability company and (ii) "Transaction Documents" means the Indenture and the supplemental indentures and any officer's certificates establishing the terms of the Debt Securities pursuant thereto and the related Guarantees.

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The opinions stated below presume that all of the following (collectively, the "general conditions") shall have occurred prior to the issuance and sale of the Guarantees referred to therein: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended (including all necessary post-effective amendments) has become effective under the Securities Act; (ii) an appropriate prospectus supplement or term sheet with respect to such Securities has been prepared, delivered and filed in compliance with the Securities Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations; (iii) the applicable Transaction Documents shall have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto, including, if such Securities are to be sold or otherwise distributed pursuant to a firm commitment underwritten offering, the underwriting agreement or purchase agreement with respect thereto; (iv) the Board of Directors of the Company and similar governing bodies of the Guarantors, including any duly authorized committees thereof, shall have taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance and sale of such Securities and related matters, and appropriate officers of the Company and the Guarantors have taken all related action as directed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Company or similar governing bodies of the Guarantors, as applicable; and (v) the terms of the applicable Transaction Documents and the issuance and sale of such Securities have been duly established in conformity with the certificate of incorporation of the Company and organizational documents of the Guarantors, or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company or the Guarantors, as applicable, and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the qualifications and assumptions stated herein, we are of the opinion that with respect to any Guarantee by an Opinion Party of any series of Debt Securities ("Offered Debt Securities"), including any Guarantee by an Opinion Party of any Indeterminate Securities constituting Offered Debt Securities of such series (the "Offered Guarantees"), when (a) the general conditions shall have been satisfied, (b) the issuance, sale and terms of the Offered Guarantees and related matters have been approved and established in conformity with the applicable Transaction Documents, (c) certificates (if any) evidencing the Offered Guarantees and the certificates evidencing the Debt Securities guaranteed thereby have been duly executed and, if applicable, authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and any other applicable Transaction Documents and (d) such Debt Securities have been issued and sold or otherwise distributed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Transaction Document upon payment of the agreed upon consideration therefor (i) the Guarantees will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by all requisite corporate or limited liability company, as applicable, action on the part of each Opinion Party under the DGCL or the DLLCA, as applicable, and (ii) each Opinion Party will have the corporate or limited liability company, as applicable, power and authority to execute and deliver each of the Guarantees and to consummate the offer and sale of the Guarantees contemplated thereby under the DGCL or the DLLCA, as applicable.

In addition, in rendering the foregoing opinions we have assumed that each of the LLC Agreements is the only agreement of the members of such LLC Opinion Party as to the affairs of such LLC Opinion Party and the conduct of its business, and we do not express any opinion with respect to the effect of any other agreement of the members of any LLC Opinion Party as to the affairs of such LLC Opinion Party and the conduct of its business. Further, we have assumed that each LLC Opinion Party has, and since the time of its formation has had, at least one validly admitted and existing member of such LLC Opinion Party and (i) no procedures have been instituted for, and no other event has occurred, including, without limitation, any action taken by any LLC Opinion Party or their respective directors, sole member or members, as applicable, that would result in the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of such LLC Opinion Party, (ii) no event has occurred that has adversely affected the good standing of any LLC Opinion Party under the laws of the State of Delaware, and each LLC Opinion Party has taken all actions required by the laws of its jurisdiction of formation to maintain such good standing and (iii) no grounds exist for the revocation or forfeiture of any LLC Opinion Party's Certificate of Formation.

Hillenbrand, Inc. February 7, 2024 Page 4

We hereby consent to the reference to our firm under the heading "Legal Matters" in the prospectus forming part of the Registration Statement. We also hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the Rules and Regulations. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof unless otherwise expressly stated, and we disclaim any undertaking to advise you of any subsequent changes in the facts stated or assumed herein or of any subsequent changes in applicable laws.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

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- 1. Hillenbrand FHN Holdings LLC
- 2. Hillenbrand Indiana Holdings LLC
- 3. Hillenbrand Luxembourg Inc.
- 4. K-Tron Investment Co.
- Milacron LLC
- 6. Milacron Marketing Company LLC
- 7. Milacron Plastics Technologies Group LLC
- 8. Process Equipment Group, Inc.
- 9. Schenck Process Holding North America, Inc.
- 10. Schenck Process LLC

Schedule II

(1) Opinion Party Name	(2) Formation Document (Certificate of Incorporation or Certificate of Formation)	(3) Governing Document (By-laws or Limited Liability Company Agreement)		
Hillenbrand FHN Holdings LLC	Certificate of Formation	Limited Liability Company Agreement (August 30, 2023)		
Hillenbrand Luxembourg Inc.	Certificate of Incorporation	By-laws		
K-Tron Investment Co.	Certificate of Incorporation	By-laws		
Milacron LLC	Certificate of Formation	Limited Liability Company Agreement (December 14, 2020)		
Milacron Marketing Company LLC	Certificate of Formation	Limited Liability Company Agreement (December 14, 2020)		
Milacron Plastics Technologies Group LLC	Certificate of Formation	Limited Liability Company Agreement (December 14, 2020)		
Schenck Process Holding North America, Inc.	Certificate of Incorporation	By-laws		

Schedule III

- 1. Hillenbrand FHN Holdings LLC
- 2. Hillenbrand Luxembourg Inc.
- 3. K-Tron Investment Co.
- 4. Milacron LLC
- 5. Milacron Marketing Company LLC
- 6. Milacron Plastics Technologies Group LLC
- 7. Schenck Process Holding North America, Inc.

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in this Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of Hillenbrand, Inc. for the registration of \$500 million of debt securities or guarantees for debt securities and to the incorporation by reference therein of our reports dated November 15, 2023, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Hillenbrand, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Hillenbrand, Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Cincinnati, Ohio February 7, 2024



KPMG LLP Suite 1100 1000 Walnut Street Kansas City, MO 64106-2162

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the use of our report dated August 25, 2023, with respect to the combined financial statements of Schenck Food and Performance Materials Business, incorporated herein by reference, and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Kansas City, Missouri February 7, 2024

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM T-1

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2) □

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

91-1821036

I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

800 Nicollet Mall	
Minneapolis, Minnesota	55402
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Linda Garcia U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association 190 S. LaSalle Street Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 332-6781

(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

HILLENBRAND, INC.

(Issuer with respect to the Securities)

Indiana	26-1342272			
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)			
One Batesville Boulevard				
Batesville, Indiana	47006			
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(7in Code)			

Debt Securities (Title of the Indenture Securities)

FORM T-1

- Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION. Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.
 - Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.
 Comptroller of the Currency
 Washington, D.C.
 - b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.
 Yes
- Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE OBLIGOR. If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.
- Items 3-15 Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.
- Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS: List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.
 - 1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 1.
 - 2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business, attached as Exhibit 2.
 - 3. A copy of the authorization of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers, included as Exhibit 2.
 - 4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 4.

- 5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
- 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 6.
- 7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of September 30, 2023, published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 7.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility and qualification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois on the 7th of February, 2024.

By: /s/ Linda Garcia Linda Garcia Vice President

Exhibit 1

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF U. S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

For the purpose of organizing an association (the "Association") to perform any lawful activities of national banks, the undersigned enter into the following Articles of Association:

FIRST. The title of this Association shall be U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association.

SECOND. The main office of the Association shall be in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon. The business of the Association will be limited to fiduciary powers and the support of activities incidental to the exercise of those powers. The Association may not expand or alter its business beyond that stated in this article without the prior approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

THIRD. The board of directors of the Association shall consist of not less than five nor more than twenty-five persons, the exact number to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors or by resolution of a majority of the shareholders at any annual or special meeting thereof. Each director shall own common or preferred stock of the Association or of a holding company owning the Association, with an aggregate par, fair market, or equity value of not less than \$1,000, as of either (i) the date of purchase, (ii) the date the person became a director, or (iii) the date of that person's most recent election to the board of directors, whichever is more recent. Any combination of common or preferred stock of the Association or holding company may be used.

Any vacancy in the board of directors may be filled by action of a majority of the remaining directors between meetings of shareholders. The board of directors may increase the number of directors up to the maximum permitted by law. Terms of directors, including directors selected to fill vacancies, shall expire at the next regular meeting of shareholders at which directors are elected, unless the directors resign or are removed from office. Despite the expiration of a director's term, the director shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until there is a decrease in the number of directors and his or her position is eliminated.

Honorary or advisory members of the board of directors, without voting power or power of final decision in matters concerning the business of the Association, may be appointed by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors, or by resolution of shareholders at any annual or special meeting. Honorary or advisory directors shall not be counted to determined the number of directors of the Association or the presence of a quorum in connection with any board action, and shall not be required to own qualifying shares.

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FOURTH. There shall be an annual meeting of the shareholders to elect directors and transact whatever other business may be brought before the meeting. It shall be held at the main office or any other convenient place the board of directors may designate, on the day of each year specified therefor in the Bylaws, or if that day falls on a legal holiday in the state in which the Association is located, on the next following banking day. If no election is held on the day fixed or in the event of a legal holiday on the following banking day, an election may be held on any subsequent day within 60 days of the day fixed, to be designated by the board of directors, or, if the directors fail to fix the day, by shareholders representing two-thirds of the shares issued and outstanding. In all cases, at least 10 days' advance notice of the meeting shall be given to the shareholders by first-class mail.

In all elections of directors, the number of votes each common shareholder may cast will be determined by multiplying the number of shares he or she owns by the number of directors to be elected. Those votes may be cumulated and cast for a single candidate or may be distributed among two or more candidates in the manner selected by the shareholder. On all other questions, each common shareholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him or her.

A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the board of directors, its chairperson, or to the Association, which resignation shall be effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

A director may be removed by the shareholders at a meeting called to remove him or her, when notice of the meeting stating that the purpose or one of the purposes is to remove him or her is provided, if there is a failure to fulfill one of the affirmative requirements for qualification, or for cause; provided, however, that a director may not be removedf the number of votes sufficient to elect him or her under cumulative voting is voted against his or her removal.

FIFTH. The authorized amount of capital stock of the Association shall be 1,000,000 shares of common stock of the par value of ten dollars (\$10) each; but said capital stock

may be increased or decreased from time to time, according to the provisions of the laws of the United States. The Association shall have only one class of capital stock.

No holder of shares of the capital stock of any class of the Association shall have any preemptive or preferential right of subscription to any shares of any class of stock of the Association, whether now or hereafter authorized, or to any obligations convertible into stock of the Association, issued, or sold, nor any right of subscription to any thereof other than such, if any, as the board of directors, in its discretion, may from time to time determine and at such price as the board of directors may from time to time fix.

Transfers of the Association's stock are subject to the prior written approval of a federal depository institution regulatory agency. If no other agency approval is required, the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency must be obtained prior to any such transfers.

Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, (1) all matters requiring shareholder action, including amendments to the Articles of Association must be approved by shareholders owning a majority voting interest in the outstanding voting stock, and(2) each shareholder shall be entitled to one vote per share. Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, all shares of voting stock shall be voted together as a class, on any matters requiring shareholder approval.

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Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting is the close of business on the day before the first notice is mailed or otherwise sent to the shareholders, provided that in no event may a record date be more than 70 days before the meeting.

The Association, at any time and from time to time, may authorize and issue debt obligations, whether subordinated, without the approval of the shareholders. Obligations classified as debt, whether subordinated, which may be issued by the Association without the approval of shareholders, do not carry voting rights on any issue, including an increase or decrease in the aggregate number of the securities, or the exchange or reclassification of all or part of securities into securities of another class or series.

SIXTH. The board of directors shall appoint one of its members president of this Association and one of its members chairperson of the board and shall have the power to appoint one or more vice presidents, a secretary who shall keep minutes of the directors' and shareholders' meetings and be responsible for authenticating the records of the Association, and such other officers and employees as may be required to transact the business of this Association. A duly appointed officer may appoint one or more officers or assistant officers if authorized by the board of directors in accordance with the Bylaws.

The board of directors shall have the power to:

- (1) Define the duties of the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (2) Delegate the performance of its duties, but not the responsibility for its duties, to the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (3) Fix the compensation and enter employment contracts with its officers and employees upon reasonable terms and conditions consistent with applicable law.
- (4) Dismiss officers and employees.
- (5) Require bonds from officers and employees and to fix the penalty thereof.
- (6) Ratify written policies authorized by the Association's management or committees of the board.
- (7) Regulate the manner any increase or decrease of the capital of the Association shall be made; provided that nothing herein shall restrict the power of shareholders to increase or decrease the capital of the Association in accordance with law, and nothing shall raise or lower from two-thirds the percentage required for shareholder approval to increase or reduce the capital.

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- (8) Manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association.
- (9) Adopt initial Bylaws, not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Association, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the Association.
- (10) Amend or repeal Bylaws, except to the extent that the Articles of Association reserve this power in whole or in part to the shareholders.
- (11) Make contracts.
- (12) Generally perform all acts that are legal for a board of directors to perform.

SEVENTH. The board of directors shall have the power to change the location of the main office to any authorized branch within the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, without the approval of the shareholders, or with a vote of shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of the Association for a location outside such limits and upon receipt of a certificate of approval from the Comptroller of the Currency, to any other location within or outside the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, but not more than thirty miles beyond such limits. The board of directors shall have the power to establish or change the location of any office or offices of the Association to any other location permitted under applicable law, without approval of shareholders, subject to approval by the Comptroller of the Currency.

EIGHTH. The corporate existence of this Association shall continue until termination according to the laws of the United States.

NINTH. The board of directors of the Association, or any shareholder owning, in the aggregate, not less than 25 percent of the stock of the Association, may call a special meeting of shareholders at any time. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws or the laws of the United States, or waived by shareholders, a notice of the time, place, and purpose of every annual and special meeting of the shareholders shall be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed at least 10, and no more than 60, days prior to the date of the meeting to each shareholder of record at his/her address as shown upon the books of the Association. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws, any action requiring approval of shareholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting.

TENTH. These Articles of Association may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the shareholders by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the stock of the Association, unless the vote of the holders of a greater amount of stock is required by law, and in that case by the vote of the holders of such greater amount; provided, that the scope of the Association's activities and services may not be expanded without the prior written approval of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Association's board of directors may propose one or more amendments to the Articles of Association for submission to the shareholders.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 11th of June, 1997.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Grubb
Jeffrey T. Grubb
/s/ Robert D. Sznewajs
Robert D. Sznewajs
/s/ Dwight V. Board
Dwight V. Board
/s/ P. K. Chatterjee
P. K. Chatterjee
/s/ Robert Lane
Robert Lane

Exhibit 2

Washington, DC 20219

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND FIDUCIARY POWERS

- I, Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:
- The Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.
- 2. "U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association," Portland, Oregon (Charter No. 23412), is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and is authorized thereunder to transact the business of banking and exercise fiduciary powers on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today, September 29, 2023, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Acting Comptroller of the Currency



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Exhibit 4

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

ARTICLE I Meetings of Shareholders

Section 1.1. <u>Annual Meeting</u>. The annual meeting of the shareholders, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other proper business, shall be held at a time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. Notice of such meeting shall be given not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days prior to the date thereof, to each shareholder of the Association, unless the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC") determines that an emergency circumstance exists. In accordance with applicable law, the sole shareholder of the Association is permitted to waive notice of the meeting. If, for any reason, an election of directors is not made on the designated day, the election shall be held on some subsequent day, as soon thereafter as practicable, with prior notice thereof. Failure to hold an annual meeting as required by these Bylaws shall not affect the validity of any corporate action or work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Association.

Section 1.2. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Except as otherwise specially provided by law, special meetings of the shareholders may be called for any purpose, at any time by a majority of the board of directors (the "Board"), or by any shareholder or group of shareholders owning at least ten percent of the outstanding stock.

purpose of the meeting.

- Section 1.3. Nominations for Directors. Nominations for election to the Board may be made by the Board or by any shareholder.
- Section 1.4. <u>Proxies</u>. Shareholders may vote at any meeting of the shareholders by proxies duly authorized in writing. Proxies shall be valid only for one meeting and any adjournments of such meeting and shall be filed with the records of the meeting.
- Section 1.5. <u>Record Date</u>. The record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice and to vote at any meeting will be thirty days before the date of such meeting, unless otherwise determined by the Board.
- Section 1.6. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the outstanding capital stock, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at anymeeting of shareholders, unless otherwise provided by law, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. A majority of the votes cast shall decide every question or matter submitted to the shareholders at any meeting, unless otherwise provided by law or by the Articles of Association.
- Section 1.7. <u>Inspectors</u>. The Board may, and in the event of its failure so to do, the Chairman of the Board may appoint Inspectors of Election who shall determine the presence of quorum, the validity of proxies, and the results of all elections and all other matters voted upon by shareholders at all annual and special meetings of shareholders.
 - Section 1.8. Waiver and Consent. The shareholders may act without notice or a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all shareholders.
- Section 1.9. Remote Meetings. The Board shall have the right to determine that a shareholder meeting not be held at a place, but instead be held solely by means of remote communication in the manner and to the extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

ARTICLE II Directors

- Section 2.1. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The Board shall have the power to manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association. Except as expressly limited by law, all corporate powers of the Association shall be vested in and may be exercised by the Board.
- Section 2.2. <u>Term of Office</u>. The directors of this Association shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal.
- Section 2.3. <u>Powers</u>. In addition to the foregoing, the Board shall have and may exercise all of the powers granted to or conferred upon it by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws and by law.
- Section 2.4. Number. As provided in the Articles of Association, the Board of this Association shall consist of no less than five nor more than twenty-five members, unless the OCC has exempted the Association from the twenty-five- member limit. The Board shall consist of a number of members to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of the Board or the shareholders at any meeting thereof, in accordance with the Articles of Association. Between meetings of the shareholders held for the purpose of electing directors, the Boardby a majority vote of the full Board may increase the size of the Board but not to more than a total of twenty-five directors, and fill any vacancy so created in the Board; provided that the Board may increase the number of directors only by up to two directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was sixteen or fewer, and by up to four directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was sixteen or more. Each director shall own a qualifying equity interest in the Association or a company that has control of the Association in each case as required by applicable law. Each director shall own such qualifying equity interest in his or her own right and meet any minimum threshold ownership required by applicable law.
- Section 2.5. <u>Organization Meeting</u>. The newly elected Board shall meet for the purpose of organizing the new Board and electing and appointing such officers of the Association as may be appropriate. Such meeting shall be held on the day of the election or as soon thereafter as practicable, and, in any event, within thirty days thereafter, at such time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. If, at the time fixed for such meeting, there shall not be a quorum present, the directors present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is obtained.
 - Section 2.6. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held, without notice, as the Chairman or President may designate and deem suitable.
- Section 2.7. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time, at any place and for any purpose by the Chairman of the Board or the President of the Association, or upon the request of a majority of the entire Board. Notice of every special meeting of the Board shall be given to the directors at their usual places of business, or at such other addresses as shall have been furnished by them for the purpose. Such notice shall be given at least twelve hours (three hours if meeting is to be conducted by conference telephone) before the meeting by telephone or by being personally delivered, mailed, or electronically delivered. Such notice need not include a statement of the business to be transacted at, or the purpose of, any such meeting.
- Section 2.8. Quorum and Necessary Vote. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board, except when otherwise provided by law; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Articles or Bylaws of this Association, once a quorum is established, any act by a majority of those directors present and voting shall be the act of the Board.
- Section 2.9. Written Consent. Except as otherwise required by applicable laws and regulations, the Board may act without a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all directors, to be filed with the Secretary of the Association as part of the corporate records.
- Section 2.10. <u>Remote Meetings</u>. Members of the Board, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone, video or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- Section 2.11. <u>Vacancies</u>. When any vacancy occurs among the directors, the remaining members of the Board may appoint a director to fill such vacancy at any regular meeting of the Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE III Committees

Section 3.1. <u>Advisory Board of Directors</u>. The Board may appoint persons, who need not be directors, to serve as advisory directors on an advisory board of directors established with respect to the business affairs of either this Association alone or the business affairs of a group of affiliated organizations of which this Association is one. Advisory directors shall have such powers and duties as may be determined by the Board, provided, that the Board's responsibility for the business and affairs of this Association shall in no respect be delegated or diminished.

Section 3.2. <u>Trust Audit Committee</u>. At least once during each calendar year, the Association shall arrange for a suitable audit (by internal or external auditors) of all significant fiduciary activities under the direction of its trust audit committee, a function that will be fulfilled by the Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association. The Association shall note the results of the audit (including significant actions taken as a result of the audit) in the minutes of the Board. In lieu of annual audits, the Association may adopt a continuous audit system in accordance with 12 C.F.R. § 9.9(b).

The Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association, fulfilling the function of the trust audit committee:

- (1) Must not include any officers of the Association or an affiliate who participate significantly in the administration of the Association's fiduciary activities; and
- (2) Must consist of a majority of members who are not also members of any committee to which the Board has delegated power to manage and control the fiduciary activities of the Association.
- Section 3.3. Executive Committee. The Board may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of at least three directors and which shall have, and may exercise, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all the powers of the Board between meetings of the Board or otherwise when the Board is not meeting.
- Section 3.4. <u>Trust Management Committee</u>. The Board of this Association shall appoint a Trust Management Committee to provide oversight of the fiduciary activities of the Association. The Trust Management Committee shall determine policies governing fiduciary activities. The Trust Management Committee or such sub-committees, officers or others as may be duly designated by the Trust Management Committee shall oversee the processes related to fiduciary activities to assure conformity with fiduciary policies it establishes, including ratifying the acceptance and the closing out or relinquishment of all trusts. The Trust Management Committee will provide regular reports of its activities to the Board.
- Section 3.5. Other Committees. The Board may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more persons who need not be directors, for such purposes and with such powers as the Board may determine; however, the Board will not delegate to any committee any powers or responsibilities that it is prohibited from delegating under any law or regulation. In addition, either the Chairman or the President may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more officers, employees, agents or other persons, for such purposes and with such powers as either the Chairman or the President deems appropriate and proper. Whether appointed by the Board, the Chairman, or the President, any such committee shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of the Board.
- Section 3.6. <u>Meetings, Minutes and Rules</u>. An advisory board of directors and/or committee shall meet as necessary in consideration of the purpose of the advisory board of directors or committee, and shall maintain minutes in sufficient detail to indicate actions taken or recommendations made; unless required by the members, discussions, votes or other specific details need not be reported. An advisory board of directors or a committee may, in consideration of the purpose, adopt its own rules for the exercise of any of its functions or authority.

ARTICLE IV Officers

- Section 4.1. Chairman of the Board. The Board may appoint one of its members to be Chairman of the Board to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairman shall supervise the carrying out of the policies adopted or approved by the Board; shall have general executive powers, as well as the specific powers conferred by these Bylaws; and shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred upon or assigned by the Board.
- Section 4.2. <u>President</u>. The Board may appoint one of its members to be President of the Association. In the absence of the Chairman, the President shall preside at any meeting of the Board. The President shall have general executive powers, and shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the office of President, or imposed by these Bylaws. The President shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred or assigned by the Board.
- Section 4.3. <u>Vice President</u>. The Board may appoint one or more Vice Presidents who shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the Board and to perform the duties of the President on those occasions when the President is absent, including presiding at any meeting of the Board in the absence of both the Chairman and President.
- Section 4.4. Secretary. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, or other designated officer who shall be Secretary of the Board and of the Association, and shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall attend to the giving of all notices required by these Bylaws to be given; shall be custodian of the corporate seal, records, documents and papers of the Association; shall provide for the keeping of proper records of all transactions of the Association; shall, upon request, authenticate any records of the Association; shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the Secretary, or imposed by these Bylaws; and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board. The Board may appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries with such powers and duties as the Board, the President or the Secretary shall from time to time determine.
- Section 4.5. Other Officers. The Board may appoint, and may authorize the Chairman, the President or any other officer to appoint, any officer as from time to time may appear to the Board, the Chairman, the President or such otherofficer to be required or desirable to transact the business of the Association. Such officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as pertain to their several offices, or as may be conferred upon or assigned to them by these Bylaws, the Board, the Chairman, the President or such other authorized officer. Any person may hold two offices.

their earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office, subject to the right of the Board or authorized officer to discharge any officer at any time.

ARTICLE V Stock

Section 5.1. The Board may authorize the issuance of stock either in certificated or in uncertificated form. Certificates for shares of stock shall be in such form as the Board may from time to time prescribe. If the Board issues certificated stock, the certificate shall be signed by the President, Secretary or any other such officer as the Board so determines. Shares of stock shall be transferable on the books of the Association, and a transfer book shall be kept in which all transfers of stock shall be recorded. Every person becoming a shareholder by such transfer shall, in proportion to such person's shares, succeed to all rights of the prior holder of such shares. Each certificate of stock shall recite on its face that the stock represented thereby is transferable only upon the books of the Association properly endorsed. The Board may impose conditions upon the transfer of the stock reasonably calculated to simplify the work of the Association for stock transfers, voting at shareholder meetings, and related matters, and to protect it against fraudulent transfers.

ARTICLE VI Corporate Seal

Section 6.1. The Association shall have no corporate seal; provided, however, that if the use of a seal is required by, or is otherwise convenient or advisable pursuant to, the laws or regulations of any jurisdiction, the following seal may be used, and the Chairman, the President, the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary shall have the authority to affix such seal:

ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous Provisions

- Section 7.1. Execution of Instruments. All agreements, checks, drafts, orders, indentures, notes, mortgages, deeds, conveyances, transfers, endorsements, assignments, certificates, declarations, receipts, discharges, releases, satisfactions, settlements, petitions, schedules, accounts, affidavits, bonds, undertakings, guarantees, proxies and other instruments or documents may be signed, countersigned, executed, acknowledged, endorsed, verified, delivered or accepted on behalf of the Association, whether in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise, by any officer of the Association, or such employee or agent as may be designated from time to time by the Board by resolution, or by the Chairman or the President by written instrument, which resolution or instrument shall be certified as in effect by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Association. The provisions of this section are supplementary to any other provision of the Articles of Association or Bylaws.
- Section 7.2. <u>Records</u>. The Articles of Association, the Bylaws as revised or amended from time to time and the proceedings of all meetings of the shareholders, the Board, and standing committees of the Board, shall be recorded in appropriate minute books provided for the purpose. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Secretary, or other officer appointed to act as Secretary of the meeting.
- Section 7.3. <u>Trust Files</u>. There shall be maintained in the Association files all fiduciary records necessary to assure that its fiduciary responsibilities have been properly undertaken and discharged.
- Section 7.4. <u>Trust Investments</u>. Funds held in a fiduciary capacity shall be invested according to the instrument establishing the fiduciary relationship and according to law. Where such instrument does not specify the character and class of investments to be made and does not vest in the Association a discretion in the matter, funds held pursuant to such instrument shall be invested in investments in which corporate fiduciaries may invest under law.
- Section 7.5. Notice. Whenever notice is required by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws or law, such notice shall be by mail, postage prepaid, e- mail, in person, or by any other means by which such notice can reasonably be expected to be received, using the address of the person to receive such notice, or such other personal data, as may appear on the records of the Association.

Except where specified otherwise in these Bylaws, prior notice shall be proper if given not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days prior to the event for which notice is given.

ARTICLE VIII Indemnification

- Section 8.1. The Association shall indemnify such persons for such liabilities in such manner under such circumstances and to such extent as permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as now enacted or hereafter amended. The Board may authorize the purchase and maintenance of insurance and/or the execution of individual agreements for the purpose of such indemnification, and the Association shall advance all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending any action, suit or proceeding to all persons entitled to indemnification under this Section 8.1. Such insurance shall be consistent with the requirements of 12C.F.R. § 7.2014 and shall exclude coverage of liability for a formal order assessing civil money penalties against an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u).
- Section 8.2. Notwithstanding Section 8.1, however, (a) any indemnification payments to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), for an administrative proceeding or civil action initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be reasonable and consistent with the requirements of 12 U.S.C. § 1828(k) and the implementing regulations thereunder; and (b) any indemnification payments and advancement of costs and expenses to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), in cases involving an administrative proceeding or civil action not initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be in accordance with Delaware General Corporation Law and consistent with safe and sound banking practices.

ARTICLE IX Bylaws: Interpretation and Amendment

- Section 9.1. These Bylaws shall be interpreted in accordance with and subject to appropriate provisions of law, and may be added to, altered, amended, or repealed, at any regular or special meeting of the Board.
- Section 9.2. A copy of the Bylaws and all amendments shall at all times be kept in a convenient place at the principal office of the Association, and shall be open for inspection to all shareholders during Association hours.

ARTICLE X Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 10.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January in each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December following.

Section 10.2. Governing Law. This Association designates the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended from time to time, as the governing law for its corporate governance procedures, to the extent not inconsistent with Federal banking statutes and regulations or bank safety and soundness.

(February 7, 2024)

Exhibit 6

CONSENT

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: February 7, 2024

By: /s/ Linda Garcia Linda Garcia Vice President

Exhibit 7

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association Statement of Financial Condition as of 09/30/2023

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	09/30/2023	
Assets		
Cash and Balances Due From	\$	971,860
Depository Institutions		
Securities		4,247
Federal Funds		0
Loans & Lease Financing Receivables		0
Fixed Assets		1,548
Intangible Assets		579,147
Other Assets		165,346
Total Assets	\$	1,722,148
Liabilities		
Deposits	\$	0
Fed Funds		0
Treasury Demand Notes		0
Trading Liabilities		0
Other Borrowed Money		0
Acceptances		0
Subordinated Notes and Debentures		0
Other Liabilities		226,499
Total Liabilities	\$	226,499
Equity		
Common and Preferred Stock		200
Surplus		1,171,635
Undivided Profits		323,814
Minority Interest in Subsidiaries		0
Total Equity Capital	\$	1,495,649
Total Liabilities and Equity Capital	\$	1,722,148

CALCULATION OF FILING FEE TABLE

Form S-3 (Form Type)

Hillenbrand, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee	Carry Forward Form Type	Carry Forward File Number	Carry Forward Initial Effective Date	Filing Fee Previously Paid In Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward
	Hillenbrand, Inc.											
	Debt	Debt securities ⁽¹⁾	Rule 457(r)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(4)	(4)	-	-	-	-
	Debt	Guarantees of	Rule 457(r)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(4)	(4)	-	-	-	-
		debt securities(2)										
	-	Unallocated (Universal) Shelf	Rule 457(r)	(3)	(3)	\$500,000,000	(4)	(4)				
Fees To Be Paid												
Fees Previously Paid	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A				
	Total Offering Amounts				\$500,000,000		(4)					
	Total Fees Previously Paid										-	
	Total Fee Offsets											
	Net Fee Due							(4)				!

- (1) Debt securities are issuable in series as senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities which may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or preferred stock of Hillenbrand, Inc.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), no separate registration fee will be paid in respect of any such guarantees.
- (3) An indeterminate amount of the securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be offered hereunder at indeterminate prices, for which the aggregate maximum offering price of all securities issued pursuant to this registration statement will not exceed \$500,000,000. There is also being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of debt securities as shall be issuable upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any securities that provide for such issuance. In no event will the aggregate offering price of all types of securities issued by the Registrant pursuant to this registration statement exceed \$500,000,000. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers any additional securities that may be offered or issued in connection with any stock split, stock dividend or pursuant to anti-dilution provisions of any of the securities. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon conversion, exercise or exchange of other securities. If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering may be in such greater principal amount as shall result in a maximum aggregate offering price not to exceed \$500,000,000 after the date hereof.
- (4) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act, Hillenbrand, Inc. is deferring payment of the registration fee, which will be paid subsequently on a pay-as-you-go basis. The registrant will calculate the registration fee applicable to an offer of securities pursuant to this registration statement based on the fee payment rate in effect on the date of such fee payment.