

Subject to Completion, dated February 7, 2024

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated February 7, 2024)

\$500,000,000
HILLENBRAND, INC.
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% Senior Notes due 2029

This is an offering by Hillenbrand, Inc., an Indiana corporation (“Hillenbrand”), of an aggregate of \$500,000,000 of % Senior Notes due 2029 (the “Notes”).

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay borrowings under our Revolver (as defined below), without a reduction in commitment, and we may use any remaining proceeds for general corporate purposes, including repayment of other indebtedness. See “Use of Proceeds.”

We will pay interest on the Notes on and of each year beginning on , 2024. The Notes will mature on , 2029. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined in this prospectus supplement), we will be required to make an offer to purchase the Notes for cash at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase.

We have the option to redeem all or a portion of the Notes at any time and from time to time for cash at the applicable redemption prices described under “Description of Notes—Optional redemption” in this prospectus supplement. We may redeem up to 40% of the total amount of the Notes using the proceeds of certain equity offerings prior to , 2026. In addition, at any time, and from time to time, prior to , 2026, we may redeem some or all of the Notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the date of redemption, plus a “make-whole” premium, as described under “Description of Notes—Optional redemption.”

The Notes will be our general unsecured senior obligations and will be equal in right of payment with all of our other existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated debt, including, following the application of the net proceeds from this offering, our Credit Agreement (as defined below), which governs our Revolver in an original aggregate principal amount of \$1 billion, our dollar-denominated term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$200 million (the “\$200 Term Loan”) and our euro-denominated term loan in an aggregate principal amount of €185 million (the “€185 Term Loan”), our \$375 million aggregate principal amount of 4.500% senior notes due 2026 (the “2026 Notes”), our \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 5.7500% senior notes due 2025 (the “2025 Notes”) and our \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 3.7500% senior notes due 2031 (the “2031 Notes” and, together with the 2026 Notes and the 2025 Notes, the “Existing Notes”). Each of our subsidiaries that guarantees the obligations under the Credit Agreement will guarantee the Notes. None of our foreign subsidiaries will guarantee the Notes. The Notes and the subsidiary guarantees will be effectively subordinated to all secured indebtedness of Hillenbrand and the subsidiary guarantors to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and will be structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities, including trade accounts payable, of Hillenbrand’s subsidiaries that are not subsidiary guarantors of the Notes.

The Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to list the Notes on any securities exchange or arrange for the quotation of the Notes in any automated dealer quotation system.

Investing in the Notes involves certain risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page S-18 of this prospectus supplement 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 the Notes.

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 supplement and the accompanying prospectus are truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Note	Total
Public Offering Price ⁽¹⁾	%	\$
Underwriting Discount ⁽²⁾	%	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to Hillenbrand	%	\$

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from , 2024, if settlement occurs after that date.

(2) We refer you to “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)” of this prospectus supplement for additional information regarding underwriting compensation.

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, on behalf of the underwriters, expect to deliver the Notes on or about , 2024. Delivery of the Notes will be made in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company and its direct and indirect participants, including Euroclear Bank SA/NV, as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking SA, against payment therefor in immediately available funds.

Joint Book-Running Managers:

HSBC J.P. Morgan US Bancorp Wells Fargo Securities Morgan Stanley

Co-Managers:

BofA Securities BMO Capital Markets Citizens Capital Markets
COMMERZBANK PNC Capital Markets LLC
SMBC Nikko Truist Securities

CJS Securities C. L. King & Associates D.A. Davidson & Co. DZ Financial Markets LLC SEB Sidoti & Company, LLC UniCredit Capital Markets

This preliminary prospectus supplement relates to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but is not complete and may be changed. This preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references to “Hillenbrand, Inc.” or “Hillenbrand” refer only to Hillenbrand, Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries, and references to the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our” and similar terms refer to Hillenbrand, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. References to net revenue presented on a combined basis for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 represent Hillenbrand’s net revenue on a continuing operations basis combined with the pro forma net revenue of FPM and Peerless (each as defined below) assuming those acquisitions has closed on October 1, 2022.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are each part of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), as a “well-known seasoned issuer” as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“the Securities Act”). Under the shelf registration process, we may from time to time offer and sell to the public any or all of the debt and other securities described in the registration statement in one or more offerings. This document is in two parts. The first part, which is this prospectus supplement, describes the specific terms of the Notes we are offering and other matters relating to us. The second part, which is the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information about debt and other securities we may offer from time to time, some of which may not apply to the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement. Generally, when we refer to the “prospectus supplement,” we are referring to both parts combined. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus include important information about us, the Notes and other information that you should know before investing in the Notes. This prospectus supplement may add to, update or change the information in the accompanying prospectus. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference therein, on the other hand, you should rely on the information contained in this prospectus supplement. You will find additional information about us in the registration statement. Any statements made in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus 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 for a more complete understanding of the document or matter.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document 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 supplement and the accompanying prospectus is delivered or the Notes offered hereby are sold on a later date. Information that we file with the SEC subsequent to the date on the cover of this prospectus supplement, and prior to the completion of the offering of the Notes, will automatically update and supersede the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Before investing in the Notes, you should carefully read both this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the additional information described under “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.”

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in any term sheet we authorize that supplements this prospectus supplement. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information or make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. If anyone other than us provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell the Notes in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus come should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

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. The SEC maintains a website 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>.

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 supplement information we file with the SEC in other documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement, and information we later file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. This prospectus supplement incorporates by reference the documents listed below that Hillenbrand has previously filed with the SEC.

- [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 Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on January 9, 2024](#) that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023;](#) and
- [Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#)(only with respect to the second Form 8-K/A and excluding [Exhibit 99.4](#) thereto) and [February 7, 2024.](#)

Whenever after the date of this prospectus supplement, and before the termination of the offering of the securities made under this prospectus supplement, Hillenbrand files reports or documents under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, those reports and documents will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement from the time they are filed, unless specifically stated otherwise. We do not incorporate by reference any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K in any future filings, unless specifically stated otherwise.

We will provide, without charge, to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus supplement 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 supplement, other than exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents. Requests may be made by telephone or by sending a written request to:

Hillenbrand, Inc.
One Batesville Boulevard
Batesville, Indiana 47006
Attention: Secretary
Telephone: (812) 931-5000

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement contains statements, including statements that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may include, among other things, statements relating to future sales, earnings, cash flow, results of operations, uses of cash, financings, share repurchases and other measures of financial performance or potential future plans or events, strategies, objectives, expectations, beliefs, prospects, assumptions, projected costs or savings, leverage targets or transactions of Hillenbrand and other statements that are not strictly historical in nature. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by the following words: “may,” “will,” “could,” “would,” “should,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “pursue,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “project,” “progress,” “potential,” “promise,” “encourage,” “improve,” “continue,” “become,” “goal,” “impact,” “target,” “position,” “remain” and similar expressions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. 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 statement due to any number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- global market and economic conditions, including those related to the financial markets;
- the risk of business disruptions associated with information technology, cyber-attacks, or catastrophic losses affecting infrastructure;
- the impact of disease outbreaks, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, or other health crises;
- increasing competition for highly skilled and talented workers, as well as labor shortages;
- uncertainty related to environmental regulation and industry standards, as well as physical risks of climate change;
- increased costs, poor quality, or unavailability of raw materials or certain outsourced services and supply chain disruptions;
- uncertainty in United States global trade policy;
- our level of international sales and operations;
- the impact of incurring significant amounts of indebtedness and any inability of the Company to respond to changes in its business or make future desirable acquisitions;
- the ability of the Company to comply with financial or other covenants in debt agreements;
- negative effects of acquisitions, including the Schenck Process Food and Performance Materials (“FPM”) business and Linxis Group SAS (“Linxis”) acquisitions, on the Company’s business, financial condition, results of operations and financial performance (including the ability of the Company to maintain relationships with its customers, suppliers, and others with whom it does business);
- the possibility that the anticipated benefits from acquisitions, including the FPM and Linxis acquisitions, cannot be realized by the Company in full or at all, or may take longer to realize than expected;
- risks that the integrations of FPM or Linxis or other acquired businesses disrupt current operations or pose potential difficulties in employee retention or otherwise affect financial or operating results;
- competition in the industries in which we operate, including on price;
- cyclical demand for industrial capital goods;
- the ability to recognize the benefits of any acquisition or divestiture, including potential synergies and cost savings or the failure of the Company or any acquired company to achieve its plans and objectives generally;
- impairment charges to goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets;
- impacts of decreases in demand or changes in technological advances, laws, or regulation on the net revenues that we derive from the plastics industry;

- changes in food consumption patterns due to dietary trends, or economic conditions, or other reasons;
- our reliance upon employees, agents, and business partners to comply with laws in many countries and jurisdictions;
- the impact to the Company's effective tax rate of changes in the mix of earnings or in tax laws and certain other tax-related matters;
- exposure to tax uncertainties and audits;
- involvement in claims, lawsuits, and governmental proceedings related to operations;
- uncertainty in the U.S. political and regulatory environment;
- adverse foreign currency fluctuations;
- labor disruptions;
- the effect of certain provisions of the Company's governing documents and Indiana law that could decrease the trading price of the Company's common stock; and
- other risk factors as detailed from time to time in Hillenbrand's reports filed with the SEC, including Hillenbrand's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, periodic Current Reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed with the SEC, including the risks and uncertainties set forth in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement in the section entitled "Risk Factors."

Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and Hillenbrand assumes no obligation to update or revise such statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements.

SUMMARY

This summary highlights material information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein but does not contain all of the information you need to consider in making your decision to invest in any of the Notes. This summary is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein. You should read carefully this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and should consider, among other things, the matters set forth in the section entitled “Risk Factors” below and 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 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, before deciding to invest in any of the Notes.

The Company

We are 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 Tomorrow™, we pursue excellence, collaboration, and innovation to shape solutions that best serve our people, our customers, and our communities. Customers choose us due to our reputation for designing, manufacturing, and servicing highly-engineered, mission-critical equipment and solutions that meet their unique and complex processing requirements.

Our 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. Our customers range from large, Fortune 500 global companies to regional and local businesses, and for the three months ended December 31, 2023, our plastics and recycling end market represented 32% of our net revenue and our food and pharmaceuticals end market represented 24% of our net revenue. Our 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. For the three months ended December 31, 2023, our consolidated net income and our adjusted EBITDA was \$19.2 million and \$114.1 million, respectively, and Advanced Process Solutions generated \$568.3 million of net revenue and \$96.0 million of adjusted EBITDA, while Molding Technology Solutions generated \$205.0 million of net revenue and \$32.1 million of adjusted EBITDA. For the year ended September 30, 2023, our consolidated net income and our adjusted EBITDA was \$576.7 million and \$483.2, respectively, and Advanced Process Solutions generated \$1,823.5 million of net revenue and \$355.7 million of adjusted EBITDA, while Molding Technology Solutions generated \$1,002.5 million of net revenue and \$187.1 million of adjusted EBITDA.

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. Although Hillenbrand has been a publicly traded company since 2008, the brands owned by Hillenbrand have been in operation for many decades.

Over the past several years, we have significantly transformed our business through not only the completion of several strategic acquisitions, including the acquisition of the FPM business (as described below), but also the divestiture of our legacy death care reportable operating segment, Batesville, as well as

the divestiture of certain other non-core brands. The acquisitions provided leading brands, complementary technologies, and enhanced scale in attractive end markets, including food and recycling. These end markets are attractive to Hillenbrand because they have strong, long-term growth characteristics, and allow us to leverage our existing expertise in process technology and systems engineering to provide comprehensive solutions to our customers.

On a combined basis for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, our plastics and recycling end market represented 32%, molded products represented 30%, food and pharmaceuticals represented 24%, other industrial represented 9%, and chemicals represented 5% of our net revenue, respectively. In Advanced Process Solutions, on a combined basis for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, our plastics and recycling end market represented 46%, food and pharmaceuticals represented 34%, minerals and other industrial represented 12%, and chemicals represented 8% of our Advanced Process Solutions net revenue, respectively. In Molding Technology Solutions, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, our automotive end market represented 21%, other industrial represented 14%, consumer goods represented 13%, packaging represented 13%, construction represented 13%, custom molders represented 11%, electronics represented 8% and medical represented 7% of our Molding Technology Solutions net revenue, respectively.

Acquisitions

A key component of our growth strategy is to selectively acquire companies that we believe can benefit from the Hillenbrand Operating Model (“HOM”) to spur faster and more profitable growth with a focus on leading brands that enhance our technological capabilities and build scale in key end markets and/or geographies.

The following acquisitions were made during the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, and are all currently included within our Advanced Process Solutions reportable operating segment:

- On September 1, 2023, the Company completed the acquisition of the FPM business;
- On December 1, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of the Peerless Food Equipment division (“Peerless”) of Illinois Tool Works Inc.;
- On October 6, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of Linxis;
- On August 31, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of Herbold Meckesheim GmbH (“Herbold”); and
- On June 30, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of Gabler Engineering GmbH and affiliate (“Gabler”).

Acquisition of Schenck Process Food and Performance Materials Business

On September 1, 2023, the Company completed the acquisition of the FPM business (referred to herein as the “Acquisition”), a portfolio company of Blackstone, for total aggregate consideration of \$748.7 million, net of certain customary post-closing adjustments, and including cash acquired, using available borrowings under our Revolver. Headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, FPM specializes in the design, manufacturing, and service of feeding, filtration, baking, and material handling technologies and systems that are highly complementary to the equipment and solutions offered in our Advanced Process Solutions reportable operating segment. The results of FPM since the date of acquisition are included in the Advanced Process Solutions reportable operating segment.

Divestitures

The following divestitures were made during the years ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

- On February 1, 2023, the Company completed the divestiture of its historical Batesville reportable operating segment. This divestiture represented a strategic shift in Hillenbrand’s business and qualified as a discontinued operation.
- On October 22, 2021, the Company completed the divestiture of TerraSource Global (“TerraSource”). The results of operations and cash flows of the Company include TerraSource through October 22,

2021. Under the terms of the agreement governing the divestiture, the Company contributed TerraSource to a newly formed entity, TerraSource Holdings, LLC, with the Company retaining a minority equity interest in TerraSource Holdings, LLC. Subsequent to the divestiture, the Company's equity interest in TerraSource Holdings, LLC was accounted for under the equity method of accounting as prescribed by GAAP.

Advanced Process 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.

We believe Advanced Process Solutions has attractive fundamentals including:

- Strong product and technology positions with substantial brand value and recognition;
- Industry-leading applications and engineering expertise;
- Comprehensive solutions capabilities through a differentiated suite of complementary processing technologies;
- A large installed base that supports an aftermarket parts and service business with historically stable revenue and attractive margins;
- A customer base that is highly diversified, including a strong history of long-term relationships with blue-chip end user customers; and
- A strong global footprint for sales, manufacturing, engineering, and service, including established operations in high growth countries such as India and China.

Advanced Process Solutions' product portfolio has grown through a series of acquisitions. Advanced Process Solutions' product lines are supported by aftermarket parts and services, which represented 28% of Advanced Process Solutions' total net revenue during the year ended September 30, 2023. We expect that future net revenue associated with Advanced Process Solutions will be influenced by order backlog because of the lead time involved in fulfilling engineered-to-order equipment for customers. The length of time that projects remain in backlog can span from days for aftermarket parts or service to approximately 18 to 24 months for larger system sales within Advanced Process Solutions. As of December 31, 2023, Advanced Process Solutions had an order backlog of \$1,915.8 million, up 18% over December 31, 2022 and up 3% sequentially over September 30, 2023.

Advanced Process Solutions has customers in a wide range of industries, including plastics, food and pharmaceuticals, chemicals, fertilizers, minerals, and recycling. These customers range from large, Fortune 500 global companies to regional and local businesses. No one Advanced Process Solutions customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated net revenue during the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, or 2021.

Advanced Process Solutions' net revenue is diversified by end markets, and further penetration of these end markets is an important element of its strategy. Geographically, 37% of Advanced Process Solutions' net revenue for the year ended September 30, 2023 came from the Americas, 32% from Asia, and 31% from EMEA (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa).

We believe that long-term growth for this segment is driven by megatrends such as a rapidly growing middle class in China and India and a growing global population, resulting in rising demand for products sold in many of the end markets that Advanced Process Solutions serves, including plastic goods, food, and recycling. These trends include increased use of lightweight plastics in the automotive industry to improve fuel efficiency; more effective packaging in emerging markets to improve food shelf life, freshness, and safety; increased consumption of processed foods in emerging markets; innovation in a variety of applications in the medical space designed to improve safety, drug and therapy delivery, and durability; increased use of engineered plastics in construction that are more durable, lightweight and require little maintenance;

increased use of biopolymers to help preserve the environment; and more sustainable food sources such as plant-based proteins. Additionally, we expect Advanced Process Solutions to be able to leverage its technical know-how to win in emerging end markets such as recycling and biodegradable plastics.

Molding Technology Solutions

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.

We believe Molding Technology Solutions has attractive fundamentals including:

- Strong product and technology positions with substantial brand value and recognition;
- Strong market positions and engineering expertise;
- A large installed base that supports an aftermarket parts and service business with historically stable revenue and attractive margins;
- A customer base that is highly diversified in end markets and applications, with a strong history of long-term customer relationships; and
- Geographic diversification, including established operations in high growth countries such as India and China.

Molding Technology Solutions' breadth of products, long history, and global reach have resulted in a large installed base of plastic processing equipment and hot runner systems. Molding Technology Solutions product lines are supported by aftermarket parts and services, which represented 28% of Molding Technology Solutions' total net revenue during the year ended September 30, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, Molding Technology Solutions had an order backlog of \$231.6 million, which decreased 31% compared to December 31, 2022, and this amount represented a 1% sequential decrease from September 30, 2023. The majority of the backlog within Molding Technology Solutions is expected to be fulfilled within the next twelve months.

Molding Technology Solutions has customers in a wide range of industries, including automotive, medical, consumer goods, packaging, construction, and electronics. These customers range from large, Fortune 500 global companies to regional and local businesses, including original equipment manufacturers, molders, and mold-makers. Molding Technology Solutions has long-standing relationships with its largest customers, having served many of them for over 30 years. No one Molding Technology Solutions customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated net revenue during the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, or 2021.

Molding Technology Solutions' net revenue is further diversified by end markets, and continued expansion into these end markets is an important element of its strategy. Geographically, 58% of Molding Technology Solutions' net revenue in the year ended September 30, 2023 came from the Americas, 27% from Asia, and 15% from EMEA (Europe, the Middle East, and Africa).

Corporate Information

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 supplement 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 supplement, and any such information should not be relied upon in connection with any investment decision to purchase any securities.

	<p>Guarantees” above); and senior in right of payment to all of our future subordinated indebtedness.</p> <p>The subsidiary guarantee of each subsidiary guarantor will be such subsidiary guarantor’s senior unsecured obligation and will rank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equally in right of payment to all of such subsidiary guarantor’s existing and future unsecured senior debt and other liabilities, including trade accounts payable and such subsidiary guarantor’s guarantee of the Existing Notes and the obligations under the Credit Agreement; and • senior in right of payment to all of such subsidiary guarantor’s future debt, if any, that expressly provides for its subordination to such subsidiary guarantor’s subsidiary guarantee. <p>The Notes and the subsidiary guarantees will be effectively subordinated to any secured debt of Hillenbrand and the subsidiary guarantors to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness. The Notes and the subsidiary guarantees will also be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities, including trade accounts payable, of Hillenbrand’s subsidiaries that are not subsidiary guarantors.</p> <p>See “Risk Factors — Risks Related to the Notes — The Notes will be structurally junior to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the Notes.”</p>
Capitalization	<p>As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, our total outstanding consolidated senior debt, including that of our subsidiaries but excluding unused commitments under the Credit Agreement, would have been approximately \$ million, approximately \$500 million of which represents the Notes and approximately \$1,118.2 million of which represents the Existing Notes. As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we would have had \$36.6 million outstanding under the Credit Agreement (without giving effect to letters of credit outstanding) and approximately \$591.3 million available for borrowing under the Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2023, we had no subordinated or secured debt outstanding.</p>
Use of Proceeds	<p>We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay borrowings under the Revolver, without a reduction in commitment, and we may use any remaining proceeds for general corporate purposes, including repayment of other indebtedness. See “Use of Proceeds” and “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest) — Conflicts of Interest.”</p>
Conflicts of Interest	<p>Because affiliates of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp, Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, Commerz Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. and Truist Financial Corporation are lenders under our Revolver and each will receive 5% or more of the net proceeds of</p>

	<p>this offering due to the repayment of borrowings under our Revolver, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp, Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, Commerz Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. and Truist Financial Corporation are each deemed to have a conflict of interest within the meaning of Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”). Accordingly, this offering will be conducted in accordance with Rule 5121, which requires, among other things, that a “qualified independent underwriter” participate in the preparation of, and exercise the usual standards of “due diligence” with respect to, the registration statement and this prospectus. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC has agreed to act as a qualified independent underwriter for this offering and to undertake the legal responsibilities and liabilities of an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), specifically including those inherent in Section 11 thereof. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC will receive \$15,000 for serving as a qualified independent underwriter in connection with this offering. We have agreed to indemnify Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC against liabilities incurred in connection with acting as a qualified independent underwriter, including liabilities under the Securities Act. See “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest) — Conflicts of Interest.”</p>
Optional Redemption	<p>We may redeem the Notes at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, prior to _____, 2026, at our option at the “make-whole” redemption price, as described in “Description of Notes — Optional redemption.” We may redeem the Notes at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, on or after _____, 2026, at our option at the redemption prices as described in “Description of Notes — Optional redemption.”</p> <p>At any time prior to _____, 2026, we may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes with the proceeds of one or more equity offerings of our capital stock at a redemption price of _____ % of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed. In each of the above cases, we will also pay the accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes to, but excluding, the redemption date. See “Description of Notes — Optional redemption.”</p>
Repurchase Upon a Change of Control Triggering Event	<p>In the event of a Change of Control Triggering Event as described herein, we will be required to offer to repurchase the Notes for cash at a price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date. See “Description of Notes — Change of control triggering event.”</p>
Certain Covenants	<p>The indenture under which the Notes will be issued contains covenants restricting our ability, subject to certain exceptions, to incur debt secured by liens, to enter into sale and leaseback transactions or to merge or consolidate with another entity or sell substantially all of our assets to another person. See “Description of Notes — Covenants.”</p>

Further Issues	We may, from time to time, without notice to or the consent of the holders of Notes, increase the principal amount of notes under the indenture and issue such increased principal amount (or any portion thereof), in which case any additional Notes so issued will have the same form and terms (other than the date of issuance, public offering price and, under certain circumstances, the date from which interest thereon will begin to accrue and the initial interest payment date), and will carry the same right to receive accrued and unpaid interest, as the Notes and such additional notes will form a single series with the Notes, including for voting purposes, <i>provided</i> that, if any such additional notes are not fungible with the Notes initially offered hereby for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such additional notes will have a separate CUSIP, ISIN or other identifying number from the Notes offered hereunder. See “Description of Notes — General.”
No Listing	We do not intend to list any of the Notes on any securities exchange or arrange for the quotation of any of the Notes on any automated dealer quotation system.
No Public Market	The Notes will be new securities for which there is currently no established trading market. Certain of the underwriters have advised us that they intend to make a market in the Notes. The underwriters are not obligated, however, to make a market in any of the Notes, and any such market-making may be discontinued by the underwriters in their discretion at any time without notice. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the Notes. See “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest).”
Trustee, Registrar and Paying Agent	U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations	Please see “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Holders” for important information regarding the possible tax consequences to holders of the Notes. Potential investors are also urged to consult their own professional advisers regarding the possible tax consequences under the laws of the jurisdictions that apply to them.
Risk Factors	You should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. See “Risk Factors” on page S-18 in this prospectus supplement, and Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023 and in our subsequent quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended December 31, 2023 , which are each incorporated herein by reference. See also “Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements” in this prospectus supplement.
Governing Law	New York

Summary Consolidated Financial Information and Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations

The following tables set forth the summary financial information for the Company, in each case, at the dates and/or for the periods indicated. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations data for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 gives effect to the Acquisition as if it had been completed on October 1, 2022. The Company's financial information for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 was derived from our audited consolidated financial statements contained in our [Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#). The Company's summary financial information for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements contained in our [Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on February 5, 2024](#). The pro forma information for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 is derived from (i) our audited consolidated financial statements contained in our [Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#) (ii) FPM's unaudited combined financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2023 contained in our [Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#) and (iii) FPM's audited combined financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 contained in our [Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#) each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma statement of operations has been prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X and on a basis consistent with our audited annual financial information and, in the opinion of management, the unaudited pro forma statement of operations includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for those periods. Since the closing of the Acquisition on September 1, 2023, the consolidated financial statements of the Company include the financial results of FPM, and as a result prior periods may not be comparable. FPM's historical results are not necessarily indicative of future performance or results of operations, and results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year.

The following financial information should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the historical consolidated financial statements and the related notes all contained in our [Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#) our [Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#) and our [Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on February 5, 2024](#), each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. For more information on the pro forma condensed combined statement of operations, see "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations."

	Year Ended September 30,			Three Months Ended December 31,		Pro Forma Year Ended September 30,
	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022	2023
				(unaudited)		(unaudited)
	(dollars in millions)					
Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:						
Net revenue	\$2,826.0	\$2,315.3	\$2,241.4	\$ 773.3	\$ 655.7	\$ 3,329.6
Cost of goods sold	1,877.8	1,551.5	1,509.1	522.3	448.1	2,237.8
Gross profit	948.2	763.8	732.3	251.0	207.6	1,091.8
Operating expenses	574.0	442.7	451.6	157.9	137.9	672.4
Amortization expense	79.6	54.0	55.7	25.5	19.1	101.3
Pension settlement charge	—	—	—	8.3	—	—
Loss (gain) on divestitures	—	3.1	(67.1)	—	—	—
Impairment charges	—	—	11.2	—	—	—
Interest expense, net	77.7	64.3	74.3	29.8	21.5	125.5
Income before income taxes	216.9	199.7	206.6	29.5	29.1	192.6
Income tax expense	102.8	84.0	78.6	10.0	2.3	93.5

	<u>Year Ended September 30,</u>			<u>Three Months Ended December 31,</u>		<u>Pro Forma Year Ended September 30,</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
				<u>(unaudited)</u>		<u>(unaudited)</u>
	(dollars in millions)					
Income from continuing operations	114.1	115.7	128.0	19.5	26.8	99.1
Income (loss) from discontinued operations (net of income tax expense)	19.5	99.5	127.2	(0.3)	21.0	
Gain on divestiture of discontinued operations (net of income tax expense)	443.1	—	—	—	—	
Total income (loss) from discontinued operations	462.6	99.5	127.2	(0.3)	21.0	
Consolidated net income	576.7	215.2	255.2	19.2	47.8	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	7.0	6.3	5.3	2.0	2.3	
Net income attributable to Hillenbrand	<u>\$569.7</u>	<u>\$208.9</u>	<u>\$249.9</u>	<u>\$ 17.2</u>	<u>\$ 45.5</u>	
Other data (unaudited):						
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$483.2	\$401.5	\$378.7	\$ 114.1	\$ 101.3	
				<u>As of September 30,</u>		<u>As of December 31,</u>
				<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
				<u>(unaudited)</u>		<u>(unaudited)</u>
	(dollars in millions)					
Select Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents				\$ 242.9	\$ 232.2	\$ 198.4
Total assets				5,547.7	3,867.5	5,584.9
Total liabilities				3,884.8	2,759.5	3,865.9
				<u>Year Ended September 30,</u>		<u>Three Months Ended December 31,</u>
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
				<u>(unaudited)</u>		
	(dollars in millions)					
Select Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Data:						
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities from continuing operations				\$ 207.0	\$ 63.3	\$ 362.7
				\$ (24.0)	\$ (5.6)	
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities from continuing operations	(722.3)	(131.7)	137.6	(15.1)	(642.0)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities from continuing operations	693.4	(244.2)	(523.3)	(17.1)	610.3	

- (1) An important non-United States generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) measure that we use is adjusted earnings before interest, income tax, depreciation, and amortization (“adjusted EBITDA”). A part of our strategy is to selectively acquire companies that we believe can benefit from HOM to spur faster and more profitable growth. Given that strategy, it is a natural consequence to incur related expenses, such as amortization from acquired intangible assets and additional interest expense from debt-funded acquisitions. Accordingly, we use adjusted EBITDA, among other measures, to monitor our business performance. We use non-GAAP information internally to make operating decisions and believe it is helpful to investors because it allows more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of our ongoing operating results. The information can also be used to perform trend analysis and to better identify operating trends that may otherwise be masked or distorted by items such as the above excluded items. We believe this information provides a higher degree of transparency. Adjusted EBITDA is not a recognized term under GAAP and therefore does not purport to be an alternative to consolidated net income. Further, the Company’s measure of adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Non-GAAP information is provided as a supplement to, not as a substitute for, or as superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. The following is a reconciliation from consolidated net income, the most directly comparable GAAP operating performance measure, to our non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA:

	Year Ended September 30,			Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022	2021	2023	2022
	(unaudited)				
	(dollars in millions)				
Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to Consolidated Net Income:					
Consolidated net income	\$ 576.7	\$215.2	\$ 255.2	\$ 19.2	\$ 47.8
Interest expense, net	77.7	64.3	74.3	29.8	21.5
Income tax expense	102.8	84.0	78.6	10.0	2.3
Depreciation and amortization	125.6	98.6	104.7	38.8	31.0
Consolidated EBITDA	\$ 882.8	\$462.1	\$ 512.8	\$ 97.8	\$ 102.6
(Income) loss from discontinued operations (net of income tax expense)	(462.6)	(99.5)	(127.2)	0.3	(21.0)
Impairment charge ^(a)	—	—	11.2	—	—
Pension settlement charge ^(b)	—	—	—	8.3	—
Business acquisition, disposition, and integration costs ^(c)	46.2	29.4	33.9	5.6	10.7
Restructuring and restructuring-related charges ^(d)	5.1	3.1	13.6	0.6	1.0
Inventory step-up costs related to acquisitions	11.7	—	—	1.5	8.0
Loss (gain) on divestiture ^(e)	—	3.1	(67.1)	—	—
Other	—	3.3	1.5	—	—
Adjusted EBITDA (unaudited)	\$ 483.2	\$401.5	\$ 378.7	\$ 114.1	\$ 101.3

- (a) Hillenbrand recorded a \$11.2 valuation adjustment related to assets held for sale within the Advanced Process Solutions reportable operating segment during the year ended September 30, 2021.
- (b) The pension settlement charge during the three months ended December 31, 2023 was due to lump-sum payments made from Hillenbrand’s U.S. pension plan to former employees who elected to receive such payments.

- (c) Business acquisition, divestiture, and integration costs during the year ended September 30, 2023 primarily included professional fees related to the Linxis, Peerless, and FPM acquisitions and professional fees and employee-related costs attributable to the integration of Milacron Holdings Corp (“Milacron”) and Linxis. Business acquisition, divestiture, and integration costs during the year ended September 30, 2022 primarily included professional fees related to the Gabler, Herbold, and Linxis acquisitions and professional fees and employee-related costs attributable to the integration of Milacron and the divestiture of TerraSource. Business acquisition, divestiture and integration costs during the year ended September 30, 2021 primarily included professional fees and employee-related costs attributable to the integration of Milacron and the divestiture of Red Valve Company, Inc. and ABEL GmbH. Business acquisition, divestiture and integration costs during the three months ended December 31, 2023, primarily included costs associated with the integration of recent acquisitions, including the Acquisition. Business acquisition, divestiture and integration costs during the three months ended December 31, 2022, primarily included professional fees related to acquisitions and professional fees and employee-related costs attributable to the integration of Milacron.
- (d) Restructuring and restructuring-related charges primarily included severance costs for all periods presented.
- (e) The amount during the year ended September 30, 2022 represents the loss on divestiture of TerraSource.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. Before you decide whether to purchase any of the Notes, you should carefully review the risk factors below, as well as those contained in our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023](#), as such risks may be updated or supplemented in our subsequently filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the information contained under the heading “Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements” in this 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.”

Risks Related to the Notes

Our level of indebtedness could limit the cash flow available for our operations and could adversely affect our ability to service our debt or obtain additional financing, if necessary.

As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, our total consolidated senior debt outstanding, including that of our subsidiaries and excluding unused commitments under the Credit Agreement, would have been approximately \$36.6 million (without giving effect to letters of credit outstanding), and approximately \$591.3 million would have been available for borrowing under the Credit Agreement. Our level of indebtedness could have important consequences to our financial health. For example, our level of indebtedness could, among other things:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our financial obligations, including those relating to the Notes, the Existing Notes and the Credit Agreement;
- affect our liquidity by limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, or limit our ability to obtain financing for capital expenditures and acquisitions or make any available financing more costly;
- require us to dedicate all or a substantial portion of our cash flow to service our debt, which would reduce funds available for other business purposes, such as capital expenditures, dividends or acquisitions;
- limit our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in the markets in which we compete;
- place us at a competitive disadvantage relative to our competitors who may have less indebtedness and more available cash flow;
- render us more vulnerable to general adverse economic and industry conditions; and
- result in an event of default if we fail to satisfy our obligations under the Notes or the agreements governing our other debt or fail to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants contained in the indenture governing the Notes or the agreements governing our other debt, which event of default could result in the Notes and all of our debt becoming immediately due and payable and could permit certain of our lenders to foreclose on our assets securing such debt.

In addition, the indentures governing the Existing Notes and the Credit Agreement contain financial and/or other restrictive covenants, and the indenture governing the Notes will contain restrictive covenants, that will limit our ability to engage in activities that may be in our long-term best interests. Our failure to comply with those covenants could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of all of our debt, including the Notes.

Despite current indebtedness levels, we and our subsidiaries may incur substantially more debt, including secured debt. This could further exacerbate the risks associated with our leverage.

The terms of the indentures governing the Existing Notes do not, and the terms of the indenture governing the Notes will not, prohibit us or our subsidiaries from incurring additional unsecured indebtedness. However, the Credit Agreement contains certain limited restrictions on the incurrence of additional unsecured debt, and the indenture governing the Notes, the indentures governing the Existing Notes and the Credit Agreement contain certain, or in the case of the indenture governing the Notes, will contain, restrictions on the incurrence of additional secured debt. These restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions and, under certain circumstances, debt incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. If new debt is added to our and our subsidiaries' current debt levels, the related risks that we and they now face could intensify.

We may not be able to service the Notes because of our operational structure.

The Notes are obligations solely of Hillenbrand, and the subsidiary guarantees are the joint and several obligation of the subsidiary guarantors. Hillenbrand, the issuer of the Notes, is a holding company and, as such, its operations are conducted through its subsidiaries. Hillenbrand's subsidiaries are its primary source of income and it relies on that income to make payments on its debt. However, Hillenbrand's subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities.

Except for the subsidiary guarantees given by the subsidiary guarantors, holders of the Notes cannot demand repayment of the Notes from Hillenbrand's subsidiaries because the Notes are not obligations of non-guarantor subsidiaries. Therefore, although Hillenbrand's operating subsidiaries may have cash, Hillenbrand may not be able to make payments on its debt. In addition, the non-guarantor subsidiaries are not obligated to make distributions to Hillenbrand. The ability of Hillenbrand's subsidiaries to make payments to Hillenbrand will also be affected by their own operating results and will be subject to applicable laws and contractual restrictions contained in the instruments governing any debt or leases of such subsidiaries. The indentures governing the Existing Notes do not, and the indenture governing the Notes will not, limit the ability of such subsidiaries to enter into any consensual restrictions on their ability to pay dividends and other payments to us.

In addition, the non-guarantor subsidiaries generated approximately 76% of our net revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and held approximately 92% of our assets as of December 31, 2023.

The Notes and the subsidiary guarantees will be unsecured and effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured debt.

To the extent we incur secured debt in the future, holders of our secured debt will have claims that are prior to your claims as holders of the Notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing the secured debt. The Notes and the guarantees will be effectively subordinated to all secured debt to the extent of the value of the collateral. In the event of any distribution or payment of our assets in any foreclosure, dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization or other bankruptcy proceeding, holders of secured debt will have prior claim to those of our assets that constitute their collateral. Holders of the Notes will participate ratably with all holders of our unsecured debt that is deemed to be of the same class as the Notes, and potentially with all of our other general creditors, based upon the respective amounts owed to each holder or creditor, in our remaining assets. In any of the foregoing events, we cannot assure you that there will be sufficient assets to pay amounts due on the Notes. As a result, holders of Notes may receive less, ratably, than holders of secured debt.

As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we would not have any secured debt. We are permitted to borrow substantial additional debt, including secured debt, in the future under the terms of the indenture governing the Notes.

The Notes will be structurally junior to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the Notes.

The Notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities, including trade accounts payable, of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the Notes, and the claims of creditors of those

subsidiaries, including trade creditors, will have priority as to the assets and cash flows of those subsidiaries. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding of any of the non-guarantor subsidiaries, holders of their liabilities, including their trade creditors, will generally be entitled to payment on their claims from assets of those subsidiaries before any assets are made available for distribution to us. Each of our subsidiaries that guarantees the obligations under the Credit Agreement will guarantee the Notes. None of our foreign subsidiaries will guarantee the Notes. As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, our non-guarantor subsidiaries would have had \$1,895.4 million of outstanding liabilities, excluding intercompany liabilities, but including trade accounts payable.

Our ability to service our debt and meet our cash requirements depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control.

Our ability to satisfy our obligations under our debt will depend on our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt, which in turn depends on our future operating performance and financial results. Our future performance and results will be subject, in part, to factors beyond our control, including interest rates and general economic, financial and business conditions. In addition, if we consummate significant acquisitions in the future, our cash requirements may increase significantly. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt, we may be required to:

- refinance all or a portion of our debt, including the Existing Notes, the Credit Agreement and the Notes;
- obtain additional financing;
- sell some of our assets or operations;
- reduce or delay capital expenditures and/or acquisitions; or
- revise or delay our strategic plans.

If we are required to take any of these actions, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations. In addition, we cannot assure you that we would be able to take any of these actions, that these actions would enable us to continue to satisfy our capital requirements or that these actions would be permitted under the terms of our various debt instruments, including the Credit Agreement and the indentures governing the Notes and the Existing Notes.

Our failure to remain in compliance with the covenants in our existing debt agreements may result in an event of default.

The Credit Agreement contains negative and affirmative covenants affecting us and our existing and future subsidiaries, including a number of covenants that, subject to customary exceptions, restrict our ability to, among other things:

- create, incur or assume liens;
- incur or assume certain subsidiary debt;
- make certain restricted payments;
- make certain fundamental changes; and
- materially change the nature of our business and the business conducted by our subsidiaries.

In addition, the Credit Agreement requires us to comply with financial covenants, including (i) a maximum leverage ratio and (ii) a minimum interest coverage ratio, as set forth in the Credit Agreement.

The indentures governing the Existing Notes contain negative covenants substantially similar to the covenants that will be contained in the indenture governing the Notes. These negative covenants may affect us and our existing and future subsidiaries, including, subject to customary exceptions, restricting our ability to, among other things:

- incur debt secured by liens;
- enter into sale and leaseback transactions; and

- merge or consolidate with another entity or sell substantially all of our assets to another person.

A failure to comply with the financial or other covenants contained in the Credit Agreement or the covenants contained in the indentures governing the Notes or the Existing Notes will constitute a default under such indebtedness and, subject to cure periods and notice provisions applicable to certain covenants, an event of default. An event of default, if not waived by our lenders under or holders of such indebtedness, could result in the acceleration of such indebtedness and all of our other outstanding indebtedness, and cause our debt to become immediately due and payable. If acceleration occurs, we may not be able to repay our debt and may not be able to borrow sufficient funds to refinance our debt. Even if new financing is offered to us, it may not be on terms acceptable to us.

Our credit ratings may not reflect all risks of your investment in the Notes.

Our credit ratings are an assessment by rating agencies of our ability to pay our debt when due. Consequently, real or anticipated changes in our credit ratings will generally affect the market value of the Notes and our access to the capital markets as well as our ability to incur other future indebtedness. These credit ratings may not reflect the potential impact of risks relating to structure or marketing of the Notes. Agency ratings are not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold any security, and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the issuing organization. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently of any other agency's rating. In addition, ratings at any time may be lowered or withdrawn in their entirety. No report of any rating agency is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

We may not be able to repurchase the Notes upon a Change of Control Triggering Event.

Upon a Change of Control Triggering Event, as defined under the indenture governing the Notes, we are required to offer to repurchase all of the Notes then outstanding for cash at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date. The indentures governing the Existing Notes each contain a substantially identical provision and definition of "Change of Control Triggering Event" that, upon such a Change of Control Triggering Event, would require us to offer to repurchase all of the Existing Notes then outstanding for cash at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of such Existing Notes repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the repurchase date. In order to obtain sufficient funds to pay the repurchase price of the outstanding Notes and the Existing Notes, we expect that we may need to refinance the Notes and the Existing Notes. We may not under these circumstances be able to refinance the Notes and the Existing Notes on reasonable terms, if at all. Our failure to offer to repurchase all outstanding Notes or to repurchase all validly tendered Notes and Existing Notes would be an event of default under the indentures governing such indebtedness. Such an event of default may cause the acceleration of our other indebtedness. A change of control will constitute an event of default under the Credit Agreement and would therefore permit the lenders under the Credit Agreement to accelerate the maturity of the borrowings thereunder and terminate the commitments thereunder.

Our future indebtedness may contain similar provisions as those in the Notes, the Existing Notes and the Credit Agreement or could restrict our ability to repurchase the Notes and the Existing Notes in the event of a Change of Control Triggering Event or a change of control. In the event of a Change of Control Triggering Event or a change of control, as applicable, we may not have sufficient funds to purchase all of the Notes and the Existing Notes and to repay the amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement or other indebtedness. Please see the section entitled "Description of Notes — Change of control triggering event."

An active trading market for the Notes may not develop or be maintained.

The Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to list any of the Notes on any securities exchange or arrange for the quotation of the Notes on any automated dealer quotation system. We have been informed by certain of the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the Notes as permitted by applicable laws and regulations after the offering is completed. However, the underwriters have no obligation to make a market in any of the Notes and they may cease their market-making at any time without notice. In addition, the liquidity of the trading market in the Notes,

and the market price quoted for the Notes, may be adversely affected by changes in the overall market for this type of security and by changes in our financial performance or prospects or in the prospects for companies in our industry generally. As a result, we cannot assure you that an active trading market will develop for the Notes or be maintained. If an active trading market does not develop or is not maintained, the market price and liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected. In that case, you may not be able to sell your Notes at a particular time or you may not be able to sell your Notes at a favorable price.

We can release subsidiary guarantees from time to time without the consent of holders.

Any subsidiary guarantee of the Notes will be automatically released with respect to the Notes, without the consent of the holders of the Notes, upon such subsidiary guarantor ceasing to guarantee or be an obligor with respect to the Credit Agreement. A subsidiary guarantee also may be released in certain other circumstances described under “Description of Notes — Guarantees.” Any such release would result in any debt or other obligations of the applicable subsidiary becoming structurally senior to the Notes.

The subsidiary guarantees of the Notes could be subordinated or voided by a court.

Under the federal bankruptcy law and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer laws, a guarantee could be voided, or claims in respect of a guarantee could be subordinated to all other debts of that subsidiary guarantor if, among other things, the subsidiary guarantor, at the time it incurred the debt evidenced by its guarantee:

- received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for the incurrence of such guarantee; and
- was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of such incurrence; or
- was engaged in a business or transaction for which the subsidiary guarantor’s remaining assets constituted unreasonably small capital; or
- intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature.

In such instances, the holders of the Notes would cease to have any claim in respect of that subsidiary guarantee and would be creditors solely of Hillenbrand and any remaining subsidiary guarantors. In addition, any payment by that subsidiary guarantor pursuant to its subsidiary guarantee could be voided and required to be returned to the subsidiary guarantor, or to a fund for the benefit of the creditors of the subsidiary guarantor.

The measures of insolvency for purposes of these fraudulent transfer laws will vary depending upon the law applied in any proceeding to determine whether a fraudulent transfer has occurred. Generally, however, a subsidiary guarantor would be considered insolvent if:

- the sum of its debts, including contingent liabilities, was greater than the fair saleable value of all of its assets;
- the present fair saleable value of its assets was less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent liabilities, as they become absolute and mature; or
- it could not pay its debts as they become due.

We cannot assure you, however, as to what standard a court would apply in making these determinations.

A court may void the issuance of the Notes in circumstances of a fraudulent transfer under federal or state fraudulent transfer laws.

If a court determines the issuance of the Notes constituted a fraudulent transfer, the holders of the Notes may not receive payment on the Notes.

Under federal bankruptcy and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer laws, if a court were to find that, at the time the Notes were issued, Hillenbrand:

- issued the Notes with the intent of hindering, delaying or defrauding current or future creditors; or
- received less than fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value for incurring the debt represented by the Notes, and either (i) was insolvent or was rendered insolvent by reason of the issuance of the Notes; or (ii) was engaged, or about to engage, in a business or transaction for which its assets were unreasonably small; or (iii) intended to incur, or believed, or should have believed, it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay as such debts mature; then a court could:
 - void all or a portion of its obligations to the holders of the Notes;
 - subordinate its obligations to the holders of the Notes to other existing and future debt of Hillenbrand, the effect of which would be to entitle the other creditors to be paid in full before any payment could be made on the Notes; or
 - take other action harmful to the holders of the Notes, including in certain circumstances, invalidating the Notes,

then, in any of these events, we could not assure you that the holders of the Notes would ever receive payment on the Notes.

The measures of insolvency for the purposes of the above are described in the risk factor titled “The subsidiary guarantees of the Notes could be subordinated or voided by a court.” We cannot assure you as to what standard a court would apply in order to determine whether we were “insolvent” as of the date the Notes were issued, or that, regardless of the method of valuation, a court would not determine that we were insolvent on that date. Nor can we assure you that a court would not determine, regardless of whether we were insolvent on the date the Notes were issued, that the issuance of the Notes constituted fraudulent transfers on another ground.

Risks Related to the Acquisition

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations in this prospectus supplement is presented for illustrative purposes only and may not be reflective of the operating results and financial condition of Hillenbrand.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations in this prospectus supplement is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of what Hillenbrand’s actual financial position or results of operations would have been had the Acquisition been completed on the dates indicated. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations is subject to a number of assumptions, and does not take into account any synergies related to the Acquisition. For further discussion, see “Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations.”

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$ _____ million, after deducting the underwriting discounts and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay borrowings under the Revolver, without a reduction in commitment, and we may use any remaining proceeds for general corporate purposes, including repayment of other indebtedness.

The Revolver matures on June 8, 2027 and borrowings thereunder accrue interest on U.S. Dollar borrowings, at our option, at the Term SOFR Rate or the Alternate Base Rate (each as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus a margin based on the leverage ratio, ranging: (i) during the Adjusted Period, from 0% to 0.95% for borrowings bearing interest at the Alternate Base Rate and from 0.90% to 1.95% for all other borrowings and (ii) after the Adjusted Period, from 0% to 0.525% for borrowings bearing interest at the Alternate Base Rate and from 0.90% to 1.525% for all other borrowings.

Affiliates of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp, Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, Commerz Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. and Truist Financial Corporation are lenders under our Revolver. Because the net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay borrowings under our Revolver, affiliates of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp, Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, Commerz Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. and Truist Financial Corporation each will receive 5% or more of the net proceeds of this offering. See “Description of Other Indebtedness” and “Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)-Conflicts of Interest” for more information.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and total capitalization as of December 31, 2023 (i) on an actual basis and (ii) as adjusted to give effect to the completion of this offering and the application of the net proceeds therefrom.

The table below should be read in conjunction with the “Risk Factors,” “Use of Proceeds” and “Description of Other Indebtedness” sections of this prospectus supplement and our historical consolidated financial statements and related notes incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

	As of December 31, 2023	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(unaudited)	
	(dollars in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 198.4	\$
Debt:		
Revolver ⁽¹⁾	\$ 530.6	\$
\$200 Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	190.0	190.0
€185 Term Loan ⁽¹⁾	203.0	203.0
4.500% Senior Notes due 2026 ⁽²⁾	373.0	373.0
5.7500% Senior Notes due 2025 ⁽³⁾	398.4	398.4
3.7500% Senior Notes due 2031 ⁽⁴⁾	346.8	346.8
Notes due 2029 offered hereby ⁽⁵⁾	—	500.0
Total debt	\$2,041.8	\$
Shareholders' equity	\$1,719.0	\$ 1,719.0
Total capitalization	\$3,959.2	\$

- (1) As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we would have had \$36.6 million outstanding under the Credit Agreement (without giving effect to letters of credit outstanding) and approximately \$591.3 million available for borrowing under the Credit Agreement.
- (2) Represents \$375 million aggregate face amount, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$1.7 million.
- (3) Represents \$400 million aggregate face amount, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$1.6 million.
- (4) Represents \$350 million aggregate face amount, net of unamortized debt issuance costs of \$3.2 million.
- (5) Represents an illustrative aggregate principal amount of \$500.0 million of the notes offered hereby, without reduction for estimated debt issuance costs and underwriting discounts.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**Introduction**

On September 1, 2023, the Company completed the Acquisition of the FPM business under the terms of the Share Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 23, 2023 (the “Agreement”), between Hillenbrand, Inc.’s wholly owned subsidiary Milacron LLC and Schenck Process Holding GmbH (the “Seller”) for a total aggregate consideration of \$748.7 million, net of certain customary post-closing adjustments, and including cash acquired. The Acquisition was effected pursuant to the Agreement through the acquisition by wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company of all of the outstanding equity interests in entities owning FPM. FPM specializes in the design, manufacturing, and service of feeding, filtration, baking, and material handling technologies and systems. The consideration paid upon the closing of the Acquisition was funded by a portion of the proceeds from the following borrowings (collectively, referred to as the “Debt Financing”):

- the €185.0 Term Loan under the delayed-draw term loan facility governed by the Credit Agreement; and
- borrowings of \$558.9 million, consisting of €320.0 million (\$348.9 million) and \$210.0 million, under the Revolver governed by the Credit Agreement.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations has been prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X. The Company and FPM have different fiscal years: the Company’s fiscal year ends on September 30, and FPM’s historical fiscal year ends on December 31. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, has been prepared utilizing period ends that differ by one fiscal quarter or less, as permitted by Rule 11-02 of Regulation S-X.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, gives effect to the Acquisition and Debt Financing as if those transactions had occurred on October 1, 2022, the first day of the Company’s fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and combine the historical results of the Company and FPM. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, combines the historical unaudited consolidated adjusted statement of operations of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, with FPM’s unaudited combined statement of income for the twelve months ended June 30, 2023, which has been calculated by adding FPM’s results for the six months ended June 30, 2023, to its results for the six months ended December 31, 2022, which has been calculated by deducting FPM’s results for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from its results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. A pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of September 30, 2023, is not presented as the Acquisition and Debt Financing are reflected in the Company’s audited consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2023, included in the Company’s [Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#). A pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2023, is not presented because FPM’s results of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2023 are included in the Company’s unaudited consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2023, included in the Company’s [Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the SEC on February 5, 2024](#).

The historical consolidated statement of operations of the Company and historical combined statement of income of FPM have been adjusted in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations to give effect to pro forma events that are transaction accounting adjustments which are necessary to account for the Acquisition, the Debt Financing, and transaction costs in accordance with GAAP. The unaudited pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and certain assumptions that our management believes are reasonable.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations should be read in conjunction with:

- the accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations;
- [the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the related notes included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#);

- the audited combined financial statements of FPM (prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes, included in the Company's Current Report on [Form 8-K/A, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#);
- the unaudited combined financial statements of FPM (prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP) as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes, included in the Company's Current Report on [Form 8-K/A, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#); and
- [the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the related notes included in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on February 5, 2024.](#)

Accounting for the Acquisition

The Acquisition is being accounted for as a business combination using the acquisition method with the Company as the accounting acquirer in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 805, Business Combinations ("ASC 805"). Under this method of accounting, the aggregate purchase price is allocated to FPM's assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their estimated fair values at the date of Acquisition. Any differences between the estimated fair value of the consideration transferred and the estimated fair value of the net assets acquired will be recorded as goodwill. The process of valuing the net assets of FPM immediately prior to the Acquisition, as well as evaluating accounting policies for conformity, has not yet been completed. Accordingly, the purchase price allocation and related adjustments reflected in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations are preliminary and subject to revision based on a final determination of fair value. Refer to Note 1 for more information.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations presented is for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the financial position or results of operations that would have been realized if the Acquisition and the Debt Financing had been completed on the dates set forth above, nor is it indicative of the future results or financial position of the Company.

Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023

(in millions, except per share data)

	Hillenbrand, Inc. (as Adjusted) (Note 2)	FPM Historical (as Adjusted) (Note 3)	Transaction Accounting Adjustments – Acquisition	(Note 5)	Transaction Accounting Adjustments – Debt Financing	(Note 5)	Pro Forma Combined	(Note 5)
Net revenue	\$ 2,782.7	\$ 546.9	\$ —		\$ —		\$ 3,329.6	
Cost of goods sold	1,846.4	387.3	4.1	(a)(c)	—		2,237.8	
Gross profit	936.3	159.6	(4.1)		—		1,091.8	
Operating expenses	567.6	113.6	(8.8)	(f)	—		672.4	
Amortization expense	77.6	14.2	9.5	(b)	—		101.3	
Interest expense	77.6	2.4	—		45.5	(d)	125.5	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	213.5	29.4	(4.8)		(45.5)		192.6	
Income tax expense	101.9	4.2	(1.2)	(e)	(11.4)	(e)	93.5	
Income from continuing operations	111.6	25.2	(3.6)		(34.1)		99.1	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	7.0	—	—		—		7.0	
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Hillenbrand	\$ 104.6	\$ 25.2	\$ (3.6)		\$ (34.1)		\$ 92.1	
Earnings per share								
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to Hillenbrand	\$ 1.50						\$ 1.32	
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to Hillenbrand	\$ 1.49						\$ 1.31	
Weighted average shares outstanding (basic)	69.8						69.8	(g)
Weighted average shares outstanding (diluted)	70.1						70.1	(g)

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations

NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

1. Basis of Presentation

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations has been prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, gives effect to the Acquisition and the Debt Financing as if those transactions had occurred on October 1, 2022, the first day of the Company's fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, and combine the historical results of the Company and FPM. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, combines the historical unaudited consolidated adjusted statement of operations of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, with FPM's unaudited combined statement of income for the twelve months ended June 30, 2023, which has been calculated by adding FPM's results for the six months ended June 30, 2023 to its results for the six months ended December 31, 2022, which has been calculated by deducting FPM's results for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from its results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

The Company's and FPM's historical financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and presented in U.S. dollars. As discussed in Note 2, the Company's historical consolidated statement of operations for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, was adjusted to remove the post-acquisition results of FPM's operations for the period from September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. As discussed in Note 3, certain reclassifications were made to align the Company's and FPM's financial statement presentation. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating FPM's accounting policies. That evaluation may identify additional differences between the accounting policies of the Company and FPM. Based on the information currently available, the Company has determined on a preliminary basis that no significant adjustments are necessary to conform FPM's financial statements to the accounting policies used by the Company.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations has been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with ASC 805, with the Company as the accounting acquirer, using the fair value concepts defined in ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement, and based on the historical consolidated financial statements of the Company and historical combined financial statements of FPM. Under ASC 805, all assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination are recognized and measured at their assumed acquisition date fair value, while transaction costs associated with the business combination are expensed as incurred. The excess of aggregate consideration transferred over the estimated fair value of the net assets acquired is allocated to goodwill.

The allocation of the aggregate consideration (i.e., the purchase price) depends upon certain estimates and assumptions, all of which are preliminary. A preliminary purchase price allocation has been made for the purpose of developing the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations. The final determination of fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the Acquisition could differ materially from the preliminary purchase price allocation.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, presented herein, is based on the historical consolidated financial statements of the Company and historical combined financial statements of FPM. As a result of the Company having a different fiscal period-end than FPM, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, has been prepared as if the Acquisition had occurred on October 1, 2022, and combines the Company's historical unaudited consolidated adjusted statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, with FPM's historical unaudited combined statement of income for the twelve months ended June 30, 2023, as permitted by Rule 11-02 of Regulation S-X, which allows utilizing period ends that differ by one fiscal quarter or less when preparing pro forma statement of operations for the fiscal year. FPM's historical unaudited combined statement of income for the twelve months ended June 30, 2023, was prepared by adding FPM's unaudited combined statement of income for the six months ended June 30, 2023, to FPM's unaudited combined statement of income for the six months ended December 31, 2022, which has been calculated by deducting FPM's results for the six months ended June 30, 2022 from its results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

The pro forma adjustments represent management's best estimates and are based upon currently available information and certain assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable under the circumstances. The Company is not aware of any material transactions between the Company and FPM during the periods presented. Accordingly, adjustments to eliminate transactions between the Company and FPM have not been reflected in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations.

2. As Adjusted Historical Hillenbrand Consolidated Statement of Operations

As the Acquisition was completed on September 1, 2023, the Company's consolidated statement of operations for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, includes the post-acquisition results of FPM's operations for the period from September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. Therefore, for purposes of preparing pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, FPM's results of operations for the period from September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, were removed from the Company's historical consolidated statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

(in millions)	Hillenbrand, Inc. Historical Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023	FPM Results for the Period from September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023	Hillenbrand, Inc. Historical Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023 (as Adjusted)
Revenue	\$ 2,826.0	\$ 43.3	\$ 2,782.7
Cost of goods sold	1,877.8	31.4	1,846.4
Gross profit	948.2	11.9	936.3
Operating expenses	574.0	6.4	567.6
Amortization expense	79.6	2.0	77.6
Interest expense	77.7	0.1	77.6
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	216.9	3.4	213.5
Income tax expense ⁽ⁱ⁾	102.8	0.9	101.9
Income from continuing operations	114.1	2.5	111.6
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	7.0	—	7.0
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Hillenbrand	<u>\$ 107.1</u>	<u>\$ 2.5</u>	<u>\$ 104.6</u>
Earnings per share			
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to Hillenbrand	<u>\$ 1.53</u>		<u>\$ 1.50</u>
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to Hillenbrand	<u>\$ 1.53</u>		<u>\$ 1.49</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding (basic)	<u>69.8</u>		<u>69.8</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding (diluted)	<u>70.1</u>		<u>70.1</u>

(i) The income tax expense for FPM for the period from September 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023, was calculated using the statutory rate of 25%.

3. The Company and FPM Reclassification Adjustments

During the preparation of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations, management performed a preliminary analysis of FPM's financial information to identify differences in financial statement presentation as compared to the presentation of the Company. Based on a preliminary analysis performed, certain reclassification adjustments have been made to conform FPM's historical combined financial statement presentation to the Company's consolidated financial statement presentation.

The Company is currently performing a full and detailed review of FPM's financial statement presentation and accounting policies, which could result in amounts set forth in the Company's consolidated financial statements being materially different from the amounts set forth in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations presented herein.

Refer to the table below for a summary of adjustments made to present FPM's historical combined statement of income for the twelve months ended June 30, 2023, to conform with the presentation of the Company's historical unaudited consolidated adjusted statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

(in millions) FPM Historical Combined Statement of Income Line Items	Hillenbrand Historical Consolidated Statement of Operations Line Items	FPM Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2023	Reclassification Adjustments	Notes	FPM Reclassified Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2023
Revenue	Net revenue	\$ 546.9	\$ —		\$ 546.9
Cost of goods sold	Cost of goods sold	387.3	—		387.3
Gross profit	Gross profit	159.6	—		159.6
Operating expenses:					
	Marketing and selling expenses	72.6	(72.6)	(a)(d)	
	Research and development costs	10.1	(10.1)	(b)	
	General and administrative expenses	45.8	(45.8)	(c)(e)	
	Operating expenses		113.6	(a)(b)(c)(f)	113.6
	Amortization expense		14.2	(d)	14.2
Interest expense	Interest expense	1.8	0.6	(e)	2.4
Foreign currency gain, net		0.1	(0.1)	(f)	
Income before income taxes	Income from continuing operations before income taxes	29.4	(0.0)		29.4
Income taxes	Income tax expense	4.2	—		4.2
Net income	Income from continuing operations	<u>\$ 25.2</u>	<u>\$ (0.0)</u>		<u>\$ 25.2</u>

- (a) Reflects a reclassification of \$58.4 million of marketing and selling expenses to operating expenses.
- (b) Reflects a reclassification of \$10.1 million of research and development costs to operating expenses.
- (c) Reflects a reclassification of \$45.2 million of general and administrative expenses to operating expenses.
- (d) Reflects a reclassification of \$14.2 million of amortization expense from marketing and selling expenses to amortization expense.
- (e) Reflects a reclassification of \$0.6 million of fees related to factoring agreements from general and administrative expenses to interest expense.
- (f) Reflects a reclassification of \$0.1 million of gains on transactions in foreign currencies other than functional currencies from foreign currency gain, net to operating expenses.

4. Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation

Estimated Total Aggregate Acquisition Consideration

The total aggregate consideration for the Acquisition was \$748.7 million, net of certain customary post-closing adjustments, including cash acquired.

Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation

The accounting for the Acquisition, including the preliminary total aggregate consideration, is based on provisional amounts, and the associated purchase accounting is not final. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price to the acquired assets and assumed liabilities was based upon the preliminary estimate of fair values. For the preliminary estimate of fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed of FPM, the Company used publicly available benchmarking information as well as a variety of other assumptions, including market participant assumptions. The Company has and is expected to use widely-accepted income-based, market-based, and cost-based valuation approaches upon finalization of purchase accounting for the Acquisition. Actual results may differ materially from the assumptions within the accompanying unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations.

The unaudited pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and certain assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable under the circumstances.

The following table summarizes the preliminary purchase price allocation as of the date of the Acquisition:

	Amount
Assets acquired:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17.3
Trade receivables	63.6
Receivables from long-term manufacturing contracts	22.4
Inventories ⁽ⁱ⁾	64.3
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10.3
Property, plant, and equipment ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	42.2
Operating lease right-of-use assets	14.5
Intangible assets ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	338.4
Goodwill	464.1
Other long-term assets	1.7
Total assets acquired	<u>\$1,038.8</u>
Liabilities assumed:	
Trade accounts payable	\$ 57.0
Liabilities from long-term manufacturing contracts and advances	86.6
Accrued compensation	13.5
Other current liabilities	46.8
Operating lease liabilities	9.5
Deferred income taxes ^(iv)	73.6
Other long-term liabilities	3.1
Total liabilities assumed	<u>\$ 290.1</u>
Purchase price consideration	<u>\$ 748.7</u>

- (i) Represents the preliminary fair value of inventories of approximately \$64.3 million, an increase of \$2.3 million from the carrying value, which was estimated using the comparative sales method. The

unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, has been adjusted to recognize additional cost of goods sold (\$2.3 million) related to the increased inventories basis. The additional costs are not anticipated to affect the Company's consolidated statement of operations beyond twelve months after the Acquisition date.

- (ii) Represents the preliminary fair values of property, plant and equipment, which were valued using Level 2 inputs, which included data points that are observable, such as definitive sales agreements, appraisals or established market values of comparable assets (market approach).
- (iii) Preliminary identifiable intangible assets acquired as shown in the table above consist of the following:

	Gross Carrying Amount	Weighted-Average Useful Life
Customer relationships	\$ 285.0	15 Years
Technology	48.0	12 Years
Trade names	4.4	6 Years
Other	1.0	
Total intangible assets acquired	\$ 338.4	

A 10% change in the valuation of total identifiable intangible assets would cause a corresponding increase or decrease in the amortization expense of \$2.4 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Pro forma amortization is preliminary and based on the use of straight-line amortization. The amount of amortization following the Acquisition may differ significantly between periods based upon the final value assigned and amortization methodology used for each identifiable intangible asset.

The preliminary purchase price allocation included \$338.4 of acquired identifiable intangible assets. Intangible assets consist of FPM's technology, Baker Perkins trade name, and customer relationships and will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the respective estimated periods for which the intangible assets will provide economic benefit to the Company. The determination of the useful lives is based upon various industry studies, historical acquisition experience, degree of stability in the current FPM customer base, economic factors, and expected future cash flows of the Company following the acquisition of FPM. The fair values of technology and trade names were estimated using the relief-from-royalty approach. The fair values of customer relationships were estimated using the multi-period excess earnings method. Significant assumptions used in the valuations included FPM's future cash flow projects, which were based on estimates used to price the FPM acquisition, discount rates that were benchmarked with reference to the implied rate of return to the Company's pricing model, and the applicable weight-average cost of capital (12%). The identification and valuation of the identifiable intangible assets is preliminary and subject to measurement period adjustments.

- (iv) Deferred tax assets and liabilities were derived based on incremental differences in the book and tax basis created from the preliminary purchase allocation.

5. Pro Forma Adjustments to the Unaudited Condensed Combined Statement of Operations

Adjustments included in the Transaction Accounting Adjustments — Acquisition column and the Transaction Accounting Adjustments — Debt Financing column in the accompanying unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, are as follows:

- (a) Reflects \$2.7 million increase in costs of goods sold which includes (a) \$2.3 million of amortization of the estimated fair value step-up of inventories recognized through cost of goods sold during the first year after the Acquisition and (b) \$0.4 million of incremental lease costs pertaining to the favorable component of acquired leases. The inventories adjustment is a nonrecurring adjustment that does not affect the Company's consolidated statement of operations beyond a year after the Acquisition. Refer to Note 3 for more information.
- (b) Reflects the adjustments to amortization expense associated with the fair values of the identifiable intangible assets acquired in the Acquisition. Refer to Note 2 for more information.

(in millions)	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023
<i>Pro forma transaction accounting adjustments – Acquisition:</i>	
Removal of historical FPM amortization of intangible assets	\$ (14.2)
Record amortization of acquired identifiable intangible assets	23.7
Net pro forma transaction accounting adjustments to amortization expense	\$ 9.5
(c) Reflects \$1.4 million of incremental depreciation expense associated with the step up of fair values of the property, plant and equipment assets acquired as part of the Acquisition.	
(d) Reflects the interest expense and amortization of issuance costs related to the Debt Financing.	

(in millions)	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023
<i>Pro forma transaction accounting adjustments – Debt Financing:</i>	
Recognition of additional interest expense for the Debt Financing:	
Revolver ⁽ⁱ⁾	\$ 33.6
€185 Term Loan ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	11.4
Amortization of debt issuance costs	0.5
Net pro forma transaction accounting adjustments to interest expense	\$ 45.5

This pro forma transaction accounting adjustment assumes the Debt Financing was obtained on October 1, 2022, and was outstanding the entire fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The interest calculation with respect to the Debt Financing is based on the following:

- (i) Interest on the U.S. dollar denominated borrowing under the Revolver is calculated using the one-month secured overnight borrowing rate (“SOFR”) as of December 31, 2023, plus a margin of 1.63% resulting in an all-in rate of 7.01%. Interest on the euro denominated borrowing under the Revolver is calculated using a one-month euro interbank offered rate (“EURIBOR”) as of December 31, 2023, plus a margin of 1.53% resulting in an all-in rate of 5.43%. The costs incurred to secure borrowings under the Revolver are amortized on a straight-line basis over the five-year term of the Revolver.
- (ii) Interest on the €185 Term Loan is calculated using a rate equal to one-month EURIBOR as of December 31, 2023, plus a margin of 1.75% per annum resulting in an all-in rate of 5.65%. The debt issuance costs related to the €185 Term Loan are amortized on a straight-line basis over its five-year term. The following table presents a sensitivity analysis with respect to interest expense relating to the Debt Financing, illustrating the hypothetical effect of a 12.5 basis point change in the applicable interest rates for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023:

(in millions)	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023
<i>Change in interest expense assuming:</i>	
Interest rate increase of 12.5 basis points	\$ 1.0
Interest rate decrease of 12.5 basis points	\$(1.0)

- (e) To record the income tax impact of the pro forma adjustments utilizing a blended statutory income tax rate in effect of 25.0% for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. The effective tax rate of the Company following the Acquisition could be significantly different (either higher or lower) depending on post-Acquisition activities, including cash needs, the geographical mix of income, and changes in tax law. Because the tax rates used for the unaudited condensed combined pro forma statement of operations are estimated, the blended rate will likely vary from the

actual effective rate in periods subsequent to completion of the Acquisition. This determination is preliminary and subject to change based upon the final determination of the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities.

- (f) Reflects \$8.8 million in expense reduction for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, related to licensing arrangements entered into in connection with the Acquisition. The historical FPM combined statement of income was burdened, under the carve-out methodology, with corporate allocation of costs to use certain trade names. Pursuant to the licensing arrangements referenced above, the Company has the right to use certain trade names for a specified period after the Acquisition for a fixed amount in certain instances. The expense reduction reflects the difference between the historical corporate allocation and the actual costs to be incurred subject to these licensing arrangements.
- (g) The pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share calculations are based on the historical basic and diluted weighted average shares of the Company. There were no shares issued as part of the Acquisition and therefore no change in the basic and diluted weighted average shares for the determination of pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share.

6. Management Adjustments

Management expects that, following completion of the Acquisition, the Company will realize certain net cost savings as compared to the historical costs of FPM. Management estimates that, had the Acquisition occurred on October 1, 2022, \$11.0 million of net costs for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, would not have been incurred. These expenses include one-time costs and certain synergies and dis-synergies related to corporate overhead costs.

(in millions)	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023
Management adjustments:	
One-time costs incurred on FPM's historical combined statement of income ⁽ⁱ⁾	\$ 5.1
Transaction costs recorded in FPM's historical combined statement of income ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	3.3
Synergies related to corporate overhead and personnel ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	4.5
Dis-synergies related to income from information technology services ^(iv)	(1.9)
Net impact on pro forma condensed combined net income	<u>\$ 11.0</u>
Impact on pro forma basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.16</u>
Impact on pro forma diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.16</u>

- (i) Represents \$5.1 million of historical one-time costs, including loss on asset disposal, freight write-off, and out-of-period freight expense, that the Company would not continue to incur after the Acquisition.
- (ii) Represents \$3.3 million in Acquisition-related costs incurred by FPM that the Company would not incur after the Acquisition.
- (iii) Represents \$4.5 million in synergies related to estimated cost savings related to duplicative corporate overhead cost and personnel costs related to research and development, information technology, and other administrative expenses for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, that the Company does not expect to incur after the Acquisition.
- (iv) Represents \$1.9 million in dis-synergies related to historical intercompany charges from FPM to other entities of its pre-Acquisition parent company for certain information technology services. The Company will not receive income from such charges after the Acquisition.

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS**Credit Agreement**

On June 8, 2022, the Company entered into the Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, by and among the Company and certain of its affiliates, the lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent (in such capacity, the “Administrative Agent”) (as amended by Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 (each as defined below) and as otherwise amended from time to time, the “Credit Agreement”). The Credit Agreement governs (i) the multi-currency revolving credit facility (the “Revolver”) in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$1.0 billion, (ii) a delayed-draw term loan facility in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$200.0 million (the “\$200 Term Loan”) and (iii) a euro-denominated, delayed-draw term loan facility in an initial aggregate principal amount of €185.0 million (the “€185 Term Loan”). The aggregate principal amount available for borrowing under the Credit Agreement may be expanded, subject to the approval of the lenders, by an additional \$600.0 million.

In November 2022, the Company drew \$200.0 million on the \$200 Term Loan. The \$200 Term Loan is subject to quarterly amortization payments equal to \$2.5 million for the first full twelve calendar quarters following the funding date, and quarterly amortization payments equal to \$3.8 million thereafter until the maturity date.

On June 21, 2023, the Company entered into Amendment No. 1 to the Credit Agreement (“Amendment No. 1”), which included, among other changes, establishment of the €185 Term Loan and the inclusion of requirements that would be triggered by a Collateral Springing Event (described below). In August 2023, the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, Hillenbrand Switzerland GmbH, drew €185.0 million on the €185 Term Loan. The €185 Term Loan is subject to quarterly amortization payments equal to €2.3 million for the first full eight calendar quarters following the funding date, and €3.5 million thereafter until the maturity date.

On July 14, 2023, the Company entered into Amendment No. 2 to the Credit Agreement (“Amendment No. 2”), which established a mechanism for certain letters of credit issued by lenders to be included in the letter of credit facility in the Revolver.

The Credit Agreement, including the Revolver, the \$200 Term Loan and the €185 Term Loan, matures on June 8, 2027.

Borrowings under the Revolver may bear interest (A) if denominated in U.S. dollars, at the Term SOFR Rate or the Alternate Base Rate (each as defined in the Credit Agreement) at the Company’s option, (B) if denominated in Japanese Yen, Canadian dollars or Euros, at rates based on the rates offered for deposits in the applicable interbank markets for such currencies and (C) if denominated in Pounds Sterling or Swiss Francs, at SONIA and SARON, respectively (each as defined in the Credit Agreement), plus, in each case, a margin based on the Company’s leverage ratio, ranging: (i) during the Adjusted Period, from 0% to 0.95% for borrowings bearing interest at the Alternate Base Rate and from 0.90% to 1.95% for all other borrowings and (ii) after the Adjusted Period, from 0% to 0.525% for borrowings bearing interest at the Alternate Base Rate and from 0.90% to 1.525% for all other borrowings. The \$200 Term Loan accrues interest, at the Company’s option, at the Term SOFR Rate or the Alternate Base Rate plus a margin based on the Company’s leverage ratio, ranging: (i) during the Adjusted Period, from 1.00% to 2.25% for term loans bearing interest at the Term SOFR Rate and 0% to 1.25% for term loans bearing interest at the Alternate Base Rate and (ii) after the Adjusted Period, from 1.00% to 1.75% for term loans bearing interest at the Term SOFR Rate and 0% to 0.75% for term loans bearing interest at the Alternative Base Rate. The €185 Term Loan accrues interest at the Adjusted EURIBO Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus a margin based on the Company’s leverage ratio, ranging from 1.00% to 2.25%. New deferred financing costs related to the Amended Credit Agreement were \$2.6 million, which along with existing costs of \$3.4 million, are being amortized to interest expense over the remaining term of the Revolver.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are classified as long-term. The obligations under the Credit Agreement are unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of Hillenbrand and rank equally in right of payment with all our other existing and future unsubordinated obligations. The obligations under the Credit

Agreement — including the Revolver, the \$200 Term Loan and the €185 Term Loan — are guaranteed by all of the material domestic subsidiaries of Hillenbrand, subject to certain exceptions.

The Credit Agreement requires the Company and the subsidiary guarantors to grant liens on substantially all of their assets (subject to customary exceptions for excluded assets, including an exception for Principal Property (as defined in the indentures governing the Existing Notes) and for capital stock of entities that own any such Principal Property) in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the secured parties if a Collateral Springing Event occurs before the later of April 1, 2025 or the date that all principal, interest, and other amounts owing in respect of the €185 Term Loan have been paid in full (the period between the effective date of the Amendment No. 1 and such date, the “Adjusted Period”). A Collateral Springing Event will occur if, during the Adjusted Period, both (1) the Corporate Family Rating (as defined in the Credit Agreement) from S&P is BB or lower and (ii) the Corporate Family Rating from Moody’s is Ba2 or lower.

The Credit Agreement contains representations, warranties and covenants that are customary for agreements of this type. The negative covenants in the Credit Agreement limit the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to, with certain exceptions (including carve-outs and baskets): incur indebtedness; grant liens; make restricted payments; engage in certain mergers, consolidations, acquisitions and dispositions; make certain changes to the nature of our business; and enter into certain burdensome agreements. The Credit Agreement also requires the Company to satisfy certain financial covenants: (i) maximum permitted leverage ratio of (A) 4.50 to 1.00 for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2024, (B) 4.00 to 1.00 for the three months ending September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024, (C) 3.75 to 1.00 for the three months ending March 31, 2025 and (D) 3.50 to 1.00 for the three months ending June 30, 2025 and each fiscal quarter ending thereafter and (ii) a minimum Interest Coverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of 3.00 to 1.00. The Credit Agreement also requires mandatory prepayments of the €185 Term Loan with 100% of net proceeds from asset sales (subject to customary carve outs and reinvestment rights) and contains additional limitations on liens and restricted payments during the Adjusted Period.

The Credit Agreement also contains certain customary events of default (in each case subject to agreed exceptions, materiality tests, qualifiers, carve outs and grace periods), including, but not limited to, the failure to pay principal, interest or fees; bankruptcy and other insolvency events; violation of certain covenants; the material inaccuracy of a representation or warranty; cross-default to certain other indebtedness; certain material judgments; certain ERISA Events (as defined in the Credit Agreement); the invalidity of the Company guarantee or any subsidiary guaranty; and a change of control of the Company.

With respect to the Revolver, as of December 31, 2023, the Company had outstanding balances of \$530.6 million. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had \$20.8 million in outstanding letters of credit issued and \$448.6 million of available borrowing capacity under the Revolver, all of which was immediately available based on our most restrictive covenant. The weighted-average interest rate on borrowings under the Revolver was 5.84% and 2.23% for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The weighted average Revolver fee was 0.20% and 0.15% for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on the \$200 Term Loan was 5.60% for the three months ended December 31, 2023. The weighted-average interest rate on the €185 Term Loan was 5.60% for the three months ended December 31, 2023.

Existing Notes

2026 Notes

On September 25, 2019, the Company issued \$375.0 million of senior unsecured notes (the “2026 Notes”) due September 15, 2026. The 2026 Notes initially had a fixed coupon rate of 4.5% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears beginning March 2020. The coupon rate on the 2026 Notes is impacted by public bond ratings from Moody’s and S&P Global, as downgrades from either rating agency increases the coupon rate by 0.25% per downgrade level below investment grade. During April and June 2020, Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. and S&P Global each downgraded the Company’s senior unsecured credit rating by one level. As such, the original coupon rate of 4.5% on the 2026 Notes increased to 5.0%, effective September 15, 2020. The 2026 Notes were issued at a discount of \$0.6 million, resulting in an initial carrying value of \$374.4 million. The Company is amortizing the discount to interest expense over the term of the 2026 Notes using the

effective interest rate method, resulting in an annual interest rate of 4.53%. Deferred financing costs associated with the 2026 Notes of \$1.8 million are being amortized to interest expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the 2026 Notes. The 2026 Notes are unsubordinated obligations of Hillenbrand and rank equally in right of payment with all of Hillenbrand's other existing and future unsubordinated obligations. Hillenbrand's payment obligations under the 2026 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured senior basis by each of its subsidiaries that guarantees the Credit Agreement. The 2026 Notes are not guaranteed by any of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. In conjunction with the issuance of the 2026 Notes, the Company terminated its interest rate swap contracts that it entered into to hedge the interest rate associated with its forecasted issuance of \$150.0 million ten-year, fixed-rate debt.

The indenture governing the 2026 Notes does not limit the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness. It does, however, contain certain covenants that restrict our ability to incur secured debt and to engage in certain sale and leaseback transactions, which apply to leases classified as an operating lease or finance lease. The indenture provides holders of debt securities with remedies if we fail to perform specific obligations. In the event of a "Change of Control Triggering Event" (as defined in the indenture governing the 2026 Notes), each holder of the 2026 Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or a portion of its 2026 Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. The 2026 Notes are redeemable with prior notice at a price equal to par plus accrued interest and a make-whole amount.

2025 Notes

On June 16, 2020, the Company issued \$400.0 million of senior unsecured notes (the "2025 Notes") due June 15, 2025. The 2025 Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 5.75% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears beginning December 15, 2020. The 2025 Notes are unsubordinated obligations of Hillenbrand and rank equally in right of payment with all of Hillenbrand's other existing and future unsubordinated obligations. Hillenbrand's payment obligations under the 2025 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured senior basis by each of its subsidiaries that guarantees the Credit Agreement. The 2025 Notes are not guaranteed by any of the Company's foreign subsidiaries.

The indenture governing the 2025 Notes does not limit the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness. It does, however, contain certain covenants that restrict our ability to incur secured debt and to engage in certain sale and leaseback transactions, which apply to leases classified as an operating lease or finance lease. The indenture governing the 2025 Notes provides holders of debt securities with remedies if we fail to perform specific obligations. In the event of a "Change of Control Triggering Event" (as defined in the indenture governing the 2025 Notes), each holder of the 2025 Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or a portion of its 2025 Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. The 2025 Notes are redeemable with prior notice at a price equal to par plus accrued interest and a make-whole amount. The Company may also redeem the 2025 Notes at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, on or after June 15 of the relevant year listed, as follows: 2023 at a redemption price of 101.438%; and 2024 at a redemption price of 100%.

2031 Notes

On March 3, 2021, the Company issued \$350.0 million of senior unsecured notes (the "2031 Notes") due March 1, 2031. The 2031 Notes bear interest at a fixed rate of 3.75% per year, payable semi-annually in arrears beginning September 1, 2021. The 2031 Notes are unsubordinated obligations of Hillenbrand and rank equally in right of payment with all of Hillenbrand's other existing and future unsubordinated obligations. Hillenbrand's payment obligations under the 2031 Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured senior basis by each of its subsidiaries that guarantees the Credit Agreement. The 2031 Notes are not guaranteed by any of the Company's foreign subsidiaries.

The indenture governing the 2031 Notes does not limit the Company's ability to incur additional indebtedness. It does, however, contain certain covenants that restrict our ability to incur secured debt and to engage in certain sale and leaseback transactions, which apply to leases classified as an operating lease or finance lease. The indenture governing the 2031 Notes provides holders of debt securities with remedies if we fail to perform specific obligations. In the event of a "Change of Control Repurchase Event" (as defined in the indenture governing the 2031 Notes), each holder of the 2031 Notes has the right to require the

Company to purchase all or a portion of its 2031 Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. The 2031 Notes are redeemable with prior notice at a price equal to par plus accrued interest and a make-whole amount. The Company may also redeem the 2031 Notes at any time in whole, or from time to time in part, on or after March 1 of the relevant year listed, as follows: 2026 at a redemption price of 101.875%; 2027 at a redemption price of 101.25%; 2028 at a redemption price of 100.625%; and 2029 and thereafter at a redemption price of 100%. At any time prior to March 1, 2024, the Company may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2031 Notes with the proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings (as defined in the indenture governing the 2031 Notes) at a redemption price of 103.75% of the principal amount of the 2031 Notes being redeemed. In each of the above cases, the Company will also pay any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date.

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

We will issue Senior Notes due 2029 (the “notes”) under the base 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, as supplemented by a supplemental indenture with respect to the notes, to be dated as of _____, 2024, with respect to the notes, among us, the Guarantors (as defined below) and the trustee (the “*Supplemental Indenture*”). For convenience, the base indenture, as amended and supplemented by the Supplemental Indenture is referred to as the “*indenture*.” The terms of the notes include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “*Trust Indenture Act*”).

The following description is only a summary of the material provisions of the notes and the indenture. You should read these documents in their entirety because they, and not this description, define your rights as holders of the notes. Unless the context requires otherwise, all references to “we”, “us,” “our” and “Hillenbrand” in this section refer solely to Hillenbrand, Inc. and not to our subsidiaries.

The following description of the particular terms of the notes offered hereby supplements the general description of debt securities set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

General

The notes offered hereby will be issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of \$500,000,000 and will mature on _____, 2029. The notes will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 above that amount. The notes will not be entitled to any sinking fund.

Interest on the notes will accrue at the rate per annum shown on the cover of this prospectus supplement from _____, 2024, or from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or provided for, payable semi-annually on _____ and _____ of each year, beginning on _____, 2024, to the persons in whose names the notes are registered in the security register at the close of business on the _____ or _____ preceding the relevant interest payment date. Interest will be computed on the notes on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

The registered holder of a note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered holders will have rights under the indenture.

The indenture does not limit the amount of notes that we may issue under the indenture and provides that notes may be issued from time to time in one or more series. We may from time to time, without giving notice to or seeking the consent of the registered holders of the notes of a series, create and issue additional notes of a series ranking equally and ratably with the notes of such series being issued in this offering in all respects (other than the issue price, the date of issuance, the payment of interest accruing prior to the issue date of such additional notes and the first payment of interest following the issue date of such additional notes). The notes offered hereby in a single series and any such additional notes of such series that are subsequently issued under the indenture will be treated as a single class for all purposes under the indenture, including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase; *provided* that any additional notes of a series that are not fungible with the notes of such series offered hereby for U.S. federal income tax purposes shall have a separate CUSIP, ISIN or other identifying number from the notes offered hereunder.

Ranking

The notes are our unsubordinated and unsecured obligations and will rank (i) equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, including obligations under the Credit Agreement and our existing notes, (ii) effectively junior to any of our future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, (iii) structurally junior to any indebtedness and preferred equity of our subsidiaries that are not Guarantors (subject to the requirements under “— Guarantees”), and (iv) senior in right of payment to all of our future subordinated indebtedness.

The notes are obligations solely of Hillenbrand, and the subsidiary guarantees are the joint and several obligations of the Guarantors. We are a holding company and, as such, our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries. Our subsidiaries are our primary source of income, and we rely on that income to make payments on debt. However, our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities from us.

Except for the subsidiary guarantees given by the Guarantors, holders of the notes cannot demand repayment of the notes from our subsidiaries because the notes are not obligations of non-Guarantor subsidiaries. Therefore, although our operating subsidiaries may have cash, we may not be able to make payments on our debt. In addition, our non-Guarantor subsidiaries are not obligated to make distributions to us. The ability of our subsidiaries to make payments to us will also be affected by their own operating results and will be subject to applicable laws and contractual restrictions contained in the instruments governing any debt or leases of such subsidiaries.

As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, our total outstanding consolidated senior debt, including that of our subsidiaries but excluding unused commitments under the Credit Agreement, would have been approximately \$ million, approximately \$500 million of which represents the notes and approximately \$1,118.2 million of which represents our existing notes. As of December 31, 2023, after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we would have had \$36.6 million outstanding under the Credit Agreement (without giving effect to letters of credit outstanding) and approximately \$591.3 million available for borrowing under the Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2023, we had no subordinated or secured debt outstanding.

The indenture does not limit our ability, or the ability of our subsidiaries, to incur additional indebtedness. The indenture and the terms of the notes will not contain any covenants (other than those described herein) designed to afford holders of any notes protection in a highly leveraged or other transaction involving us that may adversely affect holders of the notes.

Methods of receiving payments on the notes

With respect to notes represented by global notes, we will pay all principal, interest and premium, if any, on such notes in accordance with the procedures of the depository. If a holder of notes has given wire transfer instructions to us, we will pay all principal, interest and premium, if any, on that holder's notes in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on notes will be made at the office or agency of the paying agent and registrar unless we elect to make interest payments by check mailed to the noteholders at their address set forth in the register of holders.

Transfer and exchange

A holder may transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the provisions of the indenture. The registrar and the trustee may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents in connection with a transfer of notes. Holders may be required to pay all taxes or other governmental charge due on transfer. We are not required to transfer or exchange any note selected for redemption. Also, we are not required to transfer or exchange any note for a period of 15 days before a selection of notes to be redeemed.

Guarantees

Our payment obligations under the notes and the indenture will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed, on a joint and several basis, by the Guarantors. Initially, the Guarantors will be each of the Subsidiaries that has guaranteed the obligations of the borrowers under the Credit Agreement and the issuer under our existing notes. Additionally, all future Subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit Agreement will be required to become Guarantors.

The subsidiary guarantee of each Guarantor will be such Guarantor's senior unsecured obligation and will rank (i) equally in right of payment to all of such Guarantor's existing and future unsecured senior debt and other liabilities, including trade accounts payable and such Guarantor's guarantee of our existing notes and the obligations under the Credit Agreement, and (ii) senior in right of payment to all of such Guarantor's future debt, if any, that expressly provides for its subordination to such Guarantor's subsidiary guarantee.

Each subsidiary guarantee will be limited to an amount not to exceed the maximum amount that can be guaranteed by the applicable Guarantor without rendering the applicable subsidiary guarantee voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally or otherwise being void, voidable or unenforceable under any bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, liquidation or other similar legislation or legal principles. If a subsidiary guarantee were to be rendered voidable, it could be subordinated by a court to all other indebtedness, including guarantees and other contingent liabilities, of the applicable Guarantor, and depending on the amount of such indebtedness, a Guarantor’s liability on its subsidiary guarantee could be reduced to zero. See “Risk Factors — Risks Related to the Notes — The subsidiary guarantees of the notes could be subordinated or voided by a court.”

The subsidiary guarantee of a Guarantor with respect to the notes will be automatically and unconditionally released, and such Guarantor will be automatically and unconditionally released from its obligations under the indenture with respect to the notes:

- a) in the event that all of the capital stock or other equity interests, or all or substantially all of the assets, of such Guarantor are sold or transferred, including by way of merger, consolidation or otherwise, in a transaction in compliance with the terms of the indenture;
- b) upon defeasance as provided below under the caption “— Defeasance” or satisfaction and discharge of the indenture as provided below under the caption “— Satisfaction and discharge”;
- c) upon redemption of the notes as provided below under the caption “— Optional redemption”; or
- d) upon release of such Guarantor’s guarantee of all indebtedness under the Credit Agreement other than a release by or as a result of payment under such guarantee.

Optional redemption

We may, at our option, at any time and from time to time redeem the notes, in whole or in part, on not less than 10 nor more than 60 days’ prior notice mailed to the holders of the notes. At any time prior to _____, 2026, the notes will be redeemable at a redemption price, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption, equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed and (2) the sum of the present values of the redemption price of such notes on _____, 2026 and all required payments of interest on such notes through _____, 2026, discounted to the redemption date (excluding interest accrued to the redemption date), on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at a rate equal to the sum of the Treasury Rate *plus* _____ basis points. Any notice of redemption may be subject to one or more conditions precedent.

At any time on or after _____, 2026, the notes will be redeemable at the following redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of principal amount), plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the date of redemption (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date), if redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on _____ of the years set forth below:

Period	Redemption Price
2026	%
2027	%
2028 and thereafter	100.000%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time and from time to time prior to _____, 2026, we may redeem in the aggregate up to 40% of the original aggregate principal amount of the notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of additional notes) with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings by us, at a redemption price (expressed as a percentage of principal amount thereof) of _____%, plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the redemption date (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date); provided, however, that at least 60% of the original aggregate principal amount of the notes (calculated after giving effect to any issuance of additional notes) must remain outstanding after each such redemption; *provided*,

further, that such redemption shall occur within 120 days after the date on which any such Equity Offering is consummated upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' notice mailed to each holder of the notes being redeemed and otherwise in accordance with the procedures set forth in the indenture.

Definitions and procedures

For purposes of the foregoing discussion, the following definitions apply:

“*Treasury Rate*” means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity (computed as of the second business day immediately preceding such redemption date) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the applicable Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

“*Comparable Treasury Issue*” means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity date comparable to the remaining term of the notes (as measured from the date of redemption and assuming for this purpose that the notes matured on _____, 2026) that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the notes.

“*Comparable Treasury Price*” means, with respect to any redemption date, (i) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all Quotations obtained.

“*Equity Offering*” means any public sale or private issuance by us of our common stock, or options, warrants or rights with respect to its common stock, other than (i) public offerings with respect to our common stock, or options, warrants or rights, registered pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8 and (ii) any issuance by us of our common stock to any Subsidiary.

“*Independent Investment Banker*” means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by us.

“*Reference Treasury Dealer*” means each of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, their respective successors and assigns and one other nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a Primary Treasury Dealer specified from time to time by us, except that if any of the foregoing ceases to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer in the United States (a “*Primary Treasury Dealer*”), we may designate as a substitute another nationally recognized investment banking firm that is a Primary Treasury Dealer.

“*Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations*” means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by such Reference Treasury Dealer as of 3:30 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

On and after any redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the notes called for redemption. Prior to any redemption date, we are required to deposit with the trustee or with a paying agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of, and accrued interest on, the notes to be redeemed on such date. If we are redeeming less than all the notes, the trustee under the indenture must select the notes to be redeemed by such method as the trustee deems fair and appropriate in accordance with methods generally used at the time of selection by fiduciaries in similar circumstances.

Change of control triggering event

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, each holder of notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of such holder's notes pursuant to the offer described below (the “*Change of Control Offer*”), at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the notes repurchased to, but excluding, the date of repurchase

(the “*Change of Control Payment*”), subject to the rights of holders of notes on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date.

Within 30 days following the date upon which the Change of Control Triggering Event occurred with respect to the notes, or at our option, prior to any Change of Control but after the public announcement of the pending Change of Control, we will be required to send, by first class mail, a notice to each holder of notes, with a copy to the trustee, which notice will govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer. Such notice will state, among other things, the purchase date, which must be no earlier than 10 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, other than as may be required by law (the “*Change of Control Payment Date*”). The notice, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control being consummated on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, we will, with respect to the notes, to the extent lawful:

- accept or cause a third party to accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- deposit or cause a third party to deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered; and
- deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes properly accepted together with an officers’ certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes or portions of notes being repurchased and that all conditions precedent to the Change of Control Offer and to the repurchase by us of notes pursuant to the Change of Control Offer have been complied with.

The paying agent will promptly deliver to each holder of notes properly tendered the Change of Control Payment for such notes, and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail, or cause to be transferred by book entry, to each holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the notes surrendered, if any; *provided*, that each new note will be in a principal amount of \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, the indenture does not contain provisions that permit the holders of the notes to require that we repurchase or redeem the notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer with respect to the notes upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for such an offer made by us and such third party purchases all the notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under the Change of Control Offer, or (2) notice of redemption has been given pursuant to the indenture as described above under the caption “— Optional redemption,” unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable redemption price.

A Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control Triggering Event, conditional upon the occurrence of such Change of Control Triggering Event (whether or not a Ratings Event has occurred), if a definitive agreement is in place for a Change of Control at the time of the making of a Change of Control Offer.

We will comply in all material respects with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any such securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Offer provisions of the indenture, we will comply with applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Offer provisions of the indenture by virtue of any such conflict.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Change of Control Triggering Event will be deemed to have occurred in connection with any particular Change of Control unless and until such Change of Control has actually been consummated.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of “all or substantially all” of the properties or assets of Hillenbrand and its subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase “substantially all,” there is no precise, established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the applicability of the requirement that we offer to repurchase the notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of the assets of Hillenbrand and its subsidiaries taken as a whole to another person or group may be uncertain.

Selection and notice

If with respect to the notes, less than all of the notes are to be redeemed at any time, the trustee will select notes for redemption by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate, or, in the case of notes issued in global form as discussed under “— Book-entry delivery and settlement” based on the applicable procedures described therein. The trustee shall not be liable for selections made by the trustee in accordance with this paragraph.

Notices of redemption will be mailed by first class mail or delivered through the applicable procedures of the depository at least 10 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of notes to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the applicable notes or a satisfaction and discharge of the indenture.

Covenants

Limitation on secured debt

Neither we nor any of the Subsidiaries may incur or otherwise create any Debt (as defined below) secured by a lien on any Principal Property (as defined below) owned by us or any Subsidiary, or on capital stock of any Subsidiary that owns a Principal Property (“*secured debt*”).

The limitation on creating secured debt, however, will not apply if the notes are secured equally and ratably with the new secured debt.

The limitation on incurring or otherwise creating any secured debt also will not apply to any of the following (“*Permitted Liens*”):

- liens on any Principal Property (including capital stock of any Subsidiary owning such Principal Property) acquired, constructed, improved, altered, expanded or repaired by us or any Subsidiary after the date of the indenture, which liens are created or assumed contemporaneously with such acquisition, construction, improvement, alteration, expansion or repair, or within 270 days before or after such acquisition (including, without limitation, acquisition through merger or consolidation), construction, improvement, alteration, expansion or repair (or the completion of such construction, alteration, improvement or repair or commencement of commercial operation of such Principal Property, whichever is later), and which are created to secure or provide for the payment of all or any part of the cost of such acquisition, construction, improvement, alteration, expansion or repair;
- liens on property, assets or shares of capital stock existing at the time of the acquisition of such property, assets or shares of capital stock, including liens on property, assets or shares of capital stock of an entity existing at the time such entity becomes a Subsidiary;
- liens existing on the date of issuance of the notes;
- liens in favor of Hillenbrand or any Subsidiary;
- liens in favor of the United States of America or any State, or in favor of any department, agency or instrumentality or political division, or in favor of any other country or any political subdivision of a foreign country, the purpose of which is to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments or other obligations pursuant to any contract or statute, or to secure debts incurred in financing the acquisition or construction of or improvements or alternations to property subject thereto;

- liens imposed by law, for example mechanics', workmen's, repairmen's or other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business;
- pledges or deposits under workmen's compensation or similar legislation or in certain other circumstances;
- liens in connection with legal proceedings;
- liens resulting from the deposit of funds or evidences of indebtedness in trust for the purpose of defeasing or discharging our indebtedness or the indebtedness of any Subsidiary, and legal or equitable encumbrances deemed to exist by reason of negative pledges;
- liens for contested taxes or assessments *provided* that an adequate reserve as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made therefor;
- liens consisting of restrictions on the use of real property that do not interfere materially with the property's use; or
- liens securing indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary owing to Hillenbrand or any other Subsidiary.

The foregoing restrictions do not apply to extensions, renewals or replacements, in whole or in part, of any secured debt (and for the avoidance doubt, any successive extensions, renewals or replacements of such secured debt), so long as the principal amount of secured debt shall not exceed the amount of secured debt existing at the time of such extension, renewal or replacement (plus an amount equal to any premiums, accrued interest, fees, expenses or other costs payable in connection therewith).

In addition, we or any Subsidiary may incur or otherwise create secured debt without equally and ratably securing the notes if, when such secured debt is incurred or created, the total amount of all outstanding secured debt (excluding indebtedness secured by Permitted Liens) plus Attributable Debt (as defined below) relating to sale and leaseback transactions entered into pursuant to the first bullet in the third paragraph under "— Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions" does not exceed 15% of our Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions

Neither we nor any of the Subsidiaries may enter into any sale and leaseback transaction involving any Principal Property, unless within 270 days, we apply (i) to the purchase, construction, development, expansion or improvement of other property or equipment used or useful in our business or (ii) to the retirement of our Funded Debt (debt that is not junior in right of payment to the debt securities and that matures at or is extendible or renewable at the option of the obligor to a date more than 12 months after the date of the creation of such debt) an amount not less than the greater of:

- the net proceeds of the sale of the Principal Property sold and leased back pursuant to the arrangement, and
- the amount of Attributable Debt associated with the Principal Property so sold and leased back.

The amount required to be applied to the retirement of Funded Debt in satisfaction of clause (ii) of the preceding paragraph shall be reduced by (i) the principal amount of any debt securities delivered within 120 days after the sale and leaseback transaction to the trustee for retirement and cancellation, and (ii) the principal amount of Funded Debt, other than debt securities, voluntarily retired by us within 120 days after the sale and leaseback transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no retirement of Funded Debt may be effected by payment at maturity or pursuant to any mandatory prepayment provision.

The limitation on sale and leaseback transactions does not apply to the following:

- a sale and leaseback transaction if we or a Subsidiary would be entitled to incur Debt secured by a lien on the Principal Property to be leased, without equally and ratably securing the notes, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to such sale and leaseback transaction;
- leases for a term of not more than three years;

- a sale and leaseback transaction between us and a Subsidiary or between Subsidiaries; or
- if, at the time of the sale and leaseback transaction, after giving effect to the transaction, the total Attributable Debt of all sale and leaseback transactions entered into pursuant to the first bullet of this paragraph, plus all outstanding secured debt (excluding Debt secured by Permitted Liens) does not exceed 15% of our Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

Reports

We shall file with the trustee and the SEC, and transmit to holders of the notes, such information, documents and other reports, and such summaries thereof, as may be required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided in the Trust Indenture Act; *provided* that, unless available on the SEC's EDGAR reporting system, any such information, documents or reports required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act shall be filed with the trustee within 15 days after the same is filed with the SEC.

Additional subsidiary guarantees

If any of the Subsidiaries guarantee the obligations of the borrowers under the Credit Agreement after the date of the Supplemental Indenture, then that Subsidiary will become a Guarantor and execute a supplemental indenture within 30 days of the date on which it guarantees the obligations of the borrowers under the Credit Agreement.

Events of default

Each of the following is an event of default with respect to the notes:

- a default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on the notes;
- a default in the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, on the notes when due and payable;
- a default for 60 days after written notice specifying the default from the trustee or holders of at least 25% of the aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes to comply with any other agreement in the indenture not specified above;
- an event of default under any indenture or instrument under which we or any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary has outstanding at least \$100,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Debt, which results in the acceleration of that Debt where the acceleration is not rescinded or annulled within 30 days after notice pursuant to the indenture has been provided; or
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us or any Significant Subsidiary described in the indenture (a "*bankruptcy event*").

The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of the notes of any default, except with respect to the payment of principal, premium or interest, if it considers such withholding of notice in the interest of such holders.

Remedies if an event of default occurs

If an event of default with respect to the notes has occurred and is continuing, other than on account of the occurrence of a bankruptcy event involving us, the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the notes may declare the principal of the notes to be due and payable immediately. If such a declaration occurs, the holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes may, subject to conditions, rescind the declaration. If an event of default occurs as a result of a bankruptcy event involving us, the notes will automatically become due and payable immediately. Under certain circumstances, the holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes may rescind any such acceleration with respect to the notes and its consequences under the indenture.

Holders of the notes may not enforce the indenture or the notes except as provided in the indenture. The trustee is entitled to be indemnified by the holders of the applicable notes before proceeding to exercise any right or power under the indenture at the request of any such holder.

Subject to certain limitations, holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the trustee, with respect to such notes. The right of a holder to institute a proceeding with respect to the indenture is subject to certain conditions precedent, including notice and indemnity to the trustee. However, the holder has an absolute right to the receipt of principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the notes on the Stated Maturity and to institute suit for the enforcement of these rights.

No holder of a note may pursue any remedy with respect to the indenture or the notes unless:

- such holder has previously given the trustee notice that an event of default is continuing;
- holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes have requested the trustee to pursue the remedy;
- such holders have offered the trustee reasonable indemnity against any costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;
- the trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt of the request and the offer of indemnity; and
- holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes have not given the trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes may on behalf of the holders of all the notes rescind any acceleration or waive any existing or past defaults and its consequences under the indenture, except that each holder of the notes affected by a default must consent to a waiver of:

- a default in payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on the notes; and
- a default in respect of a covenant or provision of the indenture that cannot be amended or modified without the consent of each holder of the notes.

We will furnish to the trustee annual statements as to the fulfillment of our obligations under the indenture.

No personal liability of directors, officers, employees and stockholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, stockholder or other affiliate of Hillenbrand or any Guarantor, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of Hillenbrand or the Guarantors under the notes, the indenture, the subsidiary guarantees, or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of notes by accepting a note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws.

Defeasance

Full defeasance

We can legally be released from any payment or other obligations on the notes (called "*full defeasance*") if we put in place the following other arrangements for the holders of the notes to be repaid:

- We must deposit in trust for the benefit of the holders of the notes a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, any premium and any other payments on the notes on their various due dates.
- We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that there has been a change in applicable federal law such that, or we have received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling to the effect that, holders and beneficial owners of the notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposits and

defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times, as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred.

If we ever did accomplish full defeasance, as described above, the holders of the notes would have to rely solely on the trust deposit for repayment of the notes. The holders of the notes could not look to us for repayment in the event of any shortfall. Conversely, the trust deposit would most likely be protected from claims of our lenders and other creditors if we ever become bankrupt or insolvent.

However, even if we make the deposit in trust and opinion delivery arrangements discussed above, a number of our obligations relating to the notes will remain. These include our obligations:

- to register the transfer and exchange of notes;
- to replace mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes;
- to maintain paying agencies; and
- to hold money for payment in trust.

Covenant defeasance

We can also make the same type of deposit described above and be released from some of the covenants in the notes. These covenants include those described under “— Limitation on secured debt” and “— Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions.” This is called “*covenant defeasance*.” In that event, the holders of the notes would lose the protection of those covenants but would gain the protection of having money and securities set aside in trust to repay the notes. In order to achieve covenant defeasance, we must do the following:

- We must deposit in trust for the benefit of the holders of the notes a combination of money and U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to make interest, principal, any premium and any other payments on the notes on their various due dates.
- We must deliver to the trustee a legal opinion of our counsel confirming that holders and beneficial owners of the notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred.

If we accomplish covenant defeasance, the holders of the notes can still look to us for repayment of the notes if there was a shortfall in the trust deposit.

Modification of indenture

We may modify or amend the indenture without the consent of the holders of the notes for various enumerated purposes, including but not limited to:

- to evidence the succession of another person to us and the assumption by that successor of our covenants under the indenture and the notes;
- to add provisions for the benefit of the holders of the notes or to surrender any right or power in the indenture conferred on us;
- to add any additional events of default;
- to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment of a successor trustee;
- to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision in the indenture which may be inconsistent with any other provision of the indenture, or to make any other change; in each case, that does not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the notes in any material respect;
- to conform the terms of the indenture or the notes to the description thereof contained in this “Description of Notes;”

- to provide for the notes to become secured (or to release such security as permitted by the indenture and the applicable security documents);
- to provide for additional guarantees of the notes (or to release such guarantees as permitted by the indenture); or
- to provide for the issuance of additional notes in accordance with the limitations set forth in the indenture.

In addition, we may generally modify or amend the indenture for other purposes with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes affected by the modification or amendment. However, no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of each holder of the notes:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, the notes;
- reduce the principal amount of the notes or the rate of interest of the notes or any premium payable upon the redemption of the notes (other than the provisions described above under “— Change of control triggering event”);
- change any place of payment where, or the coin or currency in which, the notes are payable;
- impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on the notes on or after the due date for that payment; or
- reduce the percentage in principal amount of the notes required for any amendment, supplement or waiver.

The notes will not be considered outstanding, and therefore not eligible to vote, if we have deposited or set aside in trust for the holders of the notes money for their payment or redemption including under circumstances where they have been fully defeased as described above in “Defeasance — Full defeasance.”

Satisfaction and discharge

The indenture for notes will cease to be of further effect as to all notes issued thereunder, and the trustee, upon our demand and at our expense, will execute appropriate instruments acknowledging the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture upon compliance with certain conditions, including:

- Our having paid all sums payable by us under the indenture, as and when the same shall be due and payable;
- Our having delivered to the trustee for cancellation all notes theretofore authenticated under the indenture; or
- All the notes outstanding under the indenture not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation shall have become due and payable or are by their terms to become due and payable within one year and we shall have deposited with the trustee sufficient cash or U.S. government or U.S. government agency notes or bonds that will generate enough cash to pay, at maturity or upon redemption, all the notes outstanding under the indenture.

Concerning the trustee

The provisions of the Trust Indenture Act Sections 310(b) apply to the trustee.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, subject to certain exceptions. The indenture provides that in case an event of default occurs and is continuing, the trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent person in the conduct of his/her own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request or direction of any holder of the notes, unless such holder has offered to the

trustee reasonable security and indemnity against the costs, expenses and liability which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

Certain definitions

“*Attributable Debt*” means, with regard to a sale and leaseback arrangement of a Principal Property, the present value of the total net amount of rent payments to be made under the lease during its remaining term (excluding permitted extensions), discounted at the rate of interest set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease, compounded semi-annually. The calculation of the present value of the total net amount of rent payments is subject to adjustments to be specified in the indenture.

“*Change of Control*” means the occurrence of any of the following after the date of issuance of the notes:

(1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of Hillenbrand and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than to Hillenbrand or one of its Subsidiaries;

(2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of Hillenbrand’s Voting Stock representing more than 50% of the voting power of Hillenbrand’s outstanding Voting Stock;

(3) Hillenbrand consolidates with, or merges with or into, any person, or any person consolidates with, or merges with or into, Hillenbrand, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of Hillenbrand’s outstanding Voting Stock or Voting Stock of such other person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where Hillenbrand’s Voting Stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitutes, or is converted into or exchanged for, Voting Stock representing more than 50% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of the surviving person immediately after giving effect to such transaction; or

(4) the adoption of a plan relating to Hillenbrand’s liquidation or dissolution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) Hillenbrand becomes a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a holding company and (2)(A) the direct or indirect holders of Hillenbrand’s Voting Stock immediately prior to such transaction hold at least a majority of such holding company’s Voting Stock immediately following such transaction and (B) immediately following such transaction no “person” or “group” (as defined in clause (1) above), other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this sentence, is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company (measured by voting power rather than number of shares).

Notwithstanding the foregoing clauses or any provision of the Exchange Act, a “person” or group (as defined in clause (1) above) shall not be deemed to beneficially own Voting Stock subject to a stock or asset purchase agreement, merger agreement, option agreement, warrant agreement or similar agreement (or voting, support, option or similar agreement related thereto) until the consummation of the acquisition of the Voting Stock in connection with the transactions contemplated by such agreement.

“*Change of Control Triggering Event*” means the occurrence of a Change of Control and a Ratings Event.

“*Consolidated Net Tangible Assets*” means the aggregate amount of assets (less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items) after deducting therefrom (a) all current liabilities (excluding any indebtedness for money borrowed having a maturity of less than 12 months from the date of Hillenbrand’s most recent consolidated balance sheet but which by its terms is renewable or extendable beyond 12 months from such date at the option of the borrower) and (b) all goodwill, trade names, patents, unamortized debt discount and

expense and any other like intangibles, all as set forth on our most recent consolidated balance sheet and computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

“*Credit Agreement*” means the Credit Agreement, dated as of June 8, 2022, by and among Hillenbrand and certain of its affiliates, the lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, as amended, amended and restated, refinanced or replaced from time to time.

“*Debt*” means any notes, bonds, debentures or other similar evidences of indebtedness for money borrowed.

“*Exchange Act*” means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“*Investment Grade*” means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody’s (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of Moody’s) and a rating of BBB-or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of S&P), and the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any replacement rating agency or rating agencies selected by us under the circumstances permitting us to select a replacement agency and in the manner for selecting a replacement agency, in each case as set forth in the definition of “Rating Agency.”

“*Moody’s*” means Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody’s Corporation, and its successors.

“*Principal Property*” means any manufacturing plant located within the United States of America (other than its territories or possessions) and owned by the Company or any Subsidiary, the gross book value (without deduction of any depreciation reserves) of which on the date as of which the determination is being made exceeds 2% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company, except any such plant which is not of material importance to the business conducted by the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole (as determined by any two of the following: the Chairman or a Vice Chairman of the Board of the Company, its President, its Chief Financial Officer, its Vice President of Finance, its Treasurer or its Controller).

“*Rating Agency*” means each of Moody’s and S&P; *provided* that, if any of Moody’s or S&P ceases to provide rating services to issuers or investors, we may appoint another “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act as a replacement for such Rating Agency; *provided* that we shall give notice of such appointment to the trustee.

“*Ratings Event*” means the notes are downgraded and are not rated Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies on any date during the period (the “*Trigger Period*”) commencing on the earlier of (i) the occurrence of the Change of Control and (ii) the first public announcement by us of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as any Rating Agency has publicly announced that it is considering a possible ratings change), *provided* that no such extension shall occur if on such 60th day the notes have an Investment Grade rating from at least one Rating Agency and are not subject to review for possible downgrade by such Rating Agency, and *provided further*, that a Ratings Event will not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus will not be deemed a Ratings Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event) if each Rating Agency making the reduction in rating does not publicly announce or confirm or inform Hillenbrand that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control has occurred at the time of the Ratings Event). If a Rating Agency is not providing a rating for the notes during any period, the notes will be deemed to have ceased to be rated Investment Grade by such Rating Agency during such period.

“*S&P*” means S&P Global Ratings Inc., a division of S&P Global Inc. and its successors.

“*Securities Act*” means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“*Significant Subsidiary*” means any Subsidiary that would be a “significant subsidiary” as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02(w)(1) or (2) of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such regulation is in effect on the date of issuance of the notes.

“*Subsidiary*” means, with respect to any specified person:

(1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of capital stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders’ agreement that effectively transfers voting power) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that person (or a combination thereof);

(2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such person or a Subsidiary of such person or (b) the only general partners of which are that person or one or more Subsidiaries of that person (or any combination thereof); or

(3) any limited liability company (a) the manager or managing member of which is such person or a Subsidiary of such person or (b) the only members of which are that Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that person (or any combination thereof).

Unless the context otherwise requires, “*Subsidiary*” as used herein shall mean a Subsidiary of Hillenbrand.

“*Voting Stock*” of any person as of any date means the capital stock of that person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors (or equivalent body) of such person.

Book-entry delivery and settlement

Book-entry

The Depository Trust Company, or “*DTC*,” which we refer to along with its successors in this capacity as the depository, will act as securities depository for the notes. The notes will be issued only as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., the depository’s nominee or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of the DTC. One or more fully registered global note certificates, representing the total aggregate principal amount of the notes, will be issued and will be deposited with the depository or its custodian and will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer referred to below.

The laws of some jurisdictions may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the notes so long as the notes are represented by global security certificates.

Investors may elect to hold interests in the global notes through either DTC in the United States or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (“*Clearstream, Luxembourg*”) or Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System (the “*Euroclear System*”), in Europe if they are participants of such systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such systems. Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Euroclear System will hold interests on behalf of their participants through customers’ securities accounts in Clearstream, Luxembourg’s and the Euroclear System’s names on the books of their respective depositories, which in turn will hold such interests in customers’ securities accounts in the depositories’ names on the books of DTC. Citibank, N.A. will act as depository for Clearstream, Luxembourg and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. will act as depository for the Euroclear System (in such capacities, the “*United States depositories*”).

DTC advises that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. The depository holds securities that its participants deposit with the depository. The depository also facilitates the settlement among participants of securities transactions, including transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in participants’ accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. The depository is owned by a

number of its direct participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, Inc., and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Access to the depository's system is also available to others, including securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear transactions through or maintain a direct or indirect custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly. The rules applicable to the depository and its participants are on file with the SEC.

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

Distributions with respect to interests in the notes held beneficially through Clearstream, Luxembourg will be credited to cash accounts of Clearstream participants in accordance with its rules and procedures, to the extent received by the United States depository for Clearstream, Luxembourg.

The Euroclear System advises that it was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of the Euroclear System ("*Euroclear participants*") and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. The Euroclear System includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries. The Euroclear System is operated by Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (the "*Euroclear operator*"). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear System cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear operator. Euroclear participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries and may include the underwriters. Indirect access to the Euroclear System is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear participant, either directly or indirectly.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear operator are governed by the terms and conditions governing the use of the Euroclear System and the related operating procedures of the Euroclear System, and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the "*terms and conditions*"). The terms and conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within the Euroclear System, withdrawals of securities and cash from the Euroclear System, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in the Euroclear System. All securities in the Euroclear System are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear operator acts under the terms and conditions only on behalf of Euroclear participants, and has no records of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear participants.

Distributions with respect to the notes held beneficially through the Euroclear System will be credited to the cash accounts of Euroclear participants in accordance with the terms and conditions, to the extent received by the United States depository for the Euroclear System.

We will issue the notes in definitive certificated form if the depository notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository or the depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days or an event of default has occurred and is ongoing. We will also issue the notes in definitive certificated form if we determine at any time that the notes shall no longer be represented by global security certificates.

Any global note, or portion thereof, that is exchangeable pursuant to this paragraph will be exchangeable for note certificates, as the case may be, registered in the names directed by the depository. We expect that these instructions will be based upon directions received by the depository from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates.

As long as the depository or its nominee is the registered owner of the global security certificates, the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and holder of the global security certificates and all notes represented by these certificates for all purposes under the notes and the indenture. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in global security certificates:

- will not be entitled to have the notes represented by these global security certificates registered in their names, and
- will not be considered to be owners or holders of the global security certificates or any notes represented by these certificates for any purpose under the notes or the indenture.

All payments on the notes represented by the global security certificates and all transfers and deliveries of related notes will be made to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the holder of the securities.

Ownership of beneficial interests in the global security certificates will be limited to participants or persons that may hold beneficial interests through institutions that have accounts with the depository or its nominee. Ownership of beneficial interests in global security certificates will be shown only on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depository or its nominee, with respect to participants' interests, or any participant, with respect to interests of persons held by the participant on their behalf. Payments, transfers, deliveries, exchanges and other matters relating to beneficial interests in global security certificates may be subject to various policies and procedures adopted by the depository from time to time. Neither we nor the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the depository's or any participant's records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in global security certificates, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the depository's records or any participant's records relating to these beneficial ownership interests.

Although the depository has agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interests in the global security certificates among participants, the depository is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform these procedures, and these procedures may be discontinued at any time. We will not have any responsibility for the performance by the depository or its direct participants or indirect participants under the rules and procedures governing the depository.

The information in this section concerning the depository, its book-entry system, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Euroclear System has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we have not attempted to verify the accuracy of this information.

Global clearance and settlement procedures

Initial settlement for the notes will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading between DTC participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System. Secondary market trading between Clearstream participants and/or Euroclear participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with the applicable rules and operating procedures of Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Euroclear System, as applicable.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding directly or indirectly through DTC on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream participants or Euroclear participants, on the other, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by its United States depository; however, such cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in such system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver

instructions to its United States depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving securities in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream participants and Euroclear participants may not deliver instructions directly to their respective United States depositories. Because of time-zone differences, credits of notes received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Euroclear System as a result of a transaction with a DTC participant will be made during subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following the DTC settlement date. Such credits or any transactions in such notes settled during such processing will be reported to the relevant Euroclear participant or Clearstream participant on such business day. Cash received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Euroclear System as a result of sales of the notes by or through a Clearstream participant or a Euroclear participant to a DTC participant will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Euroclear System cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

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

Trustee, paying agent and registrar for the notes

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association is the trustee under the indenture. In the ordinary course of their businesses, affiliates of the trustee have engaged in commercial banking transactions with us, and may in the future engage in commercial banking and other transactions with us. The trustee is a party to and a lender under our Credit Agreement.

Initially, the trustee will also act as the paying agent, registrar and custodian for the notes. We may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of the notes, and we or any Subsidiary may act as paying agent or registrar.

U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS FOR NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following discussion is a summary of U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to the ownership and disposition of the Notes as of the date hereof to non-U.S. holders (as defined below) that acquire Notes for cash at their original issue price pursuant to this offering. The summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), Treasury Regulations, judicial decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), and other applicable authorities, all as in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations (possibly with retroactive effect). The discussion does not address all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a particular person or to persons subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws (such as financial institutions, broker-dealers, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, controlled foreign corporations, passive foreign investment companies, taxpayers subject to special tax accounting rules, traders in securities who elect to apply a mark-to-market method of accounting, expatriates, tax-exempt organizations, or persons that are, or hold their Notes through, partnerships or other pass-through entities or arrangements), or to persons who hold the Notes as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, synthetic security, or constructive sale transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes, all of whom may be subject to tax rules that differ from those summarized below. In addition, this discussion does not address the considerations of the alternative minimum tax, the Medicare tax on net investment income, or any state, local or non-U.S. tax considerations or any tax considerations other than U.S. federal income tax considerations. This summary deals only with persons who hold the Notes as capital assets within the meaning of the Code (generally, property held for investment). No IRS ruling has been or will be sought regarding any matter discussed herein. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of those set forth below. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal tax considerations applicable to them of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of Notes, as well as the effects of state, local and non-U.S. tax laws.

For purposes of this summary, a “non-U.S. holder” means any beneficial owner (other than a partnership or other pass-through entity or arrangement for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a citizen or individual resident of the U.S., a corporation (including any entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source, or a trust if (i) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) the trust has a valid election in effect to be treated as a U.S. person.

If any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a holder of a Note, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of such partnership. Partners and partnerships should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to them.

Interest. A non-U.S. holder will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on interest paid on a Note if the interest is not effectively connected with a non-U.S. holder’s conduct of a U.S. trade or business (and, in the case of certain tax treaties, is not attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States), provided that the non-U.S. holder:

- (1) does not actually or constructively, directly or indirectly, own 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our voting stock;
- (2) is not a controlled foreign corporation that is related to us (directly or indirectly) through stock ownership; and
- (3) certifies to its non-U.S. status and that no withholding is required pursuant to FATCA (see “— FATCA” below) on an IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable form).

A non-U.S. holder that cannot satisfy the above requirements will generally be exempt from U.S. federal withholding tax with respect to interest paid on the Notes if the holder establishes that such interest is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder’s conduct of

a trade or business in the United States (and, in the case of certain tax treaties, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States) (generally, by providing a properly executed IRS Form W-8ECI). However, to the extent that such interest is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business (and, in the case of certain tax treaties, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States), the non-U.S. holder will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis and, if such non-U.S. holder is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits, subject to certain adjustments, unless such holder qualifies for a lower rate under an applicable income tax treaty. In addition, under certain income tax treaties, the U.S. withholding rate on interest payments may be reduced or eliminated, provided the non-U.S. holder complies with the applicable certification requirements (generally, by providing a properly executed IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E). If a non-U.S. holder does not satisfy the requirements described above and does not establish that the interest is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business in the United States (and, in the case of certain tax treaties, is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States), the non-U.S. holder will generally be subject to U.S. withholding tax on payments of stated interest, currently imposed at 30%.

Sale, Exchange or Other Taxable Disposition. A non-U.S. holder will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation with respect to gain realized on the sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other taxable disposition of a Note (excluding any amount allocable to accrued and unpaid interest, which amounts will be treated as interest and subject to the rules discussed above in “— *Interest*”), unless:

- (1) the non-U.S. holder holds the Note in connection with the conduct of a U.S. trade or business (and, in the case of certain tax treaties, the gain is attributable to a permanent establishment or fixed base within the United States), in which case such gain will be taxed on a net income basis in the same manner as interest that is effectively connected with the non-U.S. holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States as described above; or
- (2) in the case of an individual, such individual is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year in which such gain is realized and certain other conditions are met, in which case the non-U.S. holder will be subject to a U.S. federal income tax, currently at a rate of 30%, on the excess, if any, of such gain plus all other U.S. source capital gains recognized by such holder during the same taxable year over the non-U.S. holder's U.S. source capital losses recognized during such taxable year.

FATCA. Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act and the regulations and administrative guidance promulgated thereunder (“FATCA”), withholding at a rate of 30% will generally be required in certain circumstances on interest payments in respect of Notes held by or through certain foreign financial institutions (including investment funds), unless such institution otherwise qualifies for an exemption or (i) enters into, and complies with, an agreement with the IRS to report, on an annual basis, information with respect to interests in, and accounts maintained by, the institution that are owned by certain U.S. persons and by certain non-U.S. entities that are wholly or partially owned by U.S. persons and to withhold on certain payments, or (ii) if required under an intergovernmental agreement between the U.S. and an applicable foreign country, reports such information to its local tax authority, which will exchange such information with the U.S. authorities. An intergovernmental agreement between the United States and an applicable foreign country, or other guidance, may modify these requirements. Similarly, in certain circumstances, interest payments in respect of Notes held by an investor that is a non-financial non-U.S. entity that do not qualify under certain exemptions will generally be subject to withholding at a rate of 30%, unless such entity either (i) certifies that such entity does not have any “substantial United States owners” or (ii) provides certain information regarding the entity's “substantial United States owners,” which we will in turn provide to the IRS. Accordingly, the entity through which the Notes are held will affect the determination of whether withholding under the rules described in this paragraph is required. With respect to FATCA, we will not pay any additional amounts to non-U.S. holders in respect of any amounts withheld. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of these rules on their investment in the Notes.

UNDERWRITING (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST)

We have entered into an underwriting agreement with HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as representatives of the underwriters, pursuant to which, and subject to its terms and conditions, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters below has severally agreed to purchase from us, the respective principal amount of Notes shown opposite its name in the following table.

Underwriters	Principal Amount of Notes
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.	\$
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.	\$
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	\$
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	\$
BofA Securities, Inc.	\$
BMO Capital Markets Corp	\$
Citizens JMP Securities, LLC	\$
Commerz Markets LLC	\$
PNC Capital Markets LLC	\$
SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc.	\$
Truist Financial Corporation	\$
CJS Securities, Inc.	\$
C. L. King & Associates, Inc.	\$
D.A. Davidson & Co	\$
DZ Financial Markets LLC	\$
SEB Securities, Inc.	\$
Sidoti & Company, LLC	\$
UniCredit Capital Markets LLC	\$
Total	<u>\$ 500,000,000</u>

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters' obligation to purchase the Notes depends on the satisfaction of the conditions contained in the underwriting agreement. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the securities if any are purchased.

The Notes are being offered by the several underwriters, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of certain legal matters by counsel for the underwriters and certain other conditions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to investors and to reject orders in whole or in part.

Discounts, Commissions and Expenses

The representatives of the underwriters have advised us that the underwriters intend to offer the Notes initially at the public offering price shown on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and may offer the Notes to certain dealers at such public offering price less a selling concession not to exceed % of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes. The underwriters may allow, and dealers may re-allow, a concession on sales to other dealers not to exceed % of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes. After the initial offering of the Notes, the representatives may change the public offering price and the concessions to selected dealers.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts we will pay to the underwriters. The underwriting fee is the difference between the initial public offering price and the amount the underwriters pay to us for the Notes:

Per Note	Total
	%

We estimate that the expenses of this offering that are payable by us, including registration, filing fees, printing fees and legal and accounting expenses, but excluding the underwriting discounts, will be approximately \$ _____ million. We have also agreed to reimburse the underwriters for certain of their expenses in an amount up to \$35,000.

New Issue of Securities

The Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to list the Notes on any securities exchange or arrange for quotation of the Notes on any automated dealer quotation system. Certain of the underwriters have advised us that they presently intend to make a market in the Notes as permitted by applicable laws and regulations. The underwriters are not obligated, however, to make a market in the Notes, and they may discontinue this market making at any time in their sole discretion. Accordingly, we cannot assure the liquidity of the trading market for the Notes. If an active trading market for the Notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected. If the Notes are traded, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our operating performance and financial condition, general economic conditions and other factors.

Price Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids

The representatives and the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, short sales, purchases to cover positions created by short sales, penalty bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the Notes in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act.

- Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the Notes so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.
- A syndicate short position is created by sales by the underwriters of Notes in excess of the principal amount of Notes the underwriters are obligated to purchase in the offering. Since the underwriters in this offering do not have an over-allotment option to purchase additional Notes, their short position, if any, will be a naked short position. A naked short position can be closed out only by buying Notes in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there could be downward pressure on the price of the Notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.
- Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of Notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions.
- Penalty bids permit the representatives to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the Notes originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a stabilizing or syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions.

These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the Notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Notes. As a result, the price of the Notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. The underwriters may conduct these transactions in the over the counter market or otherwise. These transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the Notes. In addition, neither we nor the underwriters make any representation that the representatives will engage in these stabilizing transactions or that any transaction, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Clear Market

We have agreed not to, directly or indirectly, issue, sell, offer to sell, grant any option for the sale of, or otherwise dispose of, any debt securities that are substantially similar to the Notes and the guarantees from the date of this prospectus supplement until the closing of this offering without the prior written consent of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC.

Indemnification

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

Other Relationships

Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions that have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking, commercial banking, financial advisory and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions or other payments for these transactions. Certain of the underwriters or their affiliates have lending or credit arrangements with us including as joint lead arrangers and lenders under the Credit Agreement and consequently may receive a portion of the net proceeds of this offering. U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., one of the underwriters, is an affiliate of the Trustee.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments, including serving as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements, and may actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. If any of the underwriters or their affiliates have a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of these underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the Notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Conflicts of Interest

Affiliates of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp, Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, Commerz Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. and Truist Financial Corporation are lenders under our Revolver. As described in "Use of Proceeds," net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay borrowings under our Revolver and affiliates of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp, Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, Commerz Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. and Truist Financial Corporation each will receive 5% or more of the net proceeds of this offering due to the repayment of borrowings under the Revolver. Therefore, such underwriters are each deemed to have a conflict of interest within the meaning of FINRA Rule 5121. Accordingly, this offering is being conducted in accordance with Rule 5121, which requires, among other things, that a "qualified independent underwriter" participate in the preparation of, and exercise the usual standards of "due diligence" with respect to, the registration statement and this prospectus. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC has agreed to act as a qualified independent underwriter for this offering and to undertake the legal responsibilities and liabilities of an underwriter under the Securities Act, specifically including those inherent in Section 11 thereof. Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC will receive \$15,000

for serving as a qualified independent underwriter in connection with this offering. We have agreed to indemnify Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC against liabilities incurred in connection with acting as a qualified independent underwriter, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Pursuant to Rule 5121, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., BMO Capital Markets Corp, Citizens JMP Securities, LLC, Commerz Markets LLC, PNC Capital Markets LLC, SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. and Truist Financial Corporation will not confirm any sales to any account over which it exercises discretionary authority without the specific written approval of the account holder. See “Use of Proceeds” for additional information.

Extended Settlement

We expect that delivery of the Notes will be made to investors on or about _____, 2024, which will be _____ business days following the date of this prospectus supplement (such settlement being referred to as “T+_____”). Pursuant to Rule 15c6-1 under the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in two business days unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers of the Notes who wish to trade the Notes on the date of this prospectus supplement or the next _____ business days will be required, by virtue of the fact that the Notes initially will settle in T+_____, to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent failed settlement and should consult their own advisors.

Notice to Investors

Australia

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

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

- (a) The aggregate consideration payable on acceptance of the offer or invitation by each offeree or invitee is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in another currency, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by the person offering the Notes or making the invitation or its associates) or the offer or invitation otherwise does not require disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act;
- (b) the offer, invitation or distribution complied with the conditions of the Australian financial services license of the person making the offer, invitation or distribution or an applicable exemption from the requirement to hold such license;
- (c) the offer, invitation or distribution complies with all applicable Australian laws, regulations and directives (including, without limitation, the licensing requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act);
- (d) the offer or invitation does not constitute an offer or invitation to a person in Australia who is a “retail client” as defined for the purposes of Section 761G of the Corporations Act; and
- (e) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC or the ASX.

Canada

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

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

Pursuant to section 3A.3 (or, in the case of securities issued or guaranteed by the government of a non-Canadian jurisdiction, section 3A.4) of National Instrument 33-105 *Underwriting Conflicts* ("NI 33-105"), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

Dubai International Financial Centre

This prospectus supplement relates to an Exempt Offer in accordance with the Offered Securities Rules of the Dubai Financial Services Authority ("DFSA"). This prospectus supplement is intended for distribution only to persons of a type specified in the Offered Securities Rules of the DFSA. It must not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person. The DFSA has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with Exempt Offers. The DFSA has not approved this prospectus supplement nor taken steps to verify the information set forth herein and has no responsibility for this prospectus supplement. The Notes to which this prospectus supplement relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers of the Notes offered should conduct their own due diligence on the Notes. If you do not understand the contents of this prospectus supplement you should consult an authorized financial advisor.

European Economic Area

Neither this prospectus supplement nor the accompanying prospectus is a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation (as defined below). This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area (the "EEA"), which has implemented the Prospectus Regulation (each, a "Relevant Member State"), will only be made to a legal entity which is a qualified investor under the Prospectus Regulation ("Qualified Investors"). Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus may only do so with respect to Qualified Investors. Neither Hillenbrand nor the underwriters have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of Notes other than to Qualified Investors. The expression "Prospectus Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended or superseded), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

Prohibition of sales to EEA retail investors — The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the EEA. For these purposes, (a) a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended ("MiFID II"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97, as amended or superseded, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation; and (b) the expression "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes. Consequently

no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014, as amended (the “PRIIPs Regulation”), for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation. This prospectus supplement has been prepared on the basis that any offer of the Notes in any Member State of the EEA will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Regulation from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of notes. This prospectus supplement is not a prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation.

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

United Kingdom

The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (“UK”). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“EUWA”); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended, the “FSMA”) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the “UK Prospectus Regulation”). Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the “UK PRIIPs Regulation”) for offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

This document is for distribution only to persons who (i) have professional experience in matters relating to investments and who qualify as investment professionals within the meaning of Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (as amended, the “Financial Promotion Order”), (ii) are persons falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) (“high net worth companies, unincorporated associations etc.”) of the Financial Promotion Order, (iii) are outside the United Kingdom, or (iv) are persons to whom an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (“FSMA”)) in connection with the issue or sale of any securities may otherwise lawfully be communicated or caused to be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as “relevant persons”). This document is directed only at relevant persons and must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not relevant persons. Any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available only to relevant persons and will be engaged in only with relevant persons.

Hong Kong

The Notes have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document other than (i) to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (the “SFO”) and any rules made thereunder or (ii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong (the “C(WUMP)O”), or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of C(WUMP)O; and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purposes of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere) which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong or otherwise is or contains an invitation to the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the SFO and any rules made thereunder.

Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered for a public offering in Japan pursuant to Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the “FIEA”), and accordingly, have not been and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the account or benefit of any Japanese Person, or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the account or benefit of any Japanese Person, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and ministerial guidelines of Japan in effect at the relevant time. For the purposes of this paragraph, “Japanese Person” shall mean any person resident in Japan including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

Singapore

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been and will not be registered as a prospectus under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (“SFA”), by the Monetary Authority of Singapore, and the offer of the Notes in Singapore is made primarily pursuant to the exemptions under Sections 274 and 275 of the SFA. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the Notes be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor as defined in Section 4A of the SFA (an “Institutional Investor”), pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to an accredited investor as defined in Section 4A of the SFA (an “Accredited Investor”), or other relevant person as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA (a “Relevant Person”), and pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with, the conditions of any other applicable exemption or provision of the SFA.

It is a condition of the offer that where the Notes are subscribed for or acquired pursuant to an offer made in reliance on Section 275 of the SFA by a Relevant Person which is:

- (a) corporation (which is not an Accredited Investor), the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an Accredited Investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an Accredited Investor), the sole purpose of which is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an Accredited Investor, securities or securities-based derivatives contracts (each term as defined in Section 2(l) of the SFA) of that corporation, and the beneficiaries’ rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust, shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has subscribed for or acquired the Notes except:
 - (1) to an Institutional Investor, or an Accredited Investor or other Relevant Person, or which arises from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA (in the case of that corporation) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA (in the case of that trust);
 - (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; or
 - (3) where the transfer is by operation of law.

Singapore’s Securities and Futures Act Product Classification — Solely for the purposes of its obligations pursuant to Sections 309B(1)(a) and 309B(1)(c) of the SFA, the issuer has determined, and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A of the SFA) that the Notes are “prescribed capital markets products” (as defined in the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018) and “Excluded Investment Products” (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

Switzerland

The Notes may not be publicly offered, sold or advertised, directly or indirectly, in or from Switzerland, and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd or any other exchange or regulated trading venue in Switzerland. None of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other offering or marketing material relating to the Notes constitutes a prospectus as such term is understood pursuant to article 652a or article 1156 of the Swiss Federal Code of Obligations or a listing prospectus within the meaning of the listing rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange Ltd or any other exchange or regulated trading venue in Switzerland, and none of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other offering or marketing material relating to the Notes may be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Taiwan

The Notes may be made available for purchase outside Taiwan by investors residing in Taiwan (either directly or through properly licensed Taiwan intermediaries acting on behalf of such investors) but may not be offered or sold in Taiwan.

United Arab Emirates

The Notes have not been, and are not being, publicly offered, sold, promoted or advertised in the United Arab Emirates (including the Abu Dhabi Global Market and the Dubai International Financial Centre) other than in compliance with the laws, regulations and rules of the United Arab Emirates, the Abu Dhabi Global Market and the Dubai International Financial Centre governing the issue, offering and sale of securities. Further, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute a public offer of securities in the United Arab Emirates (including the Abu Dhabi Global Market and the Dubai International Financial Centre) and are not intended to be a public offer. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus have not been approved by or filed with the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates, the Securities and Commodities Authority, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority or the Dubai Financial Services Authority.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters as to the validity of the Notes are being passed upon by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York, and Ice Miller LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana. Latham and Watkins, LLP will act as counsel to the underwriters in connection with the offering.

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, Peerless and 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.

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 6 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 [Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on January 9, 2024](#) that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2023, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023;](#)
- [Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 15, 2023](#) (only with respect to the second Form 8-K/A and excluding Exhibit 99.4 thereto) and February 7, 2024; 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 Tomorrow™, 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 depository (the “depository”) 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 depository for such global security to a nominee of such depository or by a nominee of such depository to such depository or another nominee of such depository or by such depository or any such nominee to a successor of such depository or a nominee of such successor. The specific terms of the depository 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.
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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 interpreting 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 reallocated 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 reallocated 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, reallocated 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.

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