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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10**

GENERAL FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

# Masco SpinCo Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 47-3096382 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

260 Jimmy Ann Drive Daytona Beach, Florida (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**32114** (Zip Code)

(313) 274-7400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Common Stock, \$1.00 par value

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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

Large accelerated filer □ Accelerated Filer □

Non-accelerated filer 🗷 (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company  $\Box$ 

(Zip Code)

## Masco SpinCo Corp. ("SpinCo") Information Included in Information Statement and Incorporated by Reference into Form 10

#### Item 1. Business.

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Summary," "Risk Factors," "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," "The Separation," "Capitalization," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Business," "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions," "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Index to Financial Statements" (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 1A. Risk Factors.

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Summary," "Risk Factors" and "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 2. Financial Information.

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Summary," "Risk Factors," "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," "Capitalization," "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements," "Selected Historical Combined Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" and "Index to Financial Statements" (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 3. Properties.

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Business-Properties" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 4. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Ownership of our Stock" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 5. Directors and Executive Officers.

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Management" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 6. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Executive Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Management" of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 7. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "The Separation—Arrangements with Masco," "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" and "Management" of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 8. Legal Proceedings.

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Business-Legal Proceedings" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 9. Market Price of and Dividends on the Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Summary," "Risk Factors," "The Separation," "Dividend Policy," "Capitalization" and "Description of Capital Stock" of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 10. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

Not applicable.

# Item 11. Description of Registrant's Securities to Be Registered.

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Description of Capital Stock" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 12. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Description of Capital Stock" of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 13. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The information required by this item is contained in the sections "Summary," "Capitalization," "Selected Historical Combined Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Index to Financial Statements" (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. Those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 14. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

Not applicable.

# Item 15. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (a) Financial Statements

The information required by this item is contained in the section "Index to Financial Statements" (and the statements referenced therein) of the information statement. That section is incorporated herein by reference.

#### (b) Exhibits

The exhibits to this Form 10 are as follows:

# Exhibit

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- 10.6\* First Amendment, dated November 1, 2003, to that certain Lease Agreement, dated July 11, 2003, by and between Masco Contractor Services Central, Inc., Joseph V. Fisher Two, L.L.C. and Lavern B. Fisher Two, L.L.C.
- 10.7\* Assignment and Assumption of Lease Agreement, dated January 1, 2004, by and between Masco Contractor Services Central, Inc. and Masco Administrative Services, Inc., to that certain Lease Agreement, dated July 11, 2003, by and between Masco Contractor Services Central, Inc., Joseph V. Fisher Two, L.L.C. and Lavern B. Fisher Two, L.L.C.
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- 21.1\* Subsidiaries of the Registrant
- 99.1 Preliminary Information Statement, subject to completion, dated March 4, 2015

To be filed by amendment.

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MASCO SPINCO CORP.

By: /s/ JOHN G. SZNEWAJS

Name:John G. SznewajsTitle:President and Treasurer

Date: March 4, 2015

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# SEPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

dated as of , 2015

## by and between

# MASCO CORPORATION

and

# [NAME OF SPIN CO]

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# SEPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

SEPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT dated as of [·] (as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms and together with the schedules and exhibits hereto, this "Agreement") between Masco Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Masco"), and [·], a Delaware corporation ("Spin Co").

# WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Spin Co is a wholly owned Subsidiary of Masco;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Masco has determined that it is in the best interests of Masco and the stockholders of Masco to distribute to the holders of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of Masco (the "Masco Common Stock") as of the Record Date (as defined below), by means of a *pro rata* dividend, 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$[0.01] per share, of Spin Co (the 'Spin Co Common Stock"), on the basis of [·] share of Spin Co Common Stock for every [·]then issued and outstanding shares of Masco Common Stock (the 'Distribution");

WHEREAS, Masco and Spin Co have prepared, and Spin Co has filed with the Commission (as defined below), the Form 10 (as defined below), which includes the Information Statement (as defined below), and which sets forth appropriate disclosure concerning Spin Co and the Distribution, and the Form 10 has become effective under the Exchange Act (as defined below);

WHEREAS, the Distribution will be preceded by, among other things, the Restructuring (as defined below) in which all of the stock of Masco Administrative Services Inc. ("MAS"), Masco Home Services Inc. ("MHS") and Masco Services Group Corporation ("MSG") will be contributed to Spin Co;

WHEREAS, for United States federal and state income tax purposes, it is intended that (i) the Restructuring and the Distribution, taken together, will qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"), and (ii) the Distribution will qualify as a tax-free transaction under Sections 355(a) and 355(c) of the Code (in each case, qualifying for such treatment under the corresponding provisions of state law), and it is a

 condition to the Distribution that Masco will have obtained a legal opinion to such effect as contemplated by Section 3.01(a)(x); and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined to set forth the principal actions required to effect the Distribution and to set forth certain agreements that will govern the relationship between the parties following the Distribution.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the parties hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

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Section 1.01. Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Action" means any demand, claim, suit, action, arbitration, inquiry, investigation or other proceeding by or before any Governmental Authority or any arbitration or mediation tribunal.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise, and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary (except where the relevant provision states explicitly to the contrary), no member of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and no member of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of the other.

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Ancillary Agreement" means each of the Tax Matters Agreement, the Transition Services Agreement, the Employee Matters Agreement [and] the [IP Matters Agreement], (in each case, together with the schedules, exhibits, annexes and other attachments thereto).

"Antitrust Laws" means any laws designed or intended to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions having the purpose or effect of monopolizing or restraining trade or lessening competition, including the Hart-Scott Rodino Act and other similar competition or antitrust laws of any jurisdiction.

"Applicable Law" means, with respect to any Person, any federal, state, local or foreign law (statutory, common or otherwise), constitution, treaty, convention, ordinance, code, rule, regulation, order, injunction, judgment, decree, ruling, directive, guidance, instruction, direction, permission, waiver, notice, condition, limitation, restriction or prohibition or other similar requirement enacted, adopted, promulgated, imposed, issued or applied by a Governmental Authority that is binding upon or applicable to such Person, its properties or assets or its business or operations, as amended unless expressly specified otherwise.

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"Business" means, with respect to the Masco Group, the Masco Business and, with respect to the Spin Co Group, the Spin Co Business.

"Business Day" means a day, other than Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York, New York are authorized or required by Applicable Law to close.

"Claim" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(a).

["Claims Administration" means the processing of claims made under Masco Policies, including the reporting of claims to the insurance carrier, management and defense of claims, and providing for appropriate releases upon settlement of claims.]

"Claims Made Policies" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.04(a).

"Code" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Confidential Information" means, with respect to a Group, (i) any proprietary information that is competitively sensitive, material or otherwise of value to the members of such Group and not generally known to the public, including product planning information, marketing strategies, financial information, information regarding operations, consumer and/or customer relationships, consumer and/or customer profiles, sales estimates, business plans and internal performance results relating to the past, present or future business activities of the members of such Group and the consumers, customers, clients and suppliers of the members of such Group, (ii) any proprietary scientific or technical information, design, invention, process, procedure, formula, or improvement that is commercially valuable and secret in the sense that its confidentiality affords any member of such Group a competitive advantage over its competitors and (iii) all confidential or proprietary concepts, documentation, reports, data, specifications, computer software, source code, object code, flow charts, databases, inventions, information, and trade secrets, in the case of each of clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this definition, that are related primarily to such Group's Business; *provided* that to the extent both the Masco Business and the Spin Co Business use or rely upon any of the information described in any of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii), subject to Section 5.07, such information shall be deemed the Confidential Information of both the Masco Group and the Spin Co Group.

# "Credit Facility" means [to describe new Spin Co credit facility].

"Disposing Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.05.

"Distribution" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Distribution Agent" means Computershare, Inc.

"Distribution Date" means [·], the date on which the Distribution shall be effected.

"Distribution Documents" means this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements.

"Distribution Time" means the time at which the Distribution is effective on the Distribution Date, which shall be deemed to be 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, on [the day before] the Distribution Date.

"Employee Matters Agreement" means the Employee Matters Agreement dated as of the date hereof between Masco and Spin Co substantially in the form of Exhibit A, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

"Environmental Law" means any Applicable Law relating to pollution, protection or restoration of or prevention of harm to the environment or natural resources, or the effect on the environment of the use, handling, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal, release or discharge of, or any human exposure to, any toxic or hazardous materials.

"Environmental Liabilities" means all Liabilities relating to, arising out of or resulting from the effect on the environment of the use, handling, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal, release or discharge of, or any human exposure to, any toxic or hazardous materials, Environmental Law or contract or agreement relating to any such matters (including related removal, remediation or cleanup costs, investigatory costs, response costs, natural resources damages, property damages, personal injury damages, costs of compliance and indemnity, contribution or similar obligations), including but not limited to the Liabilities listed on <u>Schedule 4(a)</u>, and all costs and expenses, interest, fines, penalties or other monetary sanctions in connection therewith.

"Equity Compensation Registration Statement" means the Registration Statement on Form S-8 or such other form or forms as may be appropriate, as amended and supplemented, including all documents incorporated by reference therein, to effect the registration under the Securities Act of Spin Co Common Stock subject to certain equity awards granted to current and former officers, employees, directors and consultants of the Masco Group to be assumed or replaced by Spin Co pursuant to the Employee Matters Agreement.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Existing Credit Facility" means the credit agreement dated March 28, 2013, among Masco, Masco Europe S.A.R.L., the lenders from time to time party

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thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as administrative agent and the other signatories thereto, as amended.

"FIFO Basis" means, with respect to the payment of Unrelated Claims pursuant to the same Shared Policy, the payment in full of each successful claim (regardless of whether a Masco Insured Party or a Spin Co Insured Party is the claimant) in the order in which such successful claim is approved by the insurance carrier, until the limit of the applicable Shared Policy is met.

"Form 10" means the registration statement on Form 10 filed by Spin Co with the Commission to effect the registration of Spin Co Common Stock pursuant to the Exchange Act in connection with the Distribution, as such registration statement may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Former Business" means any corporation, partnership, entity, division, business unit, business or set of business operations that has been sold, conveyed, assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of or divested (other than solely in connection with the Restructuring), in whole or in part, or the operations, activities or production of which has been discontinued, abandoned, liquidated, completed or otherwise terminated, in whole or in part, in each case, by either Group prior to the Distribution Time.

"Fundamental Claim" means any Third Party Claim or Action (i) brought by or on behalf of any Governmental Authority (including any Third Party Claim or Action alleging criminal misconduct), (ii) involving a class of plaintiffs seeking certification or (iii) that could, in Masco's good faith opinion, have an adverse impact on the Masco Business or interests of any member of the Masco Group in any material respect.

"Governmental Authority" means any multinational, foreign, federal, state, local or other governmental, statutory or administrative authority, regulatory body or commission or any court, tribunal or judicial or arbitral authority which has any jurisdiction or control over either party (or any of their Affiliates).

"Group" means, as the context requires, the Spin Co Group, the Masco Group or either or both of them.

"Indemnified Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(a).

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"Indemnitees" means, as the context requires, the Masco Indemnitees or the Spin Co Indemnitees.

"Information Statement" means the Information Statement to be sent to each holder of Masco Common Stock in connection with the Distribution.

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"Insured Party" means, as the context requires, a Masco Insured Party, a Spin Co Insured Party or either or both of them.

"Intercompany Accounts" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.05.

["IP Matters Agreement' means the IP Matters Agreement dated as of the date hereof between Masco and Spin Co substantially in the form of Exhibit B, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.]

"IRS" means the Internal Revenue Service.

"LC Consent" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.09.

"Liabilities" means any and all Claims, debts, liabilities, damages and obligations of any kind, character or description, whether absolute or contingent, matured or not matured, liquidated or unliquidated, accrued or unaccrued, known or unknown, whenever arising, including all costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses and associated investigation costs) relating thereto, and including, without limitation, those Claims, debts, liabilities, damages and obligations arising under this Agreement, any Applicable Law, any Action or threatened Action, any order or consent decree of any Governmental Authority or any award of any arbitrator of any kind, and those arising under any agreement, commitment or undertaking, including in connection with the enforcement of rights hereunder.

"Masco" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Masco Accounts" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.07.

"Masco Assumed Actions" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(b).

"Masco Business" means (i) the businesses conducted by the Masco Group from time to time, whether before, on or after the Distribution (but excluding the Spin Co Business and any Spin Co Former Business) and (ii) all Masco Former Businesses. For the avoidance of doubt, the Spin Co Contributed Assets (and all assets and properties owned, directly or indirectly, by entities forming all or part of such assets) will not be considered part of the Masco Business.

"Masco Common Stock" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Masco Former Business" means (i) the Former Businesses previously owned, in whole or in part, or previously operated, in whole or in part, primarily by any member of the Masco Group or otherwise primarily related to the Masco Business, including, but not limited to the Former Businesses listed on <u>Schedule 2</u>, but excluding the Spin Co Former Businesses, and (ii) all factories (and related

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facilities, other assets or operations transferred prior to the Distribution Time in connection with the transfer of any such factories) owned, in whole or in part, or operated, in whole or in part, prior to the Distribution Time by Masco or any of its current or former Subsidiaries or other Affiliates (excluding, for this purpose, members of the Spin Co Group).

"Masco Group" means Masco and its Subsidiaries (other than any member of the Spin Co Group), including all predecessors and successors to such Persons (excluding, for the sake of clarity, all Spin Co Former Businesses).

["Masco Group Privileged Materials" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.07(e).]

"Masco Indemnitees" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.02(a).

"Masco Insured Party" means any member of the Masco Group that is named insured, additional named insured or insured under any Shared Policy.

"Masco Liabilities" means (without duplication) all of the following:

(a) all Liabilities that are expressly contemplated by this Agreement or any other Ancillary Agreement as Liabilities to be retained or assumed by Masco or any other member of the Masco Group, and all agreements, obligations and other Liabilities of Masco or any member of the Masco Group under this Agreement or any of the other Ancillary Agreements;

(b) any and all Liabilities to the extent relating to, arising out of or resulting from the Masco Business; *provided* that, except as expressly specified otherwise in this Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreement, any and all Liabilities that are primarily related to the Masco Business shall be 100% allocated to the Masco Group as Masco Liabilities;

(c) the Liabilities listed on Schedule 5; and

(d) all Liabilities of the Masco Group and/or the Spin Co Group to the extent relating to, arising out of or resulting from any Masco Former Business or any disposition thereof;

provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Masco Liabilities shall not include any Liabilities for Taxes, which shall be governed by the Tax Matters Agreement.

"Masco Policies" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.02.

"NYSE" means The New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

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"Occurrence Based Policies" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.04(a).

"Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust or other entity or organization, including a Governmental Authority.

[Pre-Distribution Time Communications" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.07(e).]

["Prior Company Counsel" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.07(c).]

"Privilege" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.07(a).

"Privileged Information" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.07(a).

"Receiving Party" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.05.

"Record Date" means the close of business on [·], the date determined by the Board of Directors of Masco as the record date for the Distribution.

["**Related Claims**" means a claim or claims against a Shared Policy made by one or more Spin Co Insured Parties, on the one hand, and one or more Masco Insured Parties, on the other hand, filed in connection with Liabilities suffered by either a Spin Co Insured Party or a Masco Insured Party, as the case may be, arising out of the same underlying transaction or series of transactions, the same event or series of events or the same facts, circumstances, policies, procedures or actions that have also given rise to Liabilities suffered by a Masco Insured Party or a Spin Co Insured Party, as the case may be, which Liabilities are the subject of a claim or claims by such Person against a Shared Policy.]

"Representatives" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.06.

"Restructuring" means the reorganization of certain businesses, assets and liabilities of the Masco Group and the Spin Co Group to be completed before the Distribution Time, as described in <u>Schedule 1</u>.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Shared Policies" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.04(a).

"Spin Co" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Spin Co Accounts" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.07.

"Spin Co Assumed Actions" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.02(a).

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"Spin Co Business" means (i) the business conducted by the Spin Co Group from time to time, whether before, on or after the Distribution (excluding any Masco Former Business), (ii) the Spin Co Former Businesses and (iii) the Spin Co Contributed Assets.

"Spin Co Cash Distribution" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.02(b).

"Spin Co Common Stock" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Spin Co Contributed Assets" has the meaning set forth on Schedule 1.

"Spin Co Financing Transactions" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.02(b).

"Spin Co Former Business" means each Former Business previously owned, in whole or in part, or previously operated, in whole or in part, primarily by any member of the Spin Co Group or otherwise primarily related to the Spin Co Business, including, but not limited to the Former Businesses listed on <u>Schedule 3</u>, but excluding, for the sake of clarity, the Former Business described in clause (a) of <u>Schedule 2</u>.

"Spin Co Group" means Spin Co and its Subsidiaries, including, for the sake of clarity, MAS, MHS and MSG (and, in each case, the Subsidiaries thereof), including all predecessors and successors to such Persons (excluding, for the sake of clarity, all Masco Former Businesses).

"Spin Co Indemnitees" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.03.

"Spin Co Insured Party" means any member of the Spin Co Group that is named insured, additional named insured or insured under any Shared Policy.

"Spin Co Liabilities" means (without duplication) all of the following:

(a) all Liabilities that are expressly contemplated by this Agreement or any other Ancillary Agreement as Liabilities to be retained or assumed by Spin Co or any other member of the Spin Co Group, and all agreements, obligations and other Liabilities of Spin Co or any member of the Spin Co Group under this Agreement or any of the other Ancillary Agreements;

(b) any and all Liabilities to the extent relating to, arising out of or resulting from the Spin Co Business: *provided* that, except as expressly specified otherwise in this Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreement, any and all Liabilities that are primarily related to the Spin Co Business shall be 100% allocated to the Spin Co Group as Spin Co Liabilities;

(c) the Liabilities listed on Schedule 4;

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(d) all Liabilities of the Masco Group and/or the Spin Co Group to the extent relating to, arising out of or resulting from any Spin Co Former Business or any disposition thereof; and

(e) all Liabilities to the extent relating to, arising out of or resulting from any of the following (but, excluding all Liabilities of the Masco Group and/or the Spin Co Group arising from or relating to the sale of any Masco Former Business or any disposition thereof):

(i) the operation of the Spin Co Business, as conducted at any time before, at or after the Distribution Time (including any Liability relating to, arising out of or resulting from any act or failure to act by any director, officer, employee, agent or representative (whether or not such act or failure to act is or was within such Person's authority) with respect to the Spin Co Business);

(ii) the operation of any business conducted by any member of the Spin Co Group at any time after the Distribution Time (including any Liability relating to, arising out of or resulting from any act or failure to act by any director, officer, employee, agent or representative (whether or not such act or failure to act is or was within such Person's authority) with respect to the Spin Co Business);

(iii) any assets or properties of any member of the Spin Co Group (including any Liability relating to, arising out of or resulting from any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings to which any member of the Spin Co Group is a party (except to the extent such Liabilities are assumed or retained by a member of the Masco Group under any Ancillary Agreement); and

(iv) [any and all decisions with respect to, or matters relating to, any insurance policies or programs, including in connection with matching deductible policies, in each case, as such decisions or matters relate to the Spin Co Business];

provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Spin Co Liabilities shall not include any Liabilities for Taxes, which shall be governed by the Tax Matters Agreement.

"Spin Co Surety Bond" means any bond, undertaking or instrument of guarantee (together with any renewals or extensions thereof) and any agreements related thereto (including any indemnity agreements entered into pursuant thereto), pursuant to which any surety bond company or reinsurer guarantees or insures that Spin Co or any member of the Spin Co Group will perform the contractual obligations set forth therein.

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the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions are at the time directly or indirectly owned by such Person.

"Tax" or "Taxes" has the meaning set forth in the Tax Matters Agreement.

"Tax Matters Agreement" means the Tax Matters Agreement dated as of the date hereof between Masco and Spin Co substantially in the form of Exhibit C, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

"Third Party Claim" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.04(b).

"Third Party" means any Person that is not a member or an Affiliate of the Spin Co Group or the Masco Group.

"Transition Services Agreement' means the Transition Services Agreement dated as of the date hereof between Masco and Spin Co substantially in the form of Exhibit D, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

["Unrelated Claims" means a claim or claims against a Shared Policy that is not a Related Claim.]

"Unreleased Masco Liability" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.08(d).

"Unreleased Spin Co Liability" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.08(b).

Section 1.02. Interpretation. (a) In this Agreement, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(i) words used in the singular include the plural and words used in the plural include the singular;

(ii) references to any Person include such Person's successors and assigns but, if applicable, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by this

Agreement;

(iii) except as otherwise clearly indicated, reference to any gender includes the other gender;

(iv) the words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation";

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(v) reference to any Article, Section, Exhibit or Schedule means such Article or Section of, or such Exhibit or Schedule to, this Agreement, as the case may be, and references in any Section or definition to any clause means such clause of such Section or definition;

(vi) the words "herein," "hereof," "hereof," "hereof" and words of similar import shall be deemed references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Section or other provision hereof;

(vii) reference to any agreement, instrument or other document means such agreement, instrument or other document as amended, supplemented and modified from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof and by this Agreement;

(viii) reference to any law (including statutes and ordinances) means such law (including all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) as amended, modified, codified or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect at the time of determining compliance or applicability;

(ix) relative to the determination of any period of time, "from" means "from and including," "to" means "to and including" and "through" means "through and including";

(x) the titles to Articles and headings of Sections contained in this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to be a part of or to affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement;

(xi) unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, all references to dollar amounts herein shall be in respect of lawful currency of the United States; and

(xii) any capitalized term used in an Exhibit or Schedule but not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning set forth in this Agreement.

# ARTICLE 2 PRIOR TO THE DISTRIBUTION

On or prior to the Distribution Date:

Section 2.01. *Information Statement; Listing.* Masco shall mail (or shall have mailed) the Information Statement to the holders of Masco Common Stock as of the Record Date. Masco and Spin Co shall take all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate under the securities or blue sky laws of states or other political subdivisions of the United States and shall use reasonable efforts to

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comply with all applicable foreign securities laws in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements. Spin Co shall prepare, file and pursue (or shall have prepared, filed and pursued) an application to permit listing of the Spin Co Common Stock on the NYSE.

Section 2.02. Restructuring and Other Actions prior to the Distribution Time.

(a) <u>Restructuring</u>. The Restructuring shall have been consummated on or prior to the Distribution Time.

(b) <u>Borrowings and Spin Co Distribution</u>. In connection with the Restructuring, (i) Spin Co shall enter into (or shall have entered into) the Credit Facility and related financing transactions described in the Information Statement as occurring prior to the Distribution Date (the "**Spin Co Financing Transactions**"), and (ii) Spin Co shall have made a cash distribution to Masco in an amount equal to  $[\cdot]$  million (the "**Spin Co Cash Distribution**"), as partial consideration for the contribution of assets to Spin Co and its Subsidiaries pursuant to the Restructuring and the other terms and conditions hereof.

(c) <u>Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws</u>. (i) Masco and Spin Co shall each take (or shall have taken) all necessary action that may be required to provide for the adoption by Spin Co of an amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Spin Co, in a form to be agreed by

Spin Co and Masco (the "Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation"), and amended and restated bylaws of Spin Co, in a form to be agreed by Spin Co and Masco (the "Amended and Restated Bylaws"), and (ii) Spin Co shall file (or shall have filed) the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Spin Co with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

(d) <u>The Distribution Agent</u>. Masco shall enter (or shall have entered) into a distribution agent agreement with the Distribution Agent or otherwise provide instructions to the Distribution Agent regarding the Distribution.

(e) <u>Stock-Based Employee Benefit Plans</u>. At or prior to the Distribution Time, Masco and Spin Co shall take (or shall have taken) all actions as are necessary to approve the stock-based employee benefit plans of Spin Co (and the grants of awards under such plans in connection with the Distribution) in order to satisfy the requirements of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the NYSE.

(f) <u>Satisfying Conditions to the Distribution</u>. Masco and Spin Co shall cooperate (or shall have cooperated) to cause the conditions to the Distribution set forth in Section 3.02 to be satisfied and to effect the Distribution at the Distribution Time upon such satisfaction (or waiver).

Section 2.03. Transfers of Certain Other Assets and Liabilities. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreement and to the

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extent not previously effected in accordance with Section 2.02, prior to the Distribution Time (a) Masco shall, or shall cause the relevant member of the Masco Group to, assign, contribute, convey, transfer and deliver (or shall have assigned, contributed, conveyed, transferred and delivered) to Spin Co or any Subsidiary of Spin Co as of the Distribution Time designated by Spin Co (a "**Spin Co Designee**") all of the right, title and interest of Masco or such member of the Masco Group in and to all assets, if any, held by any member of the Masco Group that relate solely to the Spin Co Business (and not to the Masco Business) and Spin Co or such Spin Co Designee shall assume and take transfer of all Liabilities to the extent associated with such assets, and (b) Masco and Spin Co shall, or shall cause the relevant member of the Spin Co Group to, assign, contribute, convey, transfer and deliver to Masco or any Subsidiary of Masco as of the Distribution Time designated by Masco (a "Masco Designee") all of the right, title and interest of Spin Co or such member of the Spin Co Group in and to all assets, if any, held by any member of the Spin Co Business) and Masco or such Masco Designee shall assume and take transfer of spin Co Business or such member of the Spin Co Group in and to all assets, if any, held by any member of the Spin Co Group that relate solely to the Masco Designee shall assume and take transfer of all Liabilities to the extent associated with such assets, if any, held by any member of the Spin Co Group that relate solely to the Masco Designee shall assume and take transfer of all Liabilities to the extent associated with such assets. To the extent any assignment, contribution, conveyance, transfer, delivery or assumption of any asset or Liability of either Group as of the Distribution Time is not effected in accordance with this Section 2.03, put subject to Section 2.04), the relevant party shall use all reasonable efforts to effect such transfer as promytly thereafter as practicable.

Section 2.04. Agreement Relating to Consents Necessary to Transfer Assets and Liabilities. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, this Agreement shall not constitute an agreement to transfer or assign any asset (including any contract, agreement or instrument but excluding the direct or indirect transfer of capital stock of any member of any Group) or any claim or right or any benefit arising thereunder or resulting therefrom, or to assume any Liability associated therewith, if such transfer, assignment, or assumption without the necessary consent of a Third Party, would result in a breach, or constitute a default (or an event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would become a default), under any contract, agreement or other material instrument or would otherwise adversely affect the rights of a member of the Masco Group or the Spin Co Group thereunder. Masco and Spin Co will use their respective reasonable efforts to obtain the consent of any Third Party or any Governmental Authority, if any, required in connection with the transfer or assignment pursuant to Section 2.03 of any such asset or any such claim or right or benefit arising therewith; *provided* that in no event shall any member of a Group have any Liability whatsoever to any member of the other Group for any failure to obtain any such consent. If and when such consent is obtained, the absence of which caused the deferral of the transfer or assignment of any Liability associated therewith; group asset or any claim or right or benefit arising thereunder, or the assumption of any Liability associated therewith, associated therewith, pursuant to Section 2.03 (and assuming any other legal

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impediments for such transfer, assignment and/or assumption have been removed), such transfer, assignment and/or assumption shall be effected in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and/or the applicable Ancillary Agreement. During the period in which any transfer, assignment or assumption is delayed pursuant to this Section 2.04 as a result of the absence of a required consent, Masco and Spin Co will cooperate in a mutually agreeable arrangement under which the intended transferee would, to the maximum extent possible, obtain the benefits and assume the obligations of the relevant asset, claim, right, benefit and/or Liability in accordance with this Agreement as if the relevant transfer, assignment or assumption had taken place, including by sub-contract, sub-license or sub-lease to such transferee, or under which the transferor would, with respect to an agreement, enforce for the benefit and at the cost of the transferee, with the transferee assuming the transferor's obligations, any and all rights of the transferor against any Third Party thereunder.

Section 2.05. *Intercompany Accounts.* The parties shall use reasonable efforts to settle on or prior to the Distribution Date (to the extent practicable), all intercompany receivables, payables and other balances, in each case, that arise prior to the Distribution Time between members of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and members of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand ("**Intercompany Accounts**"), by way of capitalization and/or one or more cash payments (whether or not on a net basis) in satisfaction of such amounts. From and after the Distribution Time, the parties shall use reasonable efforts to settle any Intercompany Accounts that are not settled as of the Distribution Time within 90 days of the Distribution Date and in the manner set forth in the first sentence of this Section 2.05; *provided* that any claim by any member of either Group with respect to an Intercompany Account must be made in writing (which writing shall be provided in accordance with Section 7.01 and be reasonably specific as to the applicable Intercompany Account and the amount thereof) to the applicable member of the other Group within 90 days of the Distribution Date.]

Section 2.06. *Intercompany Agreements*. (a) Except as set forth in Section 2.06(b), all agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings, whether or not in writing, between members of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and members of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, in effect immediately prior to the Distribution shall be terminated, cancelled and of no further force and effect from and after the Distribution Time (including any provision thereof that purports to survive termination).

(b) The provisions of Section 2.06(a) shall not apply to any of the following agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings: (i) this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements (and each other agreement or instrument expressly contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement (A) to be entered into by any of the parties hereto or any of the members of their respective Groups or (B) to survive the Distribution Date); (ii) any agreements, arrangements, commitments or understandings to which any Person, other than solely the parties hereto and the members of their respective

Groups is a party; (iii) any Intercompany Accounts to the extent such Intercompany Accounts were not satisfied and/or settled in accordance with the first sentence of Section 2.05 (it being understood that such Intercompany Accounts shall be satisfied or settled in accordance with the second sentence of Section 2.05); and (iv) the agreements, arrangements, commitments and understanding set forth on <u>Schedule 2.06(b)</u>.

Section 2.07. Bank Accounts. (a) Masco and Spin Co each agrees to take, or cause the respective members of their respective Groups to take (or shall have taken), at the Distribution Date (or such earlier date as Masco and Spin Co may agree), all actions necessary to amend all contracts or agreements governing each bank and brokerage account owned by Spin Co or any other member of the Spin Co Group (collectively, the "Spin Co Accounts") (i) so that such Spin Co Accounts, if currently linked (whether

by automatic withdrawal, automatic deposit or any other authorization to transfer funds from or to, hereinafter "**linked**") to any bank or brokerage account owned by Masco or any other member of the Masco Group (collectively, the "**Masco Accounts**"), are de-linked from the Masco Accounts and (ii) to remove any requirement that Masco or any member of the Masco Group authorize or consent to any actions related to the Spin Co Accounts (including any requirement with respect to corporate resolutions, debit block exceptions and account signatories).

(b) Masco and Spin Co each agrees to take, or cause the respective members of their respective Groups to take (or shall have taken), at the Distribution Date (or such earlier date as Masco and Spin Co may agree), all actions necessary to amend all contracts or agreements governing the Masco Accounts so that such Masco Accounts, if currently linked to a Spin Co Account, are de-linked from the Spin Co Accounts.

(c) With respect to any outstanding payments initiated by Masco, Spin Co, or any of their respective Subsidiaries prior to the Distribution Time, such outstanding payments shall be honored following the Distribution by the Person or Group owning the account from which the payment was initiated.

(d) As between Masco and Spin Co (and the members of their respective Groups) all payments received after the Distribution Date by either party (or member of its Group) that relate to a business, asset or Liability of the other party (or member of its Group), shall be held by such party for the use and benefit and at the expense of the party entitled thereto. Each party shall maintain an accounting of any such payments, and the parties shall have a monthly reconciliation, whereby all such payments received by each party are calculated and the net amount owed to Masco or Spin Co, as applicable, shall be paid over with a mutual right of set-off. If at any time the net amount owed to either party exceeds \$500,000, an interim payment of such net amount owed shall be made to the party entitled thereto within three (3) Business Days of such amount exceeding \$500,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Masco nor Spin Co shall act as collection agent for the other party, nor shall either party act as surety

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or endorser with respect to non-sufficient funds checks or funds to be returned in a bankruptcy or fraudulent conveyance action.

Section 2.08. Novation of Liabilities. (a) Each of Masco and Spin Co, at the request of the other, shall endeavor, if reasonably practicable, to obtain, or to cause to be obtained, if reasonably practicable, any consent, substitution, approval or amendment required to novate or assign all obligations under agreements, leases, licenses and other Liabilities of any nature whatsoever that constitute Spin Co Liabilities, or to obtain in writing the unconditional release of all parties to such arrangements other than any member of the Spin Co Group so that, in any such case, the members of the Spin Co Group will be solely responsible for the Spin Co Liabilities (including by providing a substitute letter of credit of like amount or substitute guaranty for any existing letter of credit or guaranty, respectively); *provided, however*, that neither Masco nor Spin Co shall be obligated to contribute any capital or pay any consideration in any form (including providing any letter of credit, guaranty or other financial accommodation, except for a substitute letter of credit or substitute guaranty as referenced in the prior parenthetical) to any third Person from whom any such consent, substitution, approval, substitution, approval or amendment required to novate or assign any obligations or other Liabilities if the amounts related thereto are under \$250,000; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, all such obligations shall be Spin Co Liabilities under this Agreement.

(b) If Masco or Spin Co is unable to obtain, or to cause to be obtained, any such required consent, substitution, approval, amendment or release referred to in Section 2.08(a) and the applicable member of the Masco Group continues to be bound by such agreement, lease, license or other Liability (each, an "Unreleased Spin Co Liability"), Spin Co shall, to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law, as indemnitor, guarantor, agent or subcontractor for such member of the Masco Group, as the case may be, (i) on a timely basis pay, perform and discharge fully all the Liabilities of such member of the Masco Group that constitute Unreleased Spin Co Liabilities and (ii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect such payment, performance, or discharge prior to any demand for such payment, performance or discharge is permitted to be made by the obligee thereunder on any member of the Masco Group. If and when such consent, substitution, approval, amendment or release shall be obtained or the Unreleased Spin Co Liabilities shall otherwise become assignable or able to be novated, Masco shall promptly assign, or cause to be assigned, and Spin Co or the applicable member of the Spin Co Group shall assume, such Unreleased Spin Co Liabilities without exchange of further consideration.

(c) Each of Masco and Spin Co, at the request of the other, shall endeavor, if reasonably practicable, to obtain, or to cause to be obtained, if reasonably practicable, any consent, substitution, approval or amendment required to novate or assign all obligations under agreements, leases, licenses and other

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Liabilities of any nature whatsoever that constitute Masco Liabilities, or to obtain in writing the unconditional release of all parties to such arrangements other than any member of the Masco Group, so that, in any such case, the members of the Masco Group will be solely responsible for the Masco Liabilities (including by providing a substitute letter of credit of like amount or substitute guaranty for any existing letter of credit or guaranty, respectively); *provided, however*, that neither Masco nor Spin Co shall be obligated to contribute any capital or pay any consideration in any form (including providing any letter of credit, guaranty or other financial accommodation, except for a substitute letter of redit or substitute guaranty as referenced in the prior parenthetical) to any third Person from whom any such consent, substitution, approval, amendment or release is requested. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither Masco nor Spin Co shall be required to obtain, or to cause to be obtained, any consent, substitution, approval or amendment required to novate or assign any obligations or other Liabilities if the amounts related thereto are under \$250,000; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, all such obligations shall be Masco Liabilities under this Agreement.

(d) If Masco or Spin Co is unable to obtain, or to cause to be obtained, any such required consent, substitution, approval, amendment or release referred to in Section 2.08(c) and the applicable member of the Spin Co Group continues to be bound by such agreement, lease, license or other Liability (each, an "Unreleased Masco Liability"), Masco shall, to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law, as indemnitor, guarantor, agent or subcontractor for such member of the Spin Co Group, as the case may be, (i) on a timely basis pay, perform and discharge fully all the obligations or other Liabilities of such member of the Spin Co Group that constitute Unreleased Masco Liabilities and (ii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect such payment, performance, or discharge prior to any demand for such payment, performance or discharge is permitted to be made by the obligee thereunder on any member of the Spin Co Group. If and when such consent, substitution, approval, amendment or release shall be obtained or the Unreleased Masco Liabilities shall otherwise become assignable or able to be novated, Spin Co shall promptly assign, or cause to be assigned, and Masco or the applicable member of the Masco Group shall assume, such Unreleased Masco Liabilities without exchange of further consideration.

Section 2.09. *Obligations Under Surety Bonds; Letters of Credit.* [Spin Co agrees to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and to do, or cause to be done, all things reasonably necessary or advisable to obtain, or cause to be obtained, as promptly as practicable following the date hereof, any consent, authorization, amendment, substitution or approval required to (i) [replace any member of the Masco Group as the guarantor under any customer contract], including those listed on Schedule 2.09(i), (ii) name Spin Co as the principal under any Spin Co Surety Bond (including, for the sake of clarity, any indemnity agreement entered into pursuant thereto), including those listed on Schedule 2.09(ii), and forever discharge and release the applicable member of the Masco Group from any Liability thereunder and (iii) with respect to any letters of credit related to the Spin Co Business, including those letters of credit listed on Schedule 2.09 (iii),

replace the applicable member of the Masco Group with Spin Co as the applicant thereunder (the "LC Consent"); provided that, if, with respect to any outstanding letter of credit described in the foregoing clause (iii), Spin Co does not obtain the LC Consent prior to the Distribution Date, then Spin Co hereby agrees to deliver to Masco a "back-

to-back" letter of credit issued by [·]pursuant to the [·].]

Section 2.10. *Further Assurances and Consents.* In addition to the actions specifically provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, each of the parties hereto shall use its reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things, reasonably necessary, proper or advisable under Applicable Laws and agreements or otherwise to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including, but not limited to, using its reasonable efforts to obtain any consents and approvals and to make any filings and applications necessary or desirable in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; *provided* that in no event shall any member of a Group have any Liability whatsoever to any member of the other Group for any failure to obtain any such consent or approval.

# ARTICLE 3 DISTRIBUTION

Section 3.01. Conditions Precedent to Distribution. (a) In no event shall the Distribution occur unless each of the following conditions shall have been satisfied (or waived by Masco in its sole discretion):

(i) the Restructuring shall have been completed;

(ii) (A) the Spin Co Financing Transactions shall have been consummated, (B) Masco shall have amended the Existing Credit Facility, in each case, on such terms and for such amount as may be acceptable to Masco, and (C) the Spin Co Cash Distribution contemplated by Section 2.02(b) shall have been paid to Masco;

(iii) the Board of Directors of Masco shall be satisfied that each of the Distribution and the Spin Co Cash Distribution will be made out of surplus within the meaning of Section 170 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware;

(iv) the Board of Directors of Masco shall have approved the Distribution and shall not have abandoned the Distribution or terminated this Agreement at any time prior to the Distribution;

(v) the Form 10 shall have been filed with the Commission and declared effective by the Commission, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Form 10 shall be in effect, no proceedings for such purpose shall be pending before or threatened by the Commission, and the

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Information Statement shall have been mailed to holders of the Masco Common Stock as of the Record Date;

(vi) all actions and filings necessary or appropriate under applicable federal, state or foreign securities or "blue sky" laws and the rules and regulations thereunder shall have been taken and, where applicable, become effective or been accepted;

(vii) the Spin Co Common Stock to be delivered in the Distribution shall have been approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance;

(viii) the Board of Directors of Spin Co, as named in the Information Statement, shall have been duly elected, and the amended and restated certificate of incorporation and the amended and restated bylaws of Spin Co, each in substantially the form filed as an exhibit to the Form 10, shall be in effect;

(ix) each of the Ancillary Agreements shall have been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto;

(x) Masco shall have received an opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP (which shall not have been revoked or modified in any material respect) that is reasonably satisfactory to Masco, confirming that (i) the Restructuring and the Distribution, taken together, will qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and (ii) the Distribution will qualify as a tax-free transaction under Sections 355(a) and 355(c) of the Code;

(xi) no Applicable Law shall have been adopted, promulgated or issued that prohibits the consummation of the Distribution or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby;

(xii) any material governmental approvals and consents and any material permits, registrations and consents from Third Parties, in each case, necessary to effect the Distribution and to permit the operation of the Spin Co Business after the Distribution Date substantially as it is conducted at the date hereof shall have been obtained; and

(xiii) no event or development shall have occurred or exist that, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of Masco, in its sole discretion, makes it inadvisable to effect the Distribution or the other transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) Each of the conditions set forth in this Section 3.01(a) is for the sole benefit of Masco and shall not give rise to or create any duty on the part of Masco or its Board of Directors to waive or not to waive any such condition or to effect the Distribution, or in any way limit Masco's rights of termination as set

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forth in Section 7.11 or alter the consequences of any termination from those specified in Section 7.11. Any determination made by Masco on or prior to the Distribution concerning the satisfaction or waiver of any or all of the conditions set forth in this Section 3.01 shall be conclusive and binding on the parties and all other affected Persons.

Section 3.02. *The Distribution.* (a) Masco shall, in its sole discretion, determine the Distribution Date and all terms of the Distribution, including the timing of the consummation of all or part of the Distribution. Masco may, at any time and from time to time until the consummation of the Distribution, modify or change the terms of the Distribution including, without limitation, by accelerating or delaying the timing of the consummation of all or part of the Distribution. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement shall in any way limit Masco's right to terminate this Agreement or the Distribution as set forth in Section 7.11 or alter the consequences of any such termination from those specified in Section 7.11.

(b) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, (i) on or prior to the Distribution Date, Masco shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary or appropriate to permit the Distribution by the Distribution Agent of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of Spin Co Common Stock, registered in book-entry form through the registration system, (ii) the Distribution shall be effective at the Distribution Time, and (iii) Masco shall instruct the Distribution Agent to distribute, on or as soon as practicable after the Distribution Date, to each holder of record of Masco Common Stock as of the Record Date, by means of a *pro rata* dividend, [[·] share[s] of Spin Co Common Stock for every [] shares of Masco Common Stock so held, subject to Section 3.03]. Following the Distribution Date, Spin Co agrees to provide all book-entry transfer authorizations for shares of Spin Co Common Stock that Masco or the Distribution Agent shall require (after giving effect to Sections 3.03 and 3.04) in order to effect the Distribution.

Section 3.03. Fractional Shares. No fractional shares of Spin Co Common Stock will be distributed in the Distribution. The Distribution Agent will be directed to

determine (based on the aggregate number of shares held by each holder) the number of whole shares and the fractional share of Spin Co Common Stock allocable to each holder of Masco Common Stock as of the Record Date. Upon the determination by the Distribution Agent of such numbers of whole shares and fractional shares, as soon as practicable on or after the Distribution Date, the Distribution Agent, acting on behalf of the holders thereof, shall aggregate the fractional shares into whole shares and shall sell the whole shares obtained thereby for cash on the open market (with the Distribution Agent, in its sole discretion, determining when, how and through which broker-dealer(s) and at which price(s) to make such sales) and shall thereafter promptly distribute to each such holder entitled thereto (*pro rata* based on the fractional share such holder would have been entitled to receive in the Distribution) the resulting aggregate cash proceeds, after making appropriate deductions of the amounts

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required to be withheld for United States federal income tax purposes, if any, and after deducting an amount equal to all brokerage fees and commissions, transfer taxes and other costs attributed to the sale of shares pursuant to this Section 3.03. Neither Masco nor Spin Co will be required to guarantee any minimum sale price for the fractional shares. Recipients of cash in lieu of fractional shares will not be entitled to any interest on the amounts of payments made in lieu of fractional shares.

Section 3.04. *NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES.* EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN OR IN ANY OTHER DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT, NO MEMBER OF EITHER GROUP MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, TO ANY MEMBER OF THE OTHER GROUP OR ANY OTHER PERSON WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS OR MATTERS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO THE BUSINESS, ASSETS, LIABILITIES, CONDITION OR PROSPECTS (FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE) OF, OR ANY OTHER MATTER INVOLVING, EITHER BUSINESS, OR THE SUFFICIENCY OF ANY ASSETS TRANSFERRED TO THE APPLICABLE GROUP, OR THE TITLE TO ANY SUCH ASSETS, OR THAT ANY REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE LAW ARE COMPLIED WITH WITH RESPECT TO THE RESTRUCTURING OR THE DISTRIBUTION). EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN OR IN ANY OTHER DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT, EACH MEMBER OF EACH GROUP SHALL TAKE ALL OF THE BUSINESS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TRANSFERRED TO OR ASSUMED BY IT PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY DISTRIBUTION DOCUMENT ON AN "AS IS, WHERE IS" BASIS, AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE OR OTHERWISE ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED.

#### ARTICLE 4 INSURANCE MATTERS

Section 4.01. *Insurance prior to the Distribution Time*. Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in this Article 4, Spin Co does hereby agree, for itself and on behalf of each member of the Spin Co Group, that the Masco Group shall not have any Liability whatsoever to the Spin Co Group as a result of the insurance policies, insurance contracts and claim administration contracts and practices related to the foregoing of the Masco Group in effect at any time prior to the Distribution Time, including as a result of the level or scope of any such insurance policies, insurance contracts, claim administration contracts, the creditworthiness of any insurance carrier, the terms and conditions of any policy or contract and the adequacy or timeliness of any notice, or lack thereof, to any insurance carrier, bank trustee for any insurer, scheme administrator for any insurer, or claims administrator with respect to any actual claim or otherwise.

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Section 4.02. *Ownership of Existing Policies and Programs*. Masco or any member of the Masco Group will continue to own all insurance policies, insurance contracts and claim administration contracts of any kind of any member of the Masco Group and the Spin Co Group which were or are in effect at any time at or prior to the Distribution Time (other than insurance policies, insurance contracts and claim administration contracts established in contemplation of the Distribution to cover only the Spin Co Group after the Distribution Time), together with all rights, benefits and privileges under any of the foregoing (collectively, the "**Masco Policies**"; excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any matching deductible policies, including the programs set forth on <u>Schedule 4.09</u>). Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, including the Spin Co Group's rights under Section 4.04, (a) the members of the Masco Policies shall cease as of the Distribution Time with respect to all Liabilities to the extent incurred or suffered by the Spin Co Group in connection with, relating to, arising out of or due to, directly or indirectly, any event or occurrence at or after the Distribution Time. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to be an attempted assignment of or a change to any part of the ownership of the Masco Policies or shall be construed to waive any right or remedy of any member of the Masco Group in respect thereof. No provision of this Agreement is intended to relieve any insurer of any Liability under any policy.

Section 4.03. Acquisition and Maintenance of Post-Distribution Insurance by Spin Co. Commencing on and as of the Distribution Time, Spin Co shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining a separate insurance program consisting of the types of insurance policies and coverages that Spin Co considers appropriate to carry on behalf of the Spin Co Group. Each member of the Spin Co Group, as appropriate, shall be responsible for all administrative and financial matters relating to insurance policies established and maintained by any member of the Spin Co Group and claims relating to any period at or after the Distribution Time involving any member of the Spin Co Group.

Section 4.04. *Rights under Shared Policies*. (a) At and after the Distribution Time: (i) Spin Co and the other members of the Spin Co Group will have the right to assert and prosecute and/or continue to prosecute claims for any Liabilities with respect to the Spin Co Business under Masco Policies that cover any member of the Spin Co Group and/or any or all of the Spin Co Business within the definition of the named insured, additional named insured, additional insured or insured ("**Shared Policies**"; excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any (x) group health and welfare insurance policies and (y) matching deductible policies, including the programs set forth on <u>Schedule 4.09</u>) with Third Party insurers that are "occurrence based" insurance policies (such Shared Policies, **Occurrence Based Policies**") arising out of insured occurrences occurrence the Distribution Time to the extent that the terms and conditions of any such Occurrence Based Policies and greements relating thereto so allow, and (ii) Spin Co and the other members of

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the Spin Co Group will have the right to continue to prosecute claims with respect to the Spin Co Business under Shared Policies with Third Party insurers that are made under liability insurance policies written on a "claims made" basis (such Shared Policies, "**Claims Made Policies**") arising out of insured incidents occurring from the date coverage thereunder first commenced until the Distribution Time to the extent that the terms and conditions of any such Claims Made Policies and agreements relating thereto so allow; *provided* that in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), (A) subject to Section 4.04(c), the Masco Group may, at any time, without liability or obligation to the Spin Co Group, amend, commute, terminate, buy-out, extinguish liability under or otherwise modify any Shared Policies (and such claims shall be subject to any such amendments, commutations, terminations, buy-outs, extinguishments and modifications); (B) such claims will be subject to (and recovery thereon will be reduced by the amount of) any applicable deductibles, retentions or matching deductible provisions, and, with respect to any such deductibles, retentions or matching deductible provisions, which require a payment by a member of the Masco Group for a *pro rata* portion of such payment based on Spin Co's interest in such claim; (C) Spin Co shall be responsible for and shall pay any claims handling expenses or residual Liability arising from such claims and (D) such claims will be subject to exhaustion of existing sublimits and aggregate limits as provided in Section 4.04(d).

(b) Masco will use reasonable efforts to assist Spin Co in asserting claims and establishing its right to coverage under applicable Shared Policies if so requested by Spin Co in writing (so long as all of the Masco Group's out-of-pocket expenses in connection therewith are promptly paid by Spin Co following receipt of an invoice for such expenses), but Masco will not be otherwise obligated to negotiate, investigate, defend, settle or otherwise handle such claims on behalf of Spin Co. No member of the

Masco Group will bear any Liability for the failure of an insurer to pay any claim under any Shared Policy. It is understood that any Claims Made Policies may not provide any coverage to the Spin Co Group for incidents occurring prior to the Distribution Time but that are asserted with the insurance carrier after the Distribution Time.

(c) In the event that after the Distribution Time Masco proposes to amend, commute, terminate, buy-out, extinguish liability under or otherwise modify any Shared Policies, in respect of periods of coverage prior to the Distribution Time, under which Spin Co, the Spin Co Business or the other members of the Spin Co Group has or may in the future have rights to assert claims pursuant to this Article 4 in a manner that would adversely affect any such rights of Spin Co, the Spin Co Business or any of the other members of the Spin Co Group, Masco will (i) if such proposed action would be material to the Spin Co Group, give Spin Co prior notice thereof and consult with Spin Co with respect to such action and (ii) pay to Spin Co its equitable share (as reasonably determined by Masco), if any, of any net proceeds actually received by Masco from the insurer under the applicable Shared Policy as a result of such action by

Masco (after deducting Masco's out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with such action).

(d) To the extent that the limits of any Shared Policy preclude payment in full of Unrelated Claims filed by any member of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and any member of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, the insurance proceeds available under such Shared Policy shall be paid to Masco and/or Spin Co, as applicable, on a FIFO Basis. In the event that any member of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and any member of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, files Related Claims under any Shared Policy, each of Masco and Spin Co shall receive a *pro rata* amount of the available insurance proceeds, as may be reasonably determined by Masco, based on the relationship the Liability incurred by each such party bears to the total Liability to both such parties from the occurrence or event underlying the Related Claims.

(e) In no event (except as provided in Section 4.04(c) or Section 4.04(d)) will any member of the Masco Group have any Liability whatsoever to any member of the Spin Co Group if any Shared Policy is terminated or otherwise ceases to be in effect for any reason, is unavailable or inadequate to cover any Liability of any member of the Spin Co Group for any reason whatsoever or is not renewed or extended beyond the current expiration date.

Section 4.05. Administration and Reserves. (a) From and after the Distribution Time, the Masco Group will be responsible for the Claims Administration with respect to claims of the Masco Group under Shared Policies.

(b) [From and after the Distribution Time, the Spin Co Group will be responsible for the Claims Administration with respect to claims of the Spin Co Group under Shared Policies, and Masco shall provide appropriate instructions to the applicable insurance brokers under the Shared Policies to facilitate Claims Administration by Spin Co. Spin Co shall provide advance notice to Masco of any such claims.]

(c) Each party agrees to consider in good faith (but shall have no obligation to accept) any requests by the other party to provide assistance to, and cooperate with, such party or any member of its Group with respect to the Claims Administration referred to in Sections Section 4.05(a) and 4.05(b). None of the members of either Group and their respective directors, officers, agents and employees shall have any liability, whether direct or indirect, in contract or tort or otherwise, to any Person for or in connection with the provision of such assistance or cooperation. All out-of-pocket expenses incurred by either party or any member of its Group in providing any such assistance or cooperation shall be reimbursed promptly by the other party or any member of its Group.

Section 4.06. Insurance Premiums. From and after the Distribution Time, Masco will pay all premiums, taxes, assessments or similar charges (retrospectively-rated or otherwise) as required under the terms and conditions of

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the respective Shared Policies in respect of periods of coverage prior to the Distribution Time, whereupon Spin Co will upon the request of Masco promptly reimburse Masco for that portion of such additional premiums and other payments paid by Masco as are reasonably determined by Masco to be attributable to the Spin Co Business; *provided* that, prior to agreeing to pay any such premiums or other payments that would reasonably be expected to result in a requirement for Spin Co to provide reimbursement under this Section 4.06, Masco shall, to the extent reasonably practicable, provide Spin Co with prior notice and a reasonable opportunity to consult with Masco with respect thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that Spin Co has previously paid a premium (or has been allocated a portion of a premium by Masco) or satisfied a deductible amount under a Shared Policy, Spin Co shall not be required to pay such premium pursuant to the foregoing sentence or satisfy such deductible again if Spin Co makes a claim under such Shared Policy in accordance with this Article 4.

Section 4.07. Agreement for Waiver of Conflict and Shared Defense. If a Shared Policy provides coverage for both a member of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and a member of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, relating to the same occurrence, Masco and Spin Co agree to defend the relevant matter jointly, *provided* that, if there is a conflict of interest which in the reasonable opinion of either party would otherwise prevent the conduct of that joint defense, the parties shall cooperate to pursue coverage under such Shared Policy pursuant to appropriate arrangements (which may require separate counsel) as permitted by such Shared Policy. Nothing in this Section 4.07 will be construed to limit or otherwise alter in any way the indemnity obligations of the parties, including those created by this Agreement, by operation of law or otherwise.

## Section 4.08. Matching Deductible Policies. [To come]

Section 4.09. Non-Waiver of Rights to Coverage. An insurance carrier that would otherwise be obligated to pay any claim shall not be relieved of the responsibility with respect thereto, or, solely by virtue of the provisions of this Article 4, have any subrogation rights with respect thereto, it being expressly understood and agreed that no insurance carrier or any Third Party shall be entitled to a benefit (*i.e.*, a benefit such Person would not be entitled to receive had the Distribution not occurred or in the absence of the provisions of this Article 4) by virtue of the provisions hereof.

# ARTICLE 5

# ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Section 5.01. Access to Information. (a) For a period of six years after the Distribution Date, each Group shall afford promptly the other Group and its agents and, to the extent required by Applicable Law, authorized representatives of any Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction, reasonable access (which shall include, to the extent reasonably requested, the right to make copies)

during normal business hours to its books of account, financial and other records (including accountant's work papers, to the extent any required consents have been obtained), information, employees and auditors to the extent necessary or useful for such other Group in connection with any audit, investigation, dispute or litigation, complying with their obligations under this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, any regulatory proceeding, any regulatory filings, complying with reporting disclosure requirements or any other requirements imposed by any Governmental Authority or any other reasonable business purpose of the Group requesting such access; *provided* that (i) any such access shall not unreasonably interfere with the conduct of the business of the Group providing such access and (ii) if any party reasonably determines that

affording any such access to the other party would be commercially detrimental in any material respect or violate any Applicable Law or agreement to which such party or member of its Group is a party, or waive any attorney-client privilege applicable to such party or any member of its Group, the parties shall use reasonable efforts to permit the compliance with such request in a manner that avoids any such harm or consequence.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, until the end of the first full Spin Co fiscal year occurring after the Distribution Date (and for a reasonable period of time afterwards as required for each party to prepare consolidated financial statements or complete a financial statement audit for the fiscal year during which the Distribution Date occurs), each party shall use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the other party's information requests to enable the other party to meet its timetable for dissemination of its earnings releases and financial statements and enable such other party's auditors timely to complete their audit of the annual financial statements and review of the quarterly financial statements.

Section 5.02. *Litigation Cooperation*. (a) Effective as of the Distribution Time, the applicable member of the Spin Co Group shall assume and thereafter be responsible for all Liabilities of either Group that may result from the Spin Co Assumed Actions and, subject to Section 6.04(c), all Liabilities and fees and costs relating to the defense of the Spin Co Assumed Actions, including attorneys', accountants', consultants' and other professionals' fees and expenses that have been incurred prior to the Distribution Time and are unpaid as of the Distribution Time, or, that are incurred on or after the Distribution Time. "**Spin Co Assumed Actions**" means those Actions primarily relating to the Spin Co Business, including those in which any member of the Masco Group or any Affiliate of a member of the Masco Group is a defendant or a party against whom the claim or investigation is directed and, including, for the sake of clarity, those Actions listed on <u>Schedule 5.02(a)</u>, but excluding the Actions listed on Schedule 5.02(a)(i). If any member of the Masco Group has any rights or claims against a Third Party insurer or other Third Party in connection with or relating to any Spin Co Assumed Action, such member shall, subject to Section 2.04, transfer and assign to the applicable member of the Spin Co Group all such rights or claims and

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cooperate with the Spin Co Group in connection with the enforcement and collection thereof.

(b) Effective as of the Distribution Time, the applicable member of the Masco Group shall assume and thereafter be responsible for all Liabilities of either Group that may result from the Masco Assumed Actions and, subject to Section 6.04(c), all fees and costs relating to the defense of the Masco Assumed Actions, including attorneys', accountants', consultants' and other professionals' fees and expenses that have been incurred prior to the Distribution Time and are unpaid as of or after the Distribution Time, or, that are incurred on or after the Distribution Time. "Masco Assumed Actions" means those Actions primarily related to the Masco Business, including those in which any member of the Spin Co Group or any Affiliate of a member of the Spin Co Group is a defendant or the party against whom the claim or investigation is directed and, including, for the sake of clarity, those Actions listed on <u>Schedule 5.02(b)</u>. If any member of the Spin Co Group has any rights or claims against a Third Party insurer or other Third Party in connection with or relating to any Masco Assumed Action, such member shall, subject to Section 2.04, transfer and assign to the applicable member of the Masco Group all such rights or claims and cooperate with the Masco Group in connection with the enforcement and collection thereof.

(c) Each party agrees that, at all times from and after the Distribution Time, subject to Section 6.04(e), if an Action relating primarily to its Business is commenced by a Third Party naming a member of each Group as defendants thereto, then such action shall be deemed to be a Spin Co Assumed Action (in the case of an Action primarily related to the Spin Co Business) or a Masco Assumed Action (in the case of an Action primarily related to the Masco Business) and the party as to which the Action primarily relates shall use its reasonable efforts to cause the other party or member of its Group to be removed from such Action.

(d) The parties agree, that at all times from and after the Distribution Time, subject to Section 6.04(e), if an Action which does not relate primarily to either party's Business is commenced by a Third Party naming a member of each Group as a defendant thereto, then the parties shall cooperate and consult to the extent necessary or advisable with respect to such Action.

(e) Each Group shall use reasonable efforts to make available to the other Group and its attorneys, accountants, consultants and other designated representatives, upon written request, its directors, officers, employees and representatives as witnesses, and shall otherwise cooperate with the other Group, to the extent reasonably requested in connection with any Action arising out of either Group's Business prior to the Distribution Time in which the requesting Group may from time to time be involved.

Section 5.03. *Reimbursement*. Each Group providing information or witnesses to the other Group or otherwise incurring any out-of-pocket expense in connection with cooperating under Section 5.01 or Section 5.02 shall be entitled

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to receive from the recipient thereof, upon the presentation of invoices therefor, payment for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including attorney's fees but excluding reimbursement for general overhead, salary and employee benefits) actually incurred in providing such access, information, witnesses or cooperation.

Section 5.04. *Ownership of Information*. All information owned by one party (or a member of its Group) that is provided to the other party (or a member of its Group) under Section 5.01 or Section 5.02 shall be deemed to remain the property of the providing party. Unless specifically set forth herein or in any Ancillary Agreement, nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to grant or confer rights of license or otherwise in any such information.

Section 5.05. *Retention of Records*. Except as otherwise required by Applicable Law or agreed to in writing, each party shall, and shall cause the members of its Group to, retain any and all information in its possession or control relating to the other Group's Business in accordance with the document retention practices of Masco as in effect from time to time. Neither party shall destroy, or permit the destruction, or otherwise dispose, or permit the disposal, of any such information, subject to such retention practice, unless, prior to such destruction or disposal, the party proposing (or whose Group member is proposing) such destruction or disposal (the "**Disposing Party**") provides not less than 30 days' prior written notice to the other party (the "**Receiving Party**"), specifying the information proposed to be destroyed or disposed of and the scheduled date for such destruction or disposal. If the Receiving Party shall request in writing prior to the scheduled date for such destruction or disposal. If the Receiving Party, the Disposing Party shall promptly arrange for the delivery of such of the information as was requested at the expense of the Receiving Party; *provided* that, if the Disposing Party reasonably determines that any such provision of information would violate any Applicable Law or agreement to which such party or member of its Group is a party, or waive any attorney-client privilege applicable to such party or any member of its Group, the parties shall use reasonable efforts to permit the prompt compliance with such request in a manner that avoids any such harm or consequence. Any records or documents that were subject to a litigation hold prior to the Distribution Date must be retained by the applicable party until such party or member of its Group is notified by the other party that the litigation hold is no longer in effect.

Section 5.06. *Confidentiality*. Each party acknowledges that it or a member of its Group may have in its possession, and, in connection with this Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements, may receive, Confidential Information of the other party or any member of its Group (including information in the possession of such other party relating to its clients or customers). Each party shall hold and shall cause its directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and advisors ("**Representatives**") and the members of its Group and their Representatives to hold in strict confidence and not to use, except as permitted by

this Agreement, or any Ancillary Agreement all such Confidential Information concerning the other Group unless (a) such party or any of the members of its Group or its or their Representatives is compelled to disclose such Confidential Information by judicial or administrative process or by other requirements of Applicable Law or (b) such Confidential Information can be shown to have been (i) in the public domain through no fault of such party or any of the members of its Group or its or their Representatives, (ii) lawfully acquired after the Distribution Date on a non-confidential basis from other sources not known by such party to be under any legal obligation to keep such information confidential or (iii) developed by such party or any of the members of its Group or its or their Representatives without the use of any Confidential Information of the other Group. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such party or member of its Group or its or their Representatives may disclose such Confidential Information and are directed by such party to treat such information confidentially. The obligation of each party and the members of its Group and its and their Representatives to hold any such Confidential Information. If such party or any of a member of its Group or any of its or their Representatives becomes legally compelled to disclose any documents or information subject to this Section 5.06, such party will promptly notify the other party and, upon request, use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the other party's efforts to seek a protective order or other remedy. If no such protective or other remedy is obtained or if the other party waives in writing such party's compliance with this Section 5.06, such party or the member of its Group or its or their Representatives in writing such party's compliance with this Section 5.06, such party or the member of its Group or so of the remedy is obtained or if the other party waives in writing such party's compliance with this Section 5.06, such party or the member of its Grou

Section 5.07. *Privileged Information*. (a) The parties acknowledge that members of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and members of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, may possess documents or other information regarding the other Group that is or may be subject to the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine or common interest privilege (collectively, "**Privileges**"; and such documents and other information collectively, the "**Privileged Information**"). Each party agrees to use reasonable efforts to protect and maintain, and to cause their respective Affiliates to protect and maintain, any applicable claim to Privilege in order to prevent any of the other Group's Privileged Information from being disclosed or used in a manner inconsistent with such Privilege without the other party's consent. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a party and its Affiliates shall not, without the other party's prior written consent, (i) waive any Privilege with respect to any of the other party's or

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any member of its Group's Privileged Information, (ii) fail to defend any Privilege with respect to any such Privileged Information, or (iii) fail to take any other actions reasonably necessary to preserve any Privilege with respect to any such Privileged Information.

(b) Upon receipt by a party or any member of such party's Group of any subpoena, discovery or other request that calls for the production or disclosure of Privileged Information of the other party or a member of its Group, such party shall promptly notify the other party of the existence of the request and shall provide the other party a reasonable opportunity to review the information and to assert any rights it or a member of its Group may have under this Section 5.07 or otherwise to prevent the production or disclosure of such Privileged Information. Each party agrees that neither it nor any member of its Group will produce or disclose any information that may be covered by a Privilege of the party or a member of its Group under this Section 5.07 unless (i) the other party has provided its written consent to such production or disclosure (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) or (ii) a court of competent jurisdiction has entered an order finding that the information is not entitled to protection under any applicable Privilege or otherwise requires disclosure of such information.

(c) In the event that any member of the Masco Group and any member of the Spin Co Group cooperate in the mutual defense of any Third Party Claim, such cooperation shall not constitute a waiver or qualification of such Party's right to assert and defend any applicable claim to Privilege.

(d) [Each of Masco Group and Spin Co Group covenants and agrees that, following the Distribution Time, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP or any other internal or external legal counsel currently representing Spin Co Group (each a "**Prior Company Counsel**") may serve as counsel to Masco Group and its Affiliates in connection with any matters arising under or related to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, including with respect to any litigation, Claim or obligation arising out of or related to this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, notwithstanding any representation by the Prior Company Counsel prior to the Distribution Time. Masco Group and Spin Co Group hereby irrevocably (i) waive any Claim they have or may have that a Prior Company Counsel has a conflict of interest or is otherwise prohibited from engaging in such representation and (ii) covenant and agree that, in the event that a dispute arises after the Distribution Time between Spin Co Group and Masco Group (together with its Affiliates), Prior Company Counsel may represent any member of the Masco Group and any Affiliates thereof in such dispute even though the interests of such Perso(s) may be directly adverse to Masco Group or Spin Co Group and even though Prior Company Counsel may have represented the Spin Co Group in a matter substantially related to such dispute.]

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[All communications between members of Masco Group, on the one hand, and Prior Company Counsel, on the other hand, [related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement] shall be deemed to be attorney-client confidences that belong solely to such members of Masco Group or the Prior Company Counsel (the "Pre-Distribution Time Communications"). Accordingly, Spin Co Group shall not have access to any such Pre-Distribution Time Communications or to the files of Prior Company Counsel relating to such engagement related to the transactions contemplated hereby from and after the Distribution Time, and all books, records and other materials of Spin Co Group in any medium (including electronic copies) containing or reflecting any of the Pre-Distribution Time Communications or the work product of legal counsel with respect thereto, including any related summaries, drafts or analyses, and all rights with respect to any of the foregoing, are hereby assigned and transferred to Masco Group effective as of the Distribution Time (collectively, the "Masco Group Privileged Materials"). Masco Group may cause all of the Masco Group Privileged Materials to be distributed to Masco Group immediately prior to the Distribution Time with no copies thereof retained by the Spin Co Group or its respective representatives, and all such distributed Masco Group Privileged Materials shall be excluded from the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and each Ancillary Agreement. From and after the Distribution Time, Spin Co Group and its representatives shall maintain the confidentiality of the Masco Group Privileged Materials. From and after the Distribution Time, none of Spin Co Group and its representatives shall access or in any way, directly or indirectly, use or rely upon any Masco Group Privileged Materials (whether or not distributed to Masco Group prior to the Distribution Time in accordance with this Section 5.07(e)). To the extent that any Masco Group Privileged Materials are not delivered to Masco Group, Spin Co Group agrees not to assert a waiver of any applicable privilege or protection with respect to such materials. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, from and after the Distribution Time, (a) Masco Group shall be the sole holders of the attorney-client privilege with respect to the Masco Group Privileged Materials, and no member of Spin Co Group shall be a holder thereof, (b) to the extent that files of Prior Company Counsel in respect of Masco Group Privileged Materials constitute property of the client, only Masco Group shall hold such property rights and (c) Prior Company Counsel shall have no duty whatsoever to reveal or disclose any Masco Group Privileged Materials to Spin Co Group by reason of any attorney-client relationship between Prior Company Counsel and Spin Co Group. Each of Spin Co Group and Masco Group hereby acknowledges and confirms that it has had the opportunity to review and obtain adequate information regarding the significance and risks of the waivers and other terms and conditions of this Section 5.07(e), including the opportunity to discuss with counsel such matters and reasonable alternatives to such terms. This Section Section 5.07(e) is for the benefit of Masco Group and Prior Company Counsel, and Masco Group and Prior Company Counsel are intended third party beneficiaries of this Section 5.07(e). This Section 5.07(e) shall be irrevocable, and no term of this Section 5.07(e) may be amended, waived or modified, without the prior written consent of

# ARTICLE 6 RELEASE; INDEMNIFICATION

#### Section 6.01. Release of Pre-Distribution Claims.

(a) Except (i) as provided in Section 6.01(b) and (ii) as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, each party hereto does hereby, on behalf of itself and each member of its Group, and each of their successors and assigns, release and forever discharge the other party and the other members of such party's Group, and their respective successors and assigns, and all Persons who at any time prior to the Distribution Time have been directors, officers or employees of such other party or any member of its Group (in each case, in their respective capacities as such), and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns (collectively, the "**Released Parties**"), from any and all demands, Claims, Actions and Liabilities whatsoever, whether at law or in equity (including any right of contribution or any right pursuant to any Environmental Law whether now or hereinafter in effect), whether arising under any contract or agreement, by operation of law or otherwise (and including for the avoidance of doubt, those arising as a result of the negligence, strict liability or any other liability under any theory of law or equity of, or any violation of law by any Released Party), existing or arising from any acts or events occurring or failing to occur or alleged to have occurred or to have failed to nor before the Distribution Tame, release and forever discharge each of the Spin Co Indemnitees as and to the same extent as the release and discharge provided by Masco pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.01(a). Spin Co shall cause each of the other members of the Spin Co pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.01(a).

(b) Nothing contained in Section 6.01(a) shall impair any right of any Person identified in Section 6.01(a) to enforce this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement. Nothing contained in Section 6.01(a) shall release or discharge any Person from:

(i) any Liability assumed, transferred, assigned, retained or allocated to that Person in accordance with, or any other Liability of that Person under, this Agreement or any of the Ancillary Agreements;

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(ii) any Liability that is expressly specified in this Agreement (including Section 2.05 and Section 2.06) or any Ancillary Agreement to continue after the Distribution Time, but subject to any limitation set forth in this Agreement (including Section 2.05 and Section 2.06) or any Ancillary Agreement relating specifically to such Liability; or

(iii) any Liability the release of which would result in the release of any Person, other than a member of the Masco Group or any related Released Party; *provided, however*, that the parties hereto agree not to bring or allow their respective Subsidiaries to bring suit against the other party or any related Released Party with respect to any such Liability.

In addition, nothing contained in Section 6.01(a) shall release any party or any member of its Group from honoring its existing obligations to indemnify, or advance expenses to, any Person who was a director, officer or employee of such party or any member of its Group, at or prior to the Distribution Time, to the extent such Person was entitled to such indemnification or advancement of expenses pursuant to then-existing obligations; *provided*, *however*, that to the extent applicable, Section 6.02 hereof shall determine whether any party shall be required to indemnify the other or a member of its Group in respect of such Liability.

(c) No party hereto shall make, nor permit any member of its Group to make, any Claim or demand, or commence any Action asserting any Claim or demand, including any Claim of contribution or indemnification, against the other party, or any related Released Party, with respect to any Liability released pursuant to Section 6.01(a).

(d) It is the intent of each of the parties hereto by virtue of the provisions of this Section 6.01 to provide for a full and complete release and discharge of all Liabilities existing or arising from all acts and events occurring or failing to occur or alleged to have occurred or to have failed to occur and all conditions existing or alleged to have existed on or before the Distribution Date between members of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and members of the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, (including any contractual agreements or arrangements existing or alleged to exist between the parties on or before the Distribution Date), except as expressly set forth in Section 6.01(b) or as expressly provided in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement. At any time, at the reasonable request of either Masco or Spin Co, the other party hereto shall execute and deliver (and cause its respective Subsidiaries to execute and deliver) releases reflecting the provisions hereof.

Section 6.02. Spin Co Indemnification of the Masco Group. (a) Effective as of and after the Distribution Time, Spin Co shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each member of the Masco Group, each Affiliate thereof and each of their respective directors, officers and employees (the "Masco Indemnitees")

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from and against any and all Liabilities incurred or suffered by any of the Masco Indemnitees arising out of or in connection with (i) any of the Spin Co Liabilities, or the failure of any member of the Spin Co Group to pay, perform or otherwise discharge any of the Spin Co Liabilities, (ii) any breach by Spin Co or any member of the Spin Co Group of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement and (iii) any payments made by Masco or any member of the Masco Group in respect of any Spin Co Surety Bond or any Liability of any member of the Masco Group in respect thereof.

(b) Except to the extent set forth in Section 6.03(b), effective as of and after the Distribution Time, Spin Co shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Masco Indemnitees and each Person, if any, who controls any Masco Indemnitee within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act from and against any and all Liabilities caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Form 10 or any amendment thereof, the Information Statement (as amended or supplemented if Spin Co shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any marketing materials prepared in connection with the Credit Facility or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Section 6.03. *Masco Indemnification of Spin Co Group.* (a) Effective as of and after the Distribution Time, Masco shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each member of the Spin Co Group, each Affiliate thereof and each of their respective directors, officers and employees (the "**Spin Co Indemnitees**") from and against any and all Liabilities incurred or suffered by any of the Spin Co Indemnitees and arising out of or in connection with (i) any of the Masco Liabilities, or the failure of any member of the Masco Group to pay, perform or otherwise discharge any of the Masco Liabilities and (ii) any breach by Masco or any member of the Masco Group of this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement.

(b) Effective as of and after the Distribution Time, Masco shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Spin Co Indemnitees and each Person, if any, who controls any Spin Co Indemnitee within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act from and against any and all Liabilities caused by any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Form 10 or any amendment thereof, the Information Statement (as amended or supplemented if Spin Co shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any marketing materials prepared in connection with the Credit Facility or any marketing materials prepared in connection with the Credit Facility or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to

statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based on information furnished by Masco solely in respect of the Masco Group, including, for the avoidance of doubt, information contained in the Information Statement under the caption "The Separation — Reasons for the Separation".

Section 6.04. *Procedures*. (a) The party seeking indemnification under Section 6.02 or Section 6.03 (the "**Indemnified Party**") agrees to give prompt notice to the party against whom indemnity is sought (the "**Indemnifying Party**") of the assertion of any claim, or the commencement of any suit, action or proceeding (each, a '**Claim**") in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder and will provide the Indemnifying Party such information with respect thereto that the Indemnifying Party may reasonably request. The failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of its obligations hereunder, except to the extent such failure shall have prejudiced the Indemnifying Party.

(b) Subject to Section 6.04(e), the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate in the defense of any Claim asserted by any Third Party (**Third Party Claim**") and, subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 6.04, if it so notifies the Indemnified Party no later than 30 days after receipt of the notice described in Section 6.04(a), shall be entitled to control and appoint lead counsel for such defense, in each case at its expense. If the Indemnifying Party does not so notify the Indemnified Party, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to defend or contest such Third Party Claim through counsel chosen by the Indemnified Party that is reasonably acceptable to the Indemnifying Party, subject to the provisions of this Section 6.04. The Indemnified Party shall provide the Indemnifying Party and such counsel with such information regarding such Third Party Claim as either of them may reasonably request (which request may be general or specific).

(c) Subject to Section 6.04(e), if the Indemnifying Party shall assume the control of the defense of any Third Party Claim in accordance with the provisions of Section 6.04(b), (i) the Indemnifying Party shall obtain the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) before entering into any settlement of such Third Party Claim, if the settlement does not release the Indemnified Party from all Liabilities and obligations with respect to such Third Party Claim or the settlement imposes injunctive or other equitable relief against the Indemnified Party or any of its related Indemnified Party Claim and, at its own expense, to employ separate counsel of its choice for such purpose; *provided* that in the event of a conflict of interest between the Indemnifying Party and the applicable Indemnified Party, the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of such separate counsel shall be at the Indemnifying Party's expense.

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(d) Spin Co hereby agrees to notify Masco of any actual or threatened Third Party Claim or Action that Spin Co reasonably believes could be or become a Fundamental Claim within 10 Business Days of Spin Co becoming aware of such Third Party Claim or Action.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Masco shall have the right, but not the obligation, to defend or assume the defense of, and settle or compromise (or seek to settle or compromise or to reject any proposed settlement or compromise), any Fundamental Claim asserted in whole or in part against any member of the Spin Co 's sole expense (including any attorneys' fees and expenses and associated investigation costs related thereto); *provided* that Masco shall notify Spin Co of its decision to exercise control of any Fundamental Claim within 60 days of the later of (i) Masco receiving the notice described in Section 6.04(d) or (ii) any Governmental Authority becoming involved in any Third Party Claim or Action. For the avoidance of doubt, if Masco exercises its right to control the defense of any Fundamental Claim in accordance with this Section 6.04(e), Masco shall have sole and exclusive authority to commence, prosecute, manage, control, conduct, defend, settle or otherwise determine all matters of whatever nature (including, as applicable, litigation strategy and choice of legal counsel or other professionals) with respect to such Fundamental Claim.

(f) Each party shall cooperate, and cause their respective Affiliates to cooperate, in the defense or prosecution of any Third Party Claim (including any Fundamental Claim) and shall furnish or cause to be furnished such records, information and testimony, and attend such conferences, discovery proceedings, hearings, trials or appeals, as may be reasonably requested in connection therewith.

(g) [Each Indemnified Party shall use reasonable efforts to collect any amounts available under insurance coverage, or from any other Person alleged to be responsible, for any Liabilities payable under Section 6.02 or Section 6.03 and the reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith will be treated as Liabilities subject to indemnification hereunder.]

(h) If any Third Party Claim shall be brought against a member of each Group, then such Action shall be deemed to be a Spin Co Assumed Action or a Masco Assumed Action in accordance with Sections 5.02(a) or 5.02(b), to the extent applicable, and the related party shall be deemed to be the Indemnifying Party for the purposes of this Article 6. In the event of any Action in which the Indemnifying Party is not also named defendant, at the request of either the Indemnified Party or the Indemnifying Party, the parties will use reasonable efforts to substitute the Indemnifying Party or its applicable Affiliate for the named defendant in the Action.

Section 6.05. Calculation of Indemnification Amount. Any indemnification amount pursuant to Section 6.02 or Section 6.03 shall be paid (i)

net of any amounts recovered by the Indemnified Party under applicable Third Party insurance policies or from any other Third Party alleged to be responsible therefor, and (ii) taking into account any Tax Benefit allowable to the Indemnified Party (using the methodology set forth in Section [11(d)] of the Tax Matters Agreement to determine the amount of any such Tax Benefit) and any Tax cost incurred by the Indemnified Party arising from the incurrence or payment of the relevant Liabilities. Masco and Spin Co agree that, for United States federal income Tax purposes, any payment made pursuant to this Article 6 will be treated as provided under [Section 12(c)] of the Tax Matters Agreement. If the Indemnified Party receives any amounts under applicable Third Party insurance policies, or from any other Third Party alleged to be responsible for any Liabilities, subsequent to an indemnification payment by the Indemnifying Party in respect thereof, then such Indemnified Party shall promptly reimburse the Indemnifying Party, as applicable. The Indemnifying Party shall not be liable for any Liabilities under Section 6.02 or Section 6.03 to the extent such Liabilities are special, indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages or lost profits (other than any such Liabilities actually paid to Third Parties).

Section 6.06. *Contribution.* If for any reason the indemnification provided for in Section 6.02 or Section 6.03 is unavailable to any Indemnified Party, or insufficient to hold it harmless, then the Indemnifying Party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such Liabilities in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, in connection with the conduct, statement or omission that resulted in such Liabilities. In case of any Liabilities arising out of or related to information contained in the Form 10 or any amendment thereof, the Information Statement (as amended or supplemented if Spin Co shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any marketing materials prepared in connection with the credit Facility, the relative fault of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and the Spin Co Group, on the one hand, and the Spin Co Group, on the one hand, and the spin Co Group, on the one hand, and the spin Co shall have furnished any amendments or supplements thereto), the Equity Compensation Registration Statement or any marketing materials prepared in connection with the credit Facility, the relative fault of the Masco Group, on the one hand, and the Spin Co Group, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission of a material fact relates to information supplied by Masco or Spin Co.

Section 6.07. Survival of Indemnities. The rights and obligations of any Indemnified Party or Indemnifying Party under this Article 6 shall survive the sale or other transfer of any party of any of its assets, business or liabilities.

# ARTICLE 7 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.01. Notices. Any notice, instruction, direction or demand under the terms of this Agreement required to be in writing shall be duly given upon

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delivery, if delivered by hand, facsimile transmission, or mail, to the following addresses:

If to Masco to:

Masco Corporation 21001 Van Born Road Taylor, Michigan 48180 Attn: General Counsel Facsimile: [·]

with a copy to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attn: John D. Amorosi Bruce Dallas Facsimile: (212) 701-5010

If to Spin Co to:

Spin Co Inc. [ADDRESS] [ADDRESS] Attn: General Counsel Facsimile: [·]

with a copy to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 450 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10017 Attn: John D. Amorosi Bruce Dallas Facsimile: (212) 701-5010

or such other address or facsimile number as such party may hereafter specify for the purpose by notice to the other party hereto. All such notices, requests and other communications shall be deemed received on the date of receipt by the recipient thereof if received prior to 5:00 p.m. in the place of receipt and such day is a Business Day in the place of receipt. Otherwise, any such notice, request or communication shall be deemed not to have been received until the next succeeding Business Day in the place of receipt.

Section 7.02. Amendments; No Waivers. (a) Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived if, and only if, such amendment or waiver

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is in writing and is signed, in the case of an amendment, by Masco and Spin Co, or in the case of a waiver, by the party against whom the waiver is to be effective.

(b) No failure or delay by any party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by Applicable Law.

Section 7.03. *Expenses*. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement [and except as set forth on Schedule Section 7.03], all costs and expenses incurred by the Masco Group in connection with the Distribution and related transactions shall be paid by Masco, and all costs and expenses incurred by the Spin Co Group in connection with the Distribution shall be paid by Spin Co.

Section 7.04. *Successors and Assigns*. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns; *provided* that neither party may assign, delegate or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other party hereto. If any party or any of its successors or permitted assigns (i) shall consolidate with or merge into any other Person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) shall transfer all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, proper provisions shall be made so that the successors and assigns of such party shall assume all of the obligations of such party under the Distribution Documents.

Section 7.05. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the conflicts of law rules of such state.

Section 7.06. *Counterparts; Effectiveness; Third-Party Beneficiaries.* This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. This Agreement shall become effective when each party hereto shall have received a counterpart hereof signed by the other party hereto. Until and unless each party has received a counterpart hereof signed by the other party hereto, this Agreement shall have no effect and no party shall have any right or obligation hereunder (whether by virtue of any other oral or written agreement or other communication). Except for

the indemnification and release provisions of Article 6, neither this Agreement nor any provision hereof is intended to confer any rights, benefits, remedies, obligations, or liabilities hereunder upon any Person other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

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Section 7.07. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement and the other Distribution Documents constitute the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings and negotiations, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof. No representation, inducement, promise, understanding, condition or warranty not set forth herein or in the other Distribution Documents has been made or relied upon by any party hereto or any member of their Group with respect to the transactions contemplated by the Distribution Documents. To the extent that the provisions of this Agreement are inconsistent with the provisions of any other Distribution Document, the provisions of such other Distribution Document shall prevail.

Section 7.08. Tax Matters. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement shall not govern Tax matters (including any administrative, procedural and related matters thereto), which shall be exclusively governed by the Tax Matters Agreement and the Employee Matters Agreement.

Section 7.09. *Jurisdiction*. The parties hereto agree that any suit, action or proceeding seeking to enforce any provision of, or based on any matter arising out of or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be brought in the Delaware Chancery Court, or if such court shall not have jurisdiction, any federal court located in the State of Delaware or any Delaware state court, so long as one of such courts shall have subject matter jurisdiction over such suit, action or proceeding, and that any cause of action arising out of this Agreement shall be deemed to have arisen from the transaction of business in the State of Delaware, and each of the parties hereby irrevocably consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts (and of the appropriate appellate courts therefrom) in any such suit, action or proceeding and irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding in any such court or that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum. Process in any such suit, action or proceeding may be served on any party anywhere in the world, whether within or outside of the jurisdiction of any such court. Without limiting the foregoing, each party agrees that service of process on such party as provided in Section 7.01 shall be deemed effective service of process on such party.

Section 7.10. *WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL*. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 7.11. *Termination*. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Masco Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion and without the approval of Spin Co or any other Person, at any time prior to the Distribution terminate this Agreement and/or abandon the

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Distribution, whether or not it has theretofore approved this Agreement and/or the Distribution. In the event this Agreement is terminated pursuant to the preceding sentence, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and neither party nor any of its directors or officers shall have any liability or further obligation to the other party or any other Person by reason of this Agreement.

Section 7.12. Severability. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement should be declared invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained in this Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon such a declaration, the parties shall modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in an acceptable manner so that the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

Section 7.13. Survival. All covenants and agreements of the parties contained in this Agreement shall survive the Distribution Date indefinitely, unless a specific survival or other applicable period is expressly set forth herein.

Section 7.14. Captions. The captions herein are included for convenience of reference only and shall be ignored in the construction or interpretation hereof.

Section 7.15. *Interpretation*. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of its authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 7.16. Specific Performance. Each party to this Agreement acknowledges and agrees that damages for a breach or threatened breach of any of the provisions of this Agreement would be inadequate and irreparable harm would occur. In recognition of this fact, each party agrees that, if there is a breach or threatened breach, in addition to any damages, the other nonbreaching party to this Agreement, without posting any bond, shall be entitled to seek and obtain equitable relief in the form of specific performance, temporary restraining order, temporary or permanent injunction, attachment, or any other equitable remedy which may then be available to obligate the breaching party (i) to perform its obligations under this Agreement or (ii) if the breaching party is unable, for whatever reason, to perform those obligations, to take any other actions as are necessary, advisable or appropriate to give the other party to this Agreement the economic effect which comes as close as possible to the performance of those obligations, but not limited to, transferring, or granting liens on, the assets of the breaching party to secure the performance by the breaching party of those obligations).

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Section 7.17. *Performance*. Each party shall cause to be performed all actions, agreements and obligations set forth herein to be performed by any member of such party's Group.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the date first above written.

MASCO CORPORATION

By:

Name: Title: SPIN CO INC.

By:

Name: Title:

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#### (Subject to Completion, Dated March 4, 2015)

Masco Corporation 21001 Van Born Road Taylor, Michigan 48180

[·], 2015

#### Dear Stockholder:

As you know, on September 30, 2014, Masco Corporation ("Masco") announced the separation of its Installation and Other Services businesses (the "Services Business") from its remaining businesses, which is expected to become effective on  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015. On the effective date of the separation, Masco SpinCo Corp. ("SpinCo"), a Delaware corporation formed in anticipation of the separation, will become an independent public company and will hold, through its subsidiaries, the assets and liabilities associated with Masco's Services Business.

The separation is subject to conditions as described in the enclosed information statement. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of these conditions, the separation will be completed by way of a pro rata distribution of all the outstanding shares of SpinCo common stock to Masco's stockholders of record as of 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, on  $[ \ ]$ , 2015, the distribution record date. Each Masco stockholder of record will receive one share of SpinCo common stock for every  $[ \ ]$  shares of Masco common stock held by such stockholder on the record date. The distribution of these shares will be made in book-entry form, which means that no physical share certificates will be issued. Following the distribution, stockholders may request that their shares of SpinCo common stock be transferred to a brokerage or other account at any time. No fractional shares of SpinCo common stock will be issued. The distribution agent for the distribution will aggregate fractional shares into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing prices and distribute the net cash proceeds from the sales pro rata to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the distribution.

Masco expects to obtain an opinion from Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP to the effect that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the distribution of the SpinCo common stock will be tax-free to Masco and to you, except to the extent of any cash you may receive in lieu of fractional shares.

The distribution does not require stockholder approval, nor do you need to take any action to receive your shares of SpinCo common stock. Masco's common stock will continue to trade on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "MAS." SpinCo expects to apply to have its shares of common stock listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol "BLD."

I encourage you to read the enclosed information statement, which is being provided to all of the stockholders of Masco. It describes the separation in detail and contains important business and financial information about SpinCo.

Sincerely,

Keith Allman President and Chief Executive Officer Information contained herein is subject to completion or amendment. A Registration Statement on Form 10 relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Preliminary and Subject to Completion, Dated March 4, 2015

# INFORMATION STATEMENT Masco SpinCo Corp. [Logo] Common Stock (Par Value \$1.00 Per Share)

Masco Corporation ("Masco") is furnishing this information statement in connection with the separation of its Installation and Other Services businesses (the "Services Business") from Masco and the creation of an independent, publicly traded company, currently named Masco SpinCo Corp. ("SpinCo"), which will hold the assets and liabilities of the Services Business through its subsidiaries immediately following the distribution of all of the shares of SpinCo common stock owned by Masco to the stockholders of Masco (the "Separation"). SpinCo is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of Masco.

To implement the Separation, Masco will distribute the shares of SpinCo common stock on a pro rata basis to the holders of Masco common stock. Each holder of Masco common stock will receive one share of common stock of SpinCo for every  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of Masco common stock held at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015, the record date for the distribution.

The distribution of SpinCo's shares is expected to be completed after the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") market closing on [ $\cdot$ ], 2015. Immediately after Masco completes the distribution, SpinCo will be an independent, publicly traded company. We expect that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, no gain or loss will be recognized by you, and no amount will be included in your income in connection with the distribution, except to the extent of any cash you receive in lieu of fractional shares.

# No vote or other action is required by you to receive shares of SpinCo common stock in the Separation. You will not be required to pay anything for the new shares or to surrender any of your shares of Masco common stock. We are not asking you for a proxy and you are requested not to send us a proxy or your share certificates.

There currently is no trading market for SpinCo common stock. We expect to apply to have SpinCo's shares of common stock listed on the NYSE under the symbol "BLD." We anticipate that a limited market, commonly known as a "when-issued" trading market, for SpinCo's common stock will commence on [ $\cdot$ ], 2015 and will continue up to and including the distribution date. We expect the "regular-way" trading of SpinCo's common stock will begin on the first trading day following the distribution date.

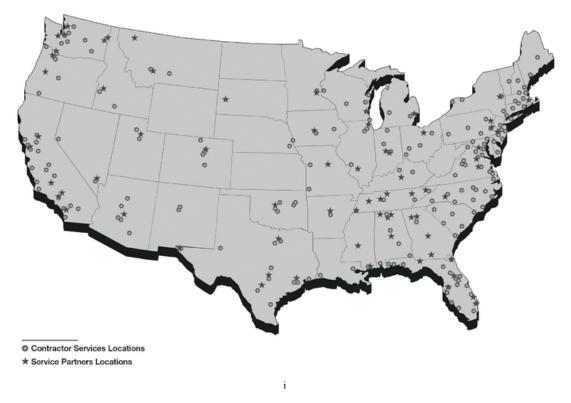
# In reviewing this Information Statement, you should carefully consider the matters described under the caption "Risk Factors" beginning on page 11.

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

This information statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities.

The date of this information statement is [ ... ], 2015.

As of December 31, 2014, our Contractor Services business had over 190 installation branches and our Service Partners business had 72 distribution centers, in locations shown on the following map:



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# NOTE REGARDING THE USE OF CERTAIN TERMS

We use the following terms to refer to the items indicated:

- "We," "us," "our," "Company" and "SpinCo," unless the context requires otherwise, refer to Masco SpinCo Corp., the entity that at the time of the distribution will hold, through its subsidiaries, the assets and liabilities associated with Masco's Services Business, as described below, and whose shares Masco Corporation will distribute in connection with the Separation, as defined below. Where appropriate in context, the foregoing terms also include the subsidiaries of this entity; the use of these terms may be used to describe Masco's Services Business prior to completion of the Separation. Masco SpinCo Corp. will change its name prior to the Separation, with the name change reflected in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.
- "Services Business" refers to Masco's businesses comprising its Installation and Other Services segment, as reported in Masco's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), that distribute and install building products primarily for residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction, throughout the United States. The assets and liabilities of the Services Business relate to a nationwide network of branches and distribution centers, as well as its customer and supplier relationships. See "Business" for more information.
- Masco's Services Business currently provides insulation and other building products installation services through Masco Contractor Services, which is referred to
  as "Contractor Services" in this Information Statement, and currently distributes insulation products to the United States construction industry through Service
  Partners, which is referred to as "Services Partners" in this Information Statement. See "Business" for more information.
- Except where the context otherwise requires, the terms "Masco" and "Parent Company" refer to Masco Corporation, the entity that owns SpinCo prior to the Separation.
- Except where the context otherwise requires, the term "Separation" refers to the separation of the Services Business from Masco Corporation and the creation of an independent, publicly traded company, SpinCo, which will hold the assets and liabilities of the Services Business immediately following the distribution of all of the shares of SpinCo common stock owned by Masco to Masco's stockholders.
- The term "distribution date" means the date on which the distribution relating to the Separation occurs.

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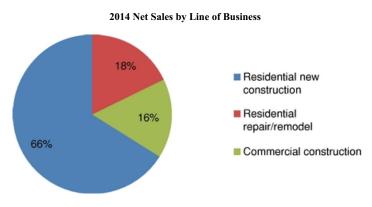
# SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this Information Statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider. You should read this entire Information Statement carefully, especially the risks of owning our common stock discussed under "Risk Factors," and our audited historical combined financial statements and the notes to those statements appearing elsewhere in this Information Statement.

Except as otherwise indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, the information included in this Information Statement assumes the completion of all the transactions referred to in this Information Statement in connection with the Separation.

# **Our Company**

We are the leading installer and distributor of insulation products to the United States construction industry, based on revenue. We provide insulation installation services nationwide through our Contractor Services business, which has over 190 installation branches located in 43 states. We distribute insulation nationwide through our Service Partners business from our 72 distribution centers located in 35 states. Our installation and distribution business segments represented 64% and 36%, respectively, of our net sales of \$1.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our installation and distribution segments serve three lines of business: residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction. In addition to insulation products, we also install or distribute other building products, including rain gutters, garage doors, fireplaces, shower enclosures, closet shelving and roofing. Further, we are a leader in building science through, among other things, our Environments For Living® program and our residential home energy rating services.



We believe we are well positioned to organically grow our businesses. Our national scale enables us to drive supply chain efficiencies and provide the tools necessary for our branches and distribution centers to effectively compete locally. Given the highly fragmented homebuilding industry, our leadership position in installation, distribution and building science services allows us to tailor our approach to each local market, which differs in characteristics such as customer mix, competitive activity, building codes and labor availability. Moreover, serving three lines of business provides additional revenue growth potential with which to leverage our fixed cost and reduces our exposure to the cyclical swings in residential new construction.

Installation. We provide installation services nationwide through our Contractor Services business and our over 190 branches located in 43 states. We handle every stage of the installation process, including material procurement, project scheduling and logistics, multi-phase professional installation and installation quality assurance. Our branch locations across the United States are each characterized

by our hiring standards and highly trained workforce, our centralized back-office systems and sharing of national best practices. We believe these characteristics give each branch a competitive advantage in the local geographic area in which it competes.

Across our branch locations, we employ over 4,600 professionally trained installers who have passed our stringent employment requirements. Our installers receive ongoing training and development to generate best-in-class work quality to manufacturers' guidelines and local building codes while performing their work safely. Recruiting and human resource professionals aid our branch managers in attracting, hiring and retaining installers, and we are able to share best practices across our locations.

*Distribution.* Service Partners distributes insulation and other building products nationwide through our 72 distribution centers located in 35 states. Our distribution business employs approximately 775 employees.

We utilize a variety of shipping methods for both inbound and outbound logistics, including company trucks, common carrier, "Less-than-Truckload" ("LTL") carrier and small parcel freight, based upon the product and quantities being shipped and customer delivery requirements.

We believe that we have managed our business successfully through economic cycles and out of the recent recessionary period. Going forward, we believe that our broad geographic footprint reduces our exposure to cyclical swings in any particular local market. In addition, our distribution business model and our diversification into residential repair/remodel and commercial construction reduces our exposure to cyclical swings in the residential new construction market.

SpinCo. We were incorporated in Delaware in February 2015 as Masco SpinCo Corp. Prior to the effective date of the Separation, we will change our name to [ ]. Our headquarters will be located at 260 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114, and our general telephone number is (386) 304-2200. Our Internet website is www. [ ].com. Our website and the information contained on that site, or connected to that site, are not incorporated by reference into this Information Statement. We intend to apply to list our common stock on the NYSE under the symbol "BLD."

Elsewhere in this Information Statement we provide a more detailed description of the Services Business that will be separated from Masco's other businesses. Following the Separation, SpinCo will be an independent, publicly traded company. Masco will not retain any ownership interest in SpinCo. In connection with the Separation, Masco and SpinCo will enter into a number of agreements that will govern the relationship between Masco and SpinCo following the Separation. See "The Separation" included elsewhere in this Information Statement.

Our business is subject to various risks. For a description of these risks, see "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this Information Statement.

## **Competitive Advantage**

*National scale.* Our Contractor Services business has a network of over 190 installation branches located in 43 states and our Service Partners business has 72 distribution centers located in 35 states. With these two national footprints, we provide products and services to each major construction line of business in the United States. Our national scale, together with our centralized SpinCo executive management team, allows us to compete locally by:

• providing national and regional builders with broad geographic reach, while maintaining consistent policies and practices that enable reliable, high-quality products and services across many geographies and building sites;



- establishing strong ties to major manufacturers of insulation and other building products that help ensure we are buying competitively, have availability of supply to our local branches and distribution centers and are driving efficiencies throughout our supply chain;
- providing consistent, customized support and geographic coverage to our customers;
- maintaining an operating capacity that allows us to ramp-up rapidly, without major incremental investment, to target forecasted growth in housing starts and construction activity in each of our lines of business anywhere in the United States; and
- leveraging investments in systems and processes and sharing best practices across both our installation and distribution businesses.

*Two avenues to reach the builder.* We believe that having both an installation and distribution business provides a number of advantages to reaching our customers and driving share gains. Our Contractor Services customer base includes builders of all sizes. Our branches go to market with the local brands that small builders recognize and value, and our national footprint is appealing to the large builders who value consistency across a broad geography. Our Service Partners distribution business focuses on selling to small contractors who are particularly adept at cultivating the local relationships with small custom builders. Being a leader in both installation and distribution allows us to more effectively reach a broader set of builder customers, regardless of their size or geographic location within the United States, and leverage housing growth wherever it occurs.

*Diversified lines of business.* In response to the housing downturn, we enhanced our ability to serve the residential repair/remodel and commercial construction lines of business, which comprised approximately 18% and 16%, respectively, of our net sales for the year ended December 31, 2014. Although the residential repair/remodel and commercial construction lines of business are affected by many of the same macroeconomic and local economic factors that drive residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction have historically followed different cycles than residential new construction. We have thus positioned our business to benefit from a greater mix of residential repair/remodel activity and commercial construction activity than we have historically, which helps reduce volatility because we are less dependent on residential new construction, and also enables us to better respond to changes in customer demand.

*Expertise in building science.* In addition to our core product and service expertise, we are a leader in building science. Through our Home Services subsidiary and our Environments For Living® program, we offer a number of services and tools designed to assist builders in applying the principles of building science to new home construction, including pre-construction plan reviews that use industry-standard home-energy analysis software, various inspection services and diagnostic testing utilizing industry-standard authentication tools. We help our builder customers build high-performance homes that are more energy-efficient and comfortable than conventional, codebuilt homes. Our Home Services subsidiary is, we believe, one of the largest Home Energy Rating System Index (HERS Index) raters in the U.S. and was honored by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy as an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for 2014. In a time of heightened focus on energy efficiency and trends in the adoption of more stringent and complex building codes by states and municipalities, we believe our expertise in building science facilitates relationships with our builder customers and helps them offer more energy-efficient homes to their customers, which we believe will help us drive share gains.

*Strong local presence.* Competition for the installation and sale of insulation and other building products to builders occurs in localized geographic markets throughout the country. Builders in each local market have different options in terms of choosing among insulation installers and distributors for their projects, and value local relationships, quality and timeliness. Our over 190 Contractor Services branches are locally branded businesses that are recognized within the communities in which they

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operate. Our 72 Service Partners distribution centers service primarily local contractors, lumberyards, retail stores and others who, in turn, service local homebuilders and other customers. Our branch- and distribution center-based operating model, in which individual branches and distribution centers maintain local customer relationships, enables us to develop local, long-tenured relationships with these customers, build local reputations for quality, service and timeliness and provide specialized products and personalized services tailored to a geographic region. At the same time, our local operations benefit from centralized functions such as information technology, credit and purchasing, and the resources and scale efficiencies of an installation and distribution business that has a presence across the United States.

*Reduced exposure to residential housing cyclicality.* During industry downturns, many insulation contractors who buy directly from manufacturers during industry peaks return to purchasing through distributors for small, LTL shipments, reduced warehousing needs, and access to purchases on credit. This drives incremental customers to Service Partners during these points in the business cycle. As a result, our leadership position in both installation and distribution helps to reduce exposure to cyclical swings in our lines of business.

Strong Management Team. Our executive management team has extensive experience serving the U.S. construction and building products markets. The average tenure of our executive management team nears 20 years with us or our predecessor companies.

Strong cash flow, low capital investment and favorable working capital fund organic growth. Over the last several years, we have reduced fixed costs. As a result, we can achieve profitability at lower levels of demand as compared to historical periods. Cash flows from (used by) operating activities have grown from \$(101.9) million in 2012 to \$24.7 million in 2013 to \$71.9 million in 2014. In addition, we anticipate that our future organic growth will require capital investment of less than 1% of sales, and we do not expect post-Separation working capital requirements to grow significantly. Accordingly, we believe we are well positioned to self-fund future organic growth.

#### **Our Strategy**

*Capitalize on the U.S. housing market recovery through focus on organic growth.* We intend to utilize our scale in both installation and distribution and the diversification of our lines of business to capitalize on the expected continuing recovery in the construction market. We plan to continue to grow our business organically by investing in our infrastructure and existing labor force and by adding talented new members to our labor force, particularly installers. We will focus on expanding our customer base and attracting new customers through our strong local brands, sales force, reputation and national scale. We also intend to deploy our resources to penetrate underrepresented territories where we have the opportunity to increase our market share. When appropriate, we may supplement our organic growth by considering strategic opportunistic acquisitions. We believe that our capital structure positions us to acquire businesses we find attractive.

Gain share in commercial construction. In response to the housing downturn, we expanded our ability to serve the commercial construction line of business. We intend to focus on growing our commercial construction line of business by building out our commercial operations and sales capacity in a majority of our locations and building our expertise and reputation for quality service for both light and heavy commercial construction projects. We are also developing relationships with commercial general contractors, focusing initially on several of our branches located in larger metropolitan areas which specialize in commercial construction.

Continue to leverage our expertise in building science to benefit from the increasing focus on energy efficiency and trends in building codes. For the past several years, consumers' interest in residential energy efficiency has increased both because of concerns for the environment and volatility in energy

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costs. In addition, new building codes have established higher energy efficiency requirements on new construction. We plan to continue our focus on developing practices that increase residential and commercial energy efficiency and leverage our expertise and reputation as a leader in building science to benefit each of our lines of business. Our Home Services subsidiary is, we believe, one of the largest Home Energy Rating System Index (HERS Index) raters in the United States and was honored by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy as an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for 2014.

#### The Separation

#### Overview

In September 2014, the Masco board of directors approved a plan to distribute to its stockholders all of the shares of common stock of SpinCo through the Separation. SpinCo is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of Masco and at the time of the distribution relating to the Separation will hold, through its subsidiaries, the assets and liabilities associated with Masco's Services Business. On  $[ \ ], 2015$ , the Masco board of directors approved the Separation, which will be achieved through the distribution of 100% of the outstanding capital stock of SpinCo pro rata to holders of Masco common stock on the record date of  $[ \ ], 2015$ . Masco holders of record will receive one share of SpinCo common stock for every  $[ \ ]$  shares of Masco common stock. The Separation is expected to be completed on  $[ \ ], 2015$ . Immediately following the Separation, Masco stockholders as of the record date will own 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of SpinCo. Following the Separation, SpinCo will be an independent, publicly traded company, and Masco will retain no ownership interest in SpinCo.

Before the distribution, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements with Masco to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationship with Masco after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between SpinCo and Masco of Masco's assets, liabilities and obligations subsequent to the Separation (including with respect to transition services, employee matters, tax matters and certain other matters). SpinCo and Masco will also enter into a Transition Services Agreement which will provide for various corporate services.

The Masco board of directors believes separating our business from Masco's other businesses is in the best interests of Masco and its stockholders and has concluded the Separation will provide Masco and SpinCo with a number of opportunities and benefits, including the following:

- Strategic and Management Focus. Permit the management team of each company to focus on its own strategic priorities with financial targets that best fit its
  own business and opportunities. We believe the Separation will enable each company's management team to better position its business to capitalize on
  developing trends in its business, increase managerial focus to pursue its individual strategies and leverage its key strengths to drive performance. The
  management of each resulting company will be able to concentrate on its core concerns and growth opportunities, and will have increased flexibility to design
  and implement corporate policies and strategies based on the characteristics of its business.
- Investor Choice. Provide investors, both current and prospective, with the ability to value the two companies based on their distinct business characteristics and
  make more targeted investment decisions based on those characteristics. Separating the two businesses will provide investors with a more targeted investment
  opportunity. As a result, the Separation may result in a combined post-Separation trading value in excess of the current trading value of Masco.
- Resource Allocation and Capital Deployment. Allow each company to allocate resources and deploy capital in a manner consistent with its own priorities. Our businesses' end customers and operating characteristics differ from Masco's other businesses, resulting in a distinct business



model, competitive position and available growth opportunities. The Separation will enable each company's management team to implement a capital structure, dividend policy and growth strategy tailored to each unique business. Both businesses are expected to have direct access to the debt and equity capital markets to fund their respective growth strategies.

#### **Risk Factors**

We are subject to a number of risks, including risks related to the Separation, distribution and other related transactions. The following list of risk factors is not exhaustive. Please read "Risk Factors" carefully for a more thorough description of these and other risks.

# **Risks Relating to the Separation**

- We may not realize the anticipated benefits from the Separation, and our historical combined and pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative
  of our future prospects.
- We have no history operating as an independent public company. We will incur significant costs to create the corporate infrastructure necessary to operate as an independent public company.
- The obligations associated with being a public company will require significant resources and management attention.
- Until the Separation occurs, Masco has sole discretion to change the terms of the distribution in ways that may be unfavorable to us.
- In connection with the Separation, Masco will indemnify us for certain liabilities and we will indemnify Masco for certain liabilities. If we are required to act under these indemnities to Masco, we may need to divert cash to meet those obligations, which could adversely affect our financial results. Moreover, the Masco indemnity may not be sufficient to insure us against the full amount of liabilities for which it will be allocated responsibility, and Masco may not be able to satisfy its indemnification obligations to us in the future.
- After the Separation, Masco's insurers may deny coverage to us for losses associated with occurrences prior to the Separation, and we will no longer be covered under Masco's corporate-wide insurance policies or performance, surety and other bonds. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain insurance coverage or performance, surety and other bonds following the Separation on terms that justify their purchase, and any such insurance coverage or performance, surety and other bonds may not be adequate to offset costs associated with certain events.
- If the Separation, together with certain related transactions, does not qualify as a transaction that is generally tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, Masco and holders of Masco common stock could be subject to significant tax liability.
- We may be affected by significant restrictions following the Separation in order to avoid triggering significant tax-related liabilities.

### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

- Our business relies on residential new construction activity, and to a lesser extent on residential repair/remodel and commercial construction activity, all of
  which are cyclical and not fully recovered from the housing crisis.
- We are dependent on third-party suppliers and manufacturers providing us with an adequate supply of high quality products, and the loss of a key supplier or manufacturer could negatively affect our operating results.

- The long-term performance of our businesses relies on our ability to attract, develop and retain talented personnel and our sales and labor force, including sales representatives, branch managers, installers and truck drivers, while controlling our labor costs.
- Because we operate our business through highly dispersed locations across the United States, our operations may be materially adversely affected by inconsistent practices and the operating results of individual branches may vary.
- Our profit margins could decrease due to changes in the costs of the products we install and/or distribute.
- We face significant competition.
- Our business is seasonal and is susceptible to adverse weather conditions and natural disasters.
- Claims and litigation could be costly.
- We may have future capital needs and may not be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms.
- We may not be able to identify new products and new product lines and integrate them into our distribution network, which may impact our ability to compete; our expansion into new markets may present competitive, distribution and regulatory challenges that differ from current ones.

### **Risks Relating to Our Common Stock**

- Because there has not been any public market for our common stock, the market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the initial market price of our common stock following the Separation.
- A large number of our shares are or will be eligible for future sale, which may cause the market price for our common stock to decline.
- Because we do not expect our common stock will be included in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and it may not be included in other stock indices, significant amounts of our common stock will likely need to be sold in the open market where they may not meet with offsetting new demand.
- Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and Bylaws and certain provisions of Delaware law could delay or prevent a change in control of us.
- We do not expect to declare any dividends in the foreseeable future.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE SEPARATION

Please see "The Separation" for a more detailed description of the matters summarized below.

- Q: Why am I receiving this document?
- A: You are receiving this document because you were a holder of shares of Masco common stock on the record date for the Separation and, as such, will be entitled to receive shares of SpinCo common stock upon completion of the transactions described in this Information Statement. We are sending you this document to inform you about the Separation and to provide you with information about SpinCo and its business and operations upon completion of the transaction.
- *Q: What do I have to do to participate in the Separation?*
- A: Nothing. You will not be required to pay any cash or deliver any other consideration in order to receive the shares of SpinCo common stock that you will be entitled to receive upon completion of the Separation. In addition, you are not being asked to provide a proxy with respect to any of your shares of Masco common stock in connection with the Separation and you should not send us a proxy.
- Q: Why is Masco separating its Services Business from its other businesses?
- A: The Masco board of directors and management believe separating its Services Business will have the following benefits: it will enable (1) the management team of each company to focus on its own strategic priorities with financial targets that best fit its own business and opportunities; (2) investors, both current and prospective, to value the two companies based on their distinct business characteristics and make more targeted investment decisions based on those characteristics; and (3) each company to allocate resources and deploy capital in a manner consistent with its own priorities.
- Q: What is SpinCo?
- A: SpinCo is a newly formed entity that will house Masco's Services Business and be publicly traded following the Separation.
- Q: How will Masco accomplish the Separation of SpinCo?
- A: The Separation involves Masco's distribution to its stockholders of all the shares of SpinCo's common stock. Following this distribution, SpinCo will be a publicly traded company independent from Masco, and Masco will not retain any ownership interest in SpinCo.
- Q: What will I receive in the distribution?
- A: At the effective time of the distribution, you will be entitled to receive one share of SpinCo common stock in respect of every [ · ] shares of Masco common stock held by you on the record date.
- Q: How does my ownership in Masco change as a result of the Separation?
- A: Your ownership of Masco stock will not be affected by the Separation.

- *Q: What is the record date for the distribution?*
- A: The record date is [ · ], 2015, and ownership will be determined as of 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on that date. When we refer to the record date in this information statement, we are referring to that time and date.
- *Q:* When will the distribution occur?
- A: The distribution is expected to occur on [ . ], 2015.
- Q: How will shares of SpinCo be distributed to me?
- A: At the effective time, we will instruct our transfer agent and distribution agent to make book-entry credits for the shares of SpinCo common stock that you are entitled to receive. Since shares of SpinCo common stock will be in uncertificated book-entry form, you will receive share ownership statements in place of physical share certificates.
- Q: What if I hold my shares through a broker, bank or other nominee?
- A: Masco stockholders who hold their shares through a broker, bank or other nominee will have their brokerage account credited with SpinCo common stock. For additional information, those stockholders should contact their broker or bank directly.
- *Q:* Why is no stockholder vote required to approve the Separation and its material terms?
- A: Masco is incorporated in Delaware. Delaware law does not require a stockholder vote to approve the Separation because the Separation does not constitute a sale, lease or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of Masco.
- Q: How will fractional shares be treated?
- A: You will not receive fractional shares of SpinCo common stock in the Separation. The distribution agent will aggregate and sell on the open market the fractional shares of SpinCo common stock that would otherwise be issued in the Separation, and if you would otherwise be entitled to receive a fractional share of SpinCo common stock in connection with the Separation, you will instead receive the net cash proceeds of the sale attributable to such fractional share.
- *Q:* What are the U.S. federal income tax consequences to me of the Separation?
- A: The Separation is conditioned upon the receipt by Masco of an opinion of counsel to the effect that the Separation will qualify under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), as a transaction that is tax-free both to Masco and to its stockholders. On the basis that the Separation so qualifies, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, you will not recognize any gain or loss, and no amount will be included in your income in connection with the Separation, except with respect to any cash received in lieu of fractional shares. See "The Separation—Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation."
- Q: How will Masco's common stock and SpinCo's common stock trade?
- A: There is currently no public market for SpinCo common stock. We expect to apply to have SpinCo's shares of common stock listed on the NYSE under the symbol "BLD." Masco common stock will continue to trade on the NYSE under the symbol "MAS."

- Q: Can Masco decide to cancel the distribution of the SpinCo common stock even if all the conditions have been met?
- A: Yes. Masco has the right to terminate the Separation at any time prior to the distribution, even if all of the conditions to the Separation are satisfied.
- Q: Do I have appraisal rights?
- A: No, Masco stockholders do not have any appraisal rights in connection with the Separation.
- Q: Who is the transfer agent for SpinCo common stock?
- A: We expect that Computershare will be the transfer agent for SpinCo common stock. Computershare's address is P.O. Box 30170, College Station, Texas, 77842-3170 and its phone number is (866) 230-0666 (in the United States), (201) 680-6578 (outside the United States) and (800) 231-5469 (hearing impaired).

# **RISK FACTORS**

You should carefully consider each of the following risks and all of the other information contained in this Information Statement. Some of these risks relate principally to our Separation from Masco, while others relate principally to our business and the industry in which we operate or to the securities markets generally and ownership of our common stock.

Our business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks, and, as a result, the trading price of our common stock could decline.

#### **Risks Relating to the Separation**

# We may not realize the anticipated benefits from the Separation, and our historical combined and pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of our future prospects.

We may not realize the anticipated benefits we expect from our Separation from Masco. We have described those anticipated benefits elsewhere in this Information Statement. See "The Separation—Reasons for the Separation." In addition, we will incur significant costs, including those described below, which may exceed our estimates, and we will incur some negative effects from the Separation, including loss of scale and access to some of the financial, managerial and professional resources from which we have benefited in the past.

Our historical combined and unaudited pro forma combined financial information included in this Information Statement is not necessarily indicative of our future financial condition, future results of operations or future cash flows, nor does it reflect what our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows would have been as an independent public company during the periods presented. In particular, the historical combined financial information included in this Information Statement is not necessarily indicative of our future financial condition, results of operations or cash flows primarily because of the following factors:

- Our historical combined financial results reflect allocations of expenses for services historically provided by Masco, and this allocation of Masco corporate expenses may be significantly lower than the comparable expenses we would have incurred as an independent company;
- Our working capital requirements and capital expenditures historically have been satisfied as part of Masco's corporate-wide cash management and capital expenditure programs, and our cost of debt and other capital may significantly differ from that reflected in our historical combined financial statements;
- The historical combined financial information may not fully reflect the costs associated with the Separation, including the settlement of intercompany accounts and all costs related to being an independent public company; and
- SpinCo currently benefits from Masco's size and scale for the purchase of certain goods and services, and thus the Services Business costs may be significantly lower than the comparable costs we would have incurred as an independent company.

We based the pro forma adjustments included in this Information Statement on available information and assumptions that we believe are reasonable. These adjustments, however, may overstate the value of our assets or understate the amount of our liabilities. In addition, our unaudited pro forma combined financial information included in this Information Statement may not give effect to various ongoing additional costs we may incur in connection with being an independent public company. Accordingly, our unaudited pro forma combined financial statements do not reflect what our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows would have been as an independent public

company and is not necessarily indicative of our future financial condition or future results of operations.

Please refer to "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our historical combined financial statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this Information Statement.

# We have no history operating as an independent public company. We will incur significant costs to create the corporate infrastructure necessary to operate as an independent public company.

While we believe our core information technology systems, including our ERP systems, are relatively self-sufficient from Masco, we have historically used Masco's corporate infrastructure for functions such as corporate human resources, finance and legal, including the costs of salaries, benefits and other related costs. The expenses related to establishing and maintaining this infrastructure were shared by Masco's various businesses through allocations of costs that were incurred by Masco. Following the Separation and after the expiration of the Transition Services Agreement described above, we will no longer have access to Masco's infrastructure, and we will need to establish and maintain our own. We expect to incur costs beginning in 2015 to establish the necessary infrastructure.

#### The obligations associated with being a public company will require significant resources and management attention.

Currently, we are not directly subject to the reporting and other requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Following the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this Information Statement forms a part, we will be directly subject to such reporting and other obligations under the Exchange Act and the rules of the NYSE, and beginning with our 2016 fiscal year, we expect to be compliant with the applicable requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), which will require, in the future, annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and a report by our independent registered public accounting firm addressing the effectiveness of these controls. As an independent public company, we are required to, among other things:

prepare and distribute periodic reports, proxy statements and other stockholder communications in compliance with the federal securities laws and the NYSE rules;

- have our own board of directors and committees thereof;
- maintain an internal audit function;
- institute our own financial reporting and disclosure compliance functions;
- establish an investor relations function;
- establish internal policies, including those relating to trading in our securities and disclosure controls and procedures; and
- comply with the rules and regulations implemented by the SEC, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the NYSE.

These reporting and other obligations will place significant demands on our management and our administrative and operational resources, including accounting resources, and we expect to face increased legal, accounting, administrative and other costs and expenses relating to these demands that we had not incurred as a segment of Masco. Our investment in compliance with existing and evolving regulatory requirements will result in increased administrative expenses and a diversion of management's time and attention from revenue-generating activities to compliance activities, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

#### Until the Separation occurs, Masco has sole discretion to change the terms of the distribution in ways that may be unfavorable to us.

Until the Separation occurs, SpinCo's business will be an operating segment of Masco. Although the Masco board of directors approved in September 2014 a plan to distribute to Masco's stockholders all of the shares of common stock of SpinCo, the Separation remains subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, some of which are in the sole and absolute discretion of Masco. Additionally, Masco has the sole and absolute discretion to change certain terms of the Separation, including the amount of any distribution we make to Masco, the amount of our indebtedness and the allocation of contingent liabilities, which changes could be unfavorable to us. In addition, Masco may decide at any time prior to the completion of the Separation not to proceed with the Separation.

### In connection with the Separation, Masco will indemnify us for certain liabilities and we will indemnify Masco for certain liabilities. If we are required to act under these indemnities to Masco, we may need to divert cash to meet those obligations, which could adversely affect our financial results. Moreover, the Masco indemnity may not be sufficient to insure us against the full amount of liabilities for which it will be allocated responsibility, and Masco may not be able to satisfy its indemnification obligations to us in the future.

Pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement and other agreements with Masco, Masco will agree to indemnify us for certain liabilities, and we will agree to indemnify Masco for certain liabilities, as discussed further in "The Separation—Agreements with Masco." Indemnities that we may be required to provide Masco are not subject to any cap, may be significant and could negatively affect our business, particularly indemnities relating to our actions that could affect the tax-free nature of the Separation. Third parties could also seek to hold us responsible for any of the liabilities that Masco has agreed to retain, and under certain circumstances, we may be subject to continuing contingent liabilities of Masco following the Separation, such as certain shareholder litigation claims. Further, Masco may not be able to fully satisfy its indemnification obligations or such indemnity obligations may not be sufficient to cover our liabilities. Moreover, even if we ultimately succeed in recovering from Masco any amounts for which we are held liable, we may be temporarily required to bear these losses ourselves. Each of these risks could negatively affect our business, results of operations, liquidity and financial condition.

#### After the Separation, Masco's insurers may deny coverage to us for losses associated with occurrences prior to the Separation, and we may no longer be covered under Masco's insurance policies or performance, surety and other bonds. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain insurance coverage or performance, surety and other bonds following the Separation on terms that justify their purchase, and any such insurance coverage or performance, surety and other bonds may not be adequate to offset costs associated with certain events.

In connection with the Separation, we will enter into agreements with Masco to address several matters associated with the Separation, including insurance coverage and bonding requirements. See "The Separation—Agreements with Masco." However, after the Separation, Masco's insurers may deny coverage to us for losses associated with occurrences prior to the Separation. Accordingly, we may be required to temporarily or permanently bear the costs of such lost coverage. In addition, although currently not finalized, the Separation and Distribution Agreement may provide that following the Separation, SpinCo will no longer have insurance coverage under any Masco insurance policies in connection with events occurring as of or after the distribution relating to the Separation, including under Masco's corporate-wide insurance policies. As a result, we would have to obtain our own insurance policies after the Separation is complete. Although we expect to maintain insurance against some, but not all, hazards that could arise from our operations, we can provide no assurance that we will be able to obtain such coverage at an acceptable cost, or at all, or that such coverage will be adequate to protect us from costs incurred with the insured events. The occurrence of an event that is not insured or not fully insured could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and cash flows in the future. Further, Masco is required to have performance, surety and other bonds to cover various obligations of the Services Business. Following the Separation, there is a risk that SpinCo will not be able to obtain bonding in amounts required at an acceptable cost, if at all. See "The Separation—Agreements with Masco."

# Transfer or assignment to us of some contracts and other assets may require the consent of a third party. If such consent is not given, we may not be entitled to the benefit of such contracts, investments and other assets in the future.

Transfer or assignment of some of the contracts and other assets in connection with the Separation may require the consent of a third party to the transfer or assignment. Similarly, in some circumstances, we are joint beneficiaries of contracts, and we will need to enter into a new agreement with the third party to replicate the existing contract or assign the portion of the existing contract related to our business. Some parties may use the requirement of a consent to seek more favorable contractual terms from us, which could include our having to obtain letters of credit or other forms of credit support. If we are unable to obtain such consents or such credit support on commercially reasonable and satisfactory terms, we may be unable to obtain some of the benefits, assets and contractual commitments that are intended to be allocated to us as part of the Separation. In addition, where we do not intend to obtain consent from third-party counterparties based on our belief that no consent is required, the third-party counterparties may challenge the transaction on the basis that the terms of the applicable commercial arrangements require their consent. We may incur substantial litigation and other costs in connection with any such claims and, if we do not prevail, our ability to use these assets could be adversely impacted.

# After the Separation, some of our directors and officers may have actual or potential conflicts of interest because of their equity ownership in Masco, and some of our directors may have actual or potential conflicts of interest because they also serve on the Masco board of directors.

Because of their current or former positions with Masco, following the Separation, some of our directors and executive officers may own shares of Masco common stock or have options to acquire shares of Masco common stock, and such holdings may be significant for some of these individuals

compared to their total assets. In addition, following the Separation, we anticipate that one of our expected directors, Mr. Dennis Archer, will also continue to serve on the Masco board of directors. This ownership or service on both boards of directors may create, or may create the appearance of, conflicts of interest when these directors and officers are faced with decisions that could have different implications for Masco and us. For example, potential conflicts of interest could arise in connection with the resolution of any dispute that may arise between Masco and us regarding the terms of the agreements governing the Separation and the relationship thereafter between the companies.

### The combined post-distribution value of Masco and SpinCo shares may not equal or exceed the pre-distribution value of Masco shares.

After the Separation, Masco common stock will continue to be traded on the NYSE. We expect to apply to list the shares of our common stock on the NYSE. We cannot assure you that the combined trading prices of Masco common stock and our common stock after the Separation, as adjusted for any changes in the combined capitalization of both companies, will be equal to or greater than the trading price of Masco common stock prior to the Separation. Until the market has fully evaluated the business of Masco without our business and potentially thereafter, the price at which Masco common stock trades may fluctuate significantly. Similarly, until the market has fully evaluated our business and potentially thereafter, the price at which our common stock trades may fluctuate significantly.

### We may not be able to access the credit and capital markets at the times and in the amounts needed and on acceptable terms.

From time to time, we may need to access the long-term and short-term capital markets to obtain financing. Our access to, and the availability of, financing on acceptable terms and conditions in the future will be impacted by many factors, including: (1) our financial performance, (2) our credit ratings or absence of a credit rating, (3) the liquidity of the overall capital markets and (4) the state of the economy. There can be no assurance that we will have access to the capital markets on terms acceptable to us. If we are unable to obtain access to the capital markets on acceptable terms or at all, our financial condition, liquidity and ability to fund our growth strategies could be materially and adversely affected.

Concurrently with the Separation, we expect to enter into a credit facility to provide us with available financing for working capital and other general corporate purposes. This credit facility is intended to meet any ongoing cash needs in excess of internally generated cash flows. Uncertainty and illiquidity in financial markets may materially impact the ability of the participating financial institutions to fund their commitments to us under our credit facility. Accordingly, we may not be able to obtain the full amount of the funds available under our credit facility to satisfy our cash requirements, and our failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial position.

# We potentially could have received better terms from unaffiliated third parties than the terms we received in our agreements with Masco.

The agreements we entered into with Masco in connection with the Separation were negotiated while we were still part of Masco's business. See "The Separation— Agreements with Masco." Accordingly, during the period in which the terms of those agreements will have been negotiated, we did not have an independent board of directors or a management team independent of Masco. The terms of the agreements negotiated in the context of the Separation relate to, among other things, the allocation of assets, liabilities, rights and other obligations between Masco and us, and arm's-length negotiations between Masco and an unaffiliated third party in another form of transaction, such as a buyer in a sale of a business transaction, may have resulted in more favorable terms received from the unaffiliated third party.

### Compliance with and changes in tax laws could adversely affect our performance.

We are subject to extensive tax liabilities imposed by multiple jurisdictions, including income taxes, indirect taxes (excise/duty, sales/use and gross receipts taxes), payroll taxes, franchise taxes, withholding taxes and ad valorem taxes. New tax laws and regulations and changes in existing tax laws and regulations are continuously being enacted or proposed that could result in increased expenditures for tax liabilities in the future. Many of these liabilities are subject to periodic audits by the respective taxing authority. Subsequent changes to our tax liabilities as a result of these audits may subject us to interest and penalties.

# If the Separation, together with certain related transactions, does not qualify as a transaction that is generally tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes, Masco and holders of Masco common stock could be subject to significant tax liability.

As described under "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation," it is intended that the Separation, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a tax-free "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code. The consummation of the Separation and the related transactions is conditioned upon the receipt of an opinion of tax counsel to the effect that such transactions qualify for their intended tax treatment. An opinion of tax counsel does not preclude the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") or the courts from adopting a contrary position. The tax opinion will rely on certain representations, covenants and assumptions, including those relating to our and Masco's past and future conduct; if any of those representations, covenants or assumptions is inaccurate, tax counsel may not be able to provide the required tax opinion or the tax consequences of the Separation could differ from the intended tax treatment. If the Separation and/or certain related transactions fail to qualify for tax-free treatment, for any reason, Masco and/or holders of Masco common stock would be subject to tax as a result of the Separation and certain related transactions. See "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation."

# If the Separation is taxable to Masco as a result of a breach by us of any covenant or representation made by us in the Tax Matters Agreement, we will generally be required to indemnify Masco; the obligation to make a payment on this indemnification obligation could have a material adverse effect on us.

As described above, it is intended that the Separation, together with certain related transactions, will generally qualify as tax-free transactions to holders of Masco common stock and to Masco. If the Separation and/or the related transactions are not so treated or are taxable to Masco pursuant to Section 355(e) of the Code (see "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation—The Separation") due to a breach by us (or any of our subsidiaries) of any covenant or representation made by us in the Tax Matters Agreement, we will generally be required to indemnify Masco for all tax-related losses suffered by Masco in connection with the Separation. In addition, we will not control the resolution of any tax contest relating to taxes suffered by Masco in connection with the Separation of tax contests relating to any other taxes for which we may ultimately have an indemnity obligation under the Tax Matters Agreement. In the event that Masco suffers tax-related losses in connection with the Separation with the Separation with the Separation with the Separation connection with the Separation of Masco's tax liability in connection with the Separation tax matters Agreement, the indemnification liability in respect of Masco's tax liability in connection with the Separation could have a material adverse effect on us.



# We may be affected by significant restrictions following the Separation in order to avoid triggering significant tax-related liabilities.

The Tax Matters Agreement generally will prohibit us from taking certain actions that could cause the Separation and certain related transactions to fail to qualify as tax-free transactions, including:

- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, neither we nor any of our subsidiaries may sell, exchange, distribute or otherwise dispose of any assets held by us or our subsidiaries, except for assets that, in the aggregate, do not constitute more than 5% of our total assets;
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation (or otherwise pursuant to a "plan" within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code), we may not cause or permit any business combination or transaction which, individually or in the aggregate, could result in one or more persons acquiring directly or indirectly a forty percent (40%) or greater interest in us for purposes of Section 355(e) of the Code;
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not discontinue the active conduct of our business (within the meaning of Section 355(b)(2) of the Code);
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not sell or otherwise issue our common stock, other than pursuant to issuances that satisfy certain
  regulatory safe harbors set forth in Treasury Regulations related to stock issued to employees and retirement plans;
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not redeem or otherwise acquire any of our common stock, other than pursuant to open-market repurchases of less than 20% of our common stock (in the aggregate);
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not amend our certificate of incorporation (or other organizational documents) or take any other action, whether through a stockholder vote or otherwise, affecting the voting rights of our common stock; and
- more generally, we may not take any action that could reasonably be expected to cause the Separation and certain related transactions to fail to qualify as tax-free transactions under Section 368(a)(1)(D) and Section 355 of the Code.

If we take any of the actions above and such actions result in tax-related losses to Masco, then we generally will be required to indemnify Masco for such tax-related losses. See "Agreements with Masco—Tax Matters Agreement." Due to these restrictions and indemnification obligations under the Tax Matters Agreement, we may be limited in our ability to pursue strategic transactions, equity or convertible debt financings or other transactions that may otherwise be in our best interests. Also, our potential indemnity obligation to Masco might discourage, delay or prevent a change of control that our stockholders may consider favorable to our ability to pursue strategic transactions, equity or convertible debt financings, or other transactions that may otherwise be in our best interests.

# **Risks Relating to Our Business**

# Our business relies on residential new construction activity, and to a lesser extent on residential repair/remodel and commercial construction activity, all of which are cyclical and not fully recovered from the housing crisis.

Our business relies on residential new construction activity and, to a lesser but significant extent, on residential repair/remodel and commercial construction activity, in the United States, which is cyclical. Macroeconomic and local economic conditions, including consumer confidence levels, fluctuations in home prices, unemployment and underemployment levels, student loan debt, household formation rates, the age and volume of the housing stock, the availability of home equity loans and mortgages and the interest rates for such loans, and other factors, affect both consumers' discretionary



spending on residential new construction projects, as well as residential repair/remodel activity. The Commercial construction market is affected by macroeconomic and local economic factors such as interest rates, credit availability for commercial construction projects, material costs, employment rates, office vacancy rates and office absorption rates. Adverse changes or uncertainty regarding these and other factors could result in a decline in spending on residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction projects, which could adversely affect our results of operations and our financial position.

While improving, residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction activity (including consumer spending for big ticket remodeling projects) continue to be below historical average levels, which has affected our operating results. While markets have stabilized from the downturn in recent years, there remains significant uncertainty regarding the timing and extent of a full recovery in residential new construction and residential repair/remodel activity and resulting demand levels for building products we install and/or distribute. In addition to the influence of cyclical macroeconomic and local conditions discussed above, other factors that pose challenges for the markets to return to historical levels of activity include:

- a significant number of homeowners whose outstanding principal balance on their mortgage loan exceeds the market value of their home, which undermines their ability to purchase another home or begin a remodeling that they otherwise might desire and be able to afford;
- relatively high levels of mortgage loan delinquencies, defaults and foreclosures that could add to an inventory of lender-owned homes that may be sold in competition with new and resale homes at low, distressed prices or that generate short sales activity at such price levels;
- the size and nature of new homes, which decreased during the downturn and shifted to a greater mix of multi-family housing units such as apartments and condominiums, which are often smaller than single-family housing units and require less insulation and other building products;
- · tighter lending standards and practices for mortgage loans that limit consumers' ability to qualify for mortgage financing to purchase a home;
- tighter lending standards for commercial credit for smaller builders, as well as for the development of new lots;
- relatively high levels of student debt and consumer debt and relatively low consumer confidence; and
- certain unfavorable demographic trends, such as historically low household formation rates, which tends to result in lower home ownership rates than historical averages.

Given these challenges, the present recovery may not continue or gain further momentum and activity in our lines of business may not return to historic levels, which would have a significant adverse effect on the growth potential of our business, and our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

# We are dependent on third-party suppliers and manufacturers providing us with an adequate supply of high quality products, and the loss of a key supplier or manufacturer could negatively affect our operating results.

Our installation and distribution businesses depend on our ability to obtain an adequate supply of high quality products and components from manufacturers and other suppliers. We rely heavily on third-party suppliers for our products and key components. Failure by our suppliers to provide us with an adequate supply of high quality products on commercially reasonable terms, or to comply with applicable legal requirements, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or operating results. We procure our materials, primarily fiberglass insulation, from leading manufacturers

in the industry. While we believe that we have strong relationships with our suppliers, in the past, during housing market cycles, the fiberglass insulation industry has encountered both shortages and periods of significant oversupply, leading to price volatility and, during shortages, allocations of supply. This volatility of selling prices and materials availability has in the past and may in the future have a significant impact on our results of operation. While we do not believe we depend on any sole or limited source of supply, we do source the majority of our building products, primarily insulation, from a limited number of large suppliers. Any re-sourcing of building products to one or more new supplier could, therefore, take time and involve significant costs. Accordingly, the loss of a key supplier, or a substantial decrease in the availability of products or components from our suppliers, could disrupt our business and adversely impact our operating results.

# The long-term performance of our businesses relies on our ability to attract, develop and retain talented personnel and our sales and labor force, including sales representatives, branch managers, installers and truck drivers, while controlling our labor costs.

To be successful, we must attract, develop and retain highly qualified and talented personnel who have the experience, knowledge and expertise to successfully implement our key business strategies. We also must attract, develop and retain our sales and labor force while maintaining labor costs. We compete for employees, including branch managers, sales people, regional management and executive officers, with a broad range of employers in many different industries, including large multinational firms, and we invest significant resources in recruiting, developing, motivating and retaining them. The failure to attract and retain key employees, or to develop effective succession planning to assure smooth transitions of those employees and the knowledge, customer relationships and expertise they possess, could negatively affect our competitive position and our operating results. Further, as the economy continues to recover, if we are unable to cost-effectively recruit, train and retain sufficient skilled sales and labor personnel, including sales representatives, branch managers, installers and truck drivers, we may not be able to adequately satisfy increased demand for our products and services, which could impact our operating results. We have also experienced difficulty in the past securing personnel for certain of our labor force due to lack of proper immigration status.

Our ability to control labor costs and attract qualified labor is subject to numerous external factors, including prevailing wage rates, labor shortages, the impact of legislation or regulations governing wages and hours, labor relations, immigration, healthcare benefits and other insurance costs. In addition, we compete with other companies to recruit and retain qualified installers and truck drivers in a tight labor market, and we invest significant resources in training and motivating them to maintain a high level of job satisfaction. These positions generally have high turnover rates, which can lead to increased training and retention costs. If we are unable to attract or retain qualified employees, it could adversely impact our operating results.

# Because we operate our business through highly dispersed locations across the United States, our operations may be materially adversely affected by inconsistent practices and the operating results of individual branches and distribution centers may vary.

We operate our business through a network of dispersed branch locations and distribution facilities throughout the United States, supported by corporate executives and services in our headquarters, with branch and regional management retaining responsibility for day-to-day operations and adherence to applicable local laws. Our operating structure can make it difficult for us to coordinate procedures across our operations in a timely manner or at all. In addition, our branches and distribution facilities may require significant oversight and coordination from headquarters to support their growth. Inconsistent implementation of corporate strategy and policies at the local or regional level could materially and adversely affect our overall profitability, business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

In addition, the operating results of a specific individual branch or distribution facility may differ from that of another branch or distribution facility for a variety of reasons, including business apportionment, management practices, competitive landscape, regulatory requirements and local economic conditions. As a result, certain of our branches or distribution facilities may experience higher or lower levels of growth than other branches or distribution facilities. Therefore, our overall financial performance and results of operations may not be indicative of the performance and results of operations of any individual branch or distribution facility.

### Our profit margins could decrease due to changes in the costs of the products we install and/or distribute.

The principal building products that we install and distribute have been subject to price changes in the past, some of which have been significant. Our results of operations for individual quarters can be and have been hurt by a delay between the time building product cost increases are implemented and the time we are able to increase prices for our installation or distribution services, if at all. Our supplier purchase prices may depend on our purchasing volume or other arrangements with any given supplier. While we have been able to achieve cost savings through volume purchasing or other arrangements with suppliers in the past, we may not be able to continue to receive advantageous pricing for the products that we distribute and install. If we are unable to maintain pricing consistent with prior periods, our costs could increase and our margins may be adversely affected, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### We face significant competition.

The market for the distribution and installation of building products is highly fragmented and competitive, and the barriers to entry for local competitors are relatively low. We face significant pricing pressure from competitors in both our installation and distribution businesses. In addition to price, we believe that competition in our industry is based largely on customer service and the quality and timeliness of installation services and distribution product deliveries in each local market. Our installation competitors include national contractors, regional contractors, and local contractors, and we face many or all of these competitors for each project on which we bid. Our insulation distribution distribution competitors include specialty insulation distributors (one multi-regional, several regional, and numerous local). In some instances, our insulation distributors, big box retailers and insulation manufacturers. Barriers to entry in our markets are also relatively low, which increases the risk that additional competitors will emerge.

Our ability to maintain our competitive position in our industry and to grow our businesses depends upon successfully maintaining our relationships with major suppliers and customers, cost-effectively recruiting and retaining our sales and labor force, including key sales representatives, branch managers, installers and truck drivers, in a tight labor market, delivering superior customer service and quality installations, implementing growth strategies, leveraging our scale and managing our cost structure, none of which is assured. If we are unable to compete effectively, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows would be materially and adversely affected.

#### Our business is seasonal and is susceptible to adverse weather conditions and natural disasters.

Our industry is seasonal. We normally experience stronger sales during the third and fourth calendar quarters, corresponding with the peak season for residential new construction and residential repair/remodel activity. Sales during the winter weather months are seasonally slower due to the lower construction activity. Historically, the installation of insulation lags housing starts by several months.

In addition, to the extent that hurricanes, severe storms, earthquakes, droughts, floods, fires, other natural disasters or similar events occur in the geographic areas in which we operate, our business may be adversely affected. For example, in the first quarter of 2014, many of our customers and local operations were impacted by adverse weather events that slowed construction activity.

Severe weather and natural disasters can cause delays or halts and increased costs in the construction of new homes, residential repair/remodeling projects and commercial construction projects. We may underestimate the impact of seasonality in any given period. Severe weather is often unpredictable, which contributes to earnings volatility and makes forecasting our results of operation more difficult. Severe weather and seasonality may have an adverse impact on our business, including our financial position, cash flows from operations and results of operations.

In addition, we may experience business interruptions and property or other damage due to severe weather or natural disasters. If insurance is unavailable to us or is unavailable on acceptable terms, or if our insurance is not adequate to cover business interruption or losses resulting from adverse weather or natural disasters, our business and results of operations will be adversely affected. In addition, damage to homes or commercial sites caused by adverse weather or a natural disaster can cause our insurance costs to increase.

#### Claims and litigation could be costly.

We are, from time to time, involved in various claims, litigation matters and regulatory proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of our business and which could have a material adverse effect on us. These matters may include contract disputes, automobile liability and other personal injury claims, warranty disputes, environmental claims or proceedings, other tort claims, employment and tax matters and other proceedings and litigation, including class actions.

We rely on our suppliers to provide us with the building products that we install and/or distribute. Due to the difficulty of controlling the quality of products sourced from our suppliers, we are exposed to risks relating to the quality of such products and to limitations on our recourse against such suppliers.

In addition, we are exposed to potential claims by our employees or others based on job related hazards. For example, certain types of insulation, particularly spray foam applications, require our employees to handle potentially hazardous or toxic substances. While we place significant focus on employee safety and our employees who handle potentially hazardous or toxic materials, including but not limited to lead-based paint, receive specialized training and wear protective clothing, there is still a risk that they, or others, may be exposed to these substances. Exposure to these substances could result in significant injury to our employees and others, including site occupants, and damage to our property or the property of others, including natural resource damage, for which we may be liable.

We have also experienced class action lawsuits in recent years predicated upon claims for antitrust, product liability, construction defects, competition and wage and hour issues. We have generally denied liability and have vigorously defended these cases. Due to their scope and complexity, however, these lawsuits can be particularly costly to defend and resolve, and we have and may continue to incur significant costs as a result of these types of lawsuits.

Our builder and contractor customers are subject to construction defect and warranty claims in the ordinary course of their business. Our contractual arrangements with these customers may include our agreement to defend and indemnify them against various liabilities. These claims, often asserted several years after completion of construction, can result in complex lawsuits or claims against the builders, contractors and many of their subcontractors, including us, and may require us to incur defense and indemnity costs even when our services or distributed products are not the principal basis for the claims.

Although we intend to defend all claims and litigation matters vigorously, given the inherently unpredictable nature of claims and litigation, we cannot predict with certainty the outcome or effect of any claim or litigation matter.

We expect to maintain insurance against some, but not all, of these risks of loss resulting from claims and litigation. We may elect not to obtain insurance if we believe the cost of available insurance is excessive relative to the risks presented. The levels of insurance we maintain may not be adequate to fully cover any and all losses or liabilities. If any significant accident, judgment, claim or other event is not fully insured or indemnified against, it could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We may have future capital needs and may not be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms.

Economic and credit market conditions, the performance of the construction industry, and our financial performance, as well as other factors, including restrictions under the Tax Matters Agreement following the Separation, may constrain our financing abilities. Our ability to secure additional financing, if available, and to satisfy our financial obligations under indebtedness outstanding from time to time will depend upon our future operating performance, the availability of credit, economic conditions and financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. Any worsening of current housing market or other construction industry conditions and the macroeconomic and local economic factors that affect our industry could require us to seek additional capital and have a material adverse effect on our ability to secure such capital on favorable terms, if at all. In addition, from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, the Tax Matters Agreement generally will prohibit us and our affiliates from taking certain actions that could cause the Separation and certain related transactions to fail to qualify as tax-free transactions, which includes certain issuances of our common stock. See the risk factor titled "We may be affected by significant restrictions following the Separation in order to avoid triggering significant tax-related liabilities" above.

# We may not be able to identify new products and new product lines and integrate them into our distribution network, which may impact our ability to compete; our expansion into new markets may present competitive, distribution and regulatory challenges that differ from current ones.

Our business depends in part on our ability to identify future products and product lines that complement existing products and product lines and that respond to our customers' needs. We may not be able to compete effectively unless our product selection keeps up with trends in the markets in which we compete or trends in new products. In addition, our ability to integrate new products and product lines into our distribution network could affect our ability to compete. Furthermore, the success of new products and new product lines will depend on market demand and there is a risk that new products and new product lines will not deliver expected results, which could negatively impact our future sales and results of operations. Our expansion into new markets may present competitive, distribution and regulatory challenges that differ from current ones. We may be less familiar with new product categories and may face different or additional risks, as well as increased or unexpected costs, compared to existing operations. Growth into new markets may also bring us into direct competition with companies with whom we have little or no past experience as competitors and may not be

supported by our historical product suppliers. To the extent we are reliant upon expansion into new geographic, industry and product markets for growth and do not meet the new challenges posed by such expansion, our future sales growth could be negatively impacted, our operating costs could increase and our business operations and financial results could be negatively affected.

# We may be adversely affected by any natural or man-made disruptions to our facilities.

We currently maintain a broad network of distribution facilities and installation branches throughout the United States. Any widespread disruption to our facilities resulting from fire, earthquake, weather-related events, an act of terrorism, or any other cause could damage a significant portion of our inventory and supply stock and could materially impair our ability to provide installation and/or distribution services for our customers. Moreover, we could incur significantly higher costs and longer lead times associated with our installation and distribution services to our customers during the time that it takes for us to reopen or replace a damaged facility. In addition, any shortages of fuel or significant fuel cost increases could disrupt our installation and distribution services. If any of these events were to occur, our financial condition, operating results and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

# We are subject to competitive pricing pressure from our customers.

Residential homebuilders historically have exerted significant pressure on their outside suppliers to keep prices low because of their market share and ability to leverage such market share in the highly fragmented building products supply and services industry. The housing industry downturn resulted in significantly increased pricing pressures from homebuilders and other customers. These pricing pressures have adversely affected our operating results and cash flows. In addition, consolidation among homebuilders, and changes in homebuilders' purchasing policies or payment practices, could result in additional pricing pressure. Moreover, during the housing downturn, several of our homebuilder customers defaulted on amounts owed to us or extended their payable days as a result of their financial condition. If such payment failures or delays were to recur, it could significantly adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

### The development of alternatives to distributors in the supply chain could cause a decrease in our sales and operating results and limit our ability to grow our business.

Our distribution customers could begin purchasing more of their product needs directly from manufacturers, which would result in decreases in our net sales and earnings. Our suppliers could invest in infrastructure to expand their own local sales force and sell more products directly to our distribution customers, which also would negatively impact our business. In addition, our distribution customers may elect to establish their own building products manufacturing and distribution facilities, or give advantages to manufacturing or distribution intermediaries in which they have an economic stake. These changes in the supply chain could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

#### Union organizing activity and work stoppages could delay or reduce availability of products that we install and increase our costs.

Approximately 400 of our employees are currently covered by collective bargaining or other similar labor agreements that expire on various dates from May 2015 through June 2019. Any inability by us to negotiate collective bargaining arrangements could cause strikes or other work stoppages, and new contracts could result in increased operating costs. If any such strikes or other work stoppages occur, or if other employees become represented by a union, we could experience a disruption of our operations and higher labor costs. Further, if a significant number of additional employees were to unionize, including in the wake of any future legislation that makes it easier for employees to unionize, these

risks would increase. In addition, certain of our suppliers have unionized work forces and certain of the products we install and/or distribute are transported by unionized truckers. Strikes, work stoppages or slowdowns could result in slowdowns or closures of facilities where the products that we install and/or distribute are manufactured or could affect the ability of our suppliers to deliver such products to us. Any interruption in the production or delivery of these products could delay or reduce availability of these products and increase our costs.

# If we are required to take significant non-cash charges, our financial resources could be reduced and our financial flexibility may be negatively affected.

We have recorded significant goodwill and other intangible assets related to prior business combinations on our balance sheet. The valuation of these assets is largely dependent upon the expectations for future performance of our businesses. Expectations about the growth of residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction activity may impact whether we are required to recognize non-cash, pre-tax impairment charges for goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets or other long-lived assets. If the value of our goodwill, other intangible assets or long-lived assets is further impaired, our earnings and stockholders' equity would be adversely affected.

# Compliance with government regulation and industry standards could impact our operating results.

We are subject to federal, state and local government regulations, particularly those pertaining to health and safety (including protection of employees and consumers), employment laws, including immigration and wage and hour regulations, contractor licensing and environmental issues. In addition to complying with current requirements, even more stringent requirements could be imposed in the future. Compliance with these regulations and industry standards is costly and may require us to alter our installation and distribution processes, our product sourcing or our business practices, and makes recruiting and retaining labor in a tight labor market more challenging. Compliance with these regulations and industry standards could also divert our attention and resources to compliance activities, and could cause us to incur higher costs. Further, if we do not effectively and timely comply with such regulations and industry standards, our results of operations could be negatively affected and we could become subject to substantial penalties or other legal liability.

# If we encounter difficulties with our information technology systems, we could experience problems with customer service, inventory, collections and cost control.

Our operations are dependent upon our information technology systems, which encompass all of our major business functions. We rely upon such information technology systems to manage customer orders on a timely basis, to coordinate our installation and distribution activities across locations and to manage invoicing. If we experience problems with our information technology systems, we could experience, among other things, delays in receiving customer orders or placing orders with suppliers, and delays in scheduling production, installation services or shipments. Any failure by us to properly maintain and protect our information systems could thus adversely impact our ability to attract and serve customers and could cause us to incur higher operating costs and experience delays in the execution of our business strategies.

Since we rely heavily on information technology both in serving our customers and in our enterprise infrastructure in order to achieve our objectives, we may be vulnerable to damage or intrusion from a variety of cyber-attacks including computer viruses, worms or other malicious software programs that access our systems. Despite the precautions we take to mitigate the risks of such events, an attack on our enterprise information technology system could result in theft or disclosure of our proprietary or confidential information or a breach of confidential customer or employee information. Such events could have an adverse impact on revenue, harm our reputation, and cause us to incur legal

liability and costs, which could be significant, to address and remediate such events and related security concerns.

### Our business relies significantly on the know-how of our employees, and we generally do not have an intellectual property position that is protected by patents.

Our business is significantly dependent upon our installation and distribution logistics know-how, including significant know-how in the application of building science to our Installation services. We rely on a combination of trade secrets and contractual confidentiality provisions and, to a much lesser extent, copyrights and trademarks, to protect our proprietary rights. Accordingly, our intellectual property position is more vulnerable than it would be if it were protected primarily by patents. If we fail to protect our proprietary rights successfully, our competitive position could suffer, which could harm our operating results. We may be required to spend significant resources to monitor and protect our proprietary rights, and, in the event a misappropriation or breach of our proprietary rights occurs, our competitive position in the market may be harmed. In addition, competitors may develop competing technologies and know-how that renders our know-how obsolete or less valuable.

### We occupy our branches and distribution facilities under leases with durations of five years or less. We may be unable to renew leases at the end of their terms.

Most of our branches and distribution facilities are located in leased premises with lease terms of five years or less. At the end of the lease term and any renewal period, we may be unable to renew the lease without substantial additional cost, if at all. If we are unable to renew our branch or distribution facilities leases, we may be required to close or relocate such branch or facility, which could subject us to construction and other costs and risks, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business and operating results. In addition, we may not be able to secure a replacement facility in a location that is as commercially viable, including access to rail service, as the lease we are unable to renew. For example, closing a branch or distribution facility, even during the time of relocation, will reduce the sales that such location would have contributed. Additionally, the sales and profit, if any, generated at a relocated branch or facility may not equal the revenue and profit generated at the existing one.

### Any adverse credit rating could increase our costs of borrowing money and limit our access to the capital markets and commercial credit.

We do not currently intend to seek credit ratings from Moody's Investor Service, Standard & Poor's or another rating service. However, if Moody's, Standard & Poor's or another rating service rates our credit, such rating could be below investment grade. Further, an initial credit rating could be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a ratings agency if, in its judgment, the circumstances warrant. If any such ratings are lowered, or are otherwise below investment grade, our borrowing costs could increase and our funding sources could decrease. Actual or anticipated changes or downgrades in future ratings, including any announcement that our ratings are under review for a downgrade, could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and operating results.

# Changes in building codes and consumer preferences could affect our ability to market our service offerings and our profitability. Moreover, if we do not respond to evolving customer preferences or changes in building standards, or if we do not maintain or expand our leadership in building science, our business, results of operation, financial condition and cash flow would be adversely affected.

Each of our lines of business is impacted by local and state building codes and consumer preferences, including a growing focus on energy efficiency. Recently, building codes and consumer preferences have begun to shift towards environmentally friendly and energy-efficient building products. In addition, state and local governments may change building codes periodically for perceived safety or

other reasons. Our competitive advantage is due, in part, to our ability to respond to changes in consumer preferences and building codes. In particular, our Environments For Living® program is designed to make homes more energy-efficient, comfortable and durable. However, if our installation and distribution services do not adequately or quickly adapt to changing preferences and building standards, we may lose market share to competitors, which would adversely affect our business, results of operation, financial condition and cash flows. Further, our growth prospects could be harmed if consumer preferences and building standards evolve towards energy-efficient service offerings, which are more profitable than minimum code service offerings, more slowly than we anticipate.

The volatile and challenging economic environment of recent years has also caused shifts in consumer preferences and purchasing practices and changes in the business models and strategies of our customers. This has led to a shift in the quantity, type and prices of products demanded by our customers. For example, demand has increased for multi-family housing units such as apartments and condominiums, which are typically smaller, with correspondingly less insulation, than single-family houses. These shifts have negatively impacted our sales and our profitability, and it is uncertain whether these shifts represent long-term changes in preferences.

### **Risks Relating to Our Common Stock**

# Because there has not been any public market for our common stock, the market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile and you may not be able to resell your shares at or above the initial market price of our common stock following the Separation.

Prior to the distribution relating to the Separation, there will have been no trading market for our common stock. An active trading market may not develop or be sustained for our common stock after the Separation, and we cannot predict the prices and volume at which our common stock will trade after the Separation. The market price of our common stock could fluctuate significantly due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- fluctuations in our quarterly or annual earnings results or those of other companies in our industry;
- failures of our operating results to meet the estimates of securities analysts or the expectations of our stockholders or changes by securities analysts in their estimates of our future earnings;
- announcements by us or our customers, suppliers or competitors;
- changes in laws or regulations which adversely affect our industry or us;
- changes in accounting standards, policies, guidance, interpretations or principles;
- general economic, industry and stock market conditions;
- future sales of our common stock by our stockholders;
- · future issuances of our common stock by us; and
- the other factors described in these "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Information Statement.

### A large number of our shares are or will be eligible for future sale, which may cause the market price for our common stock to decline.

Upon completion of the Separation, we estimate that we will have outstanding an aggregate of approximately  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of our common stock (based on  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of Masco common stock outstanding on  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015). All of those shares (other than those held by our "affiliates") will be freely tradable without restriction or registration under the Securities Act. Shares held by our affiliates, which include our directors and executive officers, can be sold subject to volume, manner of sale and

notice provisions under Rule 144. We estimate that our directors and executive officers, who may be considered "affiliates" for purposes of Rule 144, will beneficially own approximately  $[ \cdot ]$  shares, or  $[ \cdot ]$ %, of our common stock immediately following the Separation. We are unable to predict whether large amounts of our common stock will be sold in the open market following the Separation. We are also unable to predict whether a sufficient number of buyers will be in the market at that time. As discussed in the immediately following risk factor, certain index funds will likely be required to sell shares of our common stock that they receive pursuant to the Separation. In addition, other Masco stockholders may sell the shares of our common stock they receive pursuant to the Separation as an independent company fits their investment objectives. A change in the level of analyst coverage following the Separation could also negatively impact demand for our shares. The sale of significant amounts of our common stock or the perception in the market that this will occur may lower the market price of our common stock.

# Because we do not expect our common stock will be included in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and it may not be included in other stock indices, significant amounts of our common stock will likely need to be sold in the open market where they may not meet with offsetting new demand.

A portion of Masco's outstanding common stock is held by index funds tied to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index or other stock indices. Based on a review of publicly available information as of  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015, we believe approximately  $[ \cdot ]$  percent of Masco's outstanding common stock is held by index funds. Because we do not expect our common stock to be included in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, and it may not be included in other stock indices upon the completion of the Separation, index funds currently holding shares of Masco common stock will likely be required to sell the shares of our common stock they receive upon completion of the Separation. There may not be sufficient new buying interest to offset sales by those index funds. Accordingly, our common stock could experience a high level of volatility immediately following the distribution and, as a result, the price of our common stock could be adversely affected.

# Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and certain provisions of Delaware law could delay or prevent a change in control of us.

The existence of some provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and Delaware law could discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of us that a stockholder may consider favorable. These include provisions:

- providing for a classified board of directors;
- providing that our directors may be removed by our stockholders only for cause;
- establishing supermajority vote requirements for our stockholders to amend certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws;
- authorizing a large number of shares of stock that are not yet issued, which could have the effect of preventing or delaying a change in control if our board of
  directors issued shares to persons that did not support such change in control, or which could be used to dilute the stock ownership of persons seeking to obtain
  control of us;
- · prohibiting stockholders from calling special meetings of stockholders or taking action by written consent; and
- establishing advance notice requirements for nominations of candidates for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted on by stockholders at the annual stockholder meetings.

In addition, we are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which may have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by our board of directors, including discouraging takeover attempts that could have resulted in a premium over the market price for shares of our common stock.

These provisions apply even if a takeover offer may be considered beneficial by some stockholders and could delay or prevent an acquisition that our board of directors determines is not in our and our stockholders' best interests. See "Description of Capital Stock."

#### We may issue preferred stock with terms that could dilute the voting power or reduce the value of our common stock.

Our certificate of incorporation authorizes us to issue, without the approval of our stockholders, one or more classes or series of preferred stock having such designations, powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other rights, and such qualifications, limitations or restrictions as our board of directors generally may determine. The terms of one or more classes or series of preferred stock could dilute the voting power or reduce the value of our common stock. For example, we could grant holders of preferred stock the right to elect some number of our directors in all events or on the happening of specified events or the right to veto specified transactions. Similarly, the repurchase or redemption rights or dividend, distribution or liquidation preferences we could assign to holders of preferred stock could affect the residual value of the common stock. See "Description of Capital Stock—Preferred Stock."

### Our bylaws designate a state or federal court located within the State of Delaware as the sole and exclusive forum for certain types of actions and proceedings that may be initiated by our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a preferred judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees.

Our bylaws provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee to us or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee to us or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation (including any certificate of designations for any class or series of our preferred stock) or our bylaws, in each case, as amended from time to time, or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, shall be a state or federal court located within the State of Delaware, in all cases subject to the court's having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock is deemed to have received notice of and consented to the foregoing provision. This forum selection provision may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable or cost-effective for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees, which may discourage such lawsuits against us and our directors, officers and employees.

### We may not achieve the intended benefits of having an exclusive forum provision if it is found to be unenforceable.

We have included an exclusive forum provision in our bylaws as described above. However, the enforceability of similar exclusive jurisdiction provisions in other companies' bylaws or certificates of incorporation has been challenged in legal proceedings, and it is possible that, in connection with any action, a court could find the exclusive jurisdiction provision contained in our bylaws to be inapplicable or unenforceable in such action. Although in June 2013 the Delaware Court of Chancery upheld the statutory and contractual validity of exclusive forum-selection bylaw provisions, the validity of such provisions is not yet settled law under the laws of Delaware. Furthermore, the Delaware Court of

Chancery emphasized that such provisions may not be enforceable under circumstances where they are found to operate in an unreasonable or unlawful manner or in a manner inconsistent with a board's fiduciary duties. Also, it is uncertain whether non-Delaware courts consistently will enforce such exclusive forum-selection bylaw provisions. If a court were to find our choice of forum provision inapplicable to, or unenforceable in respect of, one or more of the specified types of actions or proceedings, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such matters in other jurisdictions and we may not obtain the benefits of limiting jurisdiction to the courts selected.

# We do not expect to declare any dividends in the foreseeable future.

We do not anticipate declaring any cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future. Consequently, investors may need to rely on sales of their common stock after price appreciation, which may never occur, as the only way to realize any future gains on their investment. Investors seeking cash dividends should not invest in our common stock.

# SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made statements under the captions "Summary," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Business" and in other sections of this Information Statement that reflect our views about future performance and constitute forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "believe," "anticipate," "appear," "may," "might," "will," "should," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "assume," "seek," "forecast," "anticipates," "appears," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue," the negative of these terms and other similar references to future periods. These views involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and, accordingly, our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in our forward-looking statements. We caution you against relying on any of these forward-looking statements. Our future performance may be affected by our reliance on residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction, our reliance on third-party suppliers and manaftacturers, our ability to attract, develop and retain talented personnel and our sales and labor force, our ability to maintain consistent practices across our locations, our ability to maintain our competitive position, and our ability to realize the expected benefits of the Separation. We discuss many of the risks we face under the caption entitled "Risk Factors." Our forward-looking statements in this Information Statement speak only as of the date of this Information Statement. Factors or events that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. Unless required by law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

# THE SEPARATION

#### General

In September 2014, the Masco board of directors approved a plan to distribute to its stockholders all of the shares of common stock of SpinCo through the Separation. SpinCo is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of Masco and at the time of the distribution will hold, through its subsidiaries, the assets and liabilities associated with Masco's Services Business. The Separation will be achieved through the distribution of 100% of the outstanding capital stock of SpinCo to holders of Masco common stock on the record date of  $[ \ ]$ , 2015. Masco holders of record will receive one share of SpinCo common stock for every  $[ \ ]$  shares of Masco common stock. The distribution is expected to be completed on  $[ \ ]$ , 2015. Immediately following the distribution, Masco stockholders as of the record date will own 100% of the outstanding shares of common stock of SpinCo. Following the Separation, SpinCo will be an independent, publicly traded company, and Masco will retain no ownership interest in SpinCo.

As defined in this Information Statement, "Services Business" refers to Masco's businesses comprising its Installation and Other Services segment, as reported in Masco's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), that distribute and install building products primarily for residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction, throughout the United States. The assets and liabilities of the Services Business relate to a nationwide network of branches and distribution centers, as well as its customer and supplier relationships. See "Business" for more information.

As part of the Separation, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationship with Masco after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between us and Masco of the assets, liabilities and obligations of Masco and its subsidiaries, and will govern the relationship between SpinCo and Masco after the Separation. In addition to the Separation and Distribution Agreement, the other principal agreements to be entered into with Masco include:

- a Tax Matters Agreement;
- a Transition Services Agreements; and
- an Employee Matters Agreement.

The Separation of SpinCo from Masco as described in this Information Statement is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions. We cannot provide any assurances Masco will complete the Separation. For a more detailed description of these conditions, see "Conditions to the Distribution" below.

#### **Reasons for the Separation**

The Masco board of directors believes separating the Services Business from Masco's other businesses is in the best interests of Masco and its stockholders and has concluded the Separation will provide Masco and SpinCo with a number of opportunities and benefits, including the following:

Strategic and Management Focus. Permit the management team of each company to focus on its own strategic priorities with financial targets that best fit its
own business and opportunities. We believe the Separation will enable each company's management teams to better position its business to capitalize on
developing trends in its business, increase managerial focus to pursue its individual strategies, and leverage its key strengths to drive performance. The
management of each resulting corporate group will be able to concentrate on its core concerns and growth opportunities, and will have increased flexibility to
design and implement corporate policies and strategies based on the characteristics of its business.



- Investor Choice. Provide investors, both current and prospective, with the ability to value the two companies based on their distinct business characteristics and
  make more targeted investment decisions based on those characteristics. Separating the two businesses will provide investors with a more targeted investment
  opportunities. As a result, the Separation may result in a combined post-Separation trading value in excess of the current trading value of Masco.
  - *Resource Allocation and Capital Deployment.* Allow each company to allocate resources and deploy capital in a manner consistent with its own priorities. The Services Business has operating characteristics and end customers that are different than Masco's other businesses, resulting in distinct business models, competitive positions and available growth opportunities. The Separation will enable each company's management team to implement a capital structure, dividend policy and growth strategy tailored to each unique business. Both businesses are expected to have direct access to the debt and equity capital markets to fund their respective growth strategies.

The financial terms of the Separation, including the new indebtedness expected to be incurred by SpinCo or entities that are, or will become, prior to the completion of the Separation, subsidiaries of SpinCo, and the amount of the cash distribution to Masco has been determined by the Masco board of directors based on a variety of factors, including establishing an appropriate pro forma capitalization for SpinCo as a stand-alone company considering the historical earnings of Masco's Services Business and the level of indebtedness relative to earnings of various comparable companies.

#### The Number of Shares You Will Receive

For every [ · ] shares of Masco common stock you own at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on [ · ], 2015, the record date, you will receive one share of SpinCo common stock on the distribution date for the Separation.

#### **Treatment of Fractional Shares**

The distribution agent will not distribute any fractional shares of our common stock to Masco stockholders. Instead, as soon as practicable on or after the distribution date for the Separation, the distribution agent for the distribution will aggregate fractional shares into whole shares, sell the whole shares in the open market at prevailing prices and distribute the net cash proceeds from the sales, net of brokerage fees and commissions, transfer taxes and other costs and after making appropriate deductions of the amounts required to be held for United States federal income tax purposes, if any, pro rata to each holder who would otherwise have been entitled to receive a fractional share in the distribution. The distribution agent will determine when, how, through which broker-dealers and at what prices to sell the aggregated fractional shares. Recipients of cash in lieu of fractional shares will not be entitled to any interest on the amounts of payments made in lieu of fractional shares. The receipt of cash in lieu of fractional shares generally will be taxable to the recipient stockholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes as described below in "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation."

# When and How You Will Receive the Distribution of SpinCo Shares

Masco will distribute the shares of our common stock on [ $\cdot$ ], 2015 to holders of record on the record date. The distribution is expected to be completed following the NYSE market closing on the distribution date for the Separation. Masco's transfer agent and registrar, Computershare Trust Company, N.A. ("Computershare"), is expected to serve as transfer agent and registrar for the SpinCo common stock and as distribution agent in connection with the distribution.

If you own Masco common stock as of 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the record date, the shares of SpinCo common stock that you are entitled to receive in the distribution will be issued electronically, as of the distribution date for the Separation, to your account as follows:

- Registered Stockholders. If you own your shares of Masco stock directly, either in book-entry form through an account at Computershare and/or if you hold paper stock certificates, you will receive your shares of SpinCo common stock by way of direct registration in book-entry form. Registration in book-entry form is a method of recording stock ownership when no physical paper share certificates are issued to stockholders, as is the case in this distribution.
- On or shortly after the distribution date for the Separation, the distribution agent will mail to you an account statement that indicates the number of shares of SpinCo common stock that have been registered in book-entry form in your name.
- Stockholders having any questions concerning the mechanics of having shares of our common stock registered in book-entry form may contact Computershare at the address set forth in "Summary—Questions and Answers About the Separation and Distribution" in this Information Statement.
- *Beneficial Stockholders.* Many Masco stockholders hold their shares of Masco common stock beneficially through a bank or brokerage firm. In such cases, the bank or brokerage firm would be said to hold the stock in "street name" and ownership would be recorded on the bank or brokerage firm's books. If you hold your Masco common stock through a bank or brokerage firm, your bank or brokerage firm will credit your account for the shares of SpinCo common stock that you are entitled to receive in the distribution. If you have any questions concerning the mechanics of having shares of common stock held in "street name," we encourage you to contact your bank or brokerage firm.

# **Treatment of Outstanding Compensation Awards**

For a discussion of provisions concerning retirement, health and welfare benefits to our employees upon completion of the separation, see "Employee Matters Agreement" below. The Separation is not a change-in-control and therefore will not entitle SpinCo officers to any change-in-control benefits.

Incentive compensation awards generally will be treated as follows:

- Outstanding vested Masco stock options held by employees of SpinCo will remain Masco stock options and such employees will have the period of time following their separation with Masco as set forth in their award agreement to exercise these adjusted options.
- Outstanding unvested Masco stock options and restricted stock held by employees of SpinCo will be forfeited upon separation from service with Masco and replaced with SpinCo long-term incentive awards of generally equivalent value.

### Treatment of Shares Held in 401(k) Plans

The treatment of outstanding Masco common stock held in tax-qualified defined contribution retirement plans maintained by Masco will be subject to the same treatment as other outstanding shares of Masco common stock.

#### **Results of the Separation**

After the Separation, we will be an independent, publicly traded company. Immediately following the Separation, we expect to have approximately  $[ \cdot ]$  stockholders of record, based on the number of registered stockholders of Masco common stock on  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015, and approximately  $[ \cdot ]$  shares



of SpinCo common stock outstanding. The actual number of shares to be distributed will be determined on the record date.

Before the completion of the Separation, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements with Masco to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationship with Masco after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between SpinCo and Masco of Masco's assets, liabilities and obligations subsequent to the Separation (including with respect to transition services, employee matters, tax matters and certain other commercial relationships).

For a more detailed description of these agreements, see the section entitled "Agreements with Masco" included below. The distribution will not affect the number of outstanding shares of Masco common stock or any rights of Masco stockholders.

#### **Incurrence of Debt**

We intend to enter into new financing arrangements in anticipation of the Separation. We expect to incur \$200 million of indebtedness under a bank term loan, which we intend to use in part to fund a cash distribution to Masco immediately prior to the Separation. We also expect to enter into a \$100 million to \$150 million credit facility for working capital and other general corporate purposes. We will provide more information about these financing arrangements in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

# Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Separation

The following is a discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Separation to U.S. Holders (as defined below) of Masco common stock. This discussion is based on the Code, applicable Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations and court decisions as in effect as of the date of this prospectus, all of which may change, possibly with retroactive effect. For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of Masco common stock that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state therein or the District of Columbia; or
- an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

This discussion addresses only the consequences of the Separation to U.S. Holders that hold Masco common stock as a capital asset. It does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to a U.S. Holder in light of that shareholder's particular circumstances or to a U.S. Holder subject to special rules, such as:

- a financial institution, regulated investment company or insurance company;
- a tax-exempt organization;
- a dealer or broker in securities, commodities or foreign currencies;
- a shareholder that holds Masco common stock as part of a hedge, appreciated financial position, straddle, conversion, or other risk reduction transaction;
- a shareholder that holds Masco common stock in a tax-deferred account, such as an individual retirement account; or

a shareholder that acquired Masco common stock pursuant to the exercise of options or similar derivative securities or otherwise as compensation.

If a partnership, or any entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holds Masco common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in such partnership generally will depend on the status of the partners and the activities of the partnership. A partner in a partnership holding Masco common stock should consult its tax advisor.

This discussion of material U.S. federal income tax consequences is not a complete analysis or description of all potential U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Separation. This discussion does not address tax consequences that may vary with, or are contingent on, individual circumstances. In addition, it does not address any U.S. federal, estate, gift or other non-income tax or any foreign, state or local tax consequences of the Separation. Accordingly, each holder of Masco common stock should consult his, her or its tax advisor to determine the particular U.S. federal, state or local or foreign income or other tax consequences of the Separation to such holder.

# Tax Opinions

The consummation of the Separation, along with certain related transactions, is conditioned upon the receipt of an opinion of tax counsel substantially to the effect that the Separation, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a tax-free "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code (a "Tax Opinion"). In rendering the Tax Opinion given as of the date of this registration statement (the "Registration Statement Tax Opinion"), tax counsel has relied, and in rendering the Tax Opinion to be given as of the closing of the Separation (the "Closing Tax Opinion"), will rely, on (i) customary representations and covenants made by us and Masco, including those contained in certificates of officers of us and Masco, and (ii) specified assumptions, including an assumption regarding the completion of the Separation and certain related transactions in the manner contemplated by the transactions agreements. In addition, tax counsel has assumed in rendering the Registration statement Tax Opinion, and tax counsel's ability to provide the Closing Date Tax Opinion will depend on, the absence of changes in existing facts or law between the date of this registration statement and the closing date of the Separation. If any of those representations, covenants or assumptions is inaccurate, tax counsel may not be able to provide the Closing Tax Opinion or the tax consequences of the Separation could differ from those described below. An opinion of tax counsel does not preclude the IRS on the courts from adopting a contrary position. Masco does not intend to obtain a ruling from the IRS on the tax consequences of the Separation or any of the related transactions.

#### The Separation

Assuming that the Separation, together with certain related transactions, will qualify as a tax-free "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code, in general, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- the Separation will not result in the recognition of income, gain or loss to Masco or us;
- no gain or loss will be recognized by, and no amount will be included in the income of, U.S. Holders of Masco common stock upon the receipt of our common stock;
- the aggregate tax basis of the shares of our common stock distributed in the Separation to a U.S. Holder of Masco common stock will be determined by allocating
  the aggregate tax basis such U.S. Holder has in the shares of Masco common stock immediately before such Separation between such Masco common stock and
  our common stock in proportion to the relative fair market value of each immediately following the Separation;

- the holding period of any shares of our common stock received by a U.S. Holder of Masco common stock in the Separation will include the holding period of the shares of Masco common stock held by a U.S. Holder prior to the Separation; and
- a U.S. Holder of Masco common stock that receives cash in lieu of a fractional share of our common stock will recognize capital gain or loss, measured by the difference between the cash received for such fractional share and the U.S. Holder's tax basis in that fractional share, determined as described above, and such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period for such fractional share is more than one year as of the closing date of the Separation.

If one share of our common stock is received with respect to more than one share of Masco common stock, the basis of each share of Masco common stock must be allocated to a segment of a share of our common stock received with respect thereto. The allocations must be made for all shares in proportion to their relative fair market values in a manner that reflects, to the greatest extent possible, that a share of our common stock is received with respect to shares of Masco common stock acquired on the same date and at the same price. To the extent this is not possible, the allocations must be made in a manner that minimizes the disparity in the holding periods of shares of Masco common stock whose basis is allocated to any particular share of our common stock. As a result, one segment of a share of our common stock may have a basis and holding period that differs from another segment of the same share.

In general, if the Separation does not qualify as a tax-free "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code, the Separation will be treated as a taxable dividend to holders of Masco common stock in an amount equal to the fair market value of our common stock received, to the extent of such holder's ratable share of Masco's earnings and profits. In addition, if the Separation does not qualify as a tax-free transaction under Sections 368(a)(1)(D) and 355 of the Code, Masco will recognize taxable gain, which could result in significant tax to Masco.

Even if the Separation were otherwise to qualify as a tax-free transaction under Sections 368(a)(1)(D) and 355 of the Code, the Separation will be taxable to Masco under Section 355(e) of the Code if 50% or more of either the total voting power or the total fair market value of the stock of Masco or our common stock is acquired as part of a plan or series of related transactions that includes the Separation. If Section 355(e) applies as a result of such an acquisition, Masco would recognize taxable gain as described above, but the Separation would generally be tax-free to you. Under some circumstances, the Tax Matters Agreement would require us to indemnify Masco for the tax liability associated with the taxable gain. See "Agreements with Masco—Tax Matters Agreement."

Under the Tax Matters Agreement, we will generally be required to indemnify Masco for the resulting taxes in the event that the Separation and/or related transactions fail to qualify for their intended tax treatment due to any action by us or any of our subsidiaries (see "Agreements with Masco—Tax Matters Agreement"). If the Separation were to be taxable to Masco, the liability for payment of such tax by Masco or by us under the Tax Matters Agreement could have a material adverse effect on Masco or us, as the case may be.

## Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

U.S. Treasury regulations generally require holders who own at least five percent of the total outstanding stock of Masco (by vote or value) and who receive our common stock pursuant to the Separation to attach to their U.S. federal income tax return for the year in which the Separation occurs a detailed statement setting forth certain information relating to the tax-free nature of the Separation.

Masco and/or we will provide the appropriate information to each holder upon request, and each such holder is required to retain permanent records of this information.

In addition, payments of cash to a U.S. Holder of Masco common stock in lieu of fractional shares of our common stock in the Separation may be subject to information reporting, unless the U.S. Holder provides the withholding agent with proof of an applicable exemption. Such payments that are subject to information reporting may also be subject to backup withholding, unless such U.S. Holder provides the withholding agent with a correct taxpayer identification number and otherwise complies with the requirements of the backup withholding rules. Backup withholding does not constitute an additional tax, but merely an advance payment, which may be refunded or credited against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely supplied to the IRS.

### **Appraisal Rights**

No Masco stockholder will have any appraisal rights in connection with the Separation.

#### Listing and Trading of Our Common Stock

As of the date of this information statement, there is no public market for our common stock. We expect to apply for listing of our common stock on the NYSE under the symbol "BLD."

### **Trading Between Record Date and Distribution Date**

Beginning on [ · ], 2015 and continuing up to and including the distribution date for the Separation, we expect there will be two markets in Masco common stock: a "regular-way" market and an "ex-distribution" market. Shares of Masco common stock that trade on the "regular-way" market will trade with an entitlement to receive shares of SpinCo common stock in the distribution. Shares that trade on the "ex-distribution" market will trade without an entitlement to receive shares of SpinCo common stock in the distribution. Therefore, if you sell shares of Masco common stock in the "regular-way" market after 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the record date and up to and including through the distribution date, you will be selling your right to receive shares of SpinCo common stock in the distribution. If you own shares of Masco common stock at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the record date and sell those shares in the "ex-distribution" market, up to and including through the distribution date, you will still receive the shares of SpinCo common stock that you would be entitled to receive in respect of your ownership, as of the record date, of the shares of Masco common stock that you sold.

Furthermore, beginning on  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015 and continuing up to and including the distribution date for the Separation, we expect there will be a "when-issued" market in our common stock. "When-issued" trading refers to a sale or purchase made conditionally because the security has been authorized but not yet issued. The "when-issued" trading market will be a market for shares of SpinCo common stock that will be distributed to Masco stockholders on the distribution date. If you own shares of Masco common stock at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the record date, you would be entitled to receive shares of our common stock in the distribution. You may trade this entitlement to receive shares of SpinCo common stock without trading the shares of Masco common stock you own, in the "when-issued" market. On the first trading day following the distribution date, we expect "when-issued" trading with respect to SpinCo common stock will end and "regular-way" trading in SpinCo common stock will begin.

### **Conditions to the Distribution**

We expect the distribution will be effective on  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015, the distribution date for the Separation, provided that, among other conditions described in the Separation and Distribution Agreement, the following conditions shall have been satisfied or waived by Masco in its sole discretion:

- the Masco board of directors will be satisfied that the distribution will be made out of surplus within the meaning of Section 170 of the Delaware General Corporation Law;
- the Masco board of directors will have approved the Separation and will not have abandoned the Separation or terminated the Separation and Distribution Agreement at any time prior to the distribution;
- the Separation-related restructuring transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement (the "Restructuring Transactions") will have been completed;
- the SEC will have declared effective our registration statement on Form 10, of which this Information Statement is a part, under the Exchange Act, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of our Form 10 registration statement will be in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose will be pending before or threatened by the SEC, and this Information Statement will have been mailed to the holders of Masco common stock as of the record date;
- all actions and filings necessary or appropriate under applicable federal, state or foreign securities or "blue sky" laws and the rules and regulations thereunder will have been taken and, where applicable, become effective or accepted;
- our common stock to be delivered in the distribution will have been approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance;
- the SpinCo board of directors, as named in this Information Statement, will have been duly elected, and the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of SpinCo, in substantially the form attached as exhibits to the registration statement of which this Information Statement is a part, will be in effect;
- each of the ancillary agreements contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement will have been executed and delivered by the parties thereto;
- Masco will have received an opinion of counsel, reasonably satisfactory to Masco, to the effect that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Restructuring Transactions and the distribution of the SpinCo common stock will qualify as a tax-free "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the Code and a tax-free distribution within the meaning of Section 355 of the Code;
- no applicable law will have been adopted, promulgated or issued that prohibits the consummation of the distribution or any of the transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement;
- any material governmental approvals and consents and any material permits, registrations and consents from third parties, in each case, necessary to effect the
  distribution and to permit the operations of the SpinCo business after the distribution date substantially as conducted as of the date of the Separation and
  Distribution Agreement will have been obtained;
- a credit facility will have been made available to SpinCo by its lenders on terms and in amount satisfactory to Masco;
- no event or development will have occurred or exist that, in the judgment of the Masco board of directors, in its sole discretion, makes it inadvisable to effect the distribution or other transactions contemplated by the Separation and Distribution Agreement.



The fulfillment of the foregoing conditions will not create any obligations on Masco's part to effect the Separation, and the Masco board of directors has reserved the right, in its sole discretion, to abandon, modify or change the terms of the Separation, including by accelerating or delaying the timing of the consummation of all or part of the distribution, at any time prior to the distribution date.

# Agreements with Masco

As part of our Separation from Masco, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements with Masco to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationships with Masco after the Separation. These agreements will provide for the allocation between us and Masco of the assets, liabilities and obligations of Masco and its subsidiaries, and will govern the relationships between SpinCo and Masco subsequent to the Separation (including with respect to transition services, employee matters, tax matters and certain other commercial relationships).

In addition to the Separation and Distribution Agreement (which will contain many of the key provisions related to our Separation from Masco and the distribution of our shares of common stock to Masco stockholders), these agreements include, among others:

- a Tax Matters Agreement;
- a Transition Services Agreements; and
- an Employee Matters Agreement.

The forms of the principal agreements described below have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement on Form 10 of which this Information Statement is a part. The following descriptions of these agreements are summaries of the material terms of these agreements; for the complete text of the forms of these agreements, please see the filed exhibits.

#### Separation and Distribution Agreement

The Separation and Distribution Agreement will govern the overall terms of the Separation. Generally, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will include Masco's and our agreements relating to the restructuring steps to be taken to complete the Separation, including the assets and rights to be transferred, liabilities to be assumed and related matters.

Subject to the receipt of required governmental and other consents and approvals and the satisfaction of other closing conditions, in order to accomplish the Separation, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will provide for Masco and us to transfer specified assets between the companies that will operate the Services Business after the distribution, on the one hand, and Masco's remaining businesses, on the other hand. The Separation and Distribution Agreement will require Masco and us to use reasonable efforts to obtain consents, approvals and amendments required to novate or assign the assets and liabilities that are to be transferred pursuant to the Separation and Distribution Agreement.

Unless otherwise provided in the Separation and Distribution Agreement or any of the related ancillary agreements, all assets will be transferred on an "as is, where is" basis. Generally, if the transfer of any assets or any claim or right or benefit arising thereunder requires a consent that will not be obtained before the distribution for the Separation, or if the transfer or assignment of any such asset or such claim or right or benefit arising thereunder would be ineffective or would adversely affect the rights of the transferor thereunder so that the intended transferee would not in fact receive all such rights, each of Masco and SpinCo will cooperate in a mutually agreeable arrangement under which the intended transferee would obtain the benefits and assume the obligations thereunder (including by sub-contract, sub-license or sub-lease to such transferee) or under which the transferor would enforce



for the benefit of the transferee, with the transferee assuming the transferor's obligations, the rights of the transferor against any third party.

The Separation and Distribution Agreement will specify those conditions that must be satisfied or waived by Masco prior to the completion of the Separation. In addition, Masco will have the right to determine the date and terms of the Separation, and will have the right, at any time until completion of the distribution, to determine to abandon or modify the distribution and to terminate the Separation and Distribution Agreement.

In addition, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will govern the treatment of indemnification, insurance and litigation responsibility and management. Generally, the Separation and Distribution Agreement will provide for uncapped cross-indemnities principally designed to place financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of our business with us and financial responsibility for the obligations and liabilities of Masco's retained businesses with Masco. The Separation and Distribution Agreement will also establish procedures for handling claims subject to indemnification and related matters.

#### Tax Matters Agreement

In connection with the Separation (together with certain related transactions), we and Masco will enter into a Tax Matters Agreement that will govern the parties' respective rights, responsibilities and obligations with respect to taxes, including taxes arising in the ordinary course of business, and taxes, if any, incurred as a result of any failure of the Separation (or certain related transactions) to qualify as tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Tax Matters Agreement will also set forth the respective obligations of the parties with respect to the filing of tax returns, the administration of tax contests and assistance and cooperation on tax matters.

In general, the Tax Matters Agreement will govern the rights and obligations that we and Masco have after the Separation with respect to taxes for both pre- and post-closing periods. Under the Tax Matters Agreement, Masco generally will be responsible for all of our pre-Separation income taxes that are reported on combined tax returns with Masco or any of its affiliates after the Separation. We will generally be responsible for all other income taxes and all non-income taxes primarily related to our assets and businesses that are due and payable after the Separation.

In the event that the Separation and certain related transactions fail to qualify for their intended tax treatment, in whole or in part, and Masco is subject to tax as a result of such failure, the Tax Matters Agreement will determine whether Masco must be indemnified for any such tax by us. As a general matter, under the terms of the Tax Matters Agreement, we are required to indemnify Masco for any tax-related losses in connection with the Separation due to any action by us or any of our subsidiaries following the Separation. Therefore, in the event that the Separation and/or related transactions fail to qualify for their intended tax treatment due to any action by us or any of our subsidiaries, we will generally be required to indemnify Masco for the resulting taxes.

The Tax Matters Agreement will further provide that:

- Without duplication of our indemnification obligations described in the prior paragraph, we will generally indemnify Masco against (i) taxes for which we are responsible (as described above); and (ii) any liability or damage resulting from a breach by us or any of our affiliates of a covenant made in the Tax Matters Agreement; and
- Masco will indemnify us against taxes for which Masco is responsible (as described above).

In addition to the indemnification obligations described above, the indemnifying party will generally be required to indemnify the indemnified party against any interest, penalties, additions to

tax, losses, assessments, settlements or judgments arising out of or incident to the event giving rise to the indemnification obligation, along with costs incurred in any related contest or proceeding.

Further, the Tax Matters Agreement generally will prohibit us and our affiliates from taking certain actions that could cause the Separation and certain related transactions to fail to qualify for their intended tax treatment. In particular:

- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, neither we nor any of our subsidiaries may sell, exchange, distribute or otherwise dispose of any assets held by us or our subsidiaries, except for assets that, in the aggregate, do not constitute more than 5% of our total assets;
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation (or otherwise pursuant to a "plan" within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code), we may not cause or permit any business combination or transaction which, individually or in the aggregate, could result in one or more persons acquiring directly or indirectly a forty percent (40%) or greater interest in us for purposes of Section 355(e) of the Code;
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not discontinue the active conduct of our business (within the meaning of Section 355(b)(2) of the Code);
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not sell or otherwise issue our common stock, other than pursuant to issuances that satisfy certain regulatory safe harbors set forth in Treasury Regulations related to stock issued to employees and retirement plans;
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not redeem or otherwise acquire any of our common stock, other than pursuant to open-market repurchases of less than 20% of our common stock (in the aggregate);
- from and until the second anniversary of the Separation, we may not amend our certificate of incorporation (or other organizational documents) or take any other action, whether through a stockholder vote or otherwise, affecting the voting rights of our common stock; and
- more generally, we may not take any action that could reasonably be expected to cause the Separation and certain related transactions to fail to qualify as tax-free transactions under Section 368(a)(1)(D) and Section 355 of the Code.

As described above, if we take any of the actions described above and such actions result in the failure of the Separation and certain related transactions to qualify for their intended tax treatment, we will be required to indemnify Masco against tax-related losses suffered in connection with the Separation.

The terms of the Tax Matters Agreement have not yet been finalized; changes, some of which may be material, may be made to the terms of the Tax Matters Agreement before it is finalized, including to the terms described above. You should read the full text of the Tax Matters Agreement, which will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit to the registration statement into which this Information Statement is incorporated.

# **Transition Services Agreement**

The Transition Services Agreement will set forth the terms on which Masco will provide to us, and we will provide to Masco, on a transition basis, certain services or functions that the companies historically have shared. Transition services will include various corporate services. We expect the agreement will provide for the provision of specified transition services, generally for a period of up to  $[ \cdot ]$  months, with a possible extension of  $[ \cdot ]$  months (an aggregate of  $[ \cdot ]$  months). Compensation for transition services will be determined using an internal cost allocation methodology based on fully loaded cost (e.g., including an allocation of corporate overhead), or, in certain cases,

may be based on terms and conditions comparable to those that would have been arrived at by parties bargaining at arm's-length.

#### **Employee Matters Agreement**

The Employee Matters Agreement will govern Masco's and our compensation and employee benefit obligations with respect to the current and former employees and nonemployee directors of each company, and generally will allocate liabilities and responsibilities relating to employee compensation and benefit plans and programs. The Employee Matters Agreement will provide for the treatment of outstanding Masco equity awards and certain other outstanding annual and long-term incentive awards. The Employee Matters Agreement will provide that, following the distribution for the Separation, our active employees generally will no longer participate in benefit plans sponsored or maintained by Masco and will commence participation in our benefit plans. The Employee Matters Agreement also will set forth the general principles relating to employee matters, including with respect to the assignment of employees, the assumption and retention of liabilities and related assets, expense reimbursements, workers' compensation, leaves of absence, the provision of comparable benefits, employee service credit, the sharing of employee information and the duplication or acceleration of benefits.

The Employee Matters Agreement will also provide that (i) the distribution does not constitute a change in control under Masco's plans, programs, agreements or arrangements and (ii) the distribution and the assignment, transfer or continuation of the employment of employees with another entity will not constitute a severance event under the applicable plans, programs, agreements or arrangements, other than with respect to Masco stock options and restricted stock awards, as described above. See "Treatment of Outstanding Compensation Awards."

### **Transferability of Shares of Our Common Stock**

The shares of our common stock that you will receive in the distribution for the Separation will be freely transferable, unless you are considered an "affiliate" of ours under Rule 144 under the Securities Act. Persons who can be considered our affiliates after the separation generally include individuals or entities that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control, are controlled by or are under common control with us, and may include certain of our officers and directors. In addition, individuals who are affiliates of Masco on the distribution date may be deemed to be affiliates of ours. We estimate that our directors and executive officers, who may be considered "affiliates" for purposes of Rule 144, will beneficially own approximately [ · ] shares of our common stock immediately following the distribution. See "Ownership of Our Stock" included elsewhere in this Information Statement for more information. Our affiliates may sell shares of our common stock received in the distribution only:

- under a registration statement that the SEC has declared effective under the Securities Act; or
- under an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, such as the exemption afforded by Rule 144.

In general, under Rule 144 as currently in effect, an affiliate will be entitled to sell, within any three-month period, a number of shares of our common stock that does not exceed the greater of:

- one percent of our common stock then outstanding; or
- the average weekly trading volume of our common stock during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 for the sale.

Rule 144 also includes notice requirements and restrictions governing the manner of sale for sales by our affiliates. Sales may not be made under Rule 144 unless certain information about us is publicly available.

## **Reason for Furnishing This Information Statement**

This Information Statement is being furnished solely to provide information to Masco stockholders who are entitled to receive shares of our common stock in the distribution. The Information Statement is not, and is not to be construed as, an inducement or encouragement to buy, hold or sell any of our securities. We believe the information contained in this Information Statement is accurate as of the date set forth on the cover. Changes may occur after that date and neither Masco nor we undertake any obligation to update such information except in the normal course of our respective public disclosure obligations.

## **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We do not currently anticipate declaring any cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future. Moreover, the declaration and amount of all dividends to holders of our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon many factors, including our financial condition, earnings, cash flows, capital requirements of our business, covenants associated with our debt obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice and other factors the board of directors deems relevant.

We are a holding company and have no direct operations. As a result, we will be able to pay dividends on our common stock only from available cash on hand and distributions received from our subsidiaries. There can be no assurance we will continue to pay any dividend even if we commence the payment of dividends.

## CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of December 31, 2014:

on an actual basis; and

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on a pro forma basis assuming the Separation, the incurrence of debt and other matters (as discussed in "The Separation") was effective December 31, 2014.

The pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and assumptions that management believes are reasonable; however, such adjustments are subject to change based on the finalization of the terms of the Separation and the agreements which define our relationship with Masco after the completion of the Separation. In addition, such adjustments are estimates and may not prove to be accurate.

You should read the information in the following table together with "Selected Historical Combined Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Statements" and our combined financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Information Statement.

	As of Decemb Actual (in thousand share am	Pro Forma ds, except
Bank term loan	\$ —	\$ [·]
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$1.00 par value; no shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding, actual; [] shares		
authorized, [·] shares issued and outstanding, pro forma	—	
Paid-in capital		
Parent Company investment	952,290	_
Total net investment / equity	\$ 952,290	\$
Total capitalization	\$ 952,290	\$



## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements presented below have been derived from our historical combined financial statements included in this Information Statement. While the historical combined financial statements reflect the past financial results of Masco's Services Business, these pro forma statements give effect to the separation of that business into an independent, publicly traded company. The pro forma adjustments to reflect the Separation include:

- the distribution of our common stock to Masco stockholders;
- the expected incurrence of an aggregate of \$[ · ] million in new debt; and
- the expected cash dividend of \$[ · ] million to Masco.

The pro forma adjustments are based on available information and assumptions we believe are reasonable; however, such adjustments are subject to change as the costs of operating as a stand-alone company are determined. In addition, such adjustments are estimates and may not prove to be accurate. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements do not reflect all of the costs of operating as a stand-alone company, including additional information technology, tax, accounting, treasury, legal, investor relations, insurance and other similar expenses associated with operating as a stand-alone company. Only costs that we have determined to be factually supportable and recurring are included as pro forma adjustments to our pro forma statement of operations, including the items described above. Our pro forma balance sheet includes pro forma adjustments both for items that have a continuing impact on our business and for non-recurring items that are factually supportable and directly attributable to the Separation, such as those related to our capital structure described above.

Subject to the terms of the Separation and Distribution Agreement, Masco will generally pay all nonrecurring third-party costs and expenses related to the Separation and incurred prior to the completion of the Separation. Such nonrecurring amounts are expected to include costs to separate and/or duplicate information technology systems, investment banker fees (other than fees and expenses in connection with the debt financing), third-party legal and accounting fees, and similar costs in each case, incurred prior to the completion of the Separation. After the completion of the Separation, subject to the terms of the Separation and Distribution Agreement, all costs and expenses related to the Separation incurred by either Masco or us will be borne by the party incurring the costs and expenses.

The unaudited pro forma combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2014 has been prepared as though the Separation occurred on January 1, 2014. The unaudited pro forma combined balance sheet at December 31, 2014 has been prepared as though the separation occurred on December 31, 2014. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements are for illustrative purposes only, and do not reflect what our financial position and results of operations would have been had the separation occurred on the dates indicated and are not necessarily indicative of our future financial position and future results of operations.

Our retained cash balance is subject to adjustments following the completion of the Separation to settle intercompany accounts. The following pro forma statements do not reflect any impact of such adjustments, as the amounts of any such adjustments are not currently determinable and would represent a financial projection. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources" included elsewhere in this Information Statement.

The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements should be read in conjunction with our historical combined financial statements and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Information Statement. The unaudited pro forma combined financial statements constitute forwardlooking information and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. See "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" included elsewhere in this Information Statement.

# UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	Yea	r ended December 3	31, 2014
		Pro Forma	
	Historical	Adjustments	Pro Forma
		thousands, except p	er share data)
Net sales	\$ 1,512,080	\$	\$
Cost of sales	1,180,410		
Gross profit	331,670		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	290,950		
Operating profit	40,720		
Other income (expense), net:			
Interest expense—related party	(12,400)		(A)
Other, net	20		
	(12,380)		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	28,340		
Income tax expense	17,840		(B)
Income from continuing operations	\$ 10,500	\$	\$
Unaudited Pro Forma Earnings Per Share			
Basic			
Diluted			
Average Number of Shares Used in Calculating			
Unaudited Pro Forma Earnings Per Share			
Basic			(C)
Diluted			(D)

See notes to unaudited pro forma combined financial data.

# UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

		At December 31, 2014				
	Historica	Pro Form: I Adjustmen				
			cept per share data)			
ASSETS	(Dom	ars in thousands, ex	cept per share data)			
Current Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2.	970 \$	(E) \$			
Receivables, net	220,	180	(F)			
Inventories	106,	970				
Prepaid expenses and other	5,	120				
Total current assets	335,	240				
Property and equipment, net	93,	160				
Goodwill	1,044,	040				
Other intangible assets, net	2,	960				
Other assets	1,	030				
Total Assets	\$ 1,476,	430 \$	\$			
LIABILITIES and EQUITY						
Current Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 228,	720 \$	\$			
Accrued liabilities	72,	750				
Total current liabilities	301,	470				
Long-term debt		_	(G)			
Deferred income taxes	182,	280				
Other liabilities	40,	390				
Total Liabilities	524,	140				
Commitments and contingencies						
Equity:						
Common stock, \$1.00 par value		—	(I)			
Paid-in capital		—	(I)			
Parent Company investment	952,	290	(I)			
Total Equity	952,	290	(H)			
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 1,476,</u>	430 \$	\$			

See notes to unaudited pro forma combined financial statements.

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

- (A) Represents adjustments to interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs related to approximately \$[ · ] million of debt that we expect to incur as described in Note (G) below. We expect the interest rate on the debt to be approximately [ · ]%. Interest expense may be higher or lower if our actual interest rate or credit ratings change. A 10% change to the annual interest rate would change interest expense by approximately \$[ · ] million on an annual basis.
- (B) Reflects the tax effects of the pro forma adjustments at the applicable statutory income tax rate adjusted for the impact of changes in the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets. The effective tax rate of SpinCo could be different (either higher or lower) depending on activities subsequent to the Separation. The impact of pro forma adjustments on long-term deferred tax assets and liabilities was offset against existing long-term deferred tax assets and liabilities reflected in our historical combined balance sheet based on jurisdiction.
- (C) The number of SpinCo common shares used to compute basic earnings per share is based on: (a) the number of SpinCo common shares assumed to be outstanding on the distribution date based on the distribution described in Note (I) below and (b) the assumption that the Separation occurred as of January 1, 2014 and that all shares will remain outstanding during the year.
- (D) The number of shares used to compute diluted earnings per share is based on the number of common shares of SpinCo as described in Note (C) above, plus incremental shares assuming exercise of dilutive outstanding options and restricted stock awards. This calculation may not be indicative of the dilutive effect that will actually result from SpinCo stock-based awards issued in connection with the adjustment of outstanding Masco stock-based awards or the grant of new stock-based awards. The number of dilutive common shares underlying SpinCo stock-based awards issued in connection with the adjustment of outstanding Masco stock-based awards will not be determined until the distribution date or shortly thereafter.
- (E) Reflects a \$[ · ] million cash distribution to Masco prior to the Separation based on the assumed net proceeds of the debt described in Note (G) below. The amount of cash proceeds received from debt incurred prior to the Separation, and thus the amount of cash distributed to Masco, will depend on market conditions at the time we incur the debt, which is not certain at this time.
- (F) Accounts receivable due from related parties includes \$[ · ] million of trade related party receivables. These receivables may be adjusted to reflect the Separation and Distribution Agreement between the parties that will be effective as of the completion of the Separation.
- (G) Reflects the anticipated incurrence of  $[ \cdot ]$  million of debt, net of estimated debt issuance costs of  $[ \cdot ]$ . We expect the debt to be comprised of long-term debt and other financing arrangements.
- (H) Reflects the pro forma recapitalization of our equity. As of the distribution date, Masco's net investment in our business will be exchanged to reflect the distribution of our common shares to Masco shareholders. Masco shareholders will receive common shares based on an expected distribution ratio of [ · ] SpinCo common shares for every one Masco common share.
- (I) Reflects the issuance by us of an assumed [ · ] shares of our common stock, par value of \$1.00 per share, to be distributed to holders of record of Masco common stock in connection with the

Separation and the elimination of Parent Company investment and adjustments to capital in excess of par value to reflect the following:

Elimination of Parent Company investment and adjustment to capital in excess of par value:	
Reclassification of Parent Company investment	\$
Total Parent Company investment	
SpinCo common shares issued	
Total capital in excess of par value	\$

## SELECTED HISTORICAL COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth selected historical combined financial data that should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our combined financial statements and notes thereto included in this Information Statement. The combined statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and the combined balance sheet data as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 are derived from our audited combined financial statements included in this Information Statement. The combined statement. The combined statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the combined balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 and the combined balance sheet data as of December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 are derived from our unaudited combined financial statements not included in this Information Statement. The selected historical combined financial data in this section is not intended to replace our historical combined financial statements and the related notes thereto. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of future results.

	 2014	_	2013	_	2012	 2011	 2010
				1	n thousands		
Net sales(1)	\$ 1,512,080	\$	1,411,530	\$	1,207,890	\$ 1,076,560	\$ 1,042,830
Operating profit (loss)(1)(2)(3)	\$ 40,720	\$	24,110	\$	(115,930)	\$ (98,160)	\$ (815,360)
Income (loss) from continuing operations $(1)(2)(3)$	\$ 10,500	\$	(11,540)	\$	(154,380)	\$ (137,900)	\$ (736,050)
At December 31							
Total assets	\$ 1,476,430	\$	1,466,950	\$	1,450,660	\$ 1,451,290	\$ 1,537,450
Equity	\$ 952,290	\$	1,002,690	\$	1,026,770	\$ 1,103,650	\$ 1,234,660

(1) Amounts exclude discontinued operations.

(2) The year 2012 includes pre-tax litigation settlement charges of \$76 million, primarily related to the Columbus Drywall litigation.

(3) The year 2010 includes non-cash impairment charges for goodwill aggregating \$586 million after tax (\$697 million pre-tax) in the Installation segment.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The financial and business analysis below provides information which we believe is relevant to an assessment and understanding of our combined financial position, results of operations and cash flows. This financial and business analysis should be read in conjunction with the combined financial statements and related notes.

The following discussion and certain other sections of this Information Statement contain statements reflecting our views about our future performance and constitute "forward-looking statements" under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "assume," "seek," "appear," "may," "should," "will," "forecast" and similar references to future periods. These views involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict and, accordingly, our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in such forward-looking statements. We caution you against relying on any of these forward-looking statements. In addition to the various factors included in "—Overview," "—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" and "— Material Trends in Our Business" sections, our future performance may be affected by our reliance on residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction, our reliance on third-party suppliers and manufacturers, our ability to attract, develop and retain talented personnel and our sales and labor force, our ability to maintain consistent practices across our locations, our ability to maintain our competitive position, and our ability to realize the expected benefits of the Separation. These and other factors are discussed in detail under the caption "Risk Factors" of this Information Statement. Any forward-looking statement made by us speaks only as of the date on which it was made. Factors or events that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them. Unless required by law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### Overview

We are the leading installer and distributor of insulation products to the United States construction industry, based on revenue. We provide insulation installation services nationwide through our Contractor Services business, which has over 190 installation branches located in 43 states. We distribute insulation nationwide through our Service Partners business from our 72 distribution centers located in 35 states. Our installation and distribution business segments represented 64% and 36%, respectively, of our net sales of \$1.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our installation and distribution segments serve three lines of business: residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction. In addition to insulation products, we also install or distribute other building products, including rain gutters, garage doors, fireplaces, shower enclosures, closet shelving and roofing. Further, we are a leader in building science through, among other things, our Environments For Living® program and our residential home energy rating services.

Our businesses comprise the Masco Corporation Installation and Other Services segment. On September 30, 2014, Masco announced strategic initiatives designed to drive shareholder value, including the Separation of our businesses through a tax-free distribution of our stock to Masco's stockholders. The Separation is expected to be completed in the second half of 2015. For more information, see "The Separation" included elsewhere in this Information Statement. We were incorporated in Delaware in February 2015 as Masco SpinCo Corp. Prior to the effective date of the Separation, we will change our name to [\_\_\_\_]. Our Installation Services business, currently known as Masco Contractor Services, will be renamed [\_\_\_\_]. Our Distribution Services business will still continue to operate under the Service Partners name.

Our results include allocations of general corporate expenses that were incurred by Masco for functions such as corporate human resources, finance and legal, including salaries, benefits and other related costs. The costs allocated to us for these functions totaled \$22.0 million, \$22.1 million and \$20.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. These expenses have been allocated to SpinCo based on revenues. In addition to the general corporate expenses, Masco incurs actual expenses on behalf of our business that are allocated to us based on direct usage or benefit. These expenses were allocated to our segments based on sales, have been included in selling, general and administrative expenses. These allocated to us have don direct usage or benefit. These expenses were allocated to our segments based on sales, have been included in selling, general and administrative expenses. These allocated costs may not reflect the actual expenses that we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company. The actual costs we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company. The actual costs we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company. The actual costs we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company. The actual costs we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company. The actual costs we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company. The actual costs we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company. The actual costs we would have incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company would depend on multiple factors, including organizational structure and strategic decisions made in various areas, including information technology and infrastructure.

All of our net sales have historically been generated in the United States.

#### 2014 Results

In 2014, our results were positively affected by increased sales volume of residential new construction and commercial construction activity and increased selling prices. Our sales volume increased across our businesses; our Installation segment contributed sales volume increases of two percent and our Distribution segment contributed sales volume increases of three percent, to our total sales increase, compared to 2013. Selling price increases, primarily in our Installation segment, increased our sales by three percent compared to 2013. Our operating results were positively affected by increased sales volume and a more favorable relationship between selling prices and commodity costs. We also benefitted from our past business rationalizations and other cost savings initiatives, including headcount reductions and a significant ERP system implementation.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our combined financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. We regularly review our estimates and assumptions, which are based upon historical experience, as well as current economic conditions and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of certain assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

We believe that the following critical accounting policies are affected by significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our combined financial statements.

### **Revenue Recognition and Receivables**

We recognize revenue as title to products and risk of loss is transferred to customers or when services are rendered. We record revenue for unbilled services performed based upon estimates of material and labor incurred; such amounts are recorded in receivables, net. We record estimated reductions to revenue for customer programs and incentive offerings, including special pricing and other volume-based incentives. We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts receivable for estimated

losses resulting from the inability of customers to make required payments. In addition, we monitor our customer receivable balances and the credit worthiness of our customers on an on-going basis. During downturns in our markets, declines in the financial condition and creditworthiness of customers impact the credit risk of the receivables involved and we have incurred bad debt expense related to customer defaults.

### Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

We record the excess of purchase cost over the fair value of net tangible assets of acquired companies as goodwill or other identifiable intangible assets. In the fourth quarter of each year, or as events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount, we complete the impairment testing of goodwill utilizing a discounted cash flow method. We selected this methodology because we believe that it is comparable to what would be used by other market participants. We have defined our reporting units and completed the impairment testing of goodwill at the operating segment level, as defined by accounting guidance. Our operating segments are reporting units that engage in business activities for which discrete financial information, including five-year forecasts, is available.

Determining market values using a discounted cash flow method requires us to make significant estimates and assumptions, including long-term projections of cash flows, market conditions and appropriate discount rates. Our judgments are based on historical experience, current market trends, consultations with external valuation specialists and other information. While we believe that the estimates and assumptions underlying the valuation methodology are reasonable, changes to estimates and assumptions could result in different outcomes. In estimating future cash flows, we rely on internally generated five-year forecasts for sales and operating profits, including capital expenditures, and generally a one to three percent long-term assumed annual growth rate of cash flows for periods after the five-year forecast. We generally develop these forecasts based upon, among other things, recent sales data for existing products, and estimated U.S. housing starts. In 2014, we utilized estimated U.S. housing starts, from independent industry sources, growing from current levels to 1.45 million units in 2019 (terminal growth year) and operating profit margins improving to approximate historical levels for those reporting units by 2019 (terminal growth year).

If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, we measure the possible goodwill impairment based upon an allocation of the estimate of fair value of the reporting unit to all of the underlying assets and liabilities of the reporting unit, including any previously unrecognized intangible assets (Step Two Analysis). The excess of the fair value of a reporting unit over the amounts assigned to its assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that a reporting unit's recorded goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of goodwill.

In 2014 and 2013, we did not recognize any impairment charges for goodwill. As of December 31, 2014, net goodwill reflected \$762.0 million of accumulated impairment losses, relating primarily to impairment charges taken in 2008-2010 following the substantial decrease in U.S. housing starts after the financial crisis of 2007-2008.

A ten percent decrease in the estimated fair value of our reporting units at December 31, 2014 would not have resulted in any additional analysis of goodwill impairment for any additional reporting unit.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. We evaluate the remaining useful lives of amortizable identifiable intangible assets at each reporting period to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining periods of amortization.

### Income Taxes

We applied a method that allocated current and deferred taxes to the members of SpinCo, as if it were a separate taxpayer.

The accounting guidance for income taxes requires that the future realization of deferred tax assets depends on the existence of sufficient taxable income in future periods. Possible sources of taxable income include taxable income in carryback periods, the future reversal of existing taxable temporary differences recorded as a deferred tax liability, tax-planning strategies that generate future income or gains in excess of anticipated losses in the carry-forward period and projected future taxable income.

If, based upon all available evidence, both positive and negative, it is more likely than not (more than 50 percent likely) such deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded. Significant weight is given to positive and negative evidence that is objectively verifiable. A company's three-year cumulative loss position is significant negative evidence in considering whether deferred tax assets are realizable and the accounting guidance restricts the amount of reliance we can place on projected taxable income to support the recovery of the deferred tax assets.

We have recorded a valuation allowance against our U.S. Federal and certain state deferred tax assets as a non-cash charge to income tax expense. In reaching this conclusion, we considered the significant decline in the residential new construction market, high level of foreclosure activity and the slower than anticipated recovery in the U.S. housing market which led to U.S. operating losses, causing us to be in a three-year cumulative U.S. loss position.

During 2010, 2011 and 2012, objective and verifiable negative evidence, such as continued U.S. operating losses and significant impairment charges for U.S. goodwill in 2010, continued to outweigh positive evidence necessary to reduce the valuation allowance. As a result, we recorded increases in the valuation allowance against our U.S. Federal deferred tax assets as a non-cash charge to income tax expense in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Although the recent strengthening in residential new construction activity has resulted in profitability in our U.S. operations in 2013 and 2014, we continue to record a full valuation allowance against the U.S. Federal and certain state deferred tax assets as we remained in a three-year cumulative loss position throughout 2013 and 2014.

Should we determine that we would not be able to realize our remaining deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the valuation allowance would be recorded in the period such determination is made. The need to maintain a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets may cause greater volatility in our effective tax rate.

It is reasonably possible that the continued improvements in our U.S. operations could result in the objective positive evidence necessary to warrant the reversal of all or a portion of the valuation allowance by the end of 2015. Until such time, the profits from our U.S. operations will be offset by the net operating loss carryforward.

We file our income tax returns as a member of the Masco consolidated group for federal and certain state jurisdictions. As a result, certain tax attributes, primarily the net operating loss carryforward, are treated as an asset of the Masco group and may be utilized by the Masco group through the end of December 31, 2015, Masco's tax year end. It is anticipated a significant portion and possibly all of our U.S. Federal net operating loss carryforward will be utilized by the Masco consolidated group.

The current accounting guidance allows the recognition of only those income tax positions that have a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities. We believe that there is an increased potential for volatility in our effective tax rate because this threshold allows changes in the income tax environment and the inherent complexities of income

tax law in a substantial number of jurisdictions to affect the computation of the liability for uncertain tax positions to a greater extent.

While we believe we have adequately assessed for our uncertain tax positions, amounts asserted by taxing authorities could vary from our assessment of uncertain tax positions. Accordingly, provisions for tax-related matters, including interest and penalties, could be recorded in income tax expense in the period revised assessments are made.

#### Litigation

We are subject to lawsuits and pending or asserted claims in the ordinary course of our business. Liabilities and costs associated with these matters require estimates and judgments based upon our professional knowledge and experience and that of our legal counsel. When estimates of our exposure for lawsuits and pending or asserted claims meet the criteria for recognition under accounting guidance, amounts are recorded as charges to earnings. The ultimate resolution of these exposures may differ due to subsequent developments.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

Historically, we have largely funded our growth through cash provided by our operations, combined with support from Masco through its operating cash flows, its long-term bank debt and its issuance of securities in the financial markets, including issuances for certain mergers and acquisitions.

Following the Separation, we expect to have access to liquidity through our cash from operations and available borrowing capacity under our anticipated new credit facility. Undrawn capacity under our credit facility, together with other credit facilities we may enter into from time to time, is expected to provide us additional borrowing capacity for working capital and other general corporate purposes. Substantially concurrent with the Separation, we expect to borrow \$200 million under a bank term loan, the proceeds of which will be used to finance a \$200 million cash dividend to Masco in connection with the Separation.

We had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$3.0 million at both December 31, 2014 and 2013. Our cash and cash equivalents consist of overnight interest bearing money market demand and time deposit accounts.

We occasionally use performance bonds to ensure completion of our work on certain larger customer contracts that can span multiple accounting periods. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had performance bonds outstanding, totaling \$14.1 million and \$11.9 million, respectively. Performance bonds generally do not have stated expiration dates; rather, we are released from the bonds as the contractual performance is completed. In addition, at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, we had \$5.4 million and \$5.2 million of other types of bonds outstanding, principally license-related.



## **Cash Flows**

Significant sources and (uses) of cash in the past three years are summarized as follows, in thousands:

	 2014	 2013	 2012
Net cash from (for) operating activities	\$ 71,860	\$ 24,670	\$ (101,920)
Capital expenditures	(13,140)	(14,010)	(11,280)
Net transfer (to) from Parent Company	(60,650)	(18,120)	112,920
Proceeds from disposition of:			
Businesses	—	_	7,360
Property and equipment	1,000	280	1,110
Other, net	 880	(540)	(850)
Cash (decrease) increase	\$ (50)	\$ (7,720)	\$ 7,340

Working capital (receivables, net plus inventories, less accounts payable) as a %			
of net sales	6.5%	8.4%	

Net cash provided by operations in 2014 of \$71.9 million consisted primarily of net income adjusted for non-cash and certain other items, including depreciation and amortization expense of \$26.1 million, a \$16.7 million net change in deferred taxes and \$15.6 million net increase from working capital.

Net cash used for investing activities in 2014 was \$11.3 million, and included \$13.1 million for capital expenditures. Cash provided by investing activities included primarily \$1.0 million of net proceeds from the disposition of property and equipment.

Net cash provided by operations in 2013 of \$24.7 million consisted primarily of net loss adjusted for non-cash and certain other items, including depreciation and amortization expense of \$27.5 million, a \$21.6 million net change in deferred taxes and \$16.1 million net decrease from working capital.

Net cash used for investing activities in 2013 was \$14.3 million, and included \$14.0 million for capital expenditures.

Net cash used for operations in 2012 was \$101.9 million consisted primarily of net loss adjusted for non-cash and certain other items, including depreciation and amortization expense of \$29.6 million, a \$40.5 million net change in deferred taxes and \$11.3 million net increase from working capital.

Net cash used for investing activities in 2012 was \$3.7 million, and included \$11.3 million for capital expenditures. Cash provided by investing activities included primarily \$7.4 million of net proceeds from the disposition of businesses and \$1.1 million from the disposition of property and equipment.

For 2015, capital expenditures, excluding any potential 2015 acquisitions, are expected to be approximately \$16.0 million. For 2015, depreciation and amortization expense, excluding any potential 2015 acquisitions, is expected to be approximately \$13.5 million. The decrease in expected depreciation and amortization expense for 2015 is due to lower depreciation related to the software system that was fully depreciated in 2014.

Costs of environmental responsibilities and compliance with existing environmental laws and regulations have not had, nor do we expect them to have, a material effect on our capital expenditures, financial position or results of operations.



## **Combined Results of Operations**

We report our financial results in accordance with GAAP in the United States. However, we believe that certain non-GAAP performance measures and ratios, used in managing the business, may provide users of this financial information with additional meaningful comparisons between current results and results in prior periods. Non-GAAP performance measures and ratios should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, our reported results.

The following table sets forth our net sales and gross and operating profit (loss) and margins, as reported in our combined statement of operations, dollars in thousands:

		2014		2013		2012
Net sales	\$	1,512,080	\$	1,411,530	\$	1,207,890
			-			
Gross profit, as reported	\$	331,670	\$	302,690	\$	233,160
Gross margin, as reported		21.9%		21.4%	ó	19.3%
Selling, general and administrative expenses, as reported	\$	290,950	\$	278,580	\$	273,090
Selling, general and administrative expenses, as reported, as a % of net						
sales		19.2%	)	19.7%	ó	22.6%
Operating profit (loss), as reported		40,720		24,110		(115,930)
Litigation settlements						76,000
Operating profit (loss), as adjusted	\$	40,720	\$	24,110	\$	(39,930)
Operating margin, as reported		2.7%	)	1.7%	ó	(9.6)%
Operating margin, as adjusted		2.7%	)	1.7%	ó	(3.3)%

### Sales and Operations

Net sales for 2014 increased seven percent or \$100.6 million to \$1,512.1 million. The increase was driven by sales volume growth in both Installation and Distribution segments. Our sales benefited from increased volume in residential new construction and commercial construction activity, increased insulation sales volume also driven by changing building code requirements, as well as increased selling prices.

Net sales for 2013 increased 17 percent or \$203.6 million. Net sales for 2012 increased 12 percent or \$131.3 million. Both years were positively affected by increased sales volume in both Installation and Distribution segments, primarily due to increased residential new construction and commercial construction activity and, to a lesser extent, residential repair and remodel activity. In addition, both years benefited from increased insulation sales volume driven by changing building code requirements, as well as increased selling prices.

Our gross profit margins were 21.9 percent, 21.4 percent and 19.3 percent for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Our increases in gross profit margins reflect increased sales volume and the related absorption of fixed costs, a more favorable relationship between selling prices and material costs and the benefits associated with rationalization and cost savings initiatives.

Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percent of sales were 19.2 percent, 19.7 percent and 22.6 percent for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Reduced selling, general and administrative expense as a percent of sales is a result of increasing sales volume and price and benefits associated with business rationalizations and other cost savings initiatives.

Our selling, general and administrative expenses include allocations of Masco general corporate expenses of \$22.0 million, \$22.1 million and \$20.9 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Such expenses may not be indicative of our General Corporate expense in the future.

Operating margins, as reported, for 2014, 2013 and 2012 were 2.7 percent, 1.7 percent and (9.6) percent, respectively. Operating margins, before general corporate expense and litigation settlements for 2014, 2013 and 2012 were 4.1 percent, 3.3 percent and (1.6) percent, respectively. Improvements in operating margins in 2014, 2013 and 2012 were positively affected by a more favorable relationship between selling prices and commodity costs, increased sales volume and the benefits associated with business rationalizations and other cost savings initiatives.

### Other Income (Expense), Net

Interest expense was \$12.4 million, \$13.4 million and \$13.9 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and was allocated by Masco. Such expense may not be indicative of our interest expense in the future.

#### Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations

Income (loss) from continuing operations was \$10.5 million, \$(11.5) million, and \$(154.4) million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Loss from continuing operations in 2012 includes litigation settlement charges of \$76.0 million.

Our effective tax rate for the income (loss) from continuing operations was 63 percent, 207 percent and 19 percent tax expense in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Compared to our normalized tax rate of 36 percent, the variance in the effective tax rate in 2014, 2013 and 2012 was due primarily to changes in the U.S. Federal and certain state valuation allowances.

## **Material Trends in Our Business**

We believe there are several meaningful trends that indicate U.S. housing demand will recover to levels consistent with the historical average of the past 50 years in the long term. These trends include low interest rates relative to historical averages, the aging of housing stock and population growth. We expect these trends to also drive long-term growth in repair/remodel expenditures and commercial construction activity. We believe that our strong financial position, together with our ongoing focus on continuous improvement will allow us to drive long-term growth and create value for our shareholders.

We normally experience stronger sales during the third and fourth calendar quarters, corresponding with the peak season for residential new construction and residential repair/remodel activity. Sales during the winter weather months are seasonally slower due to the lower construction activity. Historically, the installation of insulation lags housing starts by several months.

## **Business Segment Results**

The following table sets forth our net sales and operating profit (loss) information by business segment, dollars in thousands.

					Percent C	hange
	 2014	 2013	_	2012	2014 vs. 2013	2013 vs. 2012
Net Sales:						
Installation	\$ 963,350	\$ 904,570	\$	744,910	6%	21%
Distribution	628,810	578,140		528,330	9%	9%
Intercompany eliminations and other adjustments	(80,080)	(71,180)		(65,350)		
Total	\$ 1,512,080	\$ 1,411,530	\$	1,207,890	7%	17%

	 2014	 2013	 2012
Operating Profit (Loss):(A)			
Installation	\$ 23,970	\$ 6,160	\$ (36,560)
Distribution	52,330	46,410	37,120
Intercompany elimination and other adjustments(B)	(13,630)	(6,390)	(19,580)
Total	\$ 62,670	\$ 46,180	\$ (19,020)
General corporate expense, net	(21,950)	(22,070)	(20,910)
Charge for litigation settlements	 _	 _	 (76,000)
Total operating profit (loss)	\$ 40,720	\$ 24,110	\$ (115,930)

2014	2013	2012	
2.5%	0.7%	(4.9)%	
8.3%	8.0%	7.0%	
4.1%	3.3%	(1.6)%	
2.7%	1.7%	(9.6)%	
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(A) Before general corporate expense and charge for litigation settlements.

(B) Intercompany eliminations include the elimination of intercompany profit of \$(14.1) million, \$(11.2) million and \$(10.0) million, in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Other adjustments of \$0.5 million, \$4.8 million and \$(9.6) million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, primarily include the difference between the estimated corporate costs from which each segment receives a specific direct benefit and the actual costs incurred for the period, as well as adjustments for insurance reserves managed by Parent Company.

## **Business Segment Results Discussion**

Changes in operating profit margins in the following Business Segment Results discussion exclude general corporate expense, net and charge for litigation settlements in 2014, 2013 and 2012, as applicable.

## Installation

#### Sales

Net sales in the Installation segment increased \$58.8 million or six percent in 2014 from 2013. Such increases were primarily due to increased sales volume, which increased sales by four percent. Increased sales volume is primarily related to a higher level of activity in residential new construction and commercial construction and changing building code requirements. Net sales also increased by three percent due to increased selling prices. Such increases were partially offset by a less favorable product mix, primarily related to an increase in multi-family housing starts versus single-family housing starts.

Net sales in this segment increased \$159.7 million or 21 percent in 2013 compared to 2012. Such increases were primarily due to increased sales volume, which increased sales by 16 percent. Increased sales volumes were primarily driven by a higher level of activity in residential new construction and commercial construction and building code requirements. Net sales also increased five percent due to increased selling prices.

Net sales in this segment increased \$91.6 million or 14 percent in 2012 compared to 2011. Such increases were primarily driven by increased sales volume, related to a higher level of activity in residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction.

### **Operating Results**

Operating profit in the Installation segment increased \$17.8 million in 2014 primarily due to increased sales volume and a more favorable relationship between selling prices and commodity costs. Such increases were partially offset by a less favorable product mix, due to higher multi-family housing starts, than in prior year.

Operating profit in this segment increased \$42.7 million in 2013 primarily due to increased sales volume and the related absorption of fixed costs, as well as a more favorable relationship between selling prices and commodity costs. Operating profit was also positively affected by cost savings initiatives including process improvements and sourcing savings.

Operating loss in this segment in 2012 decreased \$56.6 million and was positively affected by increased sales volume and the related absorption of fixed costs, as well as a more favorable relationship between selling prices and commodity costs.

### Distribution

#### Sales

Net sales in the Distribution segment increased \$50.7 million or nine percent in 2014 compared to 2013. Such increases were primarily due to increased sales volume, which increased sales by eight percent. Increased sales volume was driven by a higher level of activity in residential new construction and commercial construction, including metal building insulation. Our sales also increased in this segment due to increased selling prices.

Net sales in this segment increased \$49.8 million or nine percent in 2013 compared to 2012. Such increases were primarily due to increased sales volume, which increased sales by eight percent. Increased sales volume was driven by higher level of activity in residential new construction and commercial construction, including metal building insulation. Our sales also increased in this segment due to increased selling prices.

Net sales in this segment increased \$39.0 million or eight percent in 2012 compared to 2011. Such increases were primarily due to increased sales volume, which increased sales by eight percent.

Increased sales volume was driven by higher level of activity in residential new construction and a more favorable product mix of higher priced fiberglass products. Such increases were partially offset by lower selling prices.

## **Operating Results**

Operating profit in the Distribution segment increased by \$5.9 million in 2014, primarily due to increased sales volume, partially offset by a less favorable relationship between selling prices and material costs.

Operating profit in this segment increased \$9.3 million in 2013, primarily due to increased sales volume and a more favorable product mix, including increased sales of higher margin insulation products compared to lower margin roofing products. This segment also benefited from a more favorable relationship between selling prices and commodity costs.

Operating profit in this segment increased \$10.3 million in 2012, primarily due to increased sales volume, partially offset by a less favorable relationship between selling prices and commodity costs.

### **Other Matters**

### **Commitments and Contingencies**

### Litigation

We are subject to claims, charges, litigation and other proceedings in the ordinary course of our business, including those arising from or related to contractual matters, intellectual property, personal injury, environmental matters, product liability, product recalls, construction defect, insurance coverage, personnel and employment disputes, antitrust issues and other matters, including class actions. We believe we have adequate defenses in these matters and that the likelihood that the outcome of these matters would have a material adverse effect on us is remote. However, there is no assurance that we will prevail in these matters, and we could in the future incur judgments, enter into settlements of claims or revise our expectations regarding the outcome of these matters, which could materially impact our results of operations.

In July 2012, Masco reached a settlement agreement related to the Columbus Drywall litigation. Masco and its insulation installation companies named in the suit agreed to pay \$75 million in return for dismissal with prejudice and full release of all claims. Masco and its insulation installation companies denied that the challenged conduct was unlawful and admitted no wrongdoing as part of the settlement. A settlement was reached to eliminate the considerable expense and uncertainty of this lawsuit. We recorded the settlement expense in the second quarter of 2012 and the amount was paid in the fourth quarter of 2012. In addition, we settled a related case in 2012 for \$1 million.

#### Other Commitments

We enter into contracts, which include customary indemnifications that are standard for the industries in which we operate. Such indemnifications include customer claims against builders for issues relating to our products and workmanship. In conjunction with divestitures and other transactions, we occasionally provide customary indemnifications relating to various items including: the enforceability of trademarks; legal and environmental issues; and asset valuations. We evaluate the probability that amounts may be incurred and appropriately record an estimated liability when probable.

## **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a new standard for revenue recognition, Accounting Standards Codification 606 (ASC 606). The purpose of ASC 606 is to provide a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers to improve comparability across industries. ASC 606 is effective for us for annual periods beginning January 1, 2017. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new standard will have on our combined results of operations.

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-8 (ASU 2014-8), "Reporting of Discontinued Operations and Disclosure of Disposals of Components of an Entity," which changes the criteria for determining which disposals can be presented as discontinued operations and modifies the related disclosure requirements. ASU 2014-8 is effective for us beginning January 1, 2015. We do not expect that the adoption will have a significant impact on our combined financial position or results of operations.

## **Contractual Obligations**

The following table provides payment obligations related to current contracts at December 31, 2014, in thousands:

	Payments Due by Period									
	Less than			More than	<u> </u>					
	1 year	1 - 3 Years	3 - 5 Years	5 Years	Total					
Operating leases	\$ 37,010	\$ 35,020	\$ 6,820	\$ 240	\$ 79,090					
Purchase commitments(A)	2,000				2,000					
Total	\$ 39,010	\$ 35,020	\$ 6,820	\$ 240	\$ 81,090					

(A) Excludes contracts that do not require volume commitments and open or pending purchase orders.

We are currently in a discussion with a syndicate of banks relating to a \$100 million to \$150 million credit facility to be entered into concurrently with our Separation from Masco. Additionally, we expect to borrow approximately \$200 million under a bank term loan to fund the dividend we anticipate paying to Masco on the Separation date. We will describe the material terms of the credit facility and the bank term loan in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

## QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Prior to the Separation, we have participated in Masco's centralized cash management program to support and finance our operations as needed. Prior to the Separation, we have provided cash to Masco based on our operating cash flows generated, and Masco has funded our operations and investing activities as needed. Therefore, prior to the Separation, we have a limited amount of debt and no other financial instruments where we are exposed to interest rate risk.

We intend to enter into new financing arrangements in anticipation of the Separation. These financing arrangements are expected to include a bank term loan of approximately \$200 million and a credit facility of approximately \$100 million to \$150 million. We expect the bank term loan and credit facility to become effective substantially concurrently with the Separation. We expect to incur \$200 million of indebtedness under the bank term loan to finance a \$200 million cash dividend from us to Masco to be paid on the Separation date. We expect to use the additional borrowing capacity under the separate credit facility from time to time for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

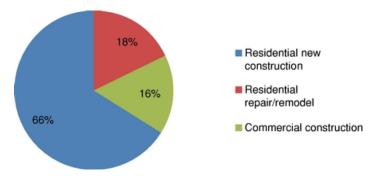
Interest payable on the bank term loan is based on a variable interest rate, and we will thus be exposed to market risks related to fluctuations in interest rates on our outstanding indebtedness following the Separation. Assuming a weighted average interest rate of [ ]% for our expected indebtedness under the bank term loan at the Separation date, a 10% change in the interest rates would result in a \$[ ] increase/decrease in our annualized interest expense.

### BUSINESS

#### Overview

We are the leading installer and distributor of insulation products to the United States construction industry, based on revenue. We provide insulation installation services nationwide through our Contractor Services business, which has over 190 installation branches located in 43 states. We distribute insulation nationwide through our Service Partners business from our 72 distribution centers located in 35 states. Our installation and distribution business segments represented 64% and 36%, respectively, of our net sales of \$1.5 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our installation and distribution segments serve three lines of business: residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction. In addition to insulation products, we also install or distribute other building products, including rain gutters, garage doors, fireplaces, shower enclosures, closet shelving and roofing. Further, we are a leader in building science through, among other things, our Environments For Living® program and our residential home energy rating services.

### 2014 Net Sales by Line of Business



We believe we are well positioned to organically grow our businesses. Our national scale enables us to drive supply chain efficiencies and provide the tools necessary for our branches and distribution centers to effectively compete locally. Given the highly fragmented homebuilding industry, our leadership position in installation, distribution and building science services allows us to tailor our approach to each local market, which differs in characteristics such as customer mix, competitive activity, building codes and labor availability. Moreover, serving three lines of business provides additional revenue growth potential with which to leverage our fixed cost and reduces our exposure to the cyclical swings in residential new construction.

Our Installation Services business, currently known as Masco Contractor Services, will be renamed [ · ]. Our Distribution Services business will still continue to operate under the Service Partners name.

### **Industry Background**

The insulation installation and distribution market, as well as the markets for our other products and services, is driven primarily by residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction activity throughout the United States. A number of local and national factors influence activity in each of these lines of business, including demographic trends, interest rates, employment levels, business investment, supply and demand for housing stock, availability of credit, foreclosure rates, consumer confidence and general economic conditions.

The U.S. housing market has grown from approximately 587,000 housing starts in 2010 to 1.01 million starts in 2014, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The U.S. housing market peaked in 2006, but was substantially affected by the financial crisis of 2007-08, with housing starts reaching a low of approximately 554,000 in 2009. Even after five years of growth, housing starts remain below the 50-year historical average of approximately 1.5 million per year. According to industry forecasts, however, residential new construction starts are estimated to grow to 1.5 million in 2020, representing a compound annual growth rate of 6.8% from 2014 through 2019. A third-party study we commissioned in mid-2014 estimates that our Contractor Services segment has an approximate 25% share of residential new construction insulations. Based on this study, we estimate that residential new home construction insulation present an approximately \$3.9 billion opportunity in 2015.

The U.S. housing market, and particularly residential new construction, is fragmented. Over 50,000 home builders participated in the market in 2012. The top 20 national builders represented approximately 15% of housing starts in 2014 and regional builders represented approximately 34%. In addition to local relationships, we believe that these builders also prefer to partner with installers who offer scale and broad geographic presence, which provide the builder consistent, high-quality installation services across all building sites. The remainder of residential new construction is served by approximately 50,000 small custom builders. The typical smaller builder constructs fewer than ten homes per year and operates in one local geographic area. We believe that these smaller builders place a premium on local relationships in the selection of installers.

According to industry sources, commercial construction in the United States is estimated to rise 9% to \$612 billion in 2015, and grow at a compound annual growth rate of 14.4% from 2014 to 2017. Based on a third-party study we commissioned in 2013, we believe that we have an approximately \$4.5 billion annual opportunity in commercial construction. We believe commercial construction is highly fragmented, with over half of the approximately 42,000 general contractors with fewer than five employees and only 15% with more than twenty employees and none having branches across the country.

According to industry forecasts, U.S. sales of home maintenance, repair and improvement products are expected to grow at a rate of approximately 5% in 2014 and approximately 6% in 2015. The size of the insulation installation component of overall residential repair/remodel activity is difficult to estimate. Based on a third-party study we commissioned in 2013, however, we believe insulation installations presented an approximately \$1.3 billion opportunity in 2013, which we anticipate would grow at a rate commensurate with the overall growth in the U.S. economy. Residential repair/remodel is highly fragmented, with four big box retailers accounting for an aggregate of less than approximately 5% of sales, well over 150,000 contractors accounting for approximately 35%, approximately 1,000 weatherization specialists accounting for approximately 5% and do-it-yourself homeowner installations accounting for the remaining approximately 55%.

### **Competitive Advantages**

We believe that our competitive strengths include the following:

*National scale.* Our Contractor Services business has a network of over 190 installation branches located in 43 states and our Service Partners business has 72 distribution centers located in 35 states. With these two national footprints, we provide products and services to each major construction line of business in the United States. Our national scale, together with our centralized SpinCo executive management team, allows us to compete locally by:

- providing national and regional builders with broad geographic reach, while maintaining consistent policies and practices that enable reliable, high-quality
  products and services across many geographies and building sites;
- establishing strong ties to major manufacturers of insulation and other building products that help ensure we are buying competitively, have availability of supply to our local branches and distribution centers and are driving efficiencies throughout our supply chain;
- providing consistent, customized support and geographic coverage to our customers;
- maintaining an operating capacity that allows us to ramp-up rapidly, without major incremental investment, to target forecasted growth in housing starts and construction activity in each of our lines of business anywhere in the United States; and
- leveraging investments in systems and processes and sharing best practices across both our installation and distribution businesses.

*Two avenues to reach the builder.* We believe that having both an installation and distribution business provides a number of advantages to reaching our customers and driving share gains. Our Contractor Services customer base includes builders of all sizes. Our branches go to market with the local brands that small builders recognize and value, and our national footprint is appealing to the large builders who value consistency across a broad geography. Our Service Partners distribution business focuses on selling to small contractors who are particularly adept at cultivating the local relationships with small custom builders. Being a leader in both installation and distribution allows us to more effectively reach a broader set of builder customers, regardless of their size or geographic location within the United States, and leverage housing growth wherever it occurs.

*Diversified lines of business.* In response to the housing downturn, we enhanced our ability to serve the residential repair/remodel and commercial construction lines of business, which comprised approximately 18% and 16%, respectively, of our net sales for the year ended December 31, 2014. Although the residential repair/remodel and commercial construction lines of business are affected by many of the same macroeconomic and local economic factors that drive residential new construction, residential repair/remodel and commercial construction have historically followed different cycles than residential new construction. We have thus positioned our business to benefit from a greater mix of residential repair/remodel activity and commercial construction activity than we have historically, which helps reduce volatility because we are less dependent on residential new construction, and also enables us to better respond to changes in customer demand.

*Expertise in building science.* In addition to our core product and service expertise, we are a leader in building science. Through our Home Services subsidiary and our Environments For Living® program, we offer a number of services and tools designed to assist builders in applying the principles of building science to new home construction, including pre-construction plan reviews that use industry-standard home-energy analysis software, various inspection services and diagnostic testing utilizing industry-standard authentication tools. We help our builder customers build high-performance homes that are more energy-efficient and comfortable than conventional, code-built homes. Our Home Services

subsidiary is, we believe, one of the largest Home Energy Rating System Index (HERS Index) raters in the U.S. and was honored by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy as an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for 2014. In a time of heightened focus on energy efficiency and trends in the adoption of more stringent and complex building codes by states and municipalities, we believe our expertise in building science facilitates relationships with our builder customers and helps them offer more energy-efficient homes to their customers, which we believe will help us drive share gains.

*Strong local presence.* Competition for the installation and sale of insulation and other building products to builders occurs in localized geographic markets throughout the country. Builders in each local market have different options in terms of choosing among insulation installers and distributors for their projects, and value local relationships, quality and timeliness. Our over 190 Contractor Services branches are locally branded businesses that are recognized within the communities in which they operate. Our 72 Service Partners distribution centers service primarily local contractors, lumberyards, retail stores and others who, in turn, service local homebuilders and other customers. Our branch- and distribution center-based operating model, in which individual branches and distribution centers maintain local customer relationships, enables us to develop local, long-tenured relationships with these customers, build local reputations for quality, service and timeliness, and provide specialized products and personalized services tailored to a geographic region. At the same time, our local operations benefit from centralized functions such as information technology, credit and purchasing, and the resources and scale efficiencies of an installation and distribution business that has a presence across the United States.

**Reduced exposure to residential housing cyclicality.** During industry downturns, many insulation contractors who buy directly from manufacturers during industry peaks return to purchasing through distributors for small, "Less Than Truckload" ("LTL") shipments, reduced warehousing needs, and access to purchases on credit. This drives incremental customers to Service Partners during these points in the business cycle. As a result, our leadership position in both installation and distribution helps to reduce exposure to cyclical swings in our lines of business.

Strong management team. Our executive management team has extensive experience serving the U.S. construction and building products markets. The average tenure of our executive management team nears 20 years with us or our predecessor companies.

Strong cash flow, low capital investment and favorable working capital to fund organic growth. Over the last several years, we have reduced fixed costs. As a result, we can achieve profitability at lower levels of demand as compared to historical periods. Cash flows from (used by) operating activities have grown from \$(101.9) million in 2012 to \$24.7 million in 2013 to \$71.9 million in 2014. In addition, we anticipate that our future organic growth will require capital investment of less than 1% of sales, and we do not expect post-Separation working capital requirements to grow significantly. Accordingly, we believe we are well positioned to self-fund future organic growth.

### **Our Strategy**

Our long-term strategy is to grow net sales, earnings, and operating cash flows and remain the leading insulation installer and distributor by revenue by leveraging our competitive strengths and pursuing the following strategies:

*Capitalize on the U.S. housing market recovery through focus on organic growth.* We intend to utilize our scale in both installation and distribution and the diversification of our lines of business to capitalize on the expected continuing recovery in the construction market. We plan to continue to grow our business organically by investing in our infrastructure and existing labor force and by adding talented new members to our labor force, particularly installers. We will focus on expanding our

customer base and attracting new customers through our strong local brands, sales force, reputation and national scale. We also intend to deploy our resources to penetrate underrepresented territories where we have the opportunity to increase our market share. When appropriate, we may supplement our organic growth by considering strategic opportunistic acquisitions. We believe that our capital structure positions us to acquire businesses we find attractive.

*Gain share in commercial construction.* In response to the housing downturn, we expanded our ability to serve the commercial construction line of business. We intend to focus on growing our commercial construction line of business by building out our commercial operations and sales capacity in a majority of our locations and building our expertise and reputation for quality service for both light and heavy commercial construction projects. We are also developing relationships with commercial general contractors, focusing initially on several of our branches located in larger metropolitan areas which specialize in commercial construction.

*Continue to leverage our expertise in building science to benefit from the increasing focus on energy efficiency and trends in building codes.* For the past several years, residential energy efficiency interest from consumers has increased both because of concerns for the environment and volatility in energy costs. In addition, new building codes have established higher energy efficiency requirements on new construction. We plan to continue our focus on developing practices that increase residential and commercial energy efficiency and leverage our expertise and reputation as a leader in building science to benefit each of our lines of business. Our Home Services subsidiary is, we believe, one of the largest Home Energy Rating System Index (HERS Index) raters in the United States and was honored by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Energy as an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for 2014.

### **Insulation Products**

Insulation installation and insulation distribution comprised approximately 71% and 70% of our net sales for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. According to the Department of Energy, heating and cooling account for 50% to 70% of the energy used in the average American home. Inadequate insulation and air leakage are leading causes of energy waste in most homes. The amount of insulation in a new home is also regulated by various building and energy codes, which establish minimum thermal and air sealing performance requirements and require insulation to be installed in multiple areas of a structure (e.g., basement, walls, attic). In addition to conserving energy and complying with building codes, a good insulation can also absorb sounds, reducing unwanted noise from dishwashers, media centers and other types of noise. Finally, most local jurisdictions require an inspection following the installation of insulation before proceeding with drywall, so timely and high quality insulation installations are valuable to our customers.

We install and distribute a wide variety of insulation materials supplied by leading manufacturers for various applications, including:

- <u>Fiberglass batts and rolls</u>: a type of fiberglass insulation which is normally referred to as blanket insulation. Blanket insulation is typically used for insulating walls, floors and ceilings in residential and commercial buildings.
- <u>Blown-in loose fill fiberglass</u>: a type of fiberglass insulation that is packed into bags and blown into enclosed structures, typically for open attic applications, or enclosed sidewall or floor cavities (our branded BIBS® system), using specialized equipment.

- <u>Blown-in loose fill cellulose</u> a loose fill product that is manufactured from recycled wood products, principally newspaper, for use in various blown-in applications such as attics and wall cavities. This product is chemically treated to make it fungi-resistant and fire-retardant.
  - Polyurethane spray foam: a spray foam insulation, made from polyurethane, which is an alternative to traditional building insulation such as fiberglass. The foam is applied at the job site using specialized equipment and sprayed under roof decks or into wall cavities, or through holes drilled into a cavity of a finished wall.

We also distribute a variety of other insulation products for residential and commercial applications, including mineral wool, board products (polyisocyanurate, extruded and expanded), cotton batts and radiant barriers, and we are a leading nationwide supplier of insulation accessories, including caulks, foams, sealants, fasteners, supports, masks and safety equipment. We believe our ability to combine deliveries of complementary accessory items, along with a complete line of insulation products, provides an attractive value-added service to our distribution customers.

### Other Installed and Distributed Products

In addition to being a leader in installing and distributing insulation, many of our branch and distribution locations also install or distribute other residential building products, including rain gutters, garage doors, fireplaces, shower enclosures, closet shelving and roofing. These other installed or distributed products comprised approximately 29% and 30% of our net sales for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. We install these other building products for homeowners as well as commercial and residential builders, remodelers and property managers. We generally distribute these other building products to contractors who utilize them in their building projects.

### Operations

Installation. We provide installation services nationwide through our Contractor Services business and our over 190 branches located in 43 states. We handle every stage of the installation process, including material procurement, project scheduling and logistics, multi-phase professional installation and installation quality assurance. Our branch locations across the United States are each characterized by our hiring standards and highly trained workforce, our centralized back-office systems and sharing of national best practices. We believe these characteristics give each branch a competitive advantage in the local geographic area in which it competes.

For each category of installed products, we offer professional installation services covering a variety of product options from the nation's leading manufacturers. In each case, prior to installation, our sales representatives assess the specific needs and circumstances of the project before making recommendations regarding materials and installation techniques to suit the particular situation.

Across our branch locations, we employ over 4,600 professionally trained installers who have passed our stringent employment requirements. Our installers receive ongoing training and development to generate best-in-class work quality to manufacturers' guidelines and local building codes while performing their work safely. Recruiting and human resource professionals aid our branch managers in attracting, hiring and retaining installers, and we are able to share best practices across our locations.

*Distribution.* Service Partners distributes insulation and other building products nationwide through our 72 distribution centers located in 35 states. Our distribution business employs approximately 775 employees.

We utilize a variety of shipping methods for both inbound and outbound logistics, including company trucks, common carrier, LTL carrier and small parcel freight, based on the product and quantities being shipped and customer delivery requirements.

### Sales and Marketing

We have a team of over 550 sales representatives in our Contractor Services business and over 100 sales representatives in our Service Partners business. Our sales force at each of our individual locations is experienced and focuses on its local market. Our sales and marketing efforts emphasize building and maintaining strong customer relationships, delivering exceptional customer service and superior installation quality and offering a broad array of building products and installation services at competitive prices. Each individual business, both installation and distribution, capitalize on cross-selling opportunities from existing customer relationships.

### Safety

We are dedicated to the safety of our employees and work environment, and safety is a core value of our culture and a priority for our organization. Our safety program is driven by our organizational belief that "Safety is a Lifestyle," at work and at home.

Our commitment to safety is supported and communicated regularly from management down through each employee level. We believe this commitment gives us a competitive advantage in recruiting and retaining employees and obtaining and maintaining customers, and it serves to mitigate risks by recognizing and reducing business site hazards and waste.

Since 2013, we have realized substantial improvements in our OSHA Incidence Rate, Lost Work Case Rate and Lost Day Case Rate. This has also resulted in significant financial savings for the company.

The cornerstones of our safety program are:

- <u>Training</u>. Our employees receive training and must demonstrate the skills necessary to work safely and productively, before being assigned to a jobsite or beginning work at a distribution facility.
- <u>Engagement</u>. We ensure that all employees understand our safety program as well as their role in the program. Employees are rewarded for safe work behavior and control of safety hazards and are held accountable for unsafe behavior.
- <u>Safety Awareness</u>. We have frequent safety meetings, conduct weekly safety communications and mail safety awareness newsletters to employees' homes.
- <u>Continuous Improvement</u>. Our safety system is designed to mitigate risk through immediate engagement of injured employees, their families, insurance representatives and medical providers with the goal of ensuring excellent employee care that leads to better employee outcomes and reduced financial exposure.

### Customers

We have a diversified portfolio of customers for our installation business that includes the largest home builders in the U.S. as well as custom builders, multi-family builders, commercial general contractors, remodelers and individual homeowners. Our distribution business customer base consists of thousands of insulation contractors of all sizes, gutter contractors, weatherization contractors, other contractors, dealers, metal building erectors and modular home builders. Our top 10 customers accounted for approximately 7.7% of total sales in 2013 and 10.1% in 2014. For the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, we did not have any customers that accounted for 10% or more of our total revenues. In addition, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we did not have any customers that accounts receivable.

### Suppliers

We have a large network of suppliers, including the four primary U.S.-based residential fiberglass insulation manufacturers, Owens Corning, Knauf, CertainTeed and Johns Manville. We believe that we have good relationships with our suppliers.

### Competitors

The market for the installation and distribution of insulation and other building products is highly competitive in each of the local markets in which we compete. In addition to price, we believe that competition in our industry is based largely on customer service and the quality and timeliness of installation services and distribution product deliveries in each local market. Our installation competitors include national contractors, regional contractors and local contractors, and we face many or all of these competitors for each project on which we bid. Our insulation distribution competitors include specialty insulation distributors (one multi-regional, several regional and numerous local). In some instances, our insulation distribution business sells products to companies that may compete directly with our installation service business. We believe that overlap to be relatively small and that we manage it effectively. We also compete with broad line building products distributors, big box retailers and insulation manufacturers.

### Seasonality and Cyclicality

We normally experience stronger sales during the third and fourth calendar quarters, corresponding with the peak season for residential new construction and residential repair/remodel activity. Sales during the winter weather months are seasonally slower due to the lower construction activity. Historically, the installation of insulation lags housing starts by several months.

The U.S. housing market has been highly cyclical. The U.S. housing market peaked in 2006, and was substantially affected by the financial crisis of 2007-08, with housing starts reaching a low of approximately 554,000 in 2009. Even after five years of growth, housing starts remain below the 50-year historical average of approximately 1.6 million per year.

In response to the 2007-08 downturn, we reduced fixed costs, leveraged our distribution model and expanded our ability to serve the commercial and residential repair/remodel lines of business. Our cost reduction initiatives have resulted in a fixed cost level for our business that is over \$200 million (pre-tax) lower than our fixed cost level achieved in 2006. Our distribution business maintained profitability during this downturn by providing services that many insulation contractors sought, such as next day, LTL shipments, reduced warehousing needs, and providing access to sales on credit.

We believe that we have managed our business successfully through economic cycles and out of the recent recessionary period. Going forward, we believe that our broad geographic footprint reduces our exposure to cyclical swings in any particular local market. In addition, our distribution business model and our diversification into residential repair/remodel and commercial construction reduces our exposure to cyclical swings in the residential new construction market.

### Employees

At December 31, 2014, we had approximately 7,600 employees. Approximately 400 of our employees are currently covered by collective bargaining or other similar labor agreements. We have generally experienced satisfactory relations with our employees.

### Legislation and Regulation

We are subject to U.S., state and local regulations, particularly those pertaining to health and safety (including protection of employees and consumers), labor standards/regulations, contractor



licensing and environmental issues. In addition to complying with current effective requirements and requirements that will become effective at a future date, even more stringent requirements could eventually be imposed on our industries. Additionally, some of our products and services may require certification by industry or other organizations. Compliance with these regulations and industry standards may require us to alter our distribution and installation processes and our sourcing, which could adversely impact our competitive position. Further, if we do not effectively and timely comply with such regulations and industry standards, our operating results could be negatively affected.

### Properties

We operate over 190 installation branch locations and 72 distribution centers in the United States, most of which are leased. We lease a 63,404 square foot facility for our corporate and Contractor Services headquarters located at 260 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida, 32114. Our headquarters lease expires on February 28, 2026, assuming the exercise of all options set forth in the lease. We lease a 17,510 square foot facility for our Service Partners corporate headquarters located at 1029 Technology Park Drive, Glen Allen, Virginia, 23059. Our Service Partners headquarters lease expires on May 31, 2025, assuming the exercise of all options set forth in the lease. We believe that our facilities have sufficient capacity and are adequate for our installation and distribution requirements.

### Legal Proceedings

We are subject to claims, charges, litigation and other proceedings in the ordinary course of our business, including those arising from or related to contractual matters, intellectual property, personal injury, environmental matters, product liability, product recalls, construction defect, insurance coverage, personnel and employment disputes, antitrust issues and other matters, including class actions. We believe that we have adequate defenses in these matters and that the likelihood that the outcome of these matters would have a material adverse effect on us is remote. However, there is no assurance that we will prevail in these matters, and we could in the future incur judgments, enter into settlements of claims or revise our expectations regarding the outcome of these matters, which could materially impact our results of operations.

#### **Directors Following the Separation**

We are in the process of finalizing the composition of our board of directors following the Separation, and as such we will provide additional information regarding our directors in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

### **Qualification of Directors**

We expect our board of directors to consist of individuals with appropriate skills and experiences to meet board governance responsibilities and contribute effectively to our company. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will seek to ensure the board of directors reflects a range of talents, ages, skills, diversity and expertise, particularly in the areas of accounting and finance, management, domestic and international markets, governmental/regulatory and leadership, sufficient to provide sound and prudent guidance with respect to our operations and interests. Our board of directors will seek to maintain a diverse membership, but will not have a separate policy on diversity at the time of our separation from Masco.

### **Composition of the Board of Directors**

We expect that our board of directors following the Separation will be composed of  $[ \cdot ]$  directors, at least a majority of whom will satisfy the independence standards established by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the applicable rules of the SEC and the NYSE.

Set forth below is information concerning the individuals we currently expect to become our directors as of the Separation date. None of the individuals who are expected to serve as members of our board of directors are current employees of Masco or SpinCo other than Gerald Volas.

Name	Age	Class
Gerald Volas	60	
Dennis W. Archer	73	

Our board of directors will be divided into three classes, each of roughly equal size. The directors designated as Class I directors will have terms expiring at the first annual meeting of stockholders following the Separation; the directors designated as Class II directors will have terms expiring at the following year's annual meeting of stockholders after that. Commencing with the first annual meeting of stockholders held following the Separation, directors for each class will be elected at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the year in which the term for that class expires and thereafter will serve for a term of three years. We have not yet set the date of the first annual meeting of stockholders to be held following the Separation.

Set forth below is additional information regarding the directors identified above, as well as a description of the specific skills and qualifications such candidates are expected to provide the board of directors of SpinCo.

*Gerald Volas.* Mr. Volas, 60, has been employed by Masco Corporation in various positions of increasing responsibility since 1982, most recently as Group President— North American Diversified Businesses, a position he has held since 2014. Mr. Volas has been a Group President since 2006. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Volas served as President of Liberty Hardware Mfg. Corp.; from 1996 to 2001, he served as a Group Controller supporting a variety of Masco operating companies, and from 1982 to 1996, he served in progressive financial roles including Vice President/Controller at BrassCraft Manufacturing Company. Mr. Volas is a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Volas is a director of Trex



Company, Inc., a manufacture of wood alternative decking and related products, serving since March 2014.

Mr. Volas' leadership positions with Masco and Masco's subsidiaries give him company-specific knowledge in all areas important to SpinCo's performance including, among others, key markets, personnel, customer relationships, operations, marketing, finance and risk management.

*Dennis W. Archer.* Mr. Archer, 73, has served as Chairman and CEO of Dennis W. Archer PLLC since 2010. He has also served as Chairman Emeritus of Dickinson Wright PLLC since 2010, prior to which he was Chairman from 2002 to 2009. Mr. Archer was Chair of the Detroit Regional Chamber from 2006 to 2007, and President of the American Bar Association from 2003 to 2004. He served two terms as Mayor of the City of Detroit, Michigan from 1994 through 2001 and was President of the National League of Cities from 2000 to 2001. He was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in 1985, and in 1986 was elected to an eight-year term. Since 2004, Mr. Archer has served as a director of Masco Corporation and, during the past five years, was a director of Compuware Corporation and Johnson Controls, Inc.

Mr. Archer's long and distinguished career as an attorney and judge will provide our board of directors with specific expertise and a unique understanding of litigation and other legal matters. As a result of his position as Mayor of Detroit, he has broad leadership, administrative and financial experience and is also knowledgeable in the area of governmental relations.

### Committees of our Board of Directors

Our board of directors will establish the following committees: Audit Committee, Organization and Compensation Committee and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The membership and function of each committee is described below.

*Audit Committee.* The Audit Committee, which following the Separation we expect to consist of  $[ \cdot ]$  (chair),  $[ \cdot ]$  and  $[ \cdot ]$ , is directly responsible for, among other things:

- selecting a firm to serve as the independent registered public accounting firm to audit our financial statements;
- ensuring the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm;
- discussing the scope and results of the audit with the independent registered public accounting firm and reviewing, with management and that firm, our interim and year-end financial results;
- establishing procedures for employees to anonymously submit concerns about questionable accounting or audit matters;
- · considering the adequacy of our internal controls and internal audit function; and
- approving or, as permitted, pre-approving all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm.

The size and composition of the Audit Committee will meet the independence requirements set forth in the applicable listing standards of the SEC and the NYSE and requirements set forth in the Audit Committee charter. [ · ] is expected to be identified as a "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined in the rules and regulations of the SEC. Each member of the Audit Committee will be financially literate and have accounting or financial management experts as such terms are interpreted by our board of directors in its business judgment. None of our Audit Committee members will simultaneously serve on more than two other public company audit committees unless our board of directors specifically determines that it would not impair the ability of an existing or prospective member to serve effectively on the Audit Committee.



A more detailed discussion of the Audit Committee's function, composition and responsibilities is contained in the Audit Committee charter, which will be available on our website: www.[ · · ].com upon the completion of the Separation.

Organization and Compensation Committee. The Organization and Compensation Committee, which following the Separation we expect to consist of [ · ] (chair), [ · ] and [ · ], is directly responsible for, among other things:

- · reviewing and approving, or recommending that our board of directors approve, the compensation of our executive officers;
- administering our stock and equity incentive plans;
- · reviewing and approving, or making recommendations to our board of directors with respect to, incentive compensation and equity plans; and
- reviewing our overall compensation philosophy.

The Organization and Compensation Committee will be composed entirely of independent directors, each of whom will meet the requirements set forth in the NYSE listing standards and the Organization and Compensation Committee charter. The members of the Organization and Compensation Committee will be "non-employee directors" (within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act) and "outside directors" (within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code). In addition, in carrying out its duties, the Organization and Compensation Committee will have direct access to outside advisors, including independent compensation advisors.

A more detailed discussion of the Organization and Compensation Committee's function, composition and responsibilities is contained in the Organization and Compensation Committee charter, which will be available on our website: www.[ · ].com upon the completion of the Separation. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" for additional information about the Organization and Compensation Committee.

*Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.* The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, which following the Separation we expect to consist of [ · ] (chair), [ · ] and [ · ], is directly responsible for, among other things:

- identifying and recommending candidates for membership on our board of directors and recommending directors for appointment to the committees of our board of directors;
- reviewing and recommending our code of business ethics and our corporate governance guidelines and policies;
- reviewing proposed waivers of the code of business ethics for directors and executive officers;
- overseeing the process of evaluating the performance of our board of directors;
- · reviewing and recommending to our board of directors the compensation of our directors; and
- assisting our board of directors on corporate governance matters.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will be composed entirely of independent directors, each of whom meet the requirements set forth in the NYSE listing standards and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee charter. In addition, in carrying out its duties, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will have direct access to outside advisors.

A more detailed discussion of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee's function, composition and responsibilities is contained in the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee charter, which will be available on our website: www.[ · · ].com upon the completion of the Separation.



### Code of Business Ethics

Concurrent with the completion of the Separation, our board of directors will adopt a Code of Business Ethics that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and other senior officers, effective as of the completion of the Separation, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the NYSE. Our Code of Business Ethics will be available on our website prior to completion of the Separation. We intend to disclose future amendments to our Code of Business Ethics, or any waivers of such code, on our website or in public filings.

### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

Concurrent with the completion of the Separation, our board of directors will adopt Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Corporate Governance Guidelines will set forth our policies and procedures relating to corporate governance effective as of the completion of the Separation and will comply with the requirements of the NYSE. Upon completion of the Separation, the full text of our Corporate Governance Guidelines will be available on our website.

## Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, SpinCo's business was operated by subsidiaries of Masco and not through an independent company and therefore did not have a compensation committee or any other committee serving a similar function. Decisions as to the compensation of those who will serve as SpinCo's executive officers were made by Masco. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" included elsewhere in this Information Statement.

We do not expect that any of our executive officers will serve as a member of the board of directors or as a member of a compensation committee of any other company that has an executive officer serving as a member of our board of directors or our Compensation Committee.

#### **Risk Management**

While our management will be responsible for the day-to-day management of risks to the Company, our board of directors will have broad oversight responsibility for our risk management programs following the Separation.

Our board of directors will exercise risk management oversight and control both directly and indirectly, the latter through various board committees as discussed above. Our board of directors will regularly review information regarding the Company's credit, liquidity and operations, including the risks associated with each. The Organization and Compensation Committee will be responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to the Company's executive compensation plans and arrangements. The Audit Committee will be responsible for oversight of financial risks, including the steps the Company has taken to monitor and mitigate these risks. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, in its role of reviewing and maintaining the Company's corporate governance guidelines and code of business ethics, will manage risks associated with the independence of the board of directors and potential conflicts of interest. While each committee will be responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the entire board of directors will be regularly informed through committee reports and by the chief executive officer about the known risks to the strategy and the business.

## **Executive Officers Following the Separation**

The following table sets forth information regarding the individuals who we expect to serve as our executive officers following the Separation. We are in the process of finalizing the titles and



responsibilities of our executive officers following the Separation, and as such we will provide additional information regarding our management in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

The individuals who are expected to serve as our executive officers who are employees of Masco prior to the Separation are expected to transfer from their respective employment with Masco to SpinCo and resign from any officer roles with Masco concurrently with the completion of the Separation.

Name	Age	Position
Gerald Volas	60	Chief Executive Officer
Robert M. Buck	45	President and Chief Operating Officer
John S. Peterson	56	Chief Financial Officer

There are no family relationships among any of the officers named above. Set forth below is information about the executive officers identified above. See "-Directors Following the Separation" for Mr. Volas' biographical information.

*Robert M. Buck.* Mr. Buck, 45, was appointed Group Vice President of Masco Corporation in 2014. In this position, Mr. Buck is responsible for the Installation and Other Services Segment consisting of both Masco Contractor Services and Service Partners, LLC. Mr. Buck has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Masco Contractor Services since 2011. He has been responsible for leading the team that has turned around the Installation business over the past three years. Mr. Buck began his career with Masco Corporation in 1997 at Liberty Hardware Mfg. Corp. where he spent eight years in several operations leadership roles and worked extensively in international operations. Mr. Buck became Executive Vice President in 2005 and helped lead the merger of another Masco company with Liberty Hardware before being promoted to the office of President in 2007. Mr. Buck holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

John S. Peterson. Mr. Peterson, 56, has been the Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Masco Contractor Services since November 2010. From 2006 to 2010, he was the Chief Financial Officer of Masco Retail Cabinet Group, a Masco subsidiary. From 2001 to 2006, he was the Vice President—Finance for Biolab and from 1998 to 2001, he was the Vice President—Finance, Performance Chemicals Division, both subsidiaries of Great Lakes Chemical, which has since changed its name to Chemtura Corporation. Mr. Peterson holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Indianapolis.

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## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Executive Summary**

For purposes of this Compensation Discussion and Analysis and the disclosure under "Compensation of Executive Officers," the three persons who we currently expect will be our named executive officers as of the distribution date are identified below (collectively, our "named executive officers"). The information provided reflects summary information concerning SpinCo's executive compensation approach developed to date in connection with planning for the Separation. We will include more information regarding the compensation earned for 2014 at Masco or its subsidiaries and the design and objectives of the Masco executive compensation programs in place prior to the Separation in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

As a result, this Compensation Discussion and Analysis has two main parts:

- SpinCo Compensation Programs—This section discusses the anticipated executive compensation programs at SpinCo, including the effect of the Separation on
  outstanding Masco compensation awards held by our named executive officers.
  - 2014 Masco Executive Compensation—This section describes the executive compensation programs at Masco in 2014.

Our named executive officers are as follows:

Name	SpinCo Title	2014 Masco Title
<u>Name</u> Gerald Volas	Chief Executive Officer	Masco Group President—North American Diversified Businesses
Robert M. Buck	President and Chief Operating Officer	Masco Group Vice President and Masco Contractor Services President and Chief Executive Officer
John S. Peterson	Chief Financial Officer	Masco Contractor Services Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Masco's Organization and Compensation Committee (which we refer to in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis as the "Masco Committee") oversees Masco's compensation programs. Executive compensation decisions following the Separation will be made by the Organization and Compensation Committee of SpinCo (our "Compensation Committee"), which will, as does the Masco Committee, consist entirely of independent directors.

#### SpinCo Compensation Programs

We recognize the importance of attracting and retaining executive officers who can effectively lead our business and motivating them to maximize our corporate performance and create long-term value for our stockholders. We believe in rewarding our executive officers to a significant degree based on our performance. We expect our Compensation Committee to continue to thoughtfully and thoroughly analyze our compensation practices and programs after the Separation.

Masco's compensation programs are designed to incentivize executive officers to focus on critical business objectives, to appropriately balance risks and rewards and to attract and retain executive officers who can effectively lead our business. We expect that SpinCo will follow the fundamental principles of Masco's compensation programs to reward executive officers to a significant degree based on company performance, both in achieving performance goals and by making effective strategic decisions, and to align executive officers' interests with the long-term interests of stockholders.



The Masco Committee believes that having a significant ownership interest in stock is critical to aligning the interests of executive officers with the long-term interests of stockholders. Accordingly, equity grants in the form of restricted stock awards and stock options with extended vesting periods are an important component of compensation for executive officers. The value ultimately realized from equity awards depends on the long-term performance of Masco common stock. We expect that SpinCo will follow this practice.

## Executive Compensation Approach as an Independent Public Company

We expect that SpinCo's compensation structure will be composed of the following primary components:

- base salary;
- annual cash bonus;
- annual restricted stock awards;
- annual stock options; and
- 401(k) retirement savings tax-qualified plan.

Incentive Compensation. We believe that a combination of performance-based restricted stock and stock options are appropriate vehicles for a small, newly public company to focus executives on long-term performance and alignment with stockholder interests. As with Masco's program, we expect the amount of annual restricted stock awards to be granted by the Compensation Committee will be based on the prior year's performance. In addition, we expect that some of our named executive officers will receive initial equity awards consisting of stock options and restricted stock to more tightly align their interests with those of SpinCo's stockholders. We do not expect to initially adopt a long-term cash performance program (such as Masco's LTCIP described below).

SpinCo Peer Group. In connection with preparations for the Separation, we have reviewed compensation surveys by AonHewitt and Towers Watson for U.S. public companies with \$1 billion to \$2 billion in sales and information provided by the Masco Committee's independent consultant. In addition, we have identified the following companies as comprising a likely initial peer group for SpinCo, based on similar business characteristics (in particular, installation and distribution of homebuilding products) and revenue size between \$700 million and \$3 billion:

- Armstrong World Industries, Inc.Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.
  - Builders FirstSource, Inc.
  - · Gibraltar Industries, Inc.
  - Nortek, Inc.
  - Quanex Building Products Corporation
  - Stock Building Supply Holdings, Inc.

- A.O. Smith Corporation
- BlueLinx Holdings Inc.
- Comfort Systems USA, Inc.
- MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.
- Ply Gem Holdings, Inc.
- Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.
- Universal Forest Products, Inc.

Other Benefit Plans. We will provide health, welfare and retirement benefits to our employees, including our executive officers. Our retirement program will be a new 401(k) defined contribution savings plan, and we will not assume Masco's frozen defined benefit plan obligations.

In summary, SpinCo believes its approach for proposed post-Separation compensation for our named executive officers is consistent with external market practice and provides appropriate support and incentives to transition officers into new roles and public company responsibilities.

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## Compensation of Our Chief Executive Officer

SpinCo expects to provide the following compensation to Mr. Volas in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer following the Separation:

- A base salary of \$700,000.
- Target bonus and stock award percentages at 100% of salary with a maximum opportunity of 200% of salary.
- Annual grants of SpinCo stock options with a Black-Scholes value of approximately \$700,000.
- An initial SpinCo equity grant of restricted stock and/or options with a total grant date value of approximately \$2.0 million.

In addition, Mr. Volas is the only SpinCo employee who participates in Masco's LTCIP. The Masco Committee expects to provide that he will remain eligible to receive a prorated portion (prorated through the date of the Separation) of his LTCIP from Masco based on actual Masco performance at the end of the applicable three-year periods.

SpinCo expects to enter into an agreement with Mr. Volas that would provide him severance benefits under specified termination events following the Separation. Any such agreement would not include any "golden parachute" excise tax gross-up payments.

Compensation of the Other Named Executive Officers. SpinCo expects to provide the following annual compensation to our other named executive officers following the Separation:

		Target Bonus,
		Target Stock
		Awards and
		Annual Stock
		Options (each
Name	Base Salary	as a % of salary)
Robert M. Buck	\$ 450,000	75%
John S. Peterson	\$ 370,000	60%

In addition, it is expected that each of Mr. Buck and Mr. Peterson will receive an initial SpinCo equity grant of restricted stock and/or options with a total grant date value of approximately \$1.0 million and \$0.5 million, respectively.

### Effects of the Separation on Outstanding Awards of Our Named Executive Officers

The Separation of SpinCo is not a change-in-control and therefore will not entitle our named executive officers to any change-in-control benefits with respect to their outstanding awards.

We expect that Masco equity incentive compensation awards held by our named executive officers and our other employees generally will be treated as follows:

- SpinCo will replace any outstanding unvested Masco stock options and restricted stock awards held by individuals who are or will become employees of SpinCo, which options and awards are forfeited upon separation with Masco, with long-term SpinCo incentive awards of generally equivalent value, with comparable provisions, and retaining the same vesting schedules.
- Outstanding vested Masco stock options will remain as Masco stock options, and will be equitably adjusted to (1) preserve the intrinsic value of each original option grant and (2) reflect an exercise price equal to the fair market value of Masco common stock on the date of the Separation. Employees of SpinCo will have the period of time provided in the Masco Equity Plan and option agreement to exercise these adjusted options, following their separation with Masco.

For a summary of provisions concerning retirement, health and welfare benefits to our employees upon completion of the Separation, see "The Separation-Agreements with Masco-Employee Matters Agreement."

#### **Compensation Practices**

We expect that SpinCo will adopt the following practices, similar to those of Masco:

- a compensation mix weighted toward incentives based on performance;
- no excise tax gross-ups;
- double-trigger vesting of equity on a change in control;
- an annual market analysis of executive compensation relative to peer companies and published survey data for comparably-sized companies;
- only limited perquisites to our executive officers; and
- prohibiting the repricing of options under our equity plan.

Our Compensation Committee believes it is in SpinCo's interest to retain flexibility in its compensation programs. Consequently, in some circumstances, SpinCo may pay compensation that is not tax-deductible by SpinCo.

#### 2014 Masco Executive Compensation

The primary components of the compensation available from Masco to our SpinCo named executive officers in 2014 were base salary, cash and equity incentives and retirement programs. Each of these components is described below.

Base Salary

Masco pays a base salary to provide a minimum, base level of cash compensation. For fiscal 2014, the base salary for each of our named executive officers, as set forth in the "Summary Compensation Table" below, was based on their respective roles within Masco.

#### Annual Performance-Based Restricted Stock and Cash Bonus Opportunities

Masco provided annual performance-based restricted stock and cash bonus opportunities to our named executive officers to emphasize annual performance, provide incentive to achieve critical business objectives, and align officers' interests with those of Masco's stockholders.

#### Stock Options

Masco has granted stock options annually to its executive officers to motivate and reward them for improving Masco's share price, to align their long-term interests with those of stockholders and to maintain the competitiveness of the total compensation package. As a Masco executive officer, Mr. Volas received stock options in 2014. The Masco Committee believes that stock options are an important component of the executive compensation program because they align executive officers' long-term interests with those of stockholders by reinforcing the goal of long-term share price appreciation. Further, they provide value to executive officers only if the price of Masco common stock increases following the grant of the stock options and over their long vesting schedule.

#### Long Term Cash Incentive Program

Mr. Volas is our only named executive officer who participates in Masco's Long Term Cash Incentive Program ("LTCIP"). The cash performance awards granted in 2014 under the LTCIP (in the amounts set forth below under "Grants of Plan-Based Awards") will be earned only if Masco achieves long-term growth and profitability, measured by the achievement of return on invested capital ("ROIC") goals over a three-year period from 2014 to 2016. The Masco Committee chose the ROIC performance metric because it reinforces executive officers' focus on capital efficiency and consistent return on capital and is a measure of importance to Masco stockholders in their assessment of long-term value creation. Under the LTCIP, Masco defines ROIC as adjusted after-tax operating income from continuing operations adjusted to exclude the effect of special charges and certain other non-recurring income and expenses, divided by invested capital. Invested capital includes shareholders equity, which we adjust to add back the cumulative after-tax short-term and long-term debt minus cash.

Under the LTCIP, Masco measures performance over three annual performance periods, with the average results for the three annual performance periods determining the amount of any award. Performance goals are established at the start of each three-year period.

If the threshold three-year average ROIC is attained, Masco will determine the actual award to be paid under the LTCIP by multiplying the target opportunity for the officer by the payout percentage corresponding to the actual three-year average ROIC achieved. If the ROIC threshold is not achieved, no payments will be made under the LTCIP.

SpinCo will not assume Mr. Volas' LTCIP award. Instead, he will remain eligible for a future prorated payout from Masco based on Masco's actual performance at the end of the applicable three-year periods, but prorated to reflect the end of his Masco employment at the Separation date.

#### **Retirement Programs**

Masco maintains defined contribution retirement plans for all of its employees to provide them with income to supplement social security and their personal asset accumulation. These plans include 401(k) savings plans and profit sharing plans. Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in Masco's tax-qualified 401(k) savings plan (the "401(k) Savings Plan") and a tax-qualified Future Service Profit Sharing Plan (the "Profit Sharing Plan"), as well as, in some cases, a benefits restoration plan (the "BRP"). The BRP enables highly-compensated employees to obtain the full financial benefit of the 401(k) Savings Plan and the Profit Sharing Plan, notwithstanding various limitations imposed on the plans under the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

Mr. Volas is the only named executive officer who is eligible for the frozen non-qualified defined benefit Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP") and for a taxqualified defined benefit pension. In 2010, Masco froze accruals in all of its defined benefits plans offered to its U.S. employees. Consequently, the pension benefits ultimately payable under such plans are essentially fixed. No Masco defined benefit plans are being assumed by SpinCo.

## COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Further information regarding payments and benefits from Masco to our named executive officers will be included in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding compensation paid to the named executive officers of SpinCo.

#### 2014 Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year(1)	Salary (\$)(2)	Stock Awards (\$)(3)(4)	Option Awards (\$)(3)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(5)	Change in Pension Value and Non- Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(6)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
•	T car(1)	(3)(2)	(3)(3)(4)	(3)(3)	(3)(3)	(3)(0)	(3)	10tal (3)
Gerald Volas, Chief Executive								
Officer	2014							
Robert M. Buck, President and								
Chief Operating Officer	2014							
John S. Peterson, Chief Financial								
Officer	2014							

(1) In 2014, the named executive officers were employed by, and were compensated by, Masco or its subsidiaries.

(2) These columns include amounts voluntarily deferred by each named executive officer as salary reductions under the 401(k) Savings Plan.

(3) Amounts in these columns reflect the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock awards and stock options, calculated in accordance with accounting guidance. In determining the fair market value of stock options, we used the same assumptions as set forth in the notes to Masco's financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The named executive officers have no assurance that these amounts will be realized. They only realize the value of restricted stock awards over the vesting period. Actual gains, if any, on stock option exercises will depend on overall market conditions, the future performance of the common stock and the timing of exercise of the option. See the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" for a discussion of the treatment of Masco equity awards upon the Separation.

(4) In accordance with SEC requirements, the amounts reported in this column reflect restricted stock awards granted during the year indicated.

(5) This column shows performance-based cash bonuses that were paid for the fiscal year based on the attainment of performance targets.

(6) This column shows changes in the sum of year-end pension values for Mr. Volas (the other named executive officers did not participate in any defined benefit pension plan), which reflect actuarial factors and variations in interest rates used to calculate present values. An increase in pension value does not represent increased benefit accruals since benefits in Masco's domestic defined benefit plans were frozen effective January 1, 2010 (as described under the "2014 Pension Plan Table" below). We calculated the pension values for 2014 using the same assumptions as set forth in the notes to Masco's financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the

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fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The named executive officers did not have any above-market earnings under any of the plans in which they participate.

### Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table provides information about (i) the potential payouts that were available in 2014 to our named executive officers under Masco's annual performance-based cash bonus opportunity, (ii) for Mr. Volas, the potential payouts under Masco's Long Term Cash Incentive Program ("LTCIP") and (iii) the actual grants of restricted stock and stock options made in 2014 to our named executive officers under Masco's 2005 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan"). The "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" above describes the expected treatment of Masco equity awards in connection with the Separation.

#### 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

		Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards		All Other Stock Awards:	All Other Option Awards: Number of	Exercise or Base Price	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock	
Name Gerald Volas	Grant Date	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Number of Shares of Stock	Securities Underlying Options	of Option Awards (\$ Per Share)	and Option Awards (\$)(3)
Robert M. Buck John S. Peterson								

(1) The amounts shown reflect the threshold, target, and maximum payouts under the 2014 annual performance-based cash bonus opportunity, described above under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

- (2) The amounts shown reflect the threshold, target, and maximum payouts under the LTCIP relating to the Company's performance for the 2014-2016 performance period. Mr. Volas is the only named executive officer who is eligible for Masco's LTCIP. Payment under these awards will depend on return on invested capital performance over the three-year period. As a result of the Separation, any payment to Mr. Volas under the LTCIP will be prorated to reflect only the time during the performance period in which he was employed by Masco through the Separation.
- (3) The grant date fair value shown in the column is determined in accordance with accounting guidance. Regardless of the value placed on a stock option on the grant date, the actual value of the option will depend on the market value of the common stock at a future date when the option is exercised.

#### **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following sets forth certain information regarding Masco equity-based awards held by each named executive officer at December 31, 2014. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Effects of the Separation on Outstanding Awards of our Named Executive Officers" for a description of the expected treatment of Masco equity awards as a result of the Separation.

## 2014 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

						Restric	ted Stock	
		Option Awards(1)					Awards(1)	
		Number				Number of	Market Value	
		of	Number of			Shares or	of Shares or	
		Securities	Securities			Units of	Units of	
		Underlying	Underlying			Stock	Stock	
		Unexercised	Unexercised	Option	Option	That Have	That Have	
	Grant	Options (#)	Options (#)	Exercise	Expiration	Not	Not	
Name	Date	Exercisable	Unexercisable	Price (\$)	Date	Vested (#)	Vested (\$)(2)	
Gerald Volas								
Robert M. Buck								
John S. Peterson								

- Except as otherwise noted, stock options and restricted stock awards vest in equal annual installments of 20% commencing in the year following the year of grant.
- (2) Based on Masco's closing stock price of \$25.20 on December 31, 2014.

### **Option Exercises and Stock Vested**

The following table shows the number of Masco shares acquired, and the value realized, by each of our named executive officers during 2014, in connection with their exercise of Masco stock options and vesting of Masco restricted stock previously awarded to them.

#### 2014 Option Exercises and Stock Vested

	Number of Shares			
Nomo	Acquired on	Value Realized	Number of Shares	Value Realized
Ivanie	Exercise (#)	on Exercise (\$)	Acquired on Vesting (#)	on Vesting (\$)
<u>Name</u> Gerald Volas				
Robert M. Buck				
John S. Peterson				

### **Retirement Plans**

The following two tables describe benefits under Masco's retirement plans, which will not be assumed by SpinCo (individual accounts in Masco's 401(k) and profit sharing plans for all employees of SpinCo will be transferred to SpinCo's new 401(k) savings plan). The defined benefit pension plans described below were frozen for future benefit accruals effective January 1, 2010. None of our named executive officers other than Mr. Volas is eligible for benefits under Masco's defined benefit pension plans.

### 2014 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation (Defined Contribution Portion of the Benefits Restoration Plan)

Name	Masco Allocations for 2014 (\$)(1)	Aggregate Earnings in 2014 (\$)(1)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at December 31, 2014 (\$)(2)
Gerald Volas				
Robert M. Buck				
John S. Peterson				

 Masco's defined contribution plans include a tax-qualified Profit Sharing Plan and a tax-qualified 401(k) Savings Plan that includes matching contributions by Masco. However, because of



limitations under the tax code, Masco makes book account allocations under the benefits restoration plan ("BRP") for highly compensated employees to reflect contribution amounts that otherwise exceed those limitations, together with amounts reflecting pro-forma earnings (or losses) on participants' accounts based on the performance reported by the several mutual fund offerings chosen by each participant. Following a participant's termination of employment, the BRP benefit is paid in a lump sum.

- (2) Amounts in this column are included in "All Other Compensation" in the 2014 Summary Compensation Table.
- (3) Because none of our named executive officers has previously been a Masco named executive officer, no amounts have previously been reported as compensation in a Summary Compensation Table.

### 2014 Pension Plan Table

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years Credited Service (#)(3)	Present Value of Accumulated Benefits (\$)(4)
Gerald Volas	Pension Plan(1)		
	Defined Benefit Portion—BRP(1)		
	SERP(2)		

- (1) The frozen tax-qualified Masco Corporation Pension Plan (the "Pension Plan"), and a portion of the non-qualified BRP applicable to the Pension Plan, provide that at normal retirement age (65), participants receive an annual payment for the remainder of their lives, with five years' payments guaranteed. Employees became 100% vested in their pension benefit after completing five years of employment with Masco. The benefits are not subject to reduction for social security benefits or for other offsets. Participants who retire or terminate employment with us are eligible for a reduced early retirement benefit between age 55 and 65. If a participant retires or terminates employment and commences payments at age 55, his or her benefit would be reduced by one-third. The maximum credited service under the Pension Plan and the defined benefit portion of the BRP was 30 years. A participant who becomes disabled while employed by Masco and has 10 or more years of service with Masco is eligible to receive a disability benefit equal to the participant's accrued benefit. Benefits accrued under the Pension Plan and the portion of the BRP applicable to the Pension Plan were frozen as of January 1, 2010.
- (2) Under the frozen non-qualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP"), participants receive an annual payment for life of an amount up to 60% of the average of their highest three years' cash compensation (base salary plus annual cash bonus, up to 60% of that year's maximum bonus opportunity) earned on or before January 1, 2010. SERP payments are offset by amounts payable under the Pension Plan and the Profit Sharing Plan balance as of January 1, 2010 and the portions of the BRP applicable to those plans, and, in most cases, by retirement benefits payable to the SERP participant by other employers. Benefits under the SERP are not payable in a lump sum, other than in the case of a change in control or alternate change in control. The maximum benefit under the SERP are not payable to service accrued at January 1, 2010. Mr. Volas is fully accrued and fully vested in his SERP benefit. SERP benefits are not payable to a terminated participant until age 65, provided no change in control or alternate change in control of Masco has occurred. Participants must refrain from activities negatively impacting Masco's or SpinCo's business following termination of employment in order to continue to receive SERP benefits. The SERP provides a disability benefit for participants who have been employed by Masco at least two years and who become disabled while employed by Masco. The disability

benefit is paid until the earlier to occur of death, recovery from disability or age 65, is offset by payments from long-term disability insurance Masco has paid for, and is equal to 60% of the participant's annual salary and bonus (up to 60% of the maximum bonus opportunity) as of January 1, 2010. At age 65, payments revert to a calculation based on the highest three-year average compensation as of January 1, 2010. Under the SERP, participants and their spouses may also receive medical benefits. A change in control or alternate change in control accelerates full vesting, may accelerate the payment of benefits (calculated on a present value basis) and may result in payment of an amount for any related excise taxes, as discussed below under "Payments Upon Change in Control." A surviving spouse will receive reduced benefits.

- (3) Reflects credited service through January 1, 2010, the date on which Masco's defined benefit pension plans were frozen, for years of employment with Masco, its subsidiaries or certain of its prior affiliates and their subsidiaries. Credited service under the SERP includes service through January 1, 2010 only with Masco and businesses in which Masco had a 50% or greater interest.
- (4) Amounts in this column were calculated as of December 31, 2014 using the normal form of benefit payable under each plan using (a) base pay only for the Pension Plan and BRP, (b) base pay plus cash bonus for the SERP, and (c) the same discount rates and mortality assumptions as described in the notes to financial statements in Masco's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Although SEC disclosure rules require a present value calculation, none of these plans (other than the SERP and the BRP, in the event of a change in control or alternate change in control) provides benefits in a lump sum.

#### **Payments Upon Change in Control**

If Masco experienced a change in control, its equity incentive plans provide that all participants, including the named executive officers, could receive accelerated vesting and reimbursement (limited, for equity grants, to those made prior to 2012) in the case of imposition of excise tax upon a change in control.

The following table sets forth the values of all payments (other than from our tax-qualified and non-qualified retirement plans which are set forth above under "Retirement Plans") assuming a change in control of Masco had occurred on December 31, 2014.

#### Payments Upon a Change in Control

Name	Cash (\$)	Equity (\$)	Perquisites (\$)	Excise Tax Reimbursement (\$)	Other (\$)	Total (\$)
Gerald Volas						
Robert M. Buck						
John S. Peterson						

#### SpinCo Long-Term Incentive Plan

We expect that prior to the Separation, SpinCo will adopt, and Masco as sole stockholder of the SpinCo will approve, the SpinCo 2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"). The LTIP will authorize us to issue up to a specified number of shares of our common stock pursuant to equity awards to our employees, consultants and directors, and to employees and consultants of our affiliates. A description of the LTIP will be included in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

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# DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Information regarding director compensation will be included in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part. Our directors who are also our employees will not receive additional compensation for service as a director.

# **OWNERSHIP OF OUR STOCK**

As of the date of this Information Statement, all of the outstanding shares of SpinCo common stock are owned by Masco. After the Separation, Masco will not directly or indirectly own any of our common stock. The following table provides information with respect to the expected beneficial ownership of SpinCo common stock by (1) each identified director of SpinCo, (2) each Named Executive Officer, (3) all identified SpinCo executive officers and directors as a group and (4) each of Masco's current stockholders who we believe will be a beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of SpinCo outstanding common stock (assuming they maintain such ownership positions until the record date and through when the distribution for the Separation occurs) based on current publicly available information. Further information regarding beneficial ownership of SpinCo shares will be provided in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.

Except as otherwise noted in the footnotes below, each person or entity identified below is expected to have sole voting and investment power with respect to such securities. Following the distribution, SpinCo will have outstanding an aggregate of approximately [ ] shares of common stock based upon approximately [ ] shares of Masco common stock outstanding on [ ].

To the extent our directors and executive officers own Masco common stock at the record date for the distribution for the Separation, they will participate in the distribution on the same terms as other holders of Masco common stock.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each stockholder, director or officer is determined according to the rules of the SEC and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under SEC rules, shares are considered to be "beneficially" owned if a person, directly or indirectly, has sole or shared voting or investment power with respect to such shares. In addition, a person is deemed to beneficially own shares if that person has the right to acquire such shares within 60 days of [ · ]. No executive officer or director holds any class of equity securities other than Masco common stock or Masco equity awards that may give them the right to acquire beneficial ownership of Masco common stock, and it is not expected that any of them will own any class of equity securities of SpinCo other than common stock following the distribution. Unless otherwise indicated, the address for each beneficial owner who is also a director or executive officer is 260 Jimmy Ann Drive, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

	Shares Ben Owne	•
Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number	Percent
Named Executive Officers and Directors(1)		
Gerald Volas		
Robert M. Buck		
John S. Peterson		
Dennis W. Archer		
All executive officers and directors as a group ([·] individuals)		
5% Holders(2)		
BlackRock Inc.(3)	21,197,965	6%
40 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10022		
Capital World Investors(4)	31,748,751	8.9%
333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90071		
The Vanguard Group(5)	27,238,709	7.6%
100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355		

\* Indicates that the percentage of beneficial ownership does not exceed 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock.

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- (1) We are in the process of finalizing our executive officers and directors following the Separation, and we will provide further information regarding the stock ownership of our executive officers and directors in an amendment to the Form 10 of which this Information Statement forms a part.
- (2) Ownership information for expected 5% holders of SpinCo common stock is based on the number of Masco's outstanding shares of common stock.
- (3) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on January 30, 2015, on December 31, 2014, BlackRock Inc. (through certain of its subsidiaries) beneficially owned 21,197,965 shares of Masco common stock, with sole voting power over 18,280,588 shares and sole dispositive power over all of the shares.
- (4) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015, on December 31, 2014, Capital World Investors is deemed to have beneficially owned and have sole voting power and sole dispositive power over 31,748,751 shares of Masco common stock as a result of Capital Research and Management Company acting as an investment advisor. Capital World Investors disclaims beneficial ownership of all of these shares.
- (5) Based on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2015, on December 31, 2014, The Vanguard Group and certain of its subsidiaries beneficially owned 27,238,709 shares of Masco common stock, with sole voting power over 607,788 shares, sole dispositive power over 26,653,004 shares and shared dispositive power over 585,705 shares.

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## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following descriptions are summaries of the material terms of our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws that will be in effect immediately following the Separation. Reference is made to the more detailed provisions of the certificate of incorporation and bylaws, copies of which will be filed (in final form) with the SEC as exhibits to the registration statement on Form 10 of which this Information Statement is a part, and applicable law.

#### General

Upon completion of the Separation, we will be authorized to issue  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, and  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of preferred stock, par value  $[ \cdot ]$  per share

#### **Common Stock**

*Common stock outstanding.* Upon completion of the Separation, we expect there will be approximately  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of our common stock outstanding, to be held of record by  $[ \cdot ]$  stockholders based upon approximately  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of Masco common stock outstanding as of  $[ \cdot ]$ , 2015, applying the distribution ratio of one share of our common stock for every  $[ \cdot ]$  shares of Masco common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable, and the shares of common stock to be issued upon completion of the Separation will be fully paid and non-assessable.

*Voting rights.* The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. Holders of shares of common stock are not entitled to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. Generally, all matters to be voted on by stockholders must be approved by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of common stock present in person or represented by proxy, voting together as a single class, subject to any voting rights granted to holders of any preferred stock.

*Dividends.* Subject to the preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding preferred stock, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the board of directors out of funds legally available. See "Dividend Policy."

*Rights upon liquidation.* In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company, the holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities, subject to prior distribution rights of preferred stock, if any, then outstanding.

Other rights. The holders of our common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.

#### **Preferred Stock**

Our board of directors has the authority to issue, without further vote or action by our stockholders, the preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the designations, powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other rights, if any, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, redemption prices, liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting any series or the designation of such series.

The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of the common stock and the likelihood that such holders will receive dividend payments and payments upon liquidation. In addition, the issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of SpinCo without further action by our stockholders and may adversely



affect the voting and other rights of the holders of common stock. At present, SpinCo has no plans to issue any of the preferred stock.

#### **Election and Removal of Directors**

We expect that our board of directors will initially consist of  $[ \cdot ]$  directors, and thereafter, the number of directors will be fixed exclusively by one or more resolutions adopted from time to time solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board of directors. No director is removable by the stockholders except for cause, and directors may be removed for cause only by an affirmative vote of a majority of the total voting power of outstanding securities generally entitled to vote in the election of directors. Any vacancy occurring on the board of directors and any newly created directorship may be filled only by a majority of the remaining directors in office (although less than a quorum) or by the sole remaining director.

#### **Classified Board of Directors**

Our board of directors is divided into three classes serving staggered three-year terms. Class I, Class II and Class III directors will initially serve until our annual meetings of stockholders in 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively. At each annual meeting of stockholders, directors will be elected for three-year terms to succeed the class of directors whose terms have expired. This classification of our board of directors could have the effect of increasing the length of time necessary to change the composition of a majority of the board of directors. In general, at least two annual meetings of stockholders will be necessary for stockholders to effect a change in a majority of the members of the board of directors. See "Management—Directors Following the Separation."

#### Limits on Written Consents

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that holders of our common stock will not be able to act by written consent without a stockholder meeting.

## Stockholder Meetings

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that special meetings of our common stockholders may be called only by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer or the President and shall be called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, President or the Secretary, on the written request of three directors. Our bylaws provide that business transacted at any special meeting will be limited to the purposes stated in the notice of such meeting.

#### Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation

Our certificate of incorporation provides that the amendment of the provisions described under "Common Stock—Voting Rights," "Amendment of Bylaws," "Election and Removal of Directors," "Classified Board of Directors," "Limits on Written Consents," and "Stockholder Meetings" require the affirmative vote of holders of at least 80% of the total voting power of our outstanding securities generally entitled to vote in the election of directors, voting together as a single class. Pursuant to Delaware law, the affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the voting power of our outstanding shares of stock will generally be required to amend other provisions of our certificate of incorporation.

### Amendment of Bylaws

Our bylaws are generally subject to alteration, amendment or repeal, and new bylaws may be adopted, with:

- the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole board; or
- the affirmative vote of holders of 80% of the total voting power of our outstanding securities generally entitled to vote in the election of directors, voting together
  as a single class.

#### **Other Limitations on Stockholder Actions**

Our bylaws also impose some procedural requirements on stockholders who wish to make nominations in the election of directors or propose any other business to be brought before an annual or, if applicable, special meeting of stockholders.

Under these procedural requirements, in order to nominate a director or bring a proposal for any other business before a meeting of stockholders, a stockholder is required to deliver timely notice of the nomination or proposal pertaining to a proper subject for presentation at the meeting to our corporate secretary along with, among other things, the following:

- information relating to each director nominee, if any, required to be disclosed in the solicitation of proxies for the election of directors pursuant to the Exchange Act;
- a reasonably detailed description of any compensatory, payment or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding that the director nominee has with any other person or entity other than the Corporation in connection with candidacy or service as a director of the Corporation;
- a brief description of the business, if any, to be brought before the meeting, the text of the proposal or business, the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting, and any material interest of the stockholder or beneficial owner in the proposal;
- the name and address of the stockholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made;
- for each class or series of stock, the number of shares beneficially owned by the stockholder and beneficial owner and a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record entitled to vote at the meeting; and
- a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding that has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding
  that has been made, the effect or intent of which is to create or mitigate loss to, manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or increase or decrease the
  voting power of, the stockholder or beneficial owner or any nominee with respect to our securities.

To be timely, a stockholder is generally required to deliver notice:

in connection with an annual meeting of stockholders, not less than 120 nor more than 150 days prior to the first anniversary of the annual meeting of stockholders held in the immediately preceding year, but in the event that the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days before or more than 70 days after the anniversary date of the preceding annual meeting of stockholders, a stockholder notice will be timely if received by us no earlier than 120 days prior to the date of the annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which we first publicly announced the date of the annual meeting; or



• in connection with the election of a director at a special meeting of stockholders, not earlier than 150 days prior to the date of the special meeting nor more than the later of 120 days prior to the date of the special meeting or the 10th day following the day on which we first publicly announced the date of the special meeting.

If a stockholder fails to follow the required procedures, the stockholder's proposal or nominee will be ineligible and will not be voted on by our stockholders.

### Limitation of Liability of Directors and Officers

Our certificate of incorporation provides that no director will be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except as required by applicable law, as in effect from time to time. Currently, Delaware law requires that liability be imposed only for the following:

- any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to our company or our stockholders;
- any act or omission not in good faith or which involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions as provided in Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law; and
- any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

As a result, neither we nor our stockholders have the right, including through stockholders' derivative suits on our behalf, to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, including breaches resulting from grossly negligent behavior, except in the situations described above.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, we will indemnify any officer or director of our company in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding to which such person is, or is threated to be made, a party, whether civil or criminal, administrative or investigative, arising out of the fact that the person is or was our director or officer, or served any other enterprise at our request as a director or officer. We will reimburse the expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by a person indemnified by this provision in connection with any proceeding, including in advance of its final disposition, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Amending this provision will not reduce our indemnification obligations relating to actions taken before an amendment.

We expect to maintain insurance for our officers and directors against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, under insurance policies, the premiums of which will be paid by us. The effect of these will be to indemnify any officer or director of the Company against expenses, judgments, attorney's fees and other amounts paid in settlements incurred by an officer or director arising from claims against such persons for conduct in their capacities as officers or directors of the Company.

#### **Forum Selection**

Our bylaws provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee to us or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation or our bylaws, in each case, as amended from time to time, or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine shall be a state or federal court located within the State of Delaware, in all cases subject to

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the court's having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the foregoing forum selection provisions.

For risks related to the forum selection provision, see "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Common Stock—Our bylaws designate a state or federal court located within the State of Delaware as the sole and exclusive forum for certain types of actions and proceedings that may be initiated by our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a preferred judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or other employees." and "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Common Stock—We may not achieve the intended benefits of having an exclusive forum provision if it is found to be unenforceable."

#### **Anti-Takeover Effects of Some Provisions**

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Some of the provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws (as described above) could make the following more difficult:

- acquisition of control of us by means of a proxy contest or otherwise, or
- removal of our incumbent officers and directors.

These provisions, including our ability to issue preferred stock, are designed to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of increased protection will give us the potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us, and that the benefits of this increased protection will outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging those proposals, because negotiation of those proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

#### **Delaware Business Combination Statute**

We have elected to be subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which regulates corporate acquisitions. Section 203 prevents an "interested stockholder," which is defined generally as a person owning 15% or more of a corporation's voting stock, or any affiliate or associate of that person, from engaging in a broad range of "business combinations" with the corporation for three years after becoming an interested stockholder unless:

- the board of directors of the corporation had, prior to the person becoming an interested stockholder, approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder's becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder's becoming an interested stockholder, that person owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than statutorily excluded shares; or
- following the transaction in which that person became an interested stockholder, the business combination is approved by the board of directors of the corporation and holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder

Under Section 203, the restrictions described above also do not apply to specific business combinations proposed by an interested stockholder following the announcement or notification of designated extraordinary transactions involving the corporation and a person who had not been an interested stockholder during the previous three years or who became an interested stockholder with the approval of a majority of the corporation's directors, if such extraordinary transaction is approved or not opposed by a majority of the directors who were directors prior to any person becoming an



interested stockholder during the previous three years or were recommended for election or elected to succeed such directors by a majority of such directors.

Section 203 may make it more difficult for a person who would be an interested stockholder to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period. Section 203 also may have the effect of preventing changes in our management and could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which our stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

#### **Distributions of Securities**

SpinCo was formed in February 2015, and since its formation, it has not sold any securities, including sales of reacquired securities, new issues (other than to Masco in connection with its formation), securities issued in exchange for property, services or other securities, or new securities resulting from the modification of outstanding securities.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

We expect our transfer agent and registrar for the common stock will be Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

## Listing

We expect to apply to list our common stock on the NYSE under the symbol "BLD."

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### The Separation from Masco

The Separation will be accomplished by Masco distributing all of its shares of SpinCo common stock to holders of Masco common stock entitled to such distribution, as described in the section entitled "The Separation" included elsewhere in this Information Statement. Completion of the Separation will be subject to satisfaction or waiver by Masco of the conditions to the Separation described under "The Separation—Conditions to the Separation."

As part of our Separation, we will enter into a Separation and Distribution Agreement and several other agreements with Masco to effect the Separation and provide a framework for our relationships with Masco after the Separation. See "The Separation—Agreements with Masco" for information regarding these agreements.

## **Related Party Transactions**

As a current operating segment of Masco, we engage in related party transactions with Masco. Those transactions are described in more detail in Note C to the accompanying audited combined financial statements.

#### **Related Party Transaction Policy**

We expect that our board of directors will adopt a related person transactions policy prior to the completion of the Separation that will require our board of directors or a committee of independent directors to approve or ratify any transaction involving us in which any director, director nominee, executive officer, 5% beneficial owner or any of their immediate family members has a direct or indirect material interest. This policy will cover financial transactions, or any series of similar transactions, including indebtedness and guarantees of indebtedness, as well as transactions involving employment, but will exclude transactions determined by our board of directors or a committee of independent directors not to involve a material interest of the related person, such as ordinary course of business transactions of \$120,000 or less and transactions in which the related person's interest is derived solely from service as a director of another entity or ownership of less than 10% of another entity's stock. The policy will require directors, directors or a designated committee of our board of directors consisting solely of independent directors to determine whether the related person has a direct or indirect material interest. If our board of directors or such committee determines this is the case, our board of directors or such committee will consider all relevant information to assess whether the transaction is in, or not inconsistent with, our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders. Our board of directors will annually review this policy and make changes as appropriate.



## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form 10 with the SEC with respect to the shares of our common stock being distributed in the Separation as contemplated by this Information Statement. This Information Statement is a part of, and does not contain all of the information set forth in, the registration statement and the exhibits and schedule to the registration statement. For further information with respect to our company and our common stock, please refer to the registration statement, including its exhibits and schedule. Statements made in this information statement relating to any contract or other document are not necessarily complete, and you should refer to the exhibits attached to the registration statement for the full text of the actual contract or document. You may review a copy of the registration statement, including its exhibits and schedule, at the SEC's public reference room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, as well as on the Internet website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Information contained on any website referenced in this information statement is not incorporated by reference into this Information Statement or the registration statement of which this Information Statement is a part.

After the Separation, we will become subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we will file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our future filings will be available from the SEC as described above.

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## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Masco Corporation:

In our opinion, the combined financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Masco SpinCo Corp. at December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the accompanying index presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related combined financial statements. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Detroit, Michigan March 4, 2015

# COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

	At December 31,	
	2014 201	13
	(In thousands)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents		3,020
Receivables, net	,	04,510
Inventories	,	97,990
Prepaid expenses and other	5,120	5,040
Total current assets	335,240 31	10,560
Property and equipment, net	93,160 10	)6,350
Goodwill	,	14,040
Other intangible assets, net		4,130
Other assets	1,030	1,870
Total Assets	\$ 1,476,430 \$ 1,46	56,950
LIABILITIES and EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 228,720 \$ 18	33,780
Accrued liabilities	72,750 7	72,810
Total current liabilities	301,470 25	56,590
Deferred income taxes	182,280 16	55,390
Other liabilities	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	12,280
Total Liabilities		54,260
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity:		
Parent Company investment	952,290 1,00	)2,690
Total Equity		)2,690
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,476,430 \$ 1,46	56,950

See notes to combined financial statements.

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For t	For the years ended December 31,		
	2014	2013	2012	
		(In thousands)		
Net sales	\$ 1,512,08	0 \$ 1,411,530	\$ 1,207,890	
Cost of sales	1,180,41	0 1,108,840	974,730	
Gross profit	331,67	0 302,690	233,160	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	290,95	0 278,580	273,090	
Charge for litigation settlements			76,000	
Operating profit (loss)	40,72	24,110	(115,930)	
Other income (expense), net:				
Interest expense—related party	(12,40	0) (13,360)	(13,880)	
Other, net	2	0 30	70	
	(12,38	0) (13,330)	(13,810)	
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	28,34	0 10,780	(129,740)	
Income tax expense	17,84	22,320	24,640	
Income (loss) from continuing operations	10,50	0 (11,540)	(154,380)	
Loss from discontinued operations, net	(1,10	0) (1,190)	(37,720)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 9,40	0 \$ (12,730)	\$ (192,100)	
Other comprehensive income (loss)				
Currency translation adjustment			(1,750)	
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 9,40	0 \$ (12,730)	\$ (193,850)	

See notes to combined financial statements.

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

2014	2013 n thousands)	2012
CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:       \$ 9,400 \$         Net income (loss)       \$ 9,400 \$         Depreciation and amortization       26,080         Deferred income taxes       16,710         Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net       —         Stock-based compensation       3,760         Other items, net       280         Increase in receivables       (15,670)         Increase in inventories       (8,980)         Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, net       40,280         Net cash from (for) operating activities       71,860         CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:       (60,650)	n thousands)	
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Stock-based compensation3,760Other items, net280Increase in receivables(15,670)Increase in inventories(8,980)Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, net40,280Net cash from (for) operating activities71,860CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Net transfer (to) from Parent Company(60,650)	21,600	40,530
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Increase in inventories       (8,980)         Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, net       40,280         Net cash from (for) operating activities       71,860         CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:       71,860         Net transfer (to) from Parent Company       (60,650)	530	(1,690)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities, net       40,280         Net cash from (for) operating activities       71,860         CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:       71,860         Net transfer (to) from Parent Company       (60,650)	(22,240)	(19,980)
Net cash from (for) operating activities       71,860         CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:       71,860         Net transfer (to) from Parent Company       (60,650)	(12,630)	(8,790)
CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	18,750	40,090
Net transfer (to) from Parent Company (60,650)	24,670	(101,920)
Net each (for) from financing activities $(60.650)$	(18,120)	112,920
	(18,120)	112,920
CASH FLOWS FROM (FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures (13,140)	(14,010)	(11,280)
Proceeds from disposition of:		
Property and equipment 1,000	280	1,110
Businesses —		7,360
Other, net880	(540)	(850)
Net cash for investing activities (11,260)	(14,270)	(3,660)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:		
(Decrease) increase for the year (50)	(7,720)	7,340
At January 1 3,020	10,740	3,400
At December 31 \$ 2,970 \$	3,020 \$	10,740

See notes to combined financial statements.

# COMBINED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

	Fo	For the years ended December 31,				
	Total	Parent Company Investment (In thousands)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income			
Balance, January 1, 2012	\$ 1,103,650	\$ 1,101,900	\$ 1,750			
Total comprehensive loss	(193,850)	(192,100)	(1,750)			
Net transfer from Parent Company	116,970	116,970				
Balance, December 31, 2012	\$ 1,026,770	\$ 1,026,770	\$			
Total comprehensive loss	(12,730)	(12,730)	)			
Net transfer to Parent Company	(11,350)	(11,350)	l			
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ 1,002,690	\$ 1,002,690	\$ —			
Total comprehensive income	9,400	9,400				
Net transfer to Parent Company	(59,800)	(59,800)	1			
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 952,290	\$ 952,290	\$			

See notes to combined financial statements.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

On September 30, 2014, Masco Corporation ("Masco," or the "Parent Company") announced strategic initiatives designed to drive shareholder value, including the separation of Masco's Installation and Other Services segment ("Masco's Services Business") into a stand-alone public company to be named Masco SpinCo Corp. ("SpinCo") through a tax-free distribution (referred to as the "Separation"). The Separation will be achieved through the distribution of 100 percent of the outstanding capital stock of SpinCo to holders of Masco Corporation common stock. Immediately following the Separation, Masco Corporation stockholders will own 100 percent of the outstanding shares of common stock of SpinCo. Although the legal transfer of Masco's Services Business to SpinCo has yet to take place, for ease of reference, these combined financial statements are collectively referred to as those of SpinCo or the "Company."

The combined financial statements of SpinCo were prepared, on a stand-alone basis, in connection with the Separation and reflect the combined historical results of operations, financial position and cash flows of Masco's Services Business, including an allocable portion of corporate costs.

We report our business in two segments, Installation and Distribution. Our Installation segment principally includes the sale and installation of insulation and other building products. Our Distribution segment principally includes the distribution of insulation and other building products. Our segments are based on our operating units, for which financial information is regularly evaluated by our corporate operating executives.

## **B. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Financial Statement Presentation.* The combined financial statements have been developed in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our financial statements have been derived from the financial statements and accounting records of Masco Corporation using the historical results of operations, and historical basis of assets and liabilities of the Services Business and reflect Masco's net investment in the Services Business. Historically, stand-alone financial statements have not been prepared for the Services Business.

All intercompany transactions between the SpinCo entities have been eliminated. Transactions between SpinCo and Masco, with the exception of purchase transactions, are reflected in equity in the combined balance sheets as "Parent Company investment" and in the combined statements of cash flows as a financing activity in "Net transfer (to) from Parent Company." See Note C for additional information regarding related party transactions.

The accompanying financial statements include allocations of general corporate expenses that were incurred by Masco for functions such as corporate human resources, finance and legal, including salaries, benefits and other related costs. These general corporate expenses were allocated to SpinCo on the basis of revenues. Total allocated general corporate costs were \$22.0 million, \$22.1 million and \$20.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Masco incurs certain operating expenses on behalf of the Services Business that are allocated to SpinCo based on direct usage or benefit. These allocated operating expenses were \$17.8 million, \$16.0 million and \$20.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. In SpinCo's reporting segments' operating

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **B. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

profit (loss), an estimate of these operating expenses are allocated to each reporting segment based on a percentage of sales.

These combined financial statements may not reflect the actual expenses that would have been incurred had we operated as a stand-alone company during the periods presented and may not reflect the combined results of operations, financial position and cash flows had we operated as a stand-alone company during the periods presented. Actual costs that would have been incurred if we had operated as a stand-alone company would depend on multiple factors, including organizational structure and strategic decisions made in various areas, including information technology and infrastructure.

Use of Estimates and Assumptions in the Preparation of Financial Statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

*Revenue Recognition.* We recognize revenue as title to products and risk of loss is transferred to customers or when services are rendered, net of applicable provisions for discounts, returns and allowances. We record estimated reductions to revenue for customer programs and incentive offerings, including special pricing and other volume-based incentives. We record revenue for unbilled services, in the Installation segment, performed based upon estimates of material and labor incurred; such amounts are recorded in receivables and were \$23.6 million and \$24.2 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. We consider all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

**Receivables, net.** We do significant business with a number of customers, principally homebuilders. We monitor our exposure for credit losses on our customer receivable balances and the credit worthiness of our customers on an on-going basis and record related allowances for doubtful accounts. Allowances are estimated based upon specific customer balances, where a risk of default has been identified, and also include a provision for non-customer specific defaults based upon historical collection, return and write-off activity. During downturns in our markets, declines in the financial condition and creditworthiness of customers impact the credit risk of the receivables involved and we have incurred additional bad debt expense related to customer defaults. Receivables, net are presented net of certain allowances (including allowances for doubtful accounts) of \$6.5 million at both December 31, 2014 and 2013.

*Inventory.* Inventories consist primarily of insulation, garage doors, rain gutters, closet shelving and other products. We value inventory at the lower of cost or market. The cost of inventories is determined by the first in-first out cost method. Inventory value is evaluated at each balance sheet date to ensure that it is carried at the lower of cost or market. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, all inventory consisted of finished goods.

Property and Equipment. Property and equipment, including significant betterments to existing facilities, are recorded at cost. Upon retirement or disposal, the cost and accumulated depreciation are



## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **B. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is included in the combined statements of operations. Maintenance and repair costs are charged against earnings as incurred.

We review our property and equipment as an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the property and equipment below the carrying amount. If the carrying amount is not recoverable from its undiscounted cash flows, then we would recognize an impairment loss for the difference between the carrying amount and the current fair value. Further, we evaluate the remaining useful lives of property and equipment at each reporting period to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining depreciation periods.

**Depreciation.** Depreciation expense is computed principally using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Annual depreciation rates are as follows: buildings and land improvements,  $2^{1}/2$  to 10 percent, software and company vehicles, 17 percent to 33 percent, and equipment, 5 to 33 percent. Depreciation expense was \$24.9 million, \$26.2 million and \$28.2 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.* We perform our annual impairment testing of goodwill in the fourth quarter of each year, or as events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. We have defined our reporting units and completed the impairment testing of goodwill at the operating segment level. Our operating segments are reporting units that engage in business activities, for which discrete financial information, including five-year forecasts, are available. We compare the fair value of the reporting units to the carrying value of the reporting units for goodwill impairment testing. Accounting guidance defines fair value as "the price that would be received to sell an asset or to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date." Further, it defines a fair value hierarchy as follows: Level 1 inputs as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; Level 2 inputs as observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by market data; and Level 3 inputs as unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models or instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation. Fair value for our reporting units is determined using a discounted cash flow method, which includes significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).

Determining market values using a discounted cash flow method requires us to make significant estimates and assumptions, including long-term projections of cash flows, market conditions and appropriate discount rates. Our judgments are based upon historical experience, current market trends, consultations with external valuation specialists and other information. In estimating future cash flows, we rely on internally generated five-year forecasts for sales and operating profits, including capital expenditures, and generally utilize a one to three percent long-term assumed annual growth rate of cash flows for periods after the five-year forecast. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that a reporting unit's recorded goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of goodwill.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. We evaluate the remaining useful lives of amortizable intangible assets at each reporting period to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **B. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Concluded)**

periods of amortization. See Note F for additional information regarding Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.

*Insurance Reserves.* We use a combination of high deductible insurance and matching deductible insurance for a number of risks, including, but not limited to, workers' compensation, general, vehicle and property liabilities. Our workers' compensation insurance is primarily a high-deductible insurance program and our primary general liability insurance is a matching deductible program. We are insured for covered claims above the deductibles and retentions. The liabilities represent our best estimate of our costs, using generally accepted actuarial reserving methods, of the ultimate obligations for reported claims plus those incurred but not reported claims through December 31, 2014 and 2013. The accruals are adjusted as new information develops or circumstances change that would affect the estimated liability.

*Stock-Based Compensation.* SpinCo employees have historically participated in Masco's stock-based compensation plans. Stock-based compensation expense has been allocated to SpinCo based on the awards and options previously granted to SpinCo employees. We measure compensation expense for stock awards at the market price of Masco's common stock at the grant date. Such expense is recognized ratably over the shorter of the vesting period of the stock awards, typically 5 to 10 years, or the length of time until the grantee becomes retirement-eligible at age 65.

We measure compensation expense for stock options using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. We utilize the shortcut method to determine the tax windfall pool associated with stock options.

Interest and Penalties on Uncertain Tax Positions. Interest and penalties on our uncertain tax positions, if recorded, are reported in income tax expense.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements.** In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued a new standard for revenue recognition, Accounting Standards Codification 606 (ASC 606). The purpose of ASC 606 is to provide a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers to improve comparability across industries. ASC 606 is effective for us for annual periods beginning January 1, 2017. We are currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new standard will have on our combined results of operations.

In April 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-8 (ASU 2014-8), "Reporting of Discontinued Operations and Disclosure of Disposals of Components of an Entity," which changes the criteria for determining which disposals can be presented as discontinued operations and modifies the related disclosure requirements. ASU 2014-8 is effective for us beginning January 1, 2015. We do not expect that the adoption will have a significant impact on our combined financial position or results of operations.

## C. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Masco Corporation provides us with certain services, which include the administration of treasury, employee compensation and benefits, public and investor relations, internal audit, corporate tax and legal services. These general corporate expenses incurred by Masco, which have been allocated to SpinCo, based on our sales and totaled \$22.0 million and \$20.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Some of these services will continue to be provided to us on a temporary basis following the Separation. Masco incurs certain operating expenses

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### C. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Concluded)

on behalf of the Services Business that are allocated to SpinCo based on direct usage or benefit. These allocated operating expenses were \$17.8 million, \$16.0 million and \$20.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. In SpinCo's reporting segments' operating profit (loss), an estimate of these operating expenses are allocated to each reporting segment based on a percentage of sales.

The financial information in these combined financial statements does not necessarily reflect the expenses that would have been incurred had we been a separate standalone entity. As such, the financial information herein may not necessarily reflect our combined financial position, results of operations and cash flow in the future or what they would have been had we been a separate, stand-alone entity during the periods presented. Management believes that the methods used to allocate expenses are reasonable.

Masco maintains a centralized treasury function for all U.S. based subsidiaries. Through this centralized treasury function, all of Masco's domestic subsidiaries maintain separate bank accounts with a financial institution. Masco then performs a daily sweep of the cash received from the previous day while at the same time depositing enough money for the outstanding checks expected to clear that same day. Thus, due to the sweep/deposit process, at the end of each day each subsidiary maintains a cash balance of funds received that day.

When Masco funds the disbursement account, there is a corresponding entry recorded to increase Parent Company investment in SpinCo. Similarly, when Masco sweeps available cash from SpinCo, there is a corresponding entry recorded to decrease Parent Company investment in SpinCo.

Historically, interest has been charged each month as an adjustment to Parent Company investment in SpinCo. The combined financial statements reflect an interest expense charge of \$12.4 million, \$13.4 million and \$13.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The charge was based on the monthly average intercompany balance payable to Masco Corporation based on a 12-month Libor plus two percent.

Transactions between us and Masco Corporation, with the exception of purchase transactions, are reflected in equity in the combined balance sheet as "Parent Company investment" and in the combined statement of cash flows as a financing activity in "Net transfer (to) from Parent Company." SpinCo purchases from Masco businesses aggregated \$6.7 million, \$6.4 million and \$4.7 million, in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and have been included in cost of sales. The amounts owed to Masco subsidiaries was \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and have been included in Parent Company investment.

## **D. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

The presentation of discontinued operations includes components that we sold, which comprises operations and cash flows that can be clearly distinguished from the rest of the Company. We sold our drywall installation, millwork and framing businesses, which comprised all the businesses being sold, for proceeds aggregating \$7.4 million in 2012. We also discontinued our Canadian distribution business in 2012. We have no continuing involvement in these product lines or businesses.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# **D. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS (Concluded)**

Selected financial information for the discontinued operations during the period owned by us, were as follows, in thousands:

	2014	2013	2012
Net sales	\$ _	\$ _	\$ 72,000
Operating loss from discontinued operations	\$ (1,100)	\$ (1,190)	\$ (15,250)
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net			(6,330)
Loss before income tax	\$ (1,100)	\$ (1,190)	\$ (21,580)
Income tax expense		 	16,140
Loss from discontinued operations, net	\$ (1,100)	\$ (1,190)	\$ (37,720)

Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, in 2012, includes \$1.8 million of income related to the recognition of deferred currency translation adjustment, due to the disposition of the Canadian business.

## E. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

		At December 31,				
		2014		2014		2013
		(In tho	isano	is)		
Land and improvements	\$	8,060	\$	8,090		
Software		124,840		119,510		
Buildings		39,520		39,840		
Equipment		80,810		76,630		
Company vehicles		38,960		40,520		
		292,190		284,590		
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(199,030)		(178,240)		
Total	\$	93,160	\$	106,350		

We lease company vehicles and warehouse facilities, some under noncancellable operating leases. Rental expense recorded in the combined statements of operations totaled approximately \$39.4 million, \$34.0 million and \$29.4 million during 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Future minimum lease payments, including payments to related parties, at December 31, 2014 were approximately as follows: 2015—\$37.0 million; 2016—\$22.3 million; 2017—\$12.8 million; 2018—\$5.2 million; 2019—\$1.6 million; 2020 and beyond—\$0.2 million.

We lease operating facilities from certain related parties, primarily former owners (and in certain cases, current management personnel) of companies acquired. Such leases approximate market value and comprised less than 50 of our leases. Rental expense includes expense to such related parties of approximately \$2.7 million, \$2.7 million and \$3.7 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Future minimum lease payments to related parties (included above), at December 31, 2014 were approximately as follows: 2015—\$1.6 million; 2016—\$0.7 million; 2017—\$0.4 million; 2018—\$0.1 million; 2019 and beyond—\$—million.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### E. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Concluded)

One of our leased assets is used by our Parent Company, for which they have reimbursed us \$3.8 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.9 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. This operating lease contains a guarantee of the residual value. In December 2014 we notified the lessor that we intended to terminate the lease and in accordance with the terms of the agreement the lessor will sell the leased asset to a third party and we will be liable for the difference between the contractual value and the ultimate proceeds from the sale, up to \$7.3 million. Accordingly, a liability of \$2.9 million was established in 2014 for the estimated fair value of this guarantee. Masco has committed to reimburse us for this amount. We anticipate that this leased asset will be disposed in the second quarter of 2015.

## F. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

There were no changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for 2014 and 2013. The goodwill balances by segment, were as follows, in thousands:

	 Gross Goodwill At December 31, 2014		ccumulated airment Losses	 et Goodwill At cember 31, 2014
Installation	\$ 1,389,750	\$	(762,000)	\$ 627,750
Distribution	416,290			416,290
Total	\$ 1,806,040	\$	(762,000)	\$ 1,044,040

	Gross Goodwill At December 31, 2013		 cumulated irment Losses	et Goodwill At ember 31, 2013
Installation	\$	1,389,750	\$ (762,000)	\$ 627,750
Distribution		416,290	 	 416,290
Total	\$	1,806,040	\$ (762,000)	\$ 1,044,040

In the fourth quarters of 2014 and 2013, we completed our annual impairment testing of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets. The impairment test in 2014 and 2013 indicated there was no impairment of goodwill or other indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Other intangible assets, net includes the carrying value of our definite-lived intangible assets of \$2.6 million (net of accumulated amortization of \$17.2 million) at December 31, 2014 and \$3.7 million (net of accumulated amortization of \$16.0 million) at December 31, 2013. Definite-lived intangible assets principally includes customer relationships and non-compete agreements, with a weighted average amortization period of four years in both 2014 and 2013. Amortization expense related to the definite-lived intangible assets was \$1.2 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

At December 31, 2014, amortization expense related to the definite-lived intangible assets during each of the next five years was as follows: 2015—\$1.0 million; 2016—\$0.7 million; 2017—\$0.3 million; 2018—\$0.1 million and 2019—\$0.1 million.



## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## G. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	At Dece	mber 31,
	2014	2013
	(In tho	usands)
Salaries, wages and commissions	\$ 24,710	\$ 24,500
Insurance reserves	24,890	31,330
Other	23,150	16,980
Total	\$ 72,750	\$ 72,810

# H. OTHER LIABILITIES

	At Decen	iber 31,
	2014	2013
	(In thou	sands)
Insurance reserves	\$ 39,970	\$ 41,770
Other	420	510
Total	\$ 40,390	\$ 42,280

## I. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Masco Corporation's 2014 Long Term Stock Incentive Plan and the prior long-term stock incentive plan (the "Equity Plan") provides for the issuance of stock-based incentives in various forms to employees and non-employee Directors of Masco. At December 31, 2014, outstanding stock-based incentives were in the form of long-term stock awards and stock options.

All awards and options granted under the Equity Plan consist of Masco's common shares and are not necessarily indicative of the expense that SpinCo would have experienced as an independent, publicly-traded company for the periods presented.

Pre-tax compensation expense and the related income tax benefit for these stock-based incentives were as follows, in thousands:

	2014	2013	2012
Long-term stock awards	\$ 3,490	\$ 3,420	\$ 3,280
Stock options	270	480	770
Total	\$ 3,760	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,050
Income tax benefit (39 percent tax rate-before valuation allowance)	\$ 1,470	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,580

Outstanding unvested, long-term stock awards granted to SpinCo employees were 0.5 million, 0.7 million and 0.7 million at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The activity related to long-term stock awards was not significant in any period. Such long-term stock awards had a weighted average grant date fair value per share of \$18, \$18 and \$17 in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. At December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, there was \$6.7 million, \$8.6 million and \$8.8 million, respectively,

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## I. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (Concluded)

of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested long-term stock awards. The total market value of unvested long-term stock awards at December 31, 2014 (based on Masco's closing stock price at December 31, 2014) was \$13.9 million. The restricted stock awards contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends on unvested shares; such unvested restricted stock awards are considered participating securities in Masco stock.

Outstanding option shares granted to SpinCo employees were 0.6 million, 1.1 million and 1.6 million at December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Such options had a weighted average exercise price of \$24, \$23 and \$22 per share for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. At December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012, there was \$-- million, \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, of total unrecognized compensation expense (using the Black-Scholes option pricing model for Masco stock) related to unvested stock options. The intrinsic value of unvested stock options at December 31, 2014 (based on Masco's closing stock price at December 31, 2014, less the exercise price) was \$2.5 million.

## J. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

Masco Corporation provides qualified defined-benefit pension plans for some of its employees. As such, the portion of the SpinCo liability associated with these plans is not reflected in our balance sheet and will not be recorded at the Separation date as this obligation will be maintained and serviced by Masco Corporation, as all future benefit accruals were frozen effective January 1, 2010.

Masco Corporation also provides a defined-contribution retirement plan for substantially all employees. We plan to continue to provide a defined-contribution plan, as of our Separation date. In addition, we participate in 20 regional multi-employer pension plans, principally related to building trades; none of the plans are considered significant.

Pre-tax expense related to our participation in the retirement plans was as follows, in thousands:

	2014	2013	2012
Defined contribution plans	\$ 2,990	\$ 3,100	\$ 2,430
Defined benefit plans	_	30	60
Multi-employer plans	4,520	3,570	3,490
	\$ 7,510	\$ 6,700	\$ 5,980

The Pension Protection Act ("PPA") defines a zone status for multiemployer pension plans. Plans in the green zone are at least 80 percent funded, plans in the yellow zone are at least 65 percent funded and plans in the red zone are generally less than 65 percent funded. We participate in the Carpenters Pension Trust Fund for Northern California ("NCT"), which is our largest multi-employer plan expense and is in the red zone. The NCT has implemented a funding or rehabilitation plan in accordance with government requirements. Our contributions to NCT have not exceeded 1 percent of the total contributions to the plan.

		PPA Zone									
	Employer	Employer Status				n (in thousands)					
	Identification			Pending/				Surcharge			
Pension Fund	Number/Plan Number	2014	2013	Implemented	2014	2013	2012	Imposed			
NCT	94-6050970/001	Red	Red	Yes	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,290	\$ 1,330	No			

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## **K. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Our reportable segments are as follows:

*Installation*—principally includes the sale and installation of insulation and other building products. We provide installation services to homebuilders and other general contractors through our company-owned network of over 190 branches located across 43 states in the United States. We sell primarily into the residential new construction market but have seen increasing activity in both the commercial construction industry and repair/remodel of residential housing. We also install other building products including rain gutters, fireplaces, garage doors, closet shelving and other products.

Distribution—principally includes the distribution of insulation and other building products. Our distributed products include insulation, insulation accessories, rain gutters and roofing, among others. Distributed products are sold primarily to contractors and dealers (including lumber yards) from distribution centers in various parts of the United States.

Our segments are based on our operating units, for which financial information is regularly evaluated by our corporate operating executives in determining resource allocation and assessing performance. The key performance metric we use to evaluate our businesses is segment operating profit. Accounting policies for the segments are generally the same as those for the Company. We allocate estimated corporate costs from which each segment receives a direct benefit (such as salaries of corporate employees who directly support the segment) to each segment. For the purposes of segment operating profit (loss), these estimated costs are allocated based on a fixed percentage of each segment's sales. Differences between actual costs incurred and the amounts allocated to our segments are included in "Intercompany eliminations and other adjustments."

Additionally, the intercompany sales from the Distribution segment to the Installation segment are recorded by the Distribution segment with a profit margin and by our Installation segment at cost. The evaluation of Installation segment operating profit (loss) in 2012 excludes the charge for litigation settlements primarily related to the Columbus Drywall litigation. See note M.

The following is a summary of the annual percentage of net sales by product category:

	2014	2013	2012
Insulation	71%	70%	68%
Rain gutters	7%	7%	7%
Garage doors	3%	3%	2%
Roofing material	2%	3%	4%
Other building products	17%	17%	19%
	100%	100%	100%

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# K. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Concluded)

Information by segment was as follows, in thousands:

	Net Sales(1)(2)					Operatio	ing Profit (Loss)(1)(2)(5) Assets at December 3								
	 2014		2013 2		2012	2014		2013		2012		2014			2013
Our operations by segment were:															
Installation	\$ 963,350	\$	904,570	\$	744,910	\$	23,970	\$	6,160	\$	(36,560)	\$	904,120	\$	906,180
Distribution	628,810		578,140		528,330		52,330		46,410		37,120		572,310		560,770
Intercompany eliminations and other adjustments	(80,080)		(71,180)		(65,350)		(13,630)		(6,390)		(19,580)				_
Total	\$ 1,512,080	\$	1,411,530	\$	1,207,890	\$	62,670	\$	46,180	\$	(19,020)	\$	1,476,430	\$	1,466,950
General corporate expense, net (3)		=		_			(21,950)		(22,070)		(20,910)	_		_	
Charge for litigation settlements (4)							_		_		(76,000)				
Operating profit (loss), as reported							40,720		24,110		(115,930)				
Other income (expense), net							(12,380)	_	(13,330)		(13,810)				
Income (loss) from continuing operations before										_					
income taxes						\$	28,340	\$	10,780	\$	(129,740)				

		Property Additions(2)						Depreciati	tion and Amortization(2				
	2014		2013		2012		2014		2013		_	2012	
Our operations by segment were:					_								
Installation	\$	9,270	\$	10,510	\$	8,080	\$	22,560	\$	23,930	\$	25,740	
Distribution		3,870		3,500		3,200		3,520		3,560		3,900	
Total	\$	13,140	\$	14,010	\$	11,280	\$	26,080	\$	27,490	\$	29,640	

(1) All of our operations are located in the United States.

(2) Net sales, operating profit (loss), property additions and depreciation and amortization expense for 2012 excluded the results of businesses reported as discontinued operations in 2012.

(3) General corporate expense, net included those expenses not specifically attributable to our segments.

(4) Charge for litigation settlements primarily relates to the Columbus Drywall case in our Installation segment. See note M.

(5) Intercompany eliminations include the elimination of intercompany profit of \$(14.1) million, \$(11.2) million and \$(10.0) million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Other adjustments of \$0.5 million, \$4.8 million and \$(9.6) million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively, primarily include the difference between the estimated corporate costs from which each segment receives a direct benefit and the actual costs incurred for the period, as well as adjustments for insurance reserves managed by Parent Company.

# NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# L. INCOME TAXES

		2014		2013 housands)	 2012
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes:					
U.S	\$	28,340	\$	10,780	\$ (129,740)
Income tax expense (benefit) on income (loss) from continuing operations:					
Currently payable:					
U.S. Federal	\$	(30)	\$	(20)	\$ (20)
State and local		1,160		740	270
Deferred:					
U.S. Federal		14,940		19,110	20,050
State and local		1,770		2,490	 4,340
	\$	17,840	\$	22,320	\$ 24,640
Deferred tax assets at December 31:					
Receivables	\$	2,560	\$	2,660	
Inventories		2,100		2,010	
Other assets, principally stock-based compensation		5,430		5,350	
Accrued liabilities		11,590		14,950	
Long-term liabilities		26,160		26,500	
Net operating loss carryforward		434,090		432,620	
		481,930		484,090	
Valuation allowance		(454,610)	(	452,600)	
		27,320		31,490	
Deferred tax liabilities at December 31:					
Property and equipment		15,320		20,830	
Intangibles		191,740		174,180	
Other	_	1,630		1,150	
		208,690		196,160	
Net deferred tax liability at December 31	\$	181,370	\$	164,670	

We applied a method that allocated current and deferred taxes to the members of SpinCo as if it were a separate taxpayer.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the net deferred tax liability consisted of net short-term deferred tax assets included in prepaid expenses and other of \$0.9 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, and net long-term deferred tax liabilities of \$182.3 million and \$165.4 million, respectively.

The deferred portion of the state and local taxes includes a \$(2.0) million, \$0.8 million and \$12.3 million tax (benefit) expense resulting from a change in the valuation allowance against state and local deferred tax assets in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### L. INCOME TAXES (Continued)

The accounting guidance for income taxes requires that the future realization of deferred tax assets depends on the existence of sufficient taxable income in future periods. Possible sources of taxable income include taxable income in carryback periods, the future reversal of existing taxable temporary differences recorded as a deferred tax liability, tax-planning strategies that generate future income or gains in excess of anticipated losses in the carryforward period and projected future taxable income.

If, based upon all available evidence, both positive and negative, it is more likely than not (more than 50 percent likely) such deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded. Significant weight is given to positive and negative evidence that is objectively verifiable. A company's three-year cumulative loss position is significant negative evidence in considering whether deferred tax assets are realizable and the accounting guidance restricts the amount of reliance we can place on projected taxable income to support the recovery of the deferred tax assets.

We have recorded a valuation allowance against our U.S. Federal and certain state deferred tax assets as a non-cash charge to income tax expense. In reaching this conclusion, we considered the significant decline in residential new construction, high level of foreclosure activity and the slower than anticipated recovery in the U.S. housing market which led to U.S. operating losses, causing us to be in a three-year cumulative U.S. loss position.

During 2010, 2011 and 2012, objective and verifiable negative evidence, such as continued U.S. operating losses and significant impairment charges for U.S. goodwill in 2010, continued to outweigh positive evidence necessary to reduce the valuation allowance. As a result, we recorded increases in the valuation allowance against our U.S. Federal and certain state deferred tax assets as a non-cash charge to income tax expense in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

A return to sustainable profitability in the U.S. is required before we would change our judgment regarding the need for a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets.

Although the recent strengthening in residential new construction activity has resulted in profitability in our U.S. operations in 2013 and 2014, we continue to record a full valuation allowance against the U.S. Federal and certain state deferred tax assets as we remained in a three-year cumulative loss position throughout 2013 and 2014.

It is reasonably possible that the continued improvements in our U.S. operations could result in the objective positive evidence necessary to warrant the reversal of all or a portion of the valuation allowance by the end of 2015. Until such time, the profits from our U.S. operations will be offset by the net operating loss carryforward.

We file our tax returns as a member of the Masco consolidated group for federal and certain state jurisdictions. As a result, certain tax attributes, primarily the net operating loss carryforward, are treated as an asset of the Masco group and may be utilized by the Masco group through the end of December 31, 2015, Masco's tax year end. It is anticipated a significant portion and possibly all of our U.S. Federal net operating loss carryforward will be utilized by the Masco consolidated group.

The \$27.3 million and \$31.5 million of deferred tax assets at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, for which there is no valuation allowance recorded, is anticipated to be realized through the future reversal of existing taxable temporary differences recorded as deferred tax liabilities.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## L. INCOME TAXES (Concluded)

Of the deferred tax asset related to the net operating loss at December 31, 2014, \$434.1 million will expire between 2020 and 2034. Of the deferred tax asset related to the net operating loss at December 31, 2013, \$432.6 million will expire between 2020 and 2033.

The tax benefit from certain stock-based compensation is not recognized as a deferred tax asset until the tax deduction reduces cash taxes. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2014, we have not recorded a \$6.3 million deferred tax asset on additional net operating losses that, when realized, will be recorded to equity.

A reconciliation of the U.S. Federal statutory tax rate to the income tax expense (benefit) on income (loss) from continuing operations was as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
U.S. Federal statutory tax rate—expense (benefit)	35%	35%	(35)%
State and local taxes, net of U.S. Federal tax benefit	7	19	2
U.S. Federal valuation allowance	20	150	52
Other, net	1	3	
Effective tax rate—expense	63%	207%	19%

Income taxes paid were \$1.1 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.3 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

We file income tax returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction, and various state and local jurisdictions. We, as a member of the Masco consolidated group, participate in the Compliance Assurance Program ("CAP"). CAP is a real-time audit of the U.S. Federal income tax return that allows the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), working in conjunction with Masco, to determine tax return compliance with the U.S. Federal tax law prior to filing the return. This program provided us with greater certainty about our tax liability for a given year within months, rather than years, of filing the annual tax return and greatly reduces the need for recording a liability for U.S. Federal uncertain tax positions. The IRS has completed their examination of the Masco consolidated U.S. Federal tax return in which we were included through 2013. With few exceptions, we are no longer subject to state income tax examinations on filed returns for years before 2009.

## M. OTHER COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

*Litigation.* We are subject to claims, charges, litigation and other proceedings in the ordinary course of our business, including those arising from or related to contractual matters, intellectual property, personal injury, environmental matters, product liability, product recalls, construction defect, insurance coverage, personnel and employment disputes, antitrust issues and other matters, including class actions. We believe we have adequate defenses in these matters and that the likelihood that the outcome of these matters would have a material adverse effect on us is remote. However, there is no assurance that we will prevail in these matters, and we could in the future incur judgments, enter into settlements of claims or revise our expectations regarding the outcome of these matters, which could materially impact our results of operations.

## NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Concluded)

#### M. OTHER COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Concluded)

In July 2012, Masco reached a settlement agreement related to the Columbus Drywall litigation. Masco and its insulation installation companies named in the suit agreed to pay \$75 million in return for dismissal with prejudice and full release of all claims. Masco and its insulation installation companies denied that the challenged conduct was unlawful and admitted no wrongdoing as part of the settlement. A settlement was reached to eliminate the considerable expense and uncertainty of this lawsuit. We recorded the settlement expense in the second quarter of 2012 and the amount was paid in the fourth quarter of 2012. In addition, we settled a related case in 2012 for \$1 million.

Other Matters. We enter into contracts, which include customary indemnifications that are standard for the industries in which we operate. Such indemnifications include customer claims against builders for issues relating to our products and workmanship. In conjunction with divestitures and other transactions, we occasionally provide customary indemnifications relating to various items including: the enforceability of trademarks; legal and environmental issues; and asset valuations. We evaluate the probability that amounts may be incurred and appropriately record an estimated liability when probable.

We occasionally use performance bonds to ensure completion of our work on certain larger customer contracts that can span multiple accounting periods. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had performance bonds outstanding, totaling \$14.1 million and \$11.9 million, respectively. Performance bonds generally do not have stated expiration dates; rather, we are released from the bonds as the contractual performance is completed. In addition, at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, we had \$5.4 million and \$5.2 million of other types of bonds outstanding, principally license-related.

#### N. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In connection with the preparation of the combined financial statements and in accordance with GAAP the Company evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date of December 31, 2014 through the date these financial statements were issued on March 4, 2015.



## MASCO SPINCO CORP. SCHEDULE II. VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

	For the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012										
Column A		Column B C			_	Column D	Column E				
			Add			In thousands)					
Description	Balance at Beginning of Period		(	Charged to Costs and Expenses		Charged to Other Accounts	Deductions	En	nce at d of riod		
Allowances for doubtful accounts, deducted from accounts receivable in the balance sheet:											
2014	\$	4,580	\$	3,560	\$	\$	(4,180)(a	) <u>\$</u>	3,960		
2013	\$	4,880	\$	3,380	\$	— \$	(3,680)(a	)\$	4,580		
2012	\$	9,850	\$	2,680	\$	— \$	(7,650)(a	)\$	4,880		
Valuation allowance on deferred tax assets:					_						
2014	\$	452,600	\$	3,950	\$	(1,940)(b)\$		\$ 45	54,610		
2013	\$	436,380	\$	16,990	\$	(770)(b)\$	_	\$ 45	52,600		
2012	\$	344,260	\$	101,670(	c)\$	(9,550)(d)\$		\$ 43	36,380		

(a) Deductions, representing uncollectible accounts written off, less recoveries of accounts written off in prior years.

(b) Valuation allowance on deferred tax assets recorded primarily in equity.

(c) Includes a \$22.4 million charge to tax expense allocated to discontinued operations.

(d) Write off of a \$8.2 million deferred tax asset on certain net operating loss carryforward against the valuation allowance, as we determined that there was only a remote likelihood that such a carryforward could be utilized; and \$1.4 million valuation allowance on deferred tax assets recorded primarily in equity.



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