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Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽¹⁾
5.25% Senior Unsecured Notes due 2018	\$1,500,000,000	\$1,500,000,000	\$171,900

(1) The registration fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r), is being transmitted to the SEC on a deferred basis pursuant to Rule 456(b).

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To prospectus dated March 9, 2012)

\$1,500,000,000

CIT Group Inc.

5.25% SENIOR UNSECURED NOTES DUE 2018

Interest payable on March 15 and September 15

We may redeem some or all of the notes offered hereby at any time or from time to time at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, plus a make whole premium. If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined herein) occurs, we will be required to offer to purchase the notes from holders at 101% of the principal amount thereof. The notes will be general senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with our other senior unsecured indebtedness, including all of our existing Series C Notes and the Revolving Credit Facility (each term as defined herein).

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement.

PRICE 100% AND ACCRUED INTEREST, IF ANY

	Price to Public ⁽¹⁾	Underwriting Discounts and Commissions	Proceeds to Company, Before Expenses ⁽¹⁾
Per Note ⁽¹⁾	100.00 %	1.00 %	99.00 %
Total	\$ 1,500,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 1,485,000,000

- (1) Plus
accrued
interest
from
March 15,
2012, if
settlement
occurs
after that
date.

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

The notes will be ready for delivery in book-entry form only through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company for the accounts of its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear System, and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, on or about March 15, 2012.

Joint Book-Running Managers

**Credit Suisse
Bank**

Deutsche Bank Securities

Morgan Stanley

UBS Investment

Lead Manager

Credit Agricole CIB

Co-Managers

Blaylock Robert Van, LLC

March 12, 2012

CastleOak Securities, L.P.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the prospectus and any applicable pricing supplement or to documents which we otherwise refer you. We and the underwriters have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different or additional information. We are not making an offer of these notes in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the prospectus or any applicable pricing supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of that document.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE PRICING SUPPLEMENTS

Except as the context otherwise requires, or as otherwise specified or used in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, the terms we, our, us, the company, CIT, CIT Group and CIT Group Inc. refer to CIT Group Inc. and not any of its subsidiaries. References in this prospectus supplement to U.S. dollars or U.S. \$ or \$ are to the currency of the United States of America.

This prospectus supplement sets forth certain terms of the notes that we may offer. It supplements the description of the notes contained in the prospectus under Description of Debt Securities. If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the prospectus, this prospectus supplement will control and you should not rely on the information in the prospectus.

Each time we issue notes, we will file, to the extent required, an issuer free writing prospectus containing the material terms of the notes, and we may also provide a pricing supplement to this prospectus supplement. Any such pricing supplement will contain the specific description of the notes being offered and the terms of the offering. Such pricing supplement may also add, update or change information in this prospectus supplement or the prospectus. Information in any such pricing supplement will replace any inconsistent information in this prospectus supplement, including any changes in the method of calculating interest on any note.

You should not consider any information in this prospectus supplement, the prospectus or any applicable pricing supplement to be investment, legal or tax advice. You should consult your own counsel, accountant and other advisors for legal, tax, business, financial and related advice regarding the purchase of the notes. We are not making any representation to you regarding the legality of an investment in the notes by you under applicable investment or similar laws.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement, the prospectus or any applicable pricing supplement and the offer, sale and delivery of the notes may be restricted by law in some jurisdictions. If you receive this prospectus supplement, the prospectus or any applicable pricing supplement, you must inform yourself about, and observe, any such restrictions. This prospectus supplement, the prospectus or any applicable pricing supplement is not an offer to sell the notes and we are not soliciting an offer to buy the notes in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Offers and sales of the notes are subject to restrictions including in relation to the United Kingdom and the European Economic Area, details of which are set out in Underwriting Notice to Prospective Investors in this prospectus supplement. The distribution of the prospectus, this prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement and the offer, sale and delivery of the notes in other jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons who come into possession of the prospectus, this prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement must inform themselves about and observe any applicable restrictions.

When we refer to the prospectus, we mean the prospectus that accompanies this prospectus supplement. When we refer to a pricing supplement, we mean the pricing supplement that we may provide with respect to a particular tranche of notes being issued.

You should read and consider all information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the prospectus and any applicable pricing supplement before making your investment decision.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

This prospectus supplement contains or incorporates by reference certain financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Non-GAAP financial measures are meant to provide additional information and insight regarding operating results and financial position of the business and in certain cases to provide financial information that is presented to rating agencies and other users of financial information. These measures are not in accordance with GAAP or a substitute for GAAP measures and may be different from or inconsistent with non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

Net finance revenues and average earning assets, as presented in this prospectus supplement, are supplemental measures of our performance that are not required by, or presented in accordance with, GAAP. They are not measurements of our financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as alternatives to net income or any other performance measures derived in accordance with GAAP or as alternatives to cash flows from operating activities as measures of our liquidity. See the Non-GAAP Measurements section of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, filed on February 29, 2012 (the 2011 10-K), incorporated herein by reference for a reconciliation of non-GAAP to GAAP financial information.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Such information may also be inspected at The New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. You can also find information about us by visiting our website at www.cit.com. We have included our website address as an inactive textual reference only. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference into and does not form a part of this prospectus.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the previously filed information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), other than any portions of the respective filings that were furnished, under applicable SEC rules, rather than filed, until we complete our offerings of the securities:

the
information
responsive to
Part III of
Form 10-K
for the fiscal
year ended
December 31,
2010,
provided in
our Proxy
Statement on
Schedule 14A

for the 2011
Annual
Meeting of
Stockholders,
filed on
March 31,
2011;

our Report on
Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
2011, filed on
February 29,
2012; and

our Current
Reports on
Form 8-K
filed with the
SEC on
January 19,
2012,
February 9,
2012,
February 13,
2012 and
February 14,
2012.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost by writing or telephoning us at the following address or phone number:

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Executive Vice President and Treasurer
CIT Group Inc.
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Livingston, New Jersey 07039
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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and other written reports and oral statements made from time to time by the company may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements relate to expectations or forecasts of future events. They use words such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, forecast, project, intend, plan, potential, will, terms of similar meaning in connection with a discussion of potential future events, circumstances or future operating or financial performance. You can also identify forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Any forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are subject to unknown risks, uncertainties and contingencies. Forward-looking statements are included, for example, in the discussions about:

our liquidity
risk and
capital
management,
including our
capital,
leverage, and
credit ratings,
our liquidity
plan, and our
plans and the
potential
transactions
designed to
optimize our
liquidity and
capital,

our plans to
change our
funding mix
and to access
new sources of
funding to
broaden our
use of deposit
taking
capabilities,

our credit risk
management
and credit
quality,

our
asset/liability

risk
management,

accretion and
amortization
of fresh start
accounting
adjustments,

our funding,
borrowing
costs and net
finance
revenue,

our
operational
risks,
including
success of
systems
enhancements
and expansion
of risk
management
and control
functions,

our mix of
portfolio asset
classes,
including
growth
initiatives,
acquisitions
and
divestitures,
new products,
new business
and customer
retention,

legal risks,

our growth
rates,

our
commitments
to extend
credit or

purchase
equipment,
and

how we may
be affected by
legal
proceedings.

All forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from anticipated results, performance or achievements. Also, forward-looking statements are based upon management's estimates of fair values and of future costs, using currently available information. Therefore, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in those statements. Factors that could cause such differences include, but are not limited to:

capital
markets
liquidity,

risks of and/or
actual
economic
slowdown,
downturn or
recession,

industry
cycles and
trends,

uncertainties
associated
with risk
management,
including
credit,
prepayment,
asset/liability,
interest rate
and currency
risks,

estimates and
assumptions
used to fair
value the
balance sheet
in accordance
with fresh
start
accounting

and actual
variation
between the
estimated fair
values and the
realized
values,

adequacy of
reserves for
credit losses,

risks inherent
in changes in
market
interest rates
and quality
spreads,

funding
opportunities,
deposit taking
capabilities
and borrowing
costs,

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risks that the restructuring of the company's capital structure did not result in sufficient additional capital or improved liquidity,

risks that the company will be unable to comply with the terms of the Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York,

conditions and/or changes in funding markets and our access to such markets, including secured and unsecured term debt, credit facilities and the asset-backed securitization markets,

risks of implementing new processes, procedures, and systems,

risks associated with the value and

recoverability
of leased
equipment and
lease residual
values,

application of
fair value
accounting in
volatile
markets,

application of
goodwill
accounting in a
recessionary
economy,

changes in
laws or
regulations
governing our
business and
operations,

changes in
competitive
factors,

demographic
trends,

customer
retention rates,

future
acquisitions
and
dispositions of
businesses or
asset
portfolios, and

regulatory
changes and/or
developments.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements here or in other publications may turn out to be wrong, and there are no guarantees about the performance of the Company. We do not assume the obligation to update any forward-looking statement for any reason.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The Company

Founded in 1908, CIT Group Inc., a Delaware corporation, is a bank holding company that, together with its subsidiaries (collectively we, CIT or the Company), provides primarily commercial financing and leasing products and other services to small and middle-market businesses across a wide variety of industries. CIT became a bank holding company in December 2008, and is regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York under the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. CIT Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary, is a state chartered bank located in Salt Lake City, Utah, that offers commercial financing and leasing products and other services and on-line banking products, such as certificates of deposits (CDs).

CIT operates principally in North America, with locations in Europe, Latin America and Asia. Our businesses focus mainly on commercial clients with a particular emphasis on small business and middle-market companies. We provide financing and leasing products to our clients and customers in over 30 industries, including transportation, particularly aerospace and rail, manufacturing and retail, in over 20 countries. We funded \$7.8 billion of new business volume during 2011 and had \$34.2 billion of financing and leasing assets at December 31, 2011.

Each business has industry alignment and focuses on specific sectors, products and markets, with portfolios diversified by client and geography. Our principal product and service offerings include:

Products

Asset-based loans
Secured lines of credit
Enterprise value and cash flow loans
Leases: operating, finance and leveraged
Factoring services
Vendor financing

Import and export financing

Small business loans
Acquisition and expansion financing
Letters of credit / trade acceptances
Debtor-in-possession / turnaround financing
CIT Bank Certificate of Deposit Achiever, Jumbo, and Term

Services

Financial risk management
Asset management and servicing
Debt restructuring
Credit protection
Account receivables collection
Debt underwriting and syndication
Mergers and acquisition advisory services
Insurance services

We source business through marketing efforts directly to borrowers, lessees, manufacturers, vendors and distributors, and through referral sources and other intermediaries. Our business units work together both in referring transactions between units and by combining products and services to meet our customers' needs. We also buy and sell participations in syndications of finance receivables and lines of credit and periodically purchase and sell finance receivables on a whole-loan basis.

We generate revenue by earning interest on loans we hold on our balance sheet, collecting rentals on equipment we lease, and earning fees and other income for financial services we provide. We syndicate and sell certain finance receivables and equipment to leverage our origination capabilities, reduce concentrations, manage our balance sheet and maintain liquidity.

We set underwriting standards for each business unit and employ portfolio risk management models to achieve desired portfolio demographics. Our collection and servicing operations are organized by businesses and geographies providing efficient client interfaces and uniform customer experiences.

Our primary bank subsidiary is CIT Bank, a state chartered bank located in Salt Lake City, Utah. CIT Bank is subject to regulation and examination by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Utah Department of Financial Institutions. Though non-bank subsidiaries, both in the U.S. and abroad, currently own the majority of the Company s assets, as of December 31, 2011, the majority of new U.S. business volume in Corporate Finance and Vendor Finance and selected new U.S. business volume in Transportation Finance was being originated in CIT Bank.

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The Offering

The following is a brief summary of some of the terms of this offering. For a more complete description of the terms of the notes, see Description of Notes. As used in this The Offering section, the terms CIT Group Inc., CIT, the Company, we, our, us and other similar references refer only to CIT Group Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries.

Issuer	CIT Group Inc. (CIT)
Notes Offered	\$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.25% senior unsecured notes due 2018 (the Notes).
Maturity Date	March 15, 2018.
Interest	Interest on the Notes will accrue at a rate of 5.25% per annum, payable semi-annually in cash in arrears on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing September 15, 2012.
Ranking	The Notes will rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future unsubordinated unsecured indebtedness of CIT, including the Series C Notes and Revolving Credit Facility, and will be senior in right of payment to any future indebtedness of CIT that by its terms is expressly subordinated to the

Notes.

The Notes will be effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness of CIT to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness.

The Notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries, including guarantees of the Revolving Credit Facility by certain of our subsidiaries. The Notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries or any third party. See

Risk Factors Risks Relating to the Notes The Notes are the unsecured obligations of CIT and not obligations of our subsidiaries and will be effectively subordinated to the claims of our subsidiaries creditors. Structural subordination increases the risk that we will be unable to meet our obligations on the Notes when they mature. Series C Notes refers to our outstanding Series

C senior unsecured notes, which were originally issued as Series C Second-Priority Secured Notes but became unsecured on March 9, 2012 pursuant to the terms thereof as a result of our Series A Second-Priority Secured Notes (the Series A Notes) no longer being outstanding.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem the Notes at our option, at any time in whole or from time to time in part. The redemption price for the Notes to be redeemed on any redemption date will be equal to the greater of: (1) the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date; or (2) the sum of the present values of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, together with the scheduled payments of interest (exclusive of interest to the redemption date) from the redemption date to the maturity date, in each case discounted to the

redemption date on a semi-annual basis, at the Treasury Yield (as defined in the Description of Notes Optional Redemption) plus 50 basis points, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed to the redemption date.

Sinking Fund

None.

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Change of Control Triggering Event	<p>If we experience certain kinds of changes of control and certain ratings changes occur within a specified period after such change of control, we must offer to purchase the Notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest. For more details, see Description of Notes Purchase at the Option of Holders Upon Change of Control Triggering Event.</p>
Certain Covenants	<p>The supplemental indenture contains a covenant that requires CIT to file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission.</p> <p>The indenture contains covenants that limit CIT's ability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">create liens; andmerge or consolidate, or sell, transfer, lease or dispose of all or substantially all of its assets. <p>These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions, qualifications and limitations. See Description of Notes Reporting Covenant in this prospectus supplement and Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants in the accompanying prospectus.</p>
Use of Proceeds	<p>We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes and the refinancing of our outstanding 7% Series C Notes maturing in 2015, 2016 and/or 2017.</p>
Risk Factors	<p>Potential investors in the Notes should carefully consider the matters set forth herein under the caption Risk Factors beginning on page S-6 and under the caption Risk Factors in our 2011 10-K, incorporated herein by reference, prior to making an investment decision with respect to the Notes.</p>

Summary Historical Financial Data

The following tables set forth our summary historical financial data. CIT Group Inc. prior to its emergence from bankruptcy on December 10, 2009 is referred to as Predecessor CIT. The Company used an accounting convenience date of December 31, 2009, as such, Fresh Start Accounting (FSA) is reflected in the financial statements as of December 31, 2009. Accretion and amortization of certain FSA adjustments began in 2010. Data subsequent to the Company's adoption of FSA is not comparable to data in periods prior to emergence. CIT post emergence is referred to as CIT. All references to CIT in this Summary Historical Financial Data section include subsidiaries of Predecessor CIT or CIT unless otherwise indicated or the context requires otherwise.

The balance sheet data for Predecessor CIT as of December 31, 2009 reflects the balance sheet inclusive of reorganization items and FSA adjustments. See Note 26 in our 2011 10-K incorporated herein by reference for more information on the reorganization items and FSA adjustments.

The below tables reflect certain revisions to our previously issued financial statements. For more information on the revisions, see Note 1 Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Revisions and Note 27 Selected Quarterly Financial Data in our 2011 10-K, incorporated herein by reference.

(\$ in millions)	CIT Fiscal Years Ended December 31,			Predecessor CIT Fiscal Years Ended December 31,	
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Statement of Operations Data:					
Total interest income	\$ 2,234	\$ 3,725	\$ 2,362	\$ 3,638	\$ 4,238
Interest expense					
Interest on long-term borrowings	(2,683)	(2,993)	(2,514)	(3,037)	(3,268)
Interest on deposits	(111)	(87)	(151)	(102)	(149)
Total interest expense	(2,794)	(3,080)	(2,665)	(3,139)	(3,417)
Provision for credit losses	(270)	(820)	(2,661)	(1,049)	(242)
Other income					
Rental income on operating leases	1,666	1,646	1,902	1,965	1,991
Other	956	1,005	(335)	495	1,577

Total other income	2,622	2,651	1,567	2,460	3,568
<i>Other expenses</i>					
Depreciation on operating lease equipment	(575)	(675)	(1,144)	(1,145)	(1,172)
Operating expenses	(891)	(1,022)	(1,150)	(1,373)	(1,566)
Gain/(loss) on debt extinguishments	(135)		207		
Goodwill and intangible assets impairment charges			(692)	(468)	(313)
Total other expenses	(1,601)	(1,697)	(2,779)	(2,986)	(3,051)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before reorganization items, fresh start accounting adjustments, and income taxes					
	190	779	(4,176)	(1,076)	1,096
Reorganization items					
			10,298		
Fresh start accounting adjustments					
			(6,072)		
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes					
	190	779	50	(1,076)	1,096
(Provision) benefit for income taxes					
	(158)	(251)	133	444	(301)
Net income (loss) from continuing	32	528	183	(632)	795

operations before attribution of non-controlling interests						
Loss from discontinued operations				(2,166)		(873)
Preferred stock dividends			(188)	(65)		(30)
Net income (loss) available (attributable) to non-controlling interests, after tax	(5)	(4)	1	(1)		(3)
Net income (loss) available (attributable) to common stockholders	\$ 27	\$ 524	\$ (4)	\$ (2,864)	\$	(111)

Select Period Data:

Net finance revenue	\$ 530	\$ 1,616	\$ 455	\$ 1,319	\$ 1,640
Average earning assets (AEA)	\$ 34,337	\$ 40,844	\$ 59,991	\$ 64,226	\$ 60,596
Net financing revenue / AEA (%)	1.54 %	3.96 %	0.76 %	2.05 %	2.71 %

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(\$ in millions)	CIT		Predecessor CIT		
	2011	2010	December 31, 2009	2008	2007
<i>Balance Sheet Data:</i>					
Total cash and short-term investments	\$ 8,373	\$ 11,204	\$ 9,826	\$ 8,366	\$ 6,753
Loans	19,886	24,628	35,163	53,126	53,761
Allowance for loan losses	(408)	(416)		(1,096)	(574)
Total loans, net of allowance for loan losses	19,478	24,212	35,163	52,030	53,187
Operating lease equipment, net	11,992	11,140	10,912	12,706	12,611
Total assets	45,235	51,420	60,505	80,449	90,248
Deposits	6,194	4,536	5,178	2,627	2,746
Total long-term borrowings	26,288	34,029	43,312	63,751	66,272
Total liabilities	36,344	42,499	52,104	72,280	83,230
Total equity and non-controlling interests	8,891	8,921	8,401	8,169	7,018
<i>Other Financial Data:</i>					
Tier I capital ratio	18.8 %	19.0 %	14.2 %	9.4 %	NA
Total capital ratio	19.7 %	19.9 %	14.2 %	13.1 %	NA

RISK FACTORS

The operation of our business pursuant to a banking model, the continued economic uncertainty in the U.S. and other regions of the world, and the effects of the transactions that were effectuated in our 2009 bankruptcy reorganization each involve various elements of risk and uncertainty. Before making a decision whether to invest in the Notes, you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, as well as the risks described under Risk Factors in the accompanying prospectus and risks described under Risk Factors in our Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference. Additional risks that are presently unknown to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impact our business.

Risks Relating to the Notes

We have a substantial amount of indebtedness which could adversely affect our financial position and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the Notes.

As of December 31, 2011, we had total debt of approximately \$26.3 billion, excluding deposits. We may also incur significant additional indebtedness in the future. Our substantial indebtedness may:

make it difficult for us to satisfy our financial obligations, including making scheduled principal and interest payments on the Notes and our other indebtedness;

limit our ability to borrow additional funds for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other general business purposes;

limit our ability to use

our cash flow
or obtain
additional
financing for
future
working
capital,
capital
expenditures,
acquisitions
or other
general
business
purposes;

require us to
use a
substantial
portion of our
cash flow
from
operations to
make debt
service
payments;

limit our
flexibility to
plan for, or
react to,
changes in
our business
and industry;

place us at a
competitive
disadvantage
compared to
less leveraged
competitors;
and

increase our
vulnerability
to the impact
of adverse
economic and
industry
conditions.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service our debt obligations, including our obligations under the Notes.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness, including the Notes, will depend on our financial and operating performance, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may be unable to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, including the Notes.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be unable to provide new loans, other products or to fund our obligations to existing customers and otherwise implement our business plans, or to sell assets, seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the Notes. As a result, we may be unable to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions of assets or to obtain the proceeds that we could realize from them and these proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due.

The Notes are the unsecured obligations of CIT and not obligations of our subsidiaries and will be effectively subordinated to the claims of our subsidiaries' creditors. Structural subordination increases the risk that we will be unable to meet our obligations on the Notes when they mature.

The Notes are exclusively the obligations of CIT and are not obligations of our subsidiaries. We conduct a substantial portion of our business through our subsidiaries. As a result, our cash flow and ability to service our debt, including the Notes, depends upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution to us of earnings, loans or other payments from our subsidiaries.

Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities. Our subsidiaries will not guarantee the Notes and are under no obligation to pay any amounts due on the Notes or to provide us with funds for our payment obligations, whether by dividends, distributions, loans or other payments. Payments to us from our subsidiaries will also be contingent upon such subsidiaries' earnings and business considerations and may be subject to legal and contractual restrictions.

Our right to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries upon their liquidation or reorganization, and therefore the right of the holders of the Notes to participate in those assets, will be effectively subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including senior and subordinated debt holders and bank and trade creditors. The indenture governing the Notes does not limit the amount of additional indebtedness that our subsidiaries may incur and permits these subsidiaries to incur secured debt without restriction. In addition, even if we were a creditor of any of our subsidiaries, our rights as a creditor would be subordinate to any security interest in the assets of our subsidiaries and any indebtedness of our subsidiaries senior to that held by us.

The Notes will rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future unsubordinated unsecured indebtedness of CIT, including all of our existing Series C Notes and Revolving Credit Facility, and will be senior in right of payment to any future indebtedness of CIT that by its terms is expressly subordinated to the Notes. The Notes will be effectively subordinated to any secured indebtedness of CIT to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The Notes will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. The Notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries or any third party. Certain subsidiaries of the Company guarantee the Revolving Credit Facility, which provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$2.0 billion. As of March 9, 2012, borrowings of \$1.4 billion and letters of credit of approximately \$100 million were outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility.

The Notes will be subject to the prior claims of any future secured creditors.

The Notes are unsecured obligations, ranking effectively junior to any secured indebtedness we may incur in the future. The indenture governing the Notes does not limit the amount of additional debt that we may incur and permits us to incur secured debt under specified circumstances. If we incur secured indebtedness, our assets securing any such indebtedness will be subject to prior claims by our secured creditors. In the event of our bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution or other winding up, or upon any acceleration of the Notes, our assets that secure other indebtedness will be available to pay obligations on the Notes only after all other such debt secured by those assets has been repaid in full. Any remaining assets will be available to you ratably with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated creditors, including trade creditors. If there are not sufficient assets remaining to pay all these creditors, then all or a portion of the Notes then outstanding would remain unpaid.

The indenture for the Notes may not provide protection against events or developments that may affect our ability to repay the Notes or the trading prices for the Notes.

The indenture governing the Notes contains a covenant limiting the ability of CIT to incur liens on its assets to secure indebtedness without equally and ratably securing the Notes. This limitation is subject to a number of important exceptions.

The indenture governing the Notes does not:

- require us to
- maintain any
- financial
- ratios or
- specific levels
- of net worth,

revenues,
income, cash
flow or
liquidity and,
accordingly,
does not
protect
holders of the
Notes in the
event that we
experience
material
adverse
changes in
our financial
condition or
results of
operations;

limit the
ability of CIT
and its
subsidiaries to
incur
indebtedness;

limit the
ability of any
subsidiaries
of CIT from
incurring
liens;

restrict our
ability to pay
dividends,
prepay
indebtedness
ranking junior
to the Notes
or make
investments;
or

restrict our
ability to
engage in any
acquisition or
other
transaction,
other than our

ability to
merge or
consolidate
with, or sell
all or
substantially
all of our
assets to,
another
person
without the
surviving or
transferring
person (if
other than
CIT)
assuming the
obligations
under the
Notes.

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For these reasons, you should not consider the covenants in the indenture as a significant factor in evaluating whether to invest in the Notes. In addition, we are subject to periodic review by independent credit rating agencies. An increase in the level of our outstanding indebtedness, or other events that could have an adverse impact on our business, properties, financial condition, results of operations or prospects, may cause the rating agencies to downgrade our credit ratings generally, and the ratings on the Notes, which could adversely impact the trading prices for, or the liquidity of, the Notes. Any such downgrade could also adversely affect our cost of borrowing, limit our access to the capital markets or result in more restrictive covenants in future debt agreements.

General market conditions and unpredictable factors could adversely affect market prices for the Notes.

There can be no assurance about the market prices for the Notes. Several factors, many of which are beyond our control, will influence the market value of the Notes. Factors that might influence the market value of the Notes include, but are not limited to:

our
creditworthiness,
financial
condition,
performance and
prospects;

whether the
ratings on the
Notes provided
by any ratings
agency have
changed;

the market for
similar securities;
and

economic,
financial,
geopolitical,
regulatory or
judicial events
that affect us or
the financial
markets generally
(including the
occurrence of
market disruption
events).

If you purchase Notes, whether in this offering or in the secondary market, the Notes may subsequently trade at a discount to the price that you paid for them.

We may not be able to repurchase the Notes upon a change of control.

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of change of control events we will be required to offer to repurchase all outstanding Notes at 101% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest if either (i) the Notes were rated investment grade by Moody's or S&P and are downgraded below investment grade by the rating agency that was rating the Notes investment grade within a period after such change of control or (ii) the Notes were rated below investment grade by Moody's or S&P and are downgraded below the rating of the Notes by such rating agency prior to such change of control within a period after such change of control; *provided*, that if Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes available, we shall use commercially reasonable efforts to appoint another nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act as a replacement and such replacement rating agency shall be substituted for either Moody's or S&P, as applicable, in clauses (i) and (ii) above. The source of funds for any such purchase of the Notes will be our available cash or cash generated from our subsidiaries' operations or other sources, including borrowings, sales of assets or sales of equity. We may not be able to repurchase the Notes upon a change of control because we may not have sufficient financial resources to purchase all of the Notes that are tendered upon a change of control. Accordingly, we may not be able to satisfy our obligations to purchase the Notes unless we are able to refinance. Our failure to repurchase the Notes as required upon a change of control would cause a default under the indenture and a cross-default under the instruments governing our existing Revolving Credit Facility, the existing Series C Notes Indenture and instruments governing our other borrowings. Further, our existing Revolving Credit Facility also provides that a change of control will be a default that permits lenders to accelerate the maturity of borrowings thereunder. Any of our future debt agreements may contain similar provisions.

Your ability to transfer the Notes may be limited by the absence of an active trading market, and there is no assurance that any active trading market will develop for the Notes.

The Notes constitute a new issue of securities for which there is no established public market. Each of the underwriters has advised us that it intends to make a market in the Notes as permitted by applicable laws and regulations; however, the underwriters are not obligated to make a market in the Notes, and they may discontinue their market-making activities at any time without notice. Therefore, we cannot assure you that an active market for the Notes will develop or, if developed, that it will continue. Historically, the market for non-investment-grade debt has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of securities similar to the Notes.

We cannot assure you that the market, if any, for the Notes will be free from similar disruptions or that any such disruptions may not adversely affect the prices at which you may sell your Notes. In addition, subsequent to their initial issuance, the Notes may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar Notes, our performance and other factors.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We anticipate receiving approximately \$1,484 million in net proceeds from the sale of the Notes, after the underwriters' discount and estimated fees and expenses. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes and the refinancing of our outstanding 7% Series C Notes maturing in 2015, 2016 and/or 2017.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our consolidated cash and capitalization, as of December 31, 2011, and on an as adjusted basis to give effect, as of such date, to (1) the redemption on January 23, 2012 of approximately \$1.6 billion of Series A Notes due 2015 and approximately \$400 million of Series A Notes due 2016 at par, (2) the issuance of the \$3.25 billion aggregate principal amount of Series C Notes on February 7, 2012, (3) the redemption on February 21, 2012 of \$500 million of Series A Notes due 2016 at par, (4) the redemption on March 9, 2012 of approximately \$1 billion of Series A Notes due 2016 and approximately \$2.9 billion of Series A Notes due 2017 at par and (5) the drawdown in March 2012 of \$1.4 billion in borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility. No adjustments have been made to reflect normal course operations by us, repayment or issuance of other indebtedness or other developments with our business, after December 31, 2011, and thus the as adjusted information provided below is not indicative of our actual cash position or capitalization at any date. The information presented in the table below should be read in conjunction with the consolidated historical financial statements and notes thereto that are included in our 2011 10-K, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

	December 31, 2011	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(\$ in millions)	
Cash and Short-Term Investments ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8,372.8	\$ 8,024.2
Secured Borrowings ⁽²⁾	\$ 10,408.0	\$ 10,408.0
Revolving Credit Facility ⁽³⁾		1,400.0
Series A Notes ⁽⁴⁾	5,834.8	
Series C Notes ⁽⁵⁾	9,959.2	13,209.2
5.25% Senior Unsecured Notes offered hereby		1,500.0
Other Debt	86.1	86.1
Total Long-Term Borrowings	26,288.1	26,603.3
Total Common Stockholders' Equity ⁽⁶⁾	8,888.5	8,888.5
Non-controlling Minority Interests	2.5	2.5
Total Capitalization	\$ 35,179.1	\$ 35,494.3

(1) Comprised of \$0.9 billion of short-term investments and \$7.4 billion of cash. Cash and

short-term investment securities consisted of \$4.1 billion at CIT, \$2.5 billion at CIT Bank, \$0.9 billion at operating subsidiaries and \$0.9 billion in restricted balances at December 31, 2011.

(2) See Note 8 in the Notes to our consolidated financial statements included in our 2011 10-K.

(3) As adjusted amount reflects borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility as of March 9, 2012 (exclusive of outstanding letters of credit). The aggregate commitment under the Revolving Credit Facility is \$2 billion. Following the redemption of

the remaining Series A Notes on March 9, 2012, all of the collateral securing the Revolving Credit Facility was released, and all guarantees other than guarantees of certain subsidiaries were released. See

Description of Revolving Credit Facility.

- (4) Consists of the following aggregate principal amount of Series A Notes on an actual basis only (exclusive of FSA adjustments):

\$1,601.7 million

7.000%

Series A

Notes due

May 1, 2015

\$1,918.9

million

7.000%

Series A

Notes due

May 1, 2016

\$2,932.2

million

7.000%

Series A
Notes due
May 1, 2017

- (5) Consists of the following aggregate principal amount of Series C Notes (exclusive of FSA adjustments in the case of the 7.000% Series C Notes):

\$1,300.0 million
5.250% Series C Notes due April 1, 2014

\$1,500.0 million
4.750% Series C Notes due February 15, 2015 (as adjusted only)

\$1,554.2 million
7.000% Series C Notes due May 4, 2015

\$3,094.5 million
7.000% Series C Notes due May 2, 2016

\$4,116.3 million
7.000% Series C Notes due May 2, 2017

\$700.0
million
6.625%
Series C
Notes due
April 1,
2018
\$1,750.0
million
5.500%
Series C
Notes due
February
15, 2019
(as adjusted
only)

Following
the
redemption
of the
remaining
Series A
Notes on
March 9,
2012, all of
the
collateral
and
guarantees
for the
benefit of
the Series C
Notes were
released.

- (6) As adjusted
amount
excludes
impact of
accelerated
FSA
accretion
related to
the
redemption
of Series A
Notes in the
first quarter
of 2012.

DESCRIPTION OF REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

On August 25, 2011, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into a Revolving Credit and Guaranty Agreement, among the Company, certain subsidiaries of the Company, as guarantors, the lenders party thereto from time to time and Bank of America, N.A. as administrative agent, collateral agent and letter of credit issuer (the Revolving Credit Facility). The total commitment amount under the Revolving Credit Facility is \$2 billion, consisting of a \$1.65 billion revolving loan tranche and a \$350 million revolving loan tranche that can also be utilized for issuance of letters of credit. The Revolving Credit Facility matures on August 14, 2015 and accrues interest at a per annum rate of LIBOR plus a margin of 2.00% to 2.75% (with no floor) or Base Rate plus a margin of 1.00% to 1.75% (with no floor). Based on the Company's current debt rating, the applicable margin for LIBOR loans is 2.50% and the applicable margin for Base Rate loans is 1.50%. As of March 9, 2012, borrowings of \$1.4 billion and letters of credit of approximately \$100 million were outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility.

On March 9, 2012, CIT redeemed the entire remaining balance of the Series A Notes, causing all the collateral and subsidiary guarantees under the Revolving Credit Facility to be released, except for subsidiary guarantees from eight of the Company's domestic operating subsidiaries (Continuing Guarantors). The Revolving Credit Facility is subject to an asset coverage covenant (based on the book value of eligible assets of the Continuing Guarantors) of 2.0x the sum of the aggregate commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility and the aggregate amount of indebtedness (except for subordinated intercompany indebtedness) of the Continuing Guarantors. As of March 9, 2012, the Company is in compliance with the guarantor asset coverage ratio required by the Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility is also subject to a \$6 billion minimum consolidated net worth covenant, tested quarterly, and limits the Company's ability to create liens, make certain restricted payments (upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default), merge, consolidate or sell, transfer, lease or dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or grant a negative pledge.

This summary is not complete and reference is made to the actual Revolving Credit Facility, which is listed as an exhibit to our 2011 Report on Form 10-K.

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

*You can find the definitions of certain terms used in this description under the subheading **Certain Definitions** or in the accompanying prospectus under the heading **Description of Debt Securities**. In this description, the word **CIT** refers only to CIT Group Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries.*

CIT will issue the Notes offered by this prospectus supplement pursuant to the indenture, to be dated as of the Issue Date (the **Base Indenture**), between CIT and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee (the **Trustee**), as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture (the **Supplemental Indenture** and, together with the Base Indenture, the **Indenture**). The Notes will constitute a separate series of notes from any other series of debt securities that may be issued from time to time under the Indenture. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the Indenture and the Notes. It does not restate those agreements in their entirety. We urge you to read the Indenture and the Notes because they, and not this description, define your rights as holders of the Notes. Copies of the Indenture and the Notes are available as set forth in this prospectus supplement under the caption **Where You Can Find More Information**. Certain defined terms used in this description but not defined below under the caption **Certain Definitions** have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture and the Notes.

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

Brief Description of the Notes

The Notes will be:

equal in right
of payment
with all of
CIT's existing
and future
unsecured
obligations
that are not
expressly
subordinated
to the Notes,
including the
existing
Series C
Notes and the
Revolving
Credit
Facility;

structurally
subordinated
to all existing
and future

indebtedness
and other
liabilities of
CIT's
Subsidiaries,
including
guarantees of
the
Revolving
Credit
Facility by
certain
Subsidiaries;

effectively
subordinated
to all secured
obligations
of the
Company, to
the extent of
the value of
the assets
securing such
obligations;
and

senior in
right of
payment to
any future
indebtedness
of CIT that is
expressly
subordinated
to the Notes.

The Notes will be unsecured and will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries or any third party. Certain subsidiaries of the Company guarantee the Revolving Credit Facility, which provides for aggregate borrowings of up to \$2.0 billion. As of March 9, 2012, borrowings of \$1.4 billion and letters of credit of approximately \$100 million were outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility.

Absence of FDIC Insurance and Guarantees

The Notes are not savings accounts or deposits with CIT Bank or any other Subsidiary of CIT nor are they insured by the FDIC or by the United States or any agency or fund of the United States. In addition, the Notes are not obligations of, or guaranteed by, CIT Bank.

Principal, Maturity and Interest

In this offering, CIT will issue \$1,500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Notes.

CIT may issue additional Notes under the Indenture having identical terms and conditions as the Notes being issued in this offering, except for issue date, and in certain cases the issue price and the first interest payment date, either of which may differ from the respective terms of the previously issued Notes of the same series, from time to time after this offering, in an unlimited aggregate principal amount (the Additional Notes). The Notes offered by this prospectus supplement and any such Additional Notes that CIT subsequently issues under the Indenture would be treated as a single series for all purposes under the Indenture, including, without limitation, waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase; *provided* that, if any such Additional Notes subsequently issued are not fungible for U.S. federal income tax purposes

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or securities law purposes with any Notes previously issued, such Additional Notes shall trade separately from such previously issued Notes under a separate CUSIP number but shall otherwise be treated as a single series with all other Notes issued under the Indenture.

CIT will issue Notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The Notes will mature on March 15, 2018.

Interest on the Notes will accrue at the rate of 5.25% per annum. Interest on the Notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15, commencing on September 15, 2012. CIT will make each interest payment to the holders of record on the immediately preceding March 1 and September 1.

Interest on the Notes will accrue from the Issue Date or, if interest has already been paid, from the date it was most recently paid. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months. CIT will deposit the funds with the Trustee or paying agent in connection with any principal, interest or redemption payment one business day prior to the applicable payment date.

Methods of Receiving Payments on the Notes

If a holder of Notes has given wire transfer instructions to CIT, CIT will pay all principal, interest, and premium, if any, on that holder's Notes in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on the Notes will be made at the office or agency of the paying agent and registrar within the City and State of New York unless CIT elects to make interest payments by check mailed to the holders of the Notes at their address set forth in the register of holders.

Paying Agent and Registrar for the Notes

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas will initially act as paying agent and registrar. CIT may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the holders of the Notes, and CIT or any of its Subsidiaries may act as paying agent or registrar.

Transfer and Exchange

A holder may transfer or exchange Notes in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture. The registrar and the Trustee may require a holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents in connection with a transfer of Notes. Holders will be required to pay all taxes due on transfer. CIT will not be required to transfer or exchange any Note selected for redemption. Also, CIT will not be required to transfer or exchange any Note for a period of 15 days before a selection of Notes to be redeemed.

Optional Redemption

At any time and from time to time, CIT may redeem all or any part of the Notes, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to each holder of Notes, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes redeemed, and
- (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the Notes to be redeemed that would be due after the related redemption date but for such redemption (exclusive of interest accrued to the redemption date) discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Yield plus 50 basis points;

plus, in either case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption, subject to the rights of holders of such Notes on a relevant record date to receive interest due on a relevant interest payment date.

In addition to CIT's right to redeem Notes as set forth above, CIT may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes in open market transactions, tender offers or otherwise.

Unless CIT defaults in the payment of the redemption price, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or portions thereof called for redemption on the applicable redemption date.

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Selection and Notice

If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the Notes shall be redeemed on a pro rata basis or in accordance with the Depository's customary procedures.

No Notes of \$2,000 principal amount or less can be redeemed in part. Notice of redemption will be mailed by first class mail to each holder of Notes to be redeemed at its registered address at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the applicable redemption date, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Notes or a satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture.

If any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to that Note will state the portion of the principal amount of that Note that is to be redeemed. A new Note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original Note will be issued in the name of the holder of any Note being redeemed in part upon surrender for cancellation of the original Note. Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption. On and after the applicable redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on Notes or portions of Notes called for redemption, unless CIT defaults in the payment of the redemption price.

Mandatory Redemption

CIT is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

Purchase at the Option of Holders Upon Change of Control Triggering Event

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event, CIT will be obligated to make an offer to purchase (a Change of Control Offer) and each holder of Notes will have the right to require CIT to purchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 in principal amount or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in principal amount in excess thereof) of that holder's Notes on the terms set forth in the Indenture. In the Change of Control Offer, CIT will offer a Change of Control payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes purchased plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes purchased to the date of purchase, subject to the rights of holders of Notes on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date.

Within 30 days following the date upon which the Change of Control Triggering Event occurred, or at CIT's option, prior to any Change of Control but after the public announcement of the pending Change of Control and conditional upon a Change of Control Triggering Event occurring, CIT will mail, by first class mail, a notice to each holder of Notes, with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control and offering to repurchase Notes on the Change of Control payment date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, other than as required by law, pursuant to the procedures required by the Indenture and described in such notice. The notice, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the consummation of the Change of Control on or prior to the Change of Control payment date.

CIT will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable to the purchase of the Notes as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of the Indenture, CIT will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control provisions of the Indenture by virtue of such compliance.

On the Change of Control payment date, CIT will, to the extent lawful:

(1) accept for payment all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

(2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control payment in respect of all Notes or portions of Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn pursuant to the Change of Control Offer; and

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(3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an officers certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions of Notes being purchased by CIT.

The paying agent will promptly mail to each holder of Notes properly tendered the Change of Control payment for such Notes, and the Trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each holder a new Note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered, if any. CIT will publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Change of Control payment date.

The provisions described above that require CIT to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control Triggering Event will be applicable whether or not any other provisions of the Indenture are applicable, except as provided in the legal defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions applicable to the Notes, which will include the ability to defease this provision. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control Triggering Event, the Indenture does not contain provisions that require CIT to purchase or redeem the Notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

CIT will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if (1) a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by CIT and purchases all Notes validly and properly tendered and not withdrawn under the Change of Control Offer, (2) CIT has given notice to redeem all Notes in accordance with the redemption provisions of the Indenture as described above under the caption

Optional Redemption, unless and until there is a default in payment of the applicable redemption price or (3) in connection with or in contemplation of any Change of Control for which a definitive agreement is in place, CIT or a third party has made an offer to purchase (an Alternate Offer) any and all Notes validly and properly tendered at a cash price equal to or higher than the Change of Control Offer payment and has purchased all Notes validly and properly tendered and not withdrawn in accordance with the terms of such Alternate Offer.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the sale, assignment, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of CIT and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase substantially all, there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of Notes to require CIT to purchase its Notes as a result of a sale, assignment, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of the assets of CIT and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to another Person or group may be uncertain.

An Event of Default will occur should CIT fail to make a Change of Control Offer within three days of the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event. Amendment or waiver of the provisions described in this section will require consent of holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of Notes.

Reporting Covenant

Whether or not required by the rules and regulations of the SEC, so long as any Notes are outstanding, CIT will furnish to the holders of Notes or cause the Trustee to furnish to the holders of Notes, within 30 days after CIT is required to file the same with the SEC:

(1) all quarterly and annual reports that CIT is required to file, or would be required to be filed with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if CIT were required to file such reports; and

(2) all current reports that CIT is required to file, or would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if CIT were required to file such reports;

provided that any such above information or reports filed with the EDGAR system of the SEC (or any successor system) and available publicly on the Internet shall be deemed to be furnished to the holders of Notes.

All such reports will be prepared in all material respects in accordance with all of the rules and regulations applicable to such reports. Each annual report on Form 10-K will include a report on CIT's consolidated financial statements by CIT's independent registered public accounting firm.

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In addition, whether or not required by the SEC, CIT will file a copy of all of the reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the SEC for public availability within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations applicable to such reports for the status of the filer that CIT would otherwise be if it were required to file reports with the SEC, subject to extension as set forth in Rule 12b-25(b)(ii) under the Exchange Act (or any successor provision) (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request. CIT agrees that it will not take any action that would cause the SEC not to accept such filings. If, notwithstanding the foregoing, the SEC will not accept such filings for any reason, CIT will post the reports specified in the preceding sentence on its publicly accessible website within the time periods that would apply if CIT were required to file those reports with the SEC.

If, and so long as, all of the Capital Stock of CIT is beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by a Person (the Parent) (i) whose corporate family and corporate credit ratings are Investment Grade Ratings and (ii) that files reports with the SEC under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the requirements in the preceding three paragraphs shall be deemed satisfied by the filing by such Parent of the reports specified in the first paragraph within the time periods specified therein.

CIT shall have the ability to defease the covenant described in this section Reporting Covenant in accordance with the defeasance provisions described under Description of Debt Securities Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance in the accompanying prospectus.

Additional Provisions

The indenture governing the Notes contains certain other provisions that apply to the Notes, including (i) covenants that limit CIT's ability to create liens and merge or consolidate, or sell, transfer, lease or dispose of all or substantially all of its assets; (ii) events of default; (iii) amendment, supplement and waiver; (iv) legal defeasance and covenant defeasance; and (v) satisfaction and discharge. See Description of Debt Securities Certain Covenants, Events of Default, Amendment, Supplement and Waiver, Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance and Satisfaction and Discharge in the accompanying prospectus.

No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders

No director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of CIT, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of CIT under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws.

Concerning the Trustee

If the Trustee becomes a creditor of CIT, the Indenture limits the right of the Trustee to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The Trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee or resign.

The holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee, subject to certain exceptions. The Indenture provides that where an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent man in the conduct of his own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the request of any holder of Notes, unless such holder has offered to the Trustee security and indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

Certain Definitions

Set forth below are certain defined terms used in the Indenture. Reference is made to the Indenture for a full disclosure of all defined terms used therein, as well as any other capitalized terms used herein for which no definition is provided.

Beneficial Owner has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only after the passage of time. The terms *Beneficially Owns* and *Beneficially Owned* have a corresponding meaning.

Board of Directors means the board of directors of the Company or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such board.

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

Change of Control means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) any person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) is or becomes the Beneficial Owner of more than 50% of the total outstanding Voting Stock (measured by voting power rather than the number of shares) of CIT, other than in any such transaction where:

(A) the Voting Stock of CIT outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is changed into or exchanged for Voting Stock of another Person (the *Permitted Parent*) constituting a majority of the outstanding Voting Stock (measured by voting power rather than the number of shares) of the Permitted Parent (immediately after giving effect to such issuance); and

(B) immediately after such transaction, no person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) is the Beneficial Owner of more than 50% of the total outstanding Voting Stock (measured by voting power rather than the number of shares) of the Permitted Parent; or

(2) CIT sells, assigns, conveys, transfers, leases or otherwise disposes of all or substantially all of its assets to any Person, other than any such transaction where:

(A) the Voting Stock of CIT outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is changed into or exchanged for Voting Stock of the transferee Person (the *Transferee*) constituting a majority of the outstanding shares of the outstanding Voting Stock (measured by voting power rather than the number of shares) of the Transferee (immediately after giving effect to such issuance); and

(B) immediately after such transaction, no person or group (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act), is the Beneficial Owner of more than 50% of the total outstanding Voting Stock (measured by voting power rather than the number of shares) of the Transferee.

Following any transaction described in clause (1)(A), the Permitted Parent shall be substituted for CIT in this definition and the definition of *Trigger Period*, and following any transaction described in clause (2)(A), the Transferee shall be substituted for CIT in this definition and the definition of *Trigger Period*.

Change of Control Triggering Event means the occurrence of both (i) a Change of Control and (ii) a Ratings Downgrade Event.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by the Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes; *provided, however*, that if no maturity is within three months before or after the maturity date for such Notes, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to such United States Treasury security will be

determined and the treasury rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight line basis rounding to the nearest month.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (a) the average of the Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (b) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than four Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Independent Investment Banker means Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (and its respective successors) or, if any such firm is not willing and able to select the applicable Comparable Treasury Issue, an independent investment banking institution of national standing appointed by CIT and reasonably acceptable to the Trustee.

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

Issue Date means the date on which the Notes are first issued.

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

Person means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, limited liability company or government or other entity.

Rating Agency means each of Moody's and S&P; *provided*, that if Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes available, CIT shall use commercially reasonable efforts to appoint another nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act as a replacement for such Rating Agency and following such appointment such replacement rating agency shall be substituted in this definition for the rating agency that ceased to rate the Notes or failed to make a rating of the Notes available; *provided* that CIT shall give notice of such appointment to the Trustee.

Ratings Downgrade Event means, on any date during the Trigger Period, the Notes being downgraded by at least one modifier (a modifier being plus, neutral or minus for S&P, 1, 2 or 3 for Moody's and similar modifier by any other Rating Agency) by one of the Rating Agencies from the rating on the Notes by such Rating Agency on the date prior to the first day of the Trigger Period; *provided* that no Ratings Downgrade Event shall be deemed to occur if either (i) the rating on the Notes by each Rating Agency that downgraded its rating is an Investment Grade Rating after the downgrade or (ii) in respect of a particular Change of Control, if the Rating Agency or Agencies (as applicable) that downgraded the Notes announce or confirm or inform the Trustee in writing that the reduction was not the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date for the Notes, an average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue for the Notes to be redeemed (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker by such Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third business day preceding such redemption date.

Reference Treasury Dealers means Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and UBS Securities LLC and, in each case, their successors (each, a *Primary Treasury Dealer*);

provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall resign as a Reference Treasury Dealer or cease to be a primary U.S. government securities dealer, CIT will substitute therefor another primary U.S. government securities dealer.

S&P means Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of The McGraw Hill Corporation.

Subsidiary means, with respect to any specified Person:

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

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

Treasury Yield means, with respect to any redemption date, (a) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue; or (b) if the release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain these yields, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity (computed as of the third business day immediately preceding such redemption date) of the Comparable Treasury Issue, assuming a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the applicable Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

Trigger Period means the period commencing one day prior to the first public announcement by CIT of an arrangement that could result in a Change of Control and ending 60 days following consummation of the Change of Control (which period will be extended following consummation of a Change of Control for so long as the rating of the Notes is under announced consideration for possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies as the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control).

Voting Stock of any specified Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors of such Person.

BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS

A fiduciary of a pension, profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA) (each, a Plan), should consider the fiduciary standards of ERISA in the context of the Plan 's particular circumstances before authorizing an investment in the Notes. Among other factors, the fiduciary should consider whether the investment would satisfy the prudence and diversification requirements of ERISA and would be consistent with the documents and instruments governing the Plan, and whether the investment would involve a prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code).

Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit Plans, as well as individual retirement accounts, Keogh plans and any other plans that are subject to Section 4975 of the Code (also Plans), from engaging in certain transactions involving plan assets with persons who are parties in interest under ERISA or disqualified persons under the Code with respect to the Plan. A violation of these prohibited transaction rules may result in excise tax or other liabilities under ERISA or the Code for those persons, unless exemptive relief is available under an applicable statutory, regulatory or administrative exemption. Employee benefit plans that are governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA), certain church plans (as defined in Section 3(33) of ERISA) and non-U.S. plans (as described in Section 4(b)(4) of ERISA) (Non-ERISA Arrangements) are not subject to the requirements of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code but may be subject to similar provisions under applicable federal, state, local, non-U.S or other laws (Similar Laws).

The acquisition or holding of the Notes by a Plan or any entity whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of any Plan 's investment in the entity (a Plan Asset Entity) with respect to which we, the underwriters or the paying agent or any of their respective affiliates is or becomes a party in interest or disqualified person may result in a prohibited transaction under ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, unless the Notes are acquired and held pursuant to an applicable exemption. The U.S. Department of Labor has issued five prohibited transaction class exemptions, or PTCEs, that may provide exemptive relief if required for direct or indirect prohibited transactions that may arise from the purchase or holding of the Notes. These exemptions are PTCE 84-14 (for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTCE 90-1 (for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTCE 91-38 (for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds), PTCE 95-60 (for transactions involving certain insurance company general accounts), and PTCE 96-23 (for transactions managed by in-house asset managers). In addition, ERISA Section 408(b)(17) and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code provide an exemption for the purchase and sale of the Notes, *provided* that neither the issuer of the Notes nor any of its affiliates have or exercise any discretionary authority or control or render any investment advice with respect to the assets of any Plan involved in the transaction, and *provided further* that the Plan pays no more and receives no less than adequate consideration in connection with the transaction (the service provider exemption). There can be no assurance that all of the conditions of any such exemptions will be satisfied.

Because of the foregoing, the Notes should not be acquired or held by any person investing plan assets of any Plan, Plan Asset Entity or Non-ERISA Arrangement, unless such acquisition and holding will not constitute a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA and the Code or similar violation of any applicable Similar Laws.

Any purchaser or holder of the Notes or any interest therein will be deemed to have represented by its purchase and holding of the Notes or any interest therein that it either (1) is not a Plan, a Plan Asset Entity or a Non-ERISA Arrangement and is not purchasing the Notes on behalf of or with the assets of any Plan, a Plan Asset Entity or Non-ERISA Arrangement or (2) the purchase and holding of the Notes will not constitute a non-exempt prohibited transaction under ERISA or the Code or a similar violation under any applicable Similar Laws.

Due to the complexity of these rules and the penalties that may be imposed upon persons involved in non-exempt prohibited transactions, it is important that fiduciaries or other persons considering purchasing the Notes on behalf of or with the assets of any Plan, a Plan Asset Entity or Non-ERISA Arrangement consult with their counsel regarding the availability of exemptive relief under any of the PTCEs listed above, the service provider exemption or the

potential consequences of any purchase or holding under Similar Laws, as applicable. Purchasers of the Notes have exclusive responsibility for ensuring that their

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purchase and holding of the Notes does not violate the fiduciary or prohibited transaction rules of ERISA or the Code or any similar provisions of Similar Laws. The sale of any Notes to a Plan, Plan Asset Entity or Non-ERISA Arrangement is in no respect a representation by us or any of our affiliates or representatives that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by any such Plans, Plan Asset Entities or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan, Plan Asset Entity or Non-ERISA Arrangement or that such an investment is appropriate for such Plans, Plan Asset Entities or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan, Plan Asset Entity or Non-ERISA Arrangement.

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UNDERWRITING

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and UBS Securities LLC are acting as representatives of each of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement among us and the underwriters, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the principal amount of Notes set forth opposite its name below.

Underwriter	Principal Amount of Notes
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$ 356,250,000
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	356,250,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	356,250,000
UBS Securities LLC	356,250,000
Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc.	67,500,000
Blaylock Robert Van, LLC	3,750,000
CastleOak Securities, L.P.	3,750,000
Total	\$ 1,500,000,000

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriters have agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase all of the Notes sold under the underwriting agreement if any of those Notes are purchased.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters and their controlling persons against certain liabilities in connection with this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the Notes, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the Notes, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officer's certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts to be paid by the Company in connection with this offering. The underwriting discount is the difference between the public offering price and the amount the underwriters pay to us to purchase the Notes. The underwriting discount is 1.00% of the principal amount:

Per Note	1.00 %
Total	\$ 15,000,000

The representatives have advised us that the underwriters propose initially to offer the Notes to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to certain dealers at such price less a concession not in excess of 0.60% of the principal amount of the Notes. After the initial offering, the public offering price, concession or any other term of the offering may be changed.

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discount, are estimated at \$950,000 and are payable by us.

The Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the Notes on any national securities exchange or for inclusion of the Notes on any automated dealer quotation system. We have been advised by the underwriters that they presently intend to make a market in the Notes after completion of the offering. However, they are under no obligation to do so and may discontinue any market-making activities at any time without any notice. We cannot assure the liquidity of the trading market for the Notes or that an active public market for the Notes will develop. If an active public trading market for the Notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected. If the Notes are traded, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, our operating performance and financial condition, general economic conditions and other factors.

We have agreed that we will not, from the date of this prospectus supplement through the date of delivery of the Notes to investors, without first obtaining the prior written consent of Morgan Stanley &

Co. LLC, directly or indirectly, issue, sell, offer to contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any debt securities or securities exchangeable for or convertible into debt securities, except for the Notes sold to the underwriters pursuant to the underwriting agreement.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell the Notes in the open market. These transactions may include short sales and purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater principal amount of Notes than they are required to purchase in the offering. The underwriters must close out any short position by purchasing Notes in the open market. A short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the Notes in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters' purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of the Notes or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the Notes. As a result, the price of the Notes may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market.

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

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The underwriters and their respective affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, investment banking, commercial banking, financial advisory and other services to us and our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions.

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, one of the underwriters, acted as a documentation agent under our existing Revolving Credit Facility and various affiliates of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC serve as lenders under our Revolving Credit Facility. Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, an affiliate of one of the underwriters, serves as a committed lender under our Trade Finance securitization facility and provides committed financing to CIT's U.S. Vendor Finance securitization facility. Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, an affiliate of one of the underwriters, provides a committed securitization facility in support of CIT's U.K. Vendor Finance business. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, an affiliate of one of the underwriters, serves as trustee on CIT's existing Series C Notes and as paying agent, registrar and authenticating agent on the Notes. In addition, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas serves in various capacities under other CIT related transactions. Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., an affiliate of one of the underwriters, acted as a documentation agent under our existing Revolving Credit Facility and various affiliates of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, one of the underwriters, serve as lenders under our Revolving Credit Facility. UBS Securities LLC, one of the underwriters, acted as a documentation agent under our existing Revolving Credit Facility and UBS Loan Finance LLC, an affiliate of one of the underwriters, is a lender under our Revolving Credit Facility. Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank, an affiliate of one of the underwriters, is a lender under our existing Revolving Credit Facility and provides funding in support of the CIT Aerospace business.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments, including serving as counterparties to certain derivative and hedging arrangements, and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the issuer, for certain of which the underwriters and their respective affiliates may receive proceeds from this offering in connection with the repayment thereof. For instance, certain affiliates of the underwriters may hold 7% Series C Notes due 2015, 2016 and/or 2017 and may receive a proportionate share of

proceeds from the repayment of the 7% Series C Notes due 2015, 2016 and/or 2017. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they

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acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. If any of the underwriters or their affiliates has a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those underwriters or their affiliates may hedge, their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, these underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the Notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes offered hereby.

Notice to Prospective Investors

European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) no offer of Notes may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- A. to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- B. to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent of the

representatives;
or

- C. in any other
circumstances
falling within
Article 3(2) of
the Prospectus
Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes shall require the company or the representatives to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

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

For the purpose of the above provisions, the expression "an offer to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in the Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in the Relevant Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member States) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "2010 PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are "qualified investors" (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Order") and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

Switzerland

This prospectus supplement does not constitute an issue prospectus pursuant to Article 652a or Article 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations and the Notes will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Therefore, this prospectus supplement may not comply with the disclosure standards of the listing rules (including any additional listing rules or prospectus schemes) of the SIX Swiss Exchange. Accordingly, the Notes may not be offered to the public in or from Switzerland, but only to a selected and limited circle of investors who do not subscribe to the Notes with a view to distribution. Any such investors will be individually approached by the underwriters from time to time.

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PROSPECTUS

CIT GROUP INC.

SENIOR DEBT SECURITIES

CIT Group Inc. may from time to time offer and sell senior debt securities covered by this prospectus for sale directly to purchasers or through underwriters, dealers or agents to be designated at a future date.

We will provide the specific terms and prices of the debt securities that we may offer in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell any debt securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in the debt securities.

Investing in these securities involves risks. See **Risk Factors** on page 6 of this prospectus.

We may sell debt securities to or through underwriters, dealers or agents. For additional information on the method of sale, you should refer to the section entitled **Plan of Distribution**. The names of any underwriters, dealers or agents involved in the sale of any debt securities and the specific manner in which they may be offered will be set forth in the prospectus supplement covering the sale of those securities.

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

The date of this prospectus is March 9, 2012.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

The information contained in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. You should rely only on the information provided in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, or documents to which we otherwise refer you. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of any securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document in which such information is contained or such other date referred to in such document, regardless of the time of any sale or issuance of a security.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) using a shelf registration process. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell or issue securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement and, if applicable, a pricing supplement, that will contain specific information about the terms of that specific offering of securities and the specific manner in which they may be offered. Such prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement may also add to, update or change any of the information contained in this prospectus. Such prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement may also contain information about any material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the securities described in such prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable pricing supplement, together with the additional information described under Where You Can Find More Information. You should read the entire prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including the information incorporated by reference, before making an investment decision. As used in this prospectus, the terms CIT Group Inc., CIT Group, CIT, we, us, our and the company mean CIT Group Inc. and not any of its subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise.

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed or will be filed or incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under Where You Can Find More Information.

The registration statement that contains this prospectus (including the exhibits to the registration statement) contains additional information about us and the securities offered under this prospectus. That registration statement can be

read at the SEC web site (www.sec.gov) or at the SEC offices mentioned under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Such information may also be inspected at The New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. You can also find information about us by visiting our website at www.cit.com. We have included our website address as an inactive textual reference only. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference into and does not form a part of this prospectus.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the previously filed information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), other than any portions of the respective filings that were furnished, under applicable SEC rules, rather than filed, until we complete our offerings of the securities:

The
information
responsive to
Part III of
Form 10-K
for the fiscal
year ended
December 31,
2010,
provided in
our Proxy
Statement on
Schedule 14A
for the 2011
Annual
Meeting of
Stockholders,
filed on
March 31,
2011;

our Annual
Report on
Form 10-K
for the year
ended
December 31,
2011, filed on
February 29,
2012; and

our Current
Reports on
Form 8-K
filed with the
SEC on
January 19,
2012,
February 9,
2012,
February 13,
2012 and
February 14,
2012.

You may request a copy of these filings at no cost by writing or telephoning us at the following address or phone number:

Glenn A. Votek
Executive Vice President and Treasurer
CIT Group Inc.
1 CIT Drive
Livingston, New Jersey 07039
(973) 740-5000

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and other written reports and oral statements made from time to time by the company may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements relate to expectations or forecasts of future events. They use words such as anticipate, believe, could, estimate, expect, forecast, intend, plan, potential, will, and other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with a discussion of potential future events, circumstances or future operating or financial performance. You can also identify forward-looking statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Any forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus are subject to unknown risks, uncertainties and contingencies. Forward-looking statements are included, for example, in the discussions about:

our liquidity
risk and
capital
management,
including our
capital,
leverage, and
credit ratings,
our liquidity
plan, and our
plans and the
potential
transactions
designed to
optimize our
liquidity and
capital,

our plans to
change our
funding mix
and to access
new sources of
funding to
broaden our
use of deposit
taking
capabilities,

our credit risk
management
and credit
quality,

our
asset/liability
risk

management,

accretion and
amortization
of fresh start
accounting
adjustments,

our funding,
borrowing
costs and net
finance
revenue,

our
operational
risks,
including
success of
systems
enhancements
and expansion
of risk
management
and control
functions,

our mix of
portfolio asset
classes,
including
growth
initiatives,
acquisitions
and
divestitures,
new products,
new business
and customer
retention,

legal risks,

our growth
rates,

our
commitments
to extend
credit or
purchase

equipment,
and

how we may
be affected by
legal
proceedings.

All forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from anticipated results, performance or achievements. Also, forward-looking statements are based upon management's estimates of fair values and of future costs, using currently available information. Therefore, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in those statements. Factors that could cause such differences include, but are not limited to:

capital
markets
liquidity,

risks of and/or
actual
economic
slowdown,
downturn or
recession,

industry
cycles and
trends,

uncertainties
associated
with risk
management,
including
credit,
prepayment,
asset/liability,
interest rate
and currency
risks,

estimates and
assumptions
used to fair
value the
balance sheet
in accordance
with fresh
start
accounting
and actual

variation
between the
estimated fair
values and the
realized
values,

adequacy of
reserves for
credit losses,

risks inherent
in changes in
market
interest rates
and quality
spreads,

funding
opportunities,
deposit taking
capabilities
and borrowing
costs,

risks that the
restructuring
of the
company's
capital
structure did
not result in
sufficient
additional
capital or
improved
liquidity,

risks that the company will be unable to comply with the terms of the Written Agreement with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York,

conditions and/or changes in funding markets and our access to such markets, including secured and unsecured term debt, credit facilities and the asset-backed securitization markets,

risks of implementing new processes, procedures, and systems,

risks associated with the value and recoverability of leased equipment and lease residual values,

application of fair value accounting in volatile markets,

application of goodwill accounting in a recessionary economy,

changes in laws or regulations governing our business and operations,

changes in competitive factors,

demographic trends,

customer retention rates,

future acquisitions and dispositions of businesses or asset portfolios, and

regulatory changes and/or developments.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements here or in other publications may turn out to be wrong, and there are no guarantees about the performance of the company. The company does not assume the obligation to update any forward-looking statement for any reason.

RISK FACTORS

Our business is subject to uncertainties and risks. You should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including the risk factors included in the prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference from our most recent annual report on Form 10-K, as updated by our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and other SEC filings filed after such annual report. It is possible that our business, financial condition, liquidity or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement indicates otherwise, we intend to use the net proceeds from any sale of the debt securities for general corporate purposes and/or to refinance outstanding indebtedness. CIT has not yet determined the amounts that we may use in connection with our business or that we may furnish to our subsidiaries.

Reference is made to our financial statements incorporated by reference herein for a description of the terms of our outstanding indebtedness.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

This section contains a description of the general terms and provisions of the debt securities that may be offered by this prospectus. We may issue senior debt securities under an indenture to be entered into between us and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as trustee. The senior debt securities indenture is referred to in this prospectus as the indenture . The indenture may be supplemented from time to time.

This prospectus briefly outlines some of the provisions of the indenture. The following summary of the material provisions of the indenture is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the indenture, including definitions of certain terms used in the indenture. Wherever we refer to particular sections or defined terms of the indenture, those sections or defined terms are incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement. You should review the indenture that is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part for additional information.

In addition, the material specific financial, legal and other terms as well as any material U.S. federal income tax consequences particular to securities of each series will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to the securities of that series. Such prospectus supplement may or may not modify the general terms found in this prospectus and will be filed with the SEC. For a complete description of the terms of a particular series of debt securities, you should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series.

General

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue under the indenture or otherwise. Under the indenture, we may issue the debt securities in one or more series with the same or various maturities, at par or a premium, or with original issue discount.

Unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement relating to the securities of any given series, the debt securities covered by this prospectus will be our direct unsecured obligations. Senior debt securities will rank equally with our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. Any of our secured indebtedness will rank ahead of the debt securities to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness.

We conduct a substantial portion of our operations primarily through our subsidiaries and our subsidiaries hold a substantial portion of our assets. Accordingly, our cash flow and our ability to meet our obligations under the debt securities will be largely dependent on the cash flow and earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution or other payment of these cash flows and earnings to us in the form of dividends, loans or advances and repayment to us of loans and advances made to our subsidiaries by us. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities and have no obligation to pay the amounts that will be due on our debt securities or to make any funds available for payment of amounts that will be due on our debt securities. Because we are a holding company, our obligations under our debt securities will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future liabilities of our subsidiaries. Therefore, our rights, and the rights of our creditors, including the rights of the holders of the debt securities, to participate in any distribution of assets of any of our subsidiaries, if such subsidiary were to be liquidated or reorganized, are subject to the prior claims of such subsidiary's creditors. To the extent that we may be a creditor with recognized claims against our subsidiaries, our claims will still be effectively subordinated to any security interest in, or mortgages or other liens on, the assets of the subsidiary that are senior to us.

The prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities being offered will include specific terms relating to the offering. These terms will include, among other terms, some or all of the following, as applicable:

the title and
series of such

debt securities, which may include medium-term debt securities;

the total principal amount of the series of debt securities and whether there shall be any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of such debt securities;

if such debt securities are to be issuable as Registered Securities, as Bearer Securities or alternatively as Bearer Securities and Registered Securities, and whether the Bearer Securities are to be issuable with Coupons, without Coupons or both, and any restrictions applicable to the offer, sale or delivery of the Bearer Securities and the terms, if any, upon

which Bearer
Securities
may be
exchanged for
Registered
Securities and
vice versa;

if any of such debt securities are to be issuable in global form, when any of such debt securities are to be issuable in global form and (i) whether such debt securities are to be issued in temporary or permanent global form or both, (ii) whether beneficial owners of interests in any such global security may exchange such interests for debt securities of the same series and of like tenor and of any authorized form and denomination, and the circumstances under which any such exchanges may occur, if other than in the manner specified in the indenture, and (iii) the name of the Depository or the U.S. Depository, as the case may

be, with
respect to any
such global
debt security;

if any of such
debt securities
are to be
issuable as
Bearer
Securities or in
global form,
the date as of
which any such
Bearer
Security or
global security
shall be dated
(if other than
the date of
original
issuance of the
first of such
Securities to be
issued);

if any of such
debt securities
are to be
issuable as
Bearer
Securities,
whether
interest in
respect of any
portion of a
temporary
Bearer
Security in
global form
payable in
respect of an
interest
payment date
therefor prior
to the
exchange, if
any, of such
temporary
Bearer
Security for

definitive debt securities shall be paid to any clearing organization with respect to the portion of such temporary Bearer Security held for its account and, in such event, the terms and conditions (including any certification requirements) upon which any such interest payment received by a clearing organization will be credited to the Persons entitled to interest payable on such interest payment date;

the date or dates, or the method or methods, if any, by which such date or dates will be determined, on which the principal of the debt securities will be payable;

the rate or rates at which such debt securities will bear

interest, if any, which rate may be zero in the case of certain debt securities issued at an issue price representing a discount from the principal amount payable at maturity, or the method by which such rate or rates will be determined (including, if applicable, any remarketing option or similar method), and the date or dates from which such interest, if any, will accrue or the method by which such date or dates will be determined;

the date or dates on which interest, if any, on such debt securities will be payable and any regular record dates applicable to the date or dates on which interest will be so payable;

the place or places where

the principal of
or any
premium or
interest on
such debt
securities will
be payable,
where any of
such debt
securities that
are issued in
registered form
may be
surrendered for
registration of,
transfer or
exchange, and
where any such
debt securities
may be
surrendered for
conversion or
exchange;

if such debt
securities are
to be
redeemable at
our option, the
date or dates
on which, the
period or
periods within
which, the
price or prices
at which and
the other terms
and conditions
upon which
such debt
securities may
be redeemed,
in whole or in
part, at CIT's
option;

provisions
specifying
whether CIT
will be
obligated to

redeem or purchase any of such debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of any holder of such debt securities and, if so, the date or dates on which, the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the other terms and conditions upon which such debt securities will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation, and any provisions for the remarketing of such debt securities so redeemed or purchased;

if other than minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which any debt securities

to be issued in registered form will be issuable and, if other than a denomination of \$5,000, the denominations in which any debt securities to be issued in bearer form will be issuable;

provisions specifying whether the debt securities will be convertible into other securities of CIT and/or exchangeable for securities of CIT or other issuers and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such debt securities will be so convertible or exchangeable;

if other than the principal amount, the percentage of the principal amount (or the method by which such percentage will be determined) of such debt securities that will be payable upon

declaration of
acceleration of
the maturity
thereof;

if other than U.S. dollars, the currency of payment, including composite currencies, of the principal of, and any premium or interest on any of such debt securities;

provisions specifying whether the principal of, and any premium or interest on such debt securities will be payable, at the election of CIT or a holder of debt securities, in a currency other than that in which such debt securities are stated to be payable and the date or dates on which, the period or periods within which, and the other terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made;

any index, formula or

other method used to determine the amount of payments of principal of, any premium or interest on such debt securities;

provisions specifying whether such debt securities are to be issued in the form of one or more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depositary for such global security or securities;

any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the events of default or covenants of CIT with respect to such debt securities;

terms specifying whether the provisions described below under Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance will be applicable to

such debt
securities;