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FORM S-1
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GEORGIA GULF CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

2821
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)
115 Perimeter Center Place, Suite 460, Atlanta, Georgia 30346
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58-1563799
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:

From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

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

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

Large accelerated
filer

Accelerated
filer

Non-accelerated
filer

Smaller reporting
company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$.01 par value, and Preferred Share Purchase Rights	31,148,503 shares	\$29.00	\$903,306,587	\$50,405(3)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value, and Preferred Share Purchase Rights	30,589 shares	\$22.68	\$693,759	\$39(3)
Total	31,179,092 shares			\$50,444(3)

- (1) In the event of a stock split, stock dividend or other similar transaction involving the registrant's common stock, in order to prevent dilution, the number of shares of common stock registered hereby shall be automatically increased to cover the additional common shares in accordance with Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (3) Previously paid.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The selling stockholders may not sell these securities until the Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion Dated October 23, 2009

PROSPECTUS

31,179,092 Shares of Common Stock
of
GEORGIA GULF CORPORATION

This prospectus relates to up to 31,179,092 shares of our common stock that may be offered for sale by the stockholders named in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement. The selling stockholders may offer the shares from time to time directly or, alternatively, through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents. The shares may be sold in one or more transactions at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at a negotiated price. The sales may be effected in transactions (which may involve block transactions) on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the common stock may be listed or quoted at the time of sale, in the over-the-counter market, in transactions otherwise than on such exchanges or services or in the over-the-counter market, through the writing of options or by any other method described herein. See "Plan of Distribution" and "Selling Stockholders."

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares.

We will pay all expenses associated with the registration of the shares. The selling stockholders will pay underwriting discounts, commissions and transfer taxes, if any, relating to their sale or disposition of the shares.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "GGC." The last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE on October 22, 2009 was \$21.61 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. We urge you to carefully read the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 3 of this prospectus.

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

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2009.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this document. This information is available without charge upon written or oral request. See "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" and "Where You Can Find More Information."

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or a prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the common stock offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date hereof and that the information in documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus is accurate only as of the respective dates of those documents or the dates on which they were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), as applicable. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed.

The terms "Georgia Gulf," the "Company," "GGC," "our," "we," and "us," as used in this prospectus, refer to Georgia Gulf Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiaries, except where it is clear that the term refers only to the parent company.

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SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary is not complete and may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. We urge you to read the entire prospectus carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section, and the additional documents incorporated by reference herein, before making an investment decision.

Georgia Gulf Corporation

We are a leading, integrated North American manufacturer of two chemical product lines, chlorovinyls and aromatics, and manufacturer of vinyl-based building and home improvement products. Our chlorovinyl and aromatic chemicals products are sold for further processing into a wide variety of end-use applications, including plastic pipe and pipe fittings, siding and window frames, bonding agents for wood products, high-quality plastics, acrylic sheeting and coatings for wire and cable. Our vinyl-based building and home improvement products, marketed under the Royal Group brands, primarily include window and door profiles, mouldings, siding, pipe and pipe fittings and deck, fence and rail products.

Recent Developments

On July 29, 2009, we consummated a private exchange of our equity securities for approximately \$736.0 million, or 92.0 percent, in aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 7.125 percent senior notes, 9.5 percent senior notes, and 10.75 percent subordinated notes. An aggregate of approximately 30.2 million shares of convertible preferred stock and 1.3 million shares of common stock were issued in exchange for the tendered notes. In conjunction with the debt exchange, we implemented a 1-for-25 reverse stock split, which reduced the outstanding common shares, before the issuance of common shares in the debt exchange, to approximately 1.4 million shares.

In connection with the exchange offers, our stockholders approved an amendment to our charter to increase the number of shares of common stock to 100 million. Upon approval of the charter amendment, the shares of convertible preferred stock issued in the exchange offers automatically converted into shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis.

Also in connection with the exchange offers, we executed a registration rights agreement pursuant to which we granted certain registration rights to the selling stockholders, and we are filing the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part to comply with certain of our obligations under the registration rights agreement. See "Selling Stockholders."

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The Offering

Securities That May be Offered for Resale by the Selling Stockholders	Up to 31,179,092 shares of our common stock. See "Selling Stockholders."
Use of Proceeds	We will not receive any proceeds from the resale of the shares of common stock. See "Use of Proceeds."
Market for the Securities	Our common stock is quoted on the NYSE under the symbol "GGC."

We urge you to refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors" for an explanation of the risks of investing in our common stock.

Our principal executive offices are located at 115 Perimeter Center Place, Suite 460, Atlanta, Georgia 30346. Our telephone number is (770) 395-4500. Our website is www.ggc.com. The information on our website is expressly not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

Any investment in our company will be subject to risks inherent to our business. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks described below together with all of the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

A further deterioration in business conditions, or material interruption in our operations, could cause us to default in the financial covenants related to our senior secured credit and asset securitization facilities, which could result in loss of our sources of liquidity, or an acceleration of our principal indebtedness.

We principally operate in the North American chemicals and building products markets, which have suffered a substantial decline. The severe downturn in the U.S. housing industry and the general worldwide recession have reduced the demand for our products, resulting in historically low sales volumes and margins for many of our products. In response principally to our resulting weakened financial condition we recently completed equity-for-debt exchanges, which substantially reduced our debt. In connection with this transaction, we obtained amendments to the financial covenants in our senior secured credit agreement and asset securitization (the "securitization"). In particular, the maximum leverage ratio and the minimum interest coverage ratios were modified in such agreement. Also, two new covenants were added to our senior secured credit agreement a minimum fixed charge covenant and a maximum senior secured leverage ratio. While we believe that, even under the current difficult operating environment, we should be able to meet the covenants, if business conditions further deteriorate to a material degree, or we suffer an interruption of our operations for a material length of time due to a natural disaster or other unforeseen event, we may not be able to maintain compliance with these financial covenants. In that event, we would need to seek another amendment to, or a refinancing of, our senior secured credit facility and related relief under our securitization. There can be no assurance that we can obtain an amendment or waiver of, or refinance, either of those agreements and, even if we do, it is likely that such relief would significantly increase our costs through additional fees or increased rates and contain further restrictions on our business and may only last for a specified period, potentially necessitating additional amendments, waivers or refinancing in the future. In the event we do not maintain compliance with the covenants under the senior secured credit facility, our lenders under such facility could cease making loans to us and accelerate and declare due all outstanding loans under the facility. A breach of our financial covenants would also permit the lenders under our securitization to terminate that facility, preventing the sale of additional receivables under the securitization.

Our senior secured credit facility imposes significant operating and financial restrictions, which may prevent us from capitalizing on business opportunities and taking some actions. However, despite these restrictions, we may still be able to incur substantially more debt, which could exacerbate the risks associated with our substantial leverage.

The terms of our senior secured credit facility impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us. These restrictions limit our ability to, among other things:

incur additional indebtedness;

incur liens;

make capital expenditures;

make investments and sell assets, including the stock of subsidiaries;

pay dividends and make other distributions;

purchase our stock;

engage in business activities unrelated to our current business;

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enter into transactions with affiliates; or

consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets.

We cannot assure you that these restrictions will not adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs or to pursue available business opportunities. A failure to comply with any of these restrictions could result in a default in respect of the related indebtedness.

Despite the limitation on our ability to incur additional indebtedness imposed by the terms of our senior secured credit facility, our senior secured credit facility does not prohibit us from incurring substantial indebtedness in the future, and we may do so. If new debt is added to our current indebtedness levels, the risks related to our indebtedness could increase.

Our substantial level of indebtedness may limit our cash flow available to invest in the ongoing needs of our business.

We have substantial indebtedness. At June 30, 2009, the carrying value of our term loan was \$349.0 million. Also on that date, under our revolving credit facility we had a maximum borrowing capacity of \$300.0 million and, net of outstanding letters of credit for \$64.5 million and current borrowings of \$227.8 million, availability under the revolving credit facility of \$7.7 million. Our high level of indebtedness could have important consequences. For example, it could:

make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations under our senior secured credit facility, exposing us to the risk of defaulting on our secured debt, which could result in a foreclosure on our assets, which, in turn, would negatively affect our ability to operate as a going concern;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to interest and principal payments on our indebtedness, reducing the availability of our cash flow for other purposes, such as capital expenditures, acquisitions and working capital;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industries in which we operate and will operate;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

place us at a disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt;

expose us to fluctuations in the interest rate environment because the interest rates of our senior secured credit facility are at variable rates; and

limit our ability to borrow additional funds.

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service our indebtedness and we may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our payment obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

We expect to obtain the funds to pay our expenses, fund working capital and capital expenditures, and to pay the interest on our senior secured credit facility and our other debt from our cash flow from our operations and from available borrowings under our senior secured credit facility and from sales of assets. Our ability to meet our expenses thus depends on our future performance, which will be affected by financial, business and economic conditions and other factors. We will not be able to control many of these factors, such as economic conditions in the industries in which we operate and competitive pressures. Our cash flow may not be sufficient to allow us to pay principal and interest on our debt and to meet our other obligations. If we do not have sufficient funds, we may be required to refinance all or part of our debt, sell assets or

borrow additional amounts. We may not be able to do so on terms acceptable to us or at all. In addition, the terms of existing or future debt agreements, including our senior secured credit facility, may restrict us from adopting any of these alternatives.

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The chemical industry is cyclical and volatile, experiencing alternating periods of tight supply and overcapacity, and the building products industry is also cyclical. This cyclical nature could adversely impact our capacity utilization and cause fluctuations in our results of operations.

Our historical operating results for our chemical businesses have tended to reflect the cyclical and volatile nature of the chemical industry. Historically, periods of tight supply have resulted in increased prices and profit margins and have been followed by periods of substantial capacity addition, resulting in oversupply and declining prices and profit margins. A number of our chemical products are highly dependent on markets that are particularly cyclical, such as the building and construction, paper and pulp, and automotive markets. As a result of changes in demand for our products, our operating rates and earnings fluctuate significantly, not only from year to year but also from quarter to quarter, depending on factors such as feedstock costs, transportation costs, and supply and demand for the product produced at the facility during that period. As a result, individual facilities may operate below or above rated capacities in any period. We may idle a facility for an extended period of time because an oversupply of a certain product or a lack of demand for that product makes production uneconomical. Facility shutdown and subsequent restart expenses may adversely affect quarterly results when these events occur. In addition, a temporary shutdown may become permanent, resulting in a write-down or write-off of the related assets. Capacity expansions or the announcement of these expansions have generally led to a decline in the pricing of our chemical products in the affected product line. We cannot assure that future growth in product demand will be sufficient to utilize any additional capacity.

In addition, the building products industry is cyclical and seasonal and is significantly affected by changes in national and local economic and other conditions such as employment levels, demographic trends, availability of financing, interest rates and consumer confidence, which factors could negatively affect the demand for and pricing of our building products. For example, if interest rates increase, the ability of prospective buyers to finance purchases of home improvement products and invest in new real estate could be adversely affected, which, in turn, could adversely affect our financial performance. In response to the recent significant decline in the market for our building and home improvement products, we have closed facilities and sold certain businesses and assets. Notwithstanding these actions and our cost control initiatives, these businesses continue to be unprofitable. Demand in the building and home improvement products industry continues to decline, and we are unable to know when, if ever, these businesses will operate profitably.

Natural gas, electricity, fuel and raw materials costs, and other external factors beyond our control, as well as downturns in the home repair and remodeling and new home construction sectors of the economy, can cause wide fluctuations in our margins.

The cost of our natural gas, electricity, fuel and raw materials, and other costs, may not correlate with changes in the prices we receive for our products, either in the direction of the price change or in absolute magnitude. Natural gas and raw materials costs represent a substantial part of our manufacturing costs, and energy costs, in particular electricity and fuel, represent a component of the costs to manufacture building products. Most of the raw materials we use are commodities and the price of each can fluctuate widely for a variety of reasons, including changes in availability because of major capacity additions or significant facility operating problems. Other external factors beyond our control can cause volatility in raw materials prices, demand for our products, product prices, sales volumes and margins. These factors include general economic conditions, the level of business activity in the industries that use our products, competitors' actions, international events and circumstances, and governmental regulation in the United States and abroad. These factors can also magnify the impact of economic cycles on our business. While we attempt to pass through price increases in energy costs and raw materials, we have been unsuccessful in doing so in some circumstances in the past and there can be no assurance that we can do so in the future.

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Additionally, our business is impacted by changes in the North American home repair and remodeling sectors, as well as the new construction sector, which may be significantly affected by changes in economic and other conditions such as gross domestic product levels, employment levels, demographic trends, consumer confidence and availability of consumer financing for home repair and remodeling projects as well as availability of financing for new home purchases. These factors can lower the demand for and pricing of our products, which could cause our net sales and net income to decrease and require us to recognize additional impairments of our assets.

The industries in which we compete are highly competitive, with some of our competitors having greater financial and other resources than we have; competition may adversely affect our results of operations.

The commodity chemical industry is highly competitive. Many of our competitors are larger and have greater financial and other resources and less debt than us. Moreover, barriers to entry, other than capital availability, are low in most product segments of our commodity chemical business. Capacity additions or technological advances by existing or future competitors also create greater competition, particularly in pricing. We cannot provide assurance that we will have access to the financing necessary to upgrade our facilities in response to technological advances or other competitive developments.

In addition, we compete with other national and international manufacturers of vinyl-based building and home improvement products. Some of these companies are larger and have greater financial resources and less debt than us. Accordingly, these competitors may be better able to withstand changes in conditions within the industries in which we operate and may have significantly greater operating and financial flexibility than us. Some of these competitors, who compete with our building product lines, may also be able to compete more aggressively in pricing and could take a greater share of sales and cause us to lose business from our customers. Many of our competitors have operated in the building products industry for a long time. Additionally, our building products face competition from alternative materials: wood, metal, fiber cement and masonry in siding, and wood and aluminum in windows. An increase in competition from other vinyl exterior building products manufacturers and alternative building materials could cause us to lose customers and lead to decreases in net sales. To the extent we lose customers in the renovation and remodeling markets, we must market to the new home construction market, which historically has experienced more fluctuations in demand.

Our common stock may be delisted from the New York Stock Exchange.

Our common stock is currently listed on the NYSE. On February 20, 2009, the NYSE notified us that we were not in compliance with one of the continued listing requirements of the NYSE because our total market capitalization had been less than \$75 million over a 30 trading-day period and our stockholders' equity was less than \$75 million at December 31, 2008. The NYSE has since lowered these thresholds to \$50 million through October 31, 2009, but we do not meet these lowered thresholds. In addition, the NYSE's continued listing standards require that the average closing price of our common stock not fall below \$1.00 over a consecutive 30 day trading period (the "\$1 minimum rule").

We submitted a plan to regain compliance to the NYSE within 45 days of notice of non-compliance and that plan was accepted by NYSE on May 4, 2009. If we do not regain compliance, and do not in fact comply, with the requirement regarding market capitalization and stockholders' equity within 18 months of the NYSE notice, the NYSE will commence suspension and delisting procedures. Further, if we fail to meet the \$1 minimum rule and do not regain compliance for at least 30 trading days within six months, the NYSE will commence suspension and delisting procedures.

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Although we have taken actions designed to bring our market capitalization, stockholders' equity and stock price within the required compliance levels within the NYSE's specified timeframes, we cannot assure that our plans will be successful within those time frames or at all. If we are not able to come into compliance with the NYSE continued listing standards, which we presently do not comply with, and cannot know if we will be able to in the future, we likely would seek to list the common stock on another exchange, in the event we were able to comply with the applicable listing standards of that other exchange. Delisting would have an adverse effect on the liquidity of our common stock and, as a result, the market price for our common stock might decline. Delisting could also make it more difficult for us to raise additional capital. The price of our common stock was below \$1.00 until we effected a 1-for-25 reverse stock split on July 28, 2009. On July 29, 2009 we announced the closing of the exchange offers. Since July 28, 2009, the price of our common stock has been very volatile.

Extensive environmental, health and safety laws and regulations impact our operations and assets; compliance with these regulations could adversely affect our results of operations.

Our operations on and ownership of real property are subject to extensive environmental, health and safety regulation, including laws and regulations related to air emissions, water discharges, waste disposal and remediation of contaminated sites, at both the national and local levels in the U.S. We are also subject to similar regulations in Canada. The nature of the chemical and building products industries exposes us to risks of liability under these laws and regulations due to the production, storage, use, transportation and sale of materials that can cause contamination or personal injury, including, in the case of commodity chemicals, potential releases into the environment. Environmental laws may have a significant effect on the costs of use, transportation and storage of raw materials and finished products, as well as the costs of the storage and disposal of wastes. We have and must continue to incur operating and capital costs to comply with environmental laws and regulations. In addition, we may incur substantial costs, including fines, damages, criminal or civil sanctions and remediation costs, or experience interruptions in our operations for violations arising under these laws.

Also, some environmental laws, such as the federal Superfund statute, may impose joint and several liability for the cost of investigations and remedial actions on any company that generated the waste, arranged for disposal of the waste, transported the waste to the disposal site, selected the disposal site, or presently or formerly owned, leased or operated the disposal site or a site otherwise contaminated by hazardous substances. Any or all of the responsible parties may be required to bear all of the costs of cleanup, regardless of fault, legality of the original disposal or ownership of the disposal site. A number of environmental liabilities have been associated with the facilities at Lake Charles, Louisiana that we acquired as part of the acquisition of the vinyls business of CONDEA Vista Company ("CONDEA Vista," which is now known as Sasol North America, Inc.) and which may be designated as Superfund sites. Although CONDEA Vista retained financial responsibility for certain environmental liabilities that relate to the facilities that we acquired from it and that arose before the closing of our acquisition of the vinyls business of CONDEA Vista in November 1999, there can be no assurance that CONDEA Vista will be able to satisfy its obligations in this regard, particularly in light of the long period of time in which environmental liabilities may arise under the environmental laws. If CONDEA Vista fails to fulfill its obligation regarding their environmental liabilities, then we could be held responsible. Furthermore, any environmental liabilities relating to Royal Group will not have the benefit of any third party indemnification, including liabilities resulting from Royal Group's operations prior to our acquisition of the company.

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Our policy is to accrue costs relating to environmental matters when it is probable that these costs will be required and can be reasonably estimated. However, estimated costs for future environmental compliance and remediation may be too low or we may not be able to quantify the potential costs. We expect to be continually subjected to increasingly stringent environmental and health and safety laws and regulations. It is difficult to predict the future interpretation and development of these laws and regulations or their impact on our future earnings and operations. We anticipate continued compliance will require increased capital expenditures and increased operating costs. Any increase in these costs could adversely affect our financial performance.

Hazards associated with manufacturing may occur, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

Hazards associated with chemical manufacturing as well as building products manufacturing, and the related use, storage and transportation of raw materials, products and wastes may occur in our operations. These hazards could lead to an interruption or suspension of operations and have an adverse effect on the productivity and profitability of a particular manufacturing facility or on our operations as a whole. These hazards include:

pipeline and storage tank leaks and ruptures;

explosions and fires;

inclement weather and natural disasters;

mechanical failure;

unscheduled downtime;

labor difficulties;

transportation interruptions;

remediation complications;

terrorist acts; and

chemical spills and other discharges or releases of toxic or hazardous substances or gases.

These hazards may cause personal injury and loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property and equipment, and environmental damage, any of which could lead to claims or liability under the environmental laws. Additionally, individuals could seek damages for alleged personal injury or property damage due to exposure to chemicals at our facilities or to chemicals otherwise owned, controlled or manufactured by us. We are also subject to present and future claims with respect to workplace exposure, workers' compensation and other matters. Although we maintain property, business interruption and casualty insurance of the types and in the amounts that we believe are customary for the industry, we are not fully insured against all potential hazards incident to our business.

We face potential product liability claims relating to the production and manufacture of building products.

We are exposed to product liability risk and the risk of negative publicity if our building products do not meet customer expectations. Although we intend to maintain insurance for products liability claims, the amount and scope of such insurance may not be adequate to cover a products liability claim that is successfully asserted against us. In addition, product liability insurance could become more expensive and difficult to maintain and, in the future, may not be available to us on commercially reasonable terms or at all. There can be no assurance that we

will be able to obtain or maintain adequate insurance coverage against possible products liability claims at commercially reasonable levels, or at all.

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We rely heavily on third party transportation, which subjects us to risks that we cannot control; these risks may adversely affect our operations.

We rely heavily on railroads and shipping companies to transport raw materials to our manufacturing facilities and to ship finished product to customers. These transport operations are subject to various hazards, including extreme weather conditions, work stoppages and operating hazards, as well as interstate transportation regulations. If we are delayed or unable to ship finished product or unable to obtain raw materials as a result of these transportation companies' failure to operate properly, or if there were significant changes in the cost of these services, we may not be able to arrange efficient alternatives and timely means to obtain raw materials or ship our goods, which could result in an adverse effect on our revenues and costs of operations.

We rely on a limited number of outside suppliers for specified feedstocks and services, and due to our overall financial condition, including our debt level, our key suppliers may require more onerous terms for trade credit.

We obtain a significant portion of our raw materials from a few key suppliers. If any of these suppliers is unable to meet its obligations under present supply agreements, we may be forced to pay higher prices to obtain the necessary raw materials. Any interruption of supply or any price increase of raw materials could have an adverse effect on our business and results of operations. In connection with our acquisition of the vinyls business of CONDEA Vista in 1999, we entered into agreements with CONDEA Vista to provide specified feedstocks for the Lake Charles facility. This facility is dependent upon CONDEA Vista's infrastructure for services such as wastewater and ground water treatment, site remediation, and fire water supply. Any failure of CONDEA Vista to perform its obligations under those agreements could adversely affect the operation of the affected facilities and our results of operations. The agreements relating to these feedstocks and services had initial terms of one to ten years. Most of these agreements have been automatically renewed, but may be terminated by CONDEA Vista after specified notice periods. If we were required to obtain an alternate source for these feedstocks or services, we may not be able to obtain pricing on as favorable terms. Additionally, we may be forced to pay additional transportation costs or to invest in capital projects for pipelines or alternate facilities to accommodate railcar or other delivery or to replace other services.

While we believe that our relationships with our key suppliers are strong, any vendor may choose to modify our relationship due to general economic concerns or concerns relating to the vendor or us, at any time. Any significant change in the terms that we have with our key suppliers could adversely affect our financial condition and liquidity, as could significant additional requirements from our suppliers that we provide them with letters of credit or similar instruments as a condition of continuing to supply us.

Implementation of New ERP Information Systems

We are highly dependent on our information systems infrastructure in order to process orders, track inventory, ship products in a timely manner, prepare invoices to our customers and otherwise carry on our business in the ordinary course. We currently operate on multiple Enterprise Resource Planning, or ERP, information systems, which we are in the process of implementing and consolidating. If we experience significant problems with the implementation of these systems, the resulting disruption could adversely affect our business, sales, results of operations and financial condition. The transition to new ERP systems involves numerous risks, including:

difficulties in integrating the systems with our current operations;

potential delay in the processing of customer orders for shipment of products;

diversion of management's attention away from normal daily business operations;

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increased demand on our operations support personnel;

initial dependence on unfamiliar systems while training personnel in its use; and

increased operating expenses resulting from training, conversion and transition support activities.

We continue to pursue the disposition of certain assets and may pursue asset acquisitions, dispositions and joint ventures, and other transactions that may impact our results of operations.

We intend to continue to pursue the disposition of certain assets and anticipate that proceeds would be used to repay some of our indebtedness. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to dispose of these assets at anticipated prices, or at all, or that any such sale will occur during our anticipated time frame. A failure to dispose of these assets would mean any indebtedness that could have been paid down would have to remain outstanding unless it could be repaid from funds generated from operations. In addition, we may engage in additional business combinations, purchases or sales of assets, or contractual arrangements or joint ventures. To the extent permitted under our senior secured credit facility and our other debt agreements, some of these transactions may be financed by additional borrowings by us. If the expected efficiencies and synergies of the transactions are not fully realized, our results of operations could be adversely affected, at least in the short term, because of the costs associated with such transactions. Other transactions may advance future cash flows from some of our businesses, thereby yielding increased short-term liquidity, but consequently resulting in lower cash flows from these operations over the longer term.

Our participation in joint ventures exposes us to risks of shared control.

We own a 50 percent interest in a manufacturing joint venture, the remainder of which is controlled by PPG Industries, Inc., which also supplies chlorine to the facility operated by the joint venture. We also have other joint ventures, such as Royal Group's strategic joint venture arrangements with several customers. We may enter into additional joint ventures in the future. The nature of a joint venture requires us to share control with unaffiliated third parties. If our joint venture partners do not fulfill their obligations, the affected joint venture may not be able to operate according to its business plan. In that case, our operations may be adversely affected or we may be required to increase our level of commitment to the joint venture. Also, differences in views among joint venture participants may result in delayed decisions or failure to agree on major issues. Any differences in our views or problems with respect to the operations of our joint ventures could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange and interest rates could affect our consolidated financial results.

We earn revenues, pay expenses, own assets and incur liabilities in countries using currencies other than the U.S. dollar, principally the Canadian dollar. Because our consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars, we must translate revenues and expenses into U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate during each reporting period, as well as assets and liabilities into U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at the end of each reporting period. Therefore, increases or decreases in the value of the U.S. dollar against other major currencies will affect our net revenues, operating income and the value of balance sheet items denominated in foreign currencies. Because of the geographic diversity of our operations, weaknesses in various currencies might occur in one or many of such currencies over time. From time to time, we may use derivative financial instruments to further reduce our net exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations. However, we cannot assure you that fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against major currencies, would not materially affect our financial results.

In addition, we are exposed to volatility in interest rates. When appropriate, we may use derivative financial instruments to reduce our exposure to interest rate risks. We cannot assure you, however, that

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our financial risk management program will be successful in reducing the risks inherent in exposures to interest rate fluctuations.

We rely on a variety of intellectual property rights for our building products. Any threat to, or impairment of, these rights could cause us to incur costs to defend these rights.

As a manufacturer and marketer of branded products, in our building products, we rely on trademarks and service marks to protect our brands. We have a significant number of issued patents for our technologies. These protections may not adequately safeguard our intellectual property and we may incur significant costs to defend these intellectual property rights, which may harm our operating results. There is a risk that third parties, including our current competitors, will claim that our products infringe on their intellectual property rights. These third parties may bring infringement claims against us or our customers. Regardless of its merit, an infringement claim against us could require significant management time and effort, result in costly litigation or cause product shipment delays. Further, any claims may require us to enter into royalty or licensing arrangements, which may not be obtainable on terms acceptable to us.

Pending investigations of, and pending and threatened lawsuits against, Royal Group could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Royal Group was under investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("RCMP") regarding its prior public disclosures, including financial and accounting matters. In October 2005, Royal Group advised the Ontario Securities Commission, the RCMP and the SEC of emails and documents authored by a former finance employee of Royal Group that relate to certain financial accounting and disclosure matters. Royal Group understands that the SEC made a referral to the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, in connection with those documents and in May 2008, Royal Group was advised that it is no longer a target of the RCMP's investigation.

Damages, liabilities and costs Royal Group will incur in respect of each of the foregoing and related matters may exceed the amounts anticipated by us in respect thereof, and to the extent they do, our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows, could be materially adversely affected.

We may encounter further difficulties in integrating Royal Group's operations with our operations, which may result in our failure to realize expected cost savings and operational efficiencies and adversely affect our results of operations and cash flows.

We cannot be sure that we will be able to further integrate successfully Royal Group's and our operations without substantial costs, delays or other problems. The integration of any business we acquire, including Royal Group has been and may continue to be disruptive to our business and has been and may continue to result in a significant diversion of management attention and operational resources. Additionally, we may suffer a loss of key employees, customers or suppliers, loss of revenues, increases in costs or other difficulties. Further, there is no assurance that we will be able to achieve anticipated cost savings and operational efficiencies in amounts anticipated or on our anticipated timetable. Further, management's attention may be diverted by potential dispositions. We also face these risks integrating any other business we may acquire.

As part of our strategy in acquiring Royal Group, we have identified opportunities to improve profitability and reduce costs. We may not be able to fully implement our business strategies or realize, in whole or in part, the expected cost savings or operational efficiencies from these strategies when expected, or at all. Furthermore, we may continue to incur significant one-time costs in connection with our integration of Royal Group's operations with our existing business, including costs related to facility consolidation, headcount reduction, operational improvements, professional fees and related transactional expenses. We expect to incur one-time costs in connection with our anticipated annual cost savings and may achieve operational efficiencies.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and documents incorporated by reference herein include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to us. When used in this prospectus, the words "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect" and similar expressions, as they relate to us or our management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements relate to, among other things, our outlook for future periods, supply and demand, pricing trends and market forces within the chemical and building products industries, cost reduction strategies and their results, planned capital expenditures, planned divestitures, long-term objectives of management and other statements of expectations concerning matters that are not historical facts.

We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and assumptions about future events, which may not prove correct. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including, among other things:

continued compliance with the covenants in our senior secured credit facility and our asset securitization facility;

our high degree of leverage and significant debt service obligations;

availability and pricing of raw materials;

the impacts of the current economic downturn in the housing and construction markets and potential future downturns;

changes in the general economy;

our ability to penetrate new geographic markets and introduce new products;

changes in demand for our products or increases in overall industry capacity that could affect production volumes and/or pricing;

changes and/or cyclicalities in the industries to which our products are sold;

risks associated with any potential failures of our joint venture partners to fulfill their obligations;

risks associated with plant closures, consolidations and other cost-cutting actions;

changes in foreign currency exchange rates;

technological changes affecting production;

difficulty in plant operations and product transportation;

governmental and environmental regulations;

other unforeseen circumstances; and

other risks referenced from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

Any or all of these risks and uncertainties or the risks described under the caption "Risk Factors" in this prospectus could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect management's view only as of the date of this prospectus. We undertake no obligation to revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date of this prospectus.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

This prospectus relates to shares of our common stock that may be sold from time to time by the selling stockholders. We will not receive any part of the proceeds from the sale of common stock by the selling stockholders.

SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The selling stockholders may from time to time offer and sell pursuant to this prospectus any or all of the shares of common stock set forth below. See "Plan of Distribution." When we refer to the "selling stockholders" in this prospectus, we mean those persons listed in the table below, as well as their permitted transferees, pledgees, donees, assignees, successors and others who later come to hold any of the selling stockholders' interests other than through a public sale.

The table below sets forth:

the names of the selling stockholders;

the number of shares of common stock, and the percentages of outstanding common stock, beneficially owned by the selling stockholders prior to the selling stockholders' offering of the shares of common stock pursuant to this prospectus;

the maximum number of shares of common stock which may be offered by the selling stockholders pursuant to this prospectus; and

the number of shares of common stock, and the percentages of outstanding common stock, to be beneficially owned by the selling stockholders after the offering of common stock pursuant to this prospectus, assuming all such common stock being offered is sold by the selling stockholders and that the selling stockholders do not acquire any additional shares of common stock.

The number of shares disclosed in the table below as "beneficially owned" are those beneficially owned as determined under the rules of the SEC. Such information is not necessarily indicative of ownership for any other purpose.

We obtained the information in the table below from the selling stockholders (other than the information regarding the percentages of outstanding common stock beneficially owned by each selling stockholder). Except as may be noted below, none of the selling stockholders have, or within the past three years has had, any material relationship with us or any of our affiliates.

We cannot advise you as to whether the selling stockholders will in fact sell any or all of such shares of common stock. In addition, the selling stockholders may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, or may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, at any time and from time to time, the shares of common stock in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act after the date on which they provided the information set forth in the table below. Only the selling stockholders referenced in the table below may sell the securities offered hereby, except as otherwise permitted by law. Changed information regarding the selling stockholders will be presented in a prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this

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prospectus forms a part if and when necessary and required. Except as indicated below, no selling stockholder is a registered broker-dealer or an affiliate of a broker-dealer.

Name of Selling Stockholder	Beneficial Ownership Prior to Offering Common Stock		Common Stock Being Offered Pursuant to this Prospectus (maximum number that may be sold)	Beneficial Ownership After Offering Common Stock	
	Shares	Percentage		Shares	Percentage
American High-Income Trust(1)	4,809,206	14.6%	4,809,206	0	
The Income Fund of America, Inc.(1)	2,659,046	8.1%	2,659,046	0	
The Bond Fund of America, Inc.(1)	759,869	2.3%	759,869	0	
American Funds Insurance Series Bond Fund(1)	296,439	*	296,439	0	
American Funds Insurance Series High-Income Bond Fund(1)	245,797	*	245,797	0	
Serengeti Overseas Ltd.(2)	464,271	1.4%	464,271	0	
Serengeti Partners LP(2)	318,276	*	318,276	0	
Capital Guardian Global High-Income Opportunities Master Fund(3)	44,219	*	44,219	0	
CIF Global High Yield Fund(3)	32,609	*	32,609	0	
Capital Guardian U.S. High-Yield Fixed-Income Master Fund(3)	19,516	*	19,516	0	
CNI Charter High Yield Bond Fund(4)	7,412	*	7,412	0	
Thomas A. Lyon Trustee U/DECL/TR Dtd 8/16/85(5)	2,471	*	2,471	0	
Patrick C. Ryan	1,236	*	1,236	0	
The Regents of the University of California(6)	18,529	*	18,529	0	
Astro Trust Series Nomura High Yield Bond Fund(6)	1,236	*	1,236	0	
California Public Employees' Retirement System (CALPERS)(6)	27,174	*	27,174	0	
GMAM Investment Funds Trust(6)	49,408	*	49,408	0	
L-3 Communications Nomura(6)					