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RYDER SYSTEM, INC.

Medium-Term Notes

(Registered Notes-Fixed Rate)

Due Nine Months or More

from Date of Issue

Trade Date: February , 2012

Principal Amount: \$

Public Offering Price: %

Issue Date: February , 2012

Maturity Date: ,

Interest Rate: %

Day Count: 30/360

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Net Proceeds to Ryder (before expenses): \$

Interest Payment Dates: Semi-annually on and of each year, commencing , 2012, and at Maturity.

Underwriters' Commission: %

Record Dates: and

Form: Book Entry Certificated

Redemption: The Notes cannot be redeemed prior to maturity
 The Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity

Optional Redemption: No
 Yes

Other Terms

Prior to , (one month prior to their maturity date), the Notes will be redeemable as a whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

(i) 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed, or

(ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the notes being redeemed (not including any portion of such payments of interest accrued as of the date of redemption), from the redemption date to _____, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus _____ basis points,

plus, in either case, any interest accrued but not paid to the date of redemption.

On or after _____, _____, the Notes will be redeemable as a whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes being redeemed plus any interest accrued but not paid to the date of redemption.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date for the Notes,

(i) 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 (if no maturity is within three months before or after the maturity date for the Notes, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month), or

(ii) if the release referred to in (i) (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain the yields referred to above, the rate per year equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for that redemption date.

The Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third Business Day preceding the redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term of the Notes to be redeemed 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.

Independent Investment Banker means, with respect to any redemption date for the Notes, one of the Reference Treasury Dealers appointed by us.

Comparable Treasury Price means with respect to any redemption date for the Notes,

(i) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for the redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest of those Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or

(ii) if the Trustee is given fewer than five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all quotations obtained.

Reference Treasury Dealer means, with respect to any redemption date for the Notes, BNP Paribas Securities Corp., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Mizuho Securities USA, Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and RBC Capital Markets, LLC and their successors (provided, however, that if any such firm or such successor, as the case may be, ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in the United States (a Primary Treasury Dealer), we shall substitute therefor another Primary Treasury Dealer).

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Trustee by that Reference Treasury Dealer, at 5:00 p.m. on the third Business Day preceding the redemption date.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but no more than 60 days before the redemption date to each holder of Notes to be redeemed.

Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or portions of the Notes called for redemption.

Repayment at Option of Holder:

␣ If we experience a Change of Control Triggering Event, we may be required to offer to purchase the Notes from holders as described below under Offer to Redeem Upon Change of Control Triggering Event.

Discount Note:

␣ Yes ␣ No

Total Amount of OID:

N/A

Yield to Maturity:

N/A

Initial Accrual Period OID

N/A

Offer to Redeem Upon Change of Control Triggering Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below), each Holder of Notes will have the right to require us to purchase all or a portion of such Holder's Notes pursuant to the offer described below (the "Change of Control Offer"), at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, 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 our option, prior to any Change of Control but after the public announcement of the Change of Control, we will be required to send, by first class mail, a notice to each Holder of Notes, with a copy to the trustee, which notice will govern the terms of the Change of Control Offer. Such notice will state, among other things, the purchase date, which must be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, other than as may be required by law (the "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, will state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date. Holders of Notes electing to have Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender their Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Note completed, to the paying agent at the address specified in the notice, or transfer their Notes to the paying agent by book-entry transfer pursuant to the applicable procedures of the paying agent, prior to the close of business on the third business day prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for such an offer made by us and such third party purchases all Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a change of control triggering event. To the extent that the provisions of any such securities laws or regulations conflict with the change of control offer provisions of the notes, we will comply with those securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the change of control offer provisions of the notes by virtue of any such conflict.

Below Investment Grade Rating Event means the rating on the Notes is lowered by each of the Rating Agencies and the Notes are rated below Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies on any day within the 60-day period (which 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the Notes is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the Rating Agencies) after the earlier of (1) the occurrence of a Change of Control or (2) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or our intention to effect a Change of Control; provided that a Below Investment Grade Rating Event otherwise arising by virtue of a particular reduction in rating shall not be deemed to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control (and thus shall not be deemed a Below Investment Grade Rating Event for purposes of the definition of Change of Control Triggering Event) if the Rating Agencies making the reduction in rating to which this definition would otherwise apply do not announce or publicly confirm or inform the Trustee in writing at its request that the reduction was the result, in whole or in part, of any event or circumstance comprised of or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control (whether or not the applicable Change of Control shall have occurred at the time of the Below Investment Grade Rating Event).

Change of Control means the consummation of any transaction (including without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any person (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than our company or our subsidiaries, becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13(d)(3) and 13(d)(5) under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the combined voting power of our Voting Stock or other Voting Stock into which our Voting Stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed measured by voting power rather than number of shares.

Change of Control Triggering Event means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Below Investment Grade Rating Event.

Fitch means Fitch Ratings.

Investment Grade means a rating of BBB- (with at least a neutral outlook) or better by Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of Fitch); a rating of Baa3 (with at least a neutral outlook) or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of Moody's); and a rating of BBB- (with at least a neutral outlook) or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of S&P).

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody's Corporation, and its successors.

Rating Agency means (1) each of Fitch, Moody's and S&P, and (2) if any of Fitch, Moody's or S&P ceases to rate the Notes or fails to make a rating of the Notes publicly available for reasons outside of our control, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization within the meaning of Rule 15c3-1(c)(2)(vi)(F) under the Exchange Act, selected by us (as certified by a resolution of our board of directors) as a replacement agency for Fitch, Moody's or S&P, or all of them, as the case may be.

S&P means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and its successors.

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 generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

If we experience a Change of Control Triggering Event, we may not have sufficient financial resources available to satisfy our obligations to repurchase the Notes. In addition, our ability to repurchase the Notes may be limited by law or the terms of other agreements relating to our indebtedness outstanding at the time. Subject to the limitations described in the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus to which this pricing supplement relates, we could, in the future, enter into certain transactions, including acquisitions, refinancings or other recapitalizations, that would not constitute a Change of Control under the Notes, but that could increase the amount of indebtedness outstanding at such time or otherwise affect our capital structure or credit ratings on the Notes.

Joint Book-Running Managers

BNP PARIBAS
Morgan Stanley

BofA Merrill Lynch

Mizuho Securities
RBC Capital Markets

Underwriters Capacity:

As agent As principal

If as principal:

The Notes are being offered at varying prices relating to prevailing market prices at the Time of sale.

The Notes are being offered at a fixed initial public offering price equal to the Issue Price (as a percentage of Principal Amount).

Legal Opinions

Certain legal matters relating to the offering will be passed upon for us by Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Miami, Florida and for the Underwriters by Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

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