

JABIL CIRCUIT INC  
Form 424B5  
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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| <b>Class of securities offered</b> | <b>Amount to be registered</b> | <b>Maximum offering price per unit</b> | <b>Maximum aggregate offering price</b> | <b>Amount of registration fee</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 5.625% Senior Notes due 2020       | \$ 400,000,000.00              | 100.00%                                | \$ 400,000,000.00                       | \$ 28,520.00(1)                   |

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r) of the Securities Act of 1933.

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**Prospectus Supplement  
(To prospectus dated October 29, 2008)**

***\$400,000,000***

**Jabil Circuit, Inc.  
5.625% Senior Notes due 2020**

**Issue Price 100%  
Interest payable June 15 and December 15.**

The notes will mature on December 15, 2020. Interest will accrue from November 2, 2010, and the first interest payment date will be June 15, 2011.

At our option, we may redeem some or all of the notes at any time prior to maturity at the prices and as described under Description of notes Optional redemption. At your option, we may be required to repurchase the notes in whole or in part upon a change of control repurchase event as set forth under Description of notes Purchase of notes upon a change of control repurchase event.

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other existing and future senior and unsecured debt obligations, including our outstanding 7.750% senior notes due 2016, 8.250% senior notes due 2018 and senior credit facility. The notes will not be guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and will therefore be structurally subordinated to all of the liabilities of our subsidiaries. The notes will be effectively subordinated to our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the collateral securing such indebtedness.

**Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk factors beginning on page S-5.**

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| <b>Public<br/>offering price<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>Underwriting<br/>discounts<br/>and commissions<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>Proceeds to<br/>Jabil Circuit, Inc.<sup>1</sup></b> |
|--|---|--|

|          |                |              |                |
|----------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Per note | 100.000%       | 2.000%       | 98.000%        |
| Total    | \$ 400,000,000 | \$ 8,000,000 | \$ 392,000,000 |

(1) Plus accrued interest, if any, from November 2, 2010.

(2) In addition to the underwriting discount, we will be paying a fee to the qualified independent underwriter (as defined in NASD Rule 2720) in connection with this offering. See Underwriting; Conflicts of interest.

The notes will not be listed on any securities exchange. Currently, there is no public market for the notes.

We expect that delivery of the notes to purchasers will be made on or about November 2, 2010 in book entry form through The Depository Trust Company for the account of its participants, including Clearstream Banking *société anonyme* and Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V.

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

|                                    |                            |                                   |                          |                              |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Joint book-running managers</i> |                            |                                   |                          |                              |
| <b>J.P. Morgan</b>                 | <b>BofA Merrill Lynch</b>  |                                   | <b>Citi</b>              | <b>RBS</b>                   |
| <i>Senior co-managers</i>          |                            |                                   |                          |                              |
| <b>BNP PARIBAS</b>                 | <b>HSBC</b>                | <b>Mizuho Securities USA Inc.</b> | <b>Scotia Capital</b>    | <b>Daiwa Capital Markets</b> |
| <i>Co-managers</i>                 |                            |                                   |                          |                              |
| <b>BBVA Securities</b>             | <b>Comerica Securities</b> | <b>SunTrust</b>                   | <b>Robinson Humphrey</b> | <b>US Bancorp</b>            |

October 28, 2010

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**You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any related free writing prospectus. We and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus supplement.**

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**About this prospectus supplement**

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the notes we are currently offering and certain other matters relating to us and our financial condition. The second part is the accompanying prospectus dated October 29, 2008, which gives more general information about the securities that we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the notes that we are currently offering. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the documents incorporated by reference and the additional information described below under the heading "Incorporation of certain documents by reference".

If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Any statement in this prospectus supplement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document that is also incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement. See "Incorporation of certain documents by reference" in this prospectus supplement.

In this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, the terms "the Company," "Jabil," "we," "our" or "us" refer to Jabil Circuit, Inc. together with its subsidiaries unless otherwise indicated or the context suggests otherwise.

**Market and industry information**

Market data and certain industry forecasts used throughout this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference in the prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus were obtained from internal surveys, reports and studies, where appropriate, as well as market research, publicly available information and industry publications. Industry publications generally state that the information they contain has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, but that the accuracy and completeness of such information is not guaranteed. Similarly, internal surveys, estimates and market research, while believed to be reliable, have not been independently verified.

**Forward-looking statements**

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus contain certain statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "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"), which are made in reliance upon the protections provided by such acts for forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements (such as when we describe what "will," "may" or "should" occur, what we "plan," "intend," "estimate," "believe" or "anticipate" will occur, and other

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similar statements) include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future sales and operating results, future prospects, anticipated benefits of proposed (or future) acquisitions and new facilities, growth, the capabilities and capacities of business operations, any financial or other guidance and all statements that are not based on historical fact, but rather reflect our current expectations concerning future results and events. We make certain assumptions when making forward-looking statements, any of which could prove inaccurate, including, but not limited to, statements about our future operating results and business plans. Therefore, we can give no assurance that the results implied by these forward-looking statements will be realized. Furthermore, the inclusion of forward-looking information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that future events, plans or expectations contemplated by us will be achieved. The ultimate correctness of these forward-looking statements is dependent upon a number of known and unknown risks and events, and is subject to various uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these statements. The following important factors, among others, could affect future results and events, causing those results and events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements:

business conditions and growth or declines in our customers' industries, the electronic manufacturing services industry and the general economy;

variability of our operating results;

our dependence on a limited number of major customers;

the potential consolidation of our customer base, and the potential movement by some of our customers of a portion of their manufacturing from us in order to more fully utilize their excess internal manufacturing capacity;

availability of components;

our dependence on certain industries;

our production levels are subject to the variability of customer requirements, including seasonal influences on the demand for certain end products;

our substantial international operations, and the resulting risks related to our operating internationally;

our ability to successfully negotiate definitive agreements and consummate acquisitions, and to integrate operations following the consummation of acquisitions;

our ability to take advantage of our past, current and possible future restructuring efforts to improve utilization and realize savings and whether any such activity will adversely affect our cost structure, our ability to service customers and our labor relations;

our ability to maintain our engineering, technological and manufacturing process expertise;

other economic, business and competitive factors affecting our customers, our industry and our business generally; and

other factors that we may not have currently identified or quantified.



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For a further description of various risks, relevant factors and uncertainties that could cause future results or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements, see the Risk Factors section and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended August 31, 2010 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. Given these risks and uncertainties, the reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

All forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus are made only as of the date of this prospectus supplement, and we do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or correct any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that subsequently occur, or of which we hereafter become aware. You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We may not update these forward-looking statements, even if our situation changes in the future. All forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements.

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**Summary**

*This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the notes. To understand this offering fully, you should carefully read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus.*

**Our company**

We are one of the leading providers of worldwide electronic manufacturing services and solutions. We provide comprehensive electronics design, production, product management and aftermarket services to companies in the aerospace, automotive, computing, consumer, defense, industrial, instrumentation, medical, networking, peripherals, solar, storage and telecommunications industries. We serve our customers primarily with dedicated business units that combine highly automated, continuous flow manufacturing with advanced electronic design and design for manufacturability. We currently depend, and expect to continue to depend, upon a relatively small number of customers for a significant percentage of our net revenue. Based on revenue, net of estimated product return costs ( net revenue ), for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010 our largest customers currently include Apple Inc., Cisco Systems, Inc., EchoStar Corporation, General Electric Company, Hewlett-Packard Company, International Business Machines Corporation, NetApp, Inc., Nokia Corporation, Pace plc and Research in Motion Limited.

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010, we had net revenues of approximately \$13.4 billion, net income attributable to Jabil Circuit, Inc. of approximately \$168.8 million and core EBITDA of \$748.3 million. For more information, including our calculation of core EBITDA and our reconciliation of core EBITDA to net income, see Selected consolidated financial data.

We offer our customers electronics design, production, product management and aftermarket solutions that are responsive to their manufacturing needs. Our business units are capable of providing our customers with varying combinations of the following services:

- integrated design and engineering;
- component selection, sourcing and procurement;
- automated assembly;
- design and implementation of product testing;
- parallel global production;
- enclosure services;
- systems assembly, direct order fulfillment and configure to order; and
- aftermarket services.

We currently conduct our operations in facilities that are located in Austria, Belgium, Brazil, China, England, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Singapore, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, the U.S. and Vietnam. Our global manufacturing production sites allow customers to manufacture products simultaneously in the optimal locations for their products. Our services allow customers to improve supply-chain management, reduce inventory obsolescence, lower transportation costs and reduce product fulfillment time. We have identified our global presence as a key to assessing our business performance.

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The following summary contains basic information about the notes and is not intended to be complete. For a more complete understanding of the notes, please refer to Description of notes.

|                               |  |
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| <b>Issuer</b>                 | Jabil Circuit, Inc.  |
| <b>Securities</b>             | \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.625% Senior Notes due 2020.  |
| <b>Maturity</b>               | The notes will mature on December 15, 2020, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased.  |
| <b>Interest Rate</b>          | The notes will bear interest from November 2, 2010 at the rate of 5.625% per annum.  |
| <b>Interest Payment Dates</b> | June 15 and December 15 of each year, beginning June 15, 2011.   |
| <b>Optional Redemption</b>    | We may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at any time at redemption prices determined as set forth under the heading Description of notes Optional redemption.   |
| <b>Ranking</b>                | <p>The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future senior and unsecured debt obligations, including our outstanding 7.750% senior notes due 2016, our 8.250% senior notes due 2018 and our senior credit facility. The notes will be structurally subordinated to existing and future indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. In addition, the notes will be effectively subordinated to all of our and our subsidiaries present and future secured indebtedness. See Risk factors Risks related to the notes The notes will be structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries; and The notes will be unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our secured obligations to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such obligations.</p> <p>As of August 31, 2010 on an as adjusted basis to give effect to this offering and the assumed use of proceeds therefrom as described more fully under the heading Capitalization in this prospectus supplement, the notes would have ranked equal in right of payment with \$712.0 million of our senior debt and would have been structurally subordinated to approximately \$3.3 billion of liabilities of our subsidiaries. In addition, as of August 31, 2010, we had \$194.7 million outstanding under our off-balance sheet U.S. Securitization Program. Also, as of August 31, 2010, we had \$155.5 million outstanding under our uncommitted trade accounts receivable and factoring programs.</p> |
| <b>Guarantees</b>             | None.  |

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**Covenants**

We will issue the notes under an existing indenture as supplemented by an officer's certificate. The indenture governing the notes contains covenants limiting our ability and/or our subsidiaries' ability to:

- create certain liens;
- enter into sale and leaseback transactions;
- create, incur, issue, assume or guarantee funded debt (applies to our restricted subsidiaries only);
- guarantee any of our indebtedness (applies to our subsidiaries only); and
- consolidate or merge with, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all our assets to, another person.

However, each of these covenants is subject to a number of significant exceptions. You should read "Description of notes—Certain covenants" for a description of these covenants.

**Change of Control Repurchase Event**

Upon the occurrence of a change of control repurchase event, as defined under "Description of notes—Purchase of notes upon a change of control repurchase event," we will be required to make an offer to purchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest to, but not including, the date of repurchase.

**Absence of Public Market for the Notes**

There is currently no established public trading market for the notes. We do not intend to apply for a listing of the notes on any securities exchange or an automated dealer quotation system. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the notes. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes. However, they are not obligated to do so, and any market-making activities with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. For more information, see "Underwriting; Conflicts of interest."

**Use of Proceeds**

We intend to use all of the net proceeds of this offering to repay in full our borrowings under the term portion of the Credit Facility, as well as a portion of the borrowings under the Foreign Securitization Program. For more information, see "Use of proceeds."

**Conflicts of interest**

A portion of the net proceeds from this offering will be used to repay in full our borrowings under the term portion of the Credit Facility. Because we expect that more than 5% of the net offering proceeds will be received by certain of the underwriters in this offering or their affiliates that are lenders under the term portion of our Credit Facility, this offering is being conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements of NASD Rule 2720 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA), which requires that a qualified independent

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underwriter ( QIU ) participate in the preparation of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and performs its usual standard of due diligence with respect thereto. As a result of this conflict of interest and in accordance with Rule 2720, BBVA Securities Inc. is assuming the responsibilities of acting as the qualified independent underwriter in connection with this offering. We have also agreed to indemnify BBVA Securities Inc. against certain liabilities incurred in connection with it acting as a qualified independent underwriter for this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act. See Underwriting; Conflicts of interest.

**Form**

The notes will be represented by registered global securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of the depository, The Depository Trust Company, or DTC. Beneficial interests in the notes will be shown on, and transfers will be effected through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

**Risk Factors**

See Risk factors beginning on page S-5 of this prospectus supplement for important information regarding us and an investment in the notes.

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**Risk factors**

Investing in the notes involves risk. In deciding whether to invest in the notes, you should carefully consider the risks described below in addition to the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Our business, results of operations and financial condition may be materially adversely affected due to any of the risks described below. In addition, we may face risks that are not described below or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement because we are either not presently aware of them or we currently believe that they are immaterial. Such risks may be harmful to our business and the value of the notes.

**Risks related to the notes**

*We conduct a substantial portion of our operations through our subsidiaries and depend on cash flow from our subsidiaries to meet our obligations. Your right to receive payments on the notes could be adversely affected if any of our subsidiaries becomes unable to distribute cash to us.*

The notes are our exclusive obligations. Because a substantial portion of our operations is conducted through our subsidiaries, our cash flow and consequent ability to service debt, including the notes, will depend in part upon the earnings of our subsidiaries and the distribution of those earnings to, or under loans or other payments of funds by our subsidiaries to, us. The payment of dividends and the making of loans and advances to us by our subsidiaries may be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions, including restrictions imposed by foreign governmental regulations, will depend upon the earnings of those subsidiaries and are subject to various business considerations. In addition, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of any of our subsidiaries, holders of their liabilities will generally be entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of those subsidiaries before any assets are made available for distribution to us.

*The notes will be structurally subordinated to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries.*

The notes will be our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equal in right of payment to all of our other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. The notes are obligations exclusively of Jabil Circuit, Inc. and will be structurally subordinated to any indebtedness and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. As of August 31, 2010, the total liabilities of our subsidiaries, excluding intercompany debt but including trade payables, were approximately \$3.3 billion. Our subsidiaries are separate and distinct legal entities, and have no obligation to pay any amounts due on the notes or to provide us with funds for our payment obligations. Our right to receive any assets of any of our subsidiaries, as an equity holder of such subsidiaries, upon their liquidation or reorganization, and the consequent right of the holders of the notes to participate in those assets, will be structurally subordinated to the claims of that subsidiary's creditors, including trade creditors, except to the extent that we are recognized as a creditor of that subsidiary, in which case our claims would still be effectively subordinated to any mortgage or other liens on the assets of such subsidiary and would be subordinated to any indebtedness of such subsidiary senior to that held by us.

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***The notes will be unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our secured obligations to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such obligations.***

Although we currently do not have any material amount of secured indebtedness outstanding, holders of any of our future secured indebtedness will have claims that are prior to your claims as holders of the notes to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, subject to certain rights accorded under the indenture for the notes to become secured *pari passu* with other secured indebtedness. In the event of any distribution or payment of our assets in any foreclosure, dissolution, winding-up, liquidation, reorganization or other bankruptcy proceeding, holders of our secured indebtedness will have prior claim to our assets that constitute their collateral. Holders of the notes will participate ratably with all holders of our other unsecured indebtedness that is deemed to be of the same class as the notes. In that event, because the notes will not be secured by any of our assets, it is possible that our remaining assets may not be sufficient to satisfy your claims in full.

***There is no established public trading market for the notes.***

The notes will constitute a new issue of securities with no established trading market. Accordingly, there can be no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any market for the notes. The underwriters have advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the notes, but they are not obligated to do so and any market making with respect to the notes may be discontinued at any time without notice. Accordingly, there can be no assurance regarding any future development of a trading market for the notes or the ability of holders of the notes to sell their notes at all or the price at which such holders may be able to sell their notes. If a trading market were to develop, the notes may trade at prices that are higher or lower than their initial offering price, depending on many factors, including prevailing interest rates, our operating results and financial condition and the market for similar securities.

***We may not be able to repurchase the notes upon a change of control repurchase event.***

As described under **Description of notes** **Purchase of notes upon a change of control repurchase event**, we will be required to offer to repurchase the notes upon the occurrence of a change of control repurchase event. We may not have sufficient funds to repurchase the notes in cash at such time or have the ability to arrange necessary financing on acceptable terms. In addition, our ability to repurchase the notes for cash may be limited by law or the terms of other agreements relating to our indebtedness outstanding at the time.

**Risks related to our business and industry**

***Our operating results may fluctuate due to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control.***

Our annual and quarterly operating results are affected by a number of factors, including:

- adverse changes in current macro-economic conditions, both in the U.S. and internationally;
- the level and timing of customer orders;
- the level of capacity utilization of our manufacturing facilities and associated fixed costs;

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the composition of the costs of revenue between materials, labor and manufacturing overhead;

price competition;

changes in demand for our products or services;

changes in demand in our customers' end markets;

our exposure to financially troubled customers;

our level of experience in manufacturing a particular product;

the degree of automation used in our assembly process;

the efficiencies achieved in managing inventories and fixed assets;

fluctuations in materials costs and availability of materials;

adverse changes in political conditions, both in the U.S. and internationally, including among other things, adverse changes in tax laws and rates (and the governments' interpretations thereof), adverse changes in trade policies and adverse changes in fiscal and monetary policies;

seasonality in customers' product requirements; and

the timing of expenditures in anticipation of increased sales, customer product delivery requirements and shortages of components or labor.

The volume and timing of orders placed by our customers vary due to variation in demand for our customers' products; our customers' attempts to manage their inventory; electronic design changes; changes in our customers' manufacturing strategies; and acquisitions of or consolidations among our customers. In addition, our consumer related business is subject to seasonal influences. We may realize greater revenue during our first fiscal quarter due to high demand for consumer products during the holiday selling season. In the past, changes in customer orders that reduce net revenue have had a significant effect on our results of operations as a result of our overhead remaining relatively fixed while our net revenue decreased. Any one or a combination of these factors could adversely affect our annual and quarterly results of operations in the future. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended August 31, 2010 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

***Because we depend on a limited number of customers, a reduction in sales to any one of our customers could cause a significant decline in our revenue.***

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010, our five largest customers accounted for approximately 45% of our net revenue and our top 48 customers accounted for approximately 90% of our net revenue. We currently depend, and expect to continue to depend, upon a relatively small number of customers for a significant percentage of our net revenue and upon their growth, viability and financial stability. If any of our customers experience a decline in the demand for their products due to economic or other forces, they may reduce their purchases from us or terminate their relationship with us. Our customers' industries have experienced rapid technological change, shortening of product life cycles, consolidation, and pricing and



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margin pressures. Consolidation among our customers may further reduce the number of customers that generate a significant percentage of our net revenue and exposes us to increased risks relating to dependence on a small number of customers. A significant reduction in sales to any of our customers or a customer exerting significant pricing and margin pressures on us could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In the past, some of our customers have terminated their manufacturing arrangements with us or have significantly reduced or delayed the volume of design, production, product management or aftermarket services ordered from us, including moving a portion of their manufacturing from us in order to more fully utilize their excess internal manufacturing capacity.

Our revenues declined in 2009 as consumers and businesses postponed spending in response to tighter credit, negative financial news, declines in income or asset values or general uncertainty about global economic conditions. These economic conditions had a negative impact on our results of operations over this period and similar conditions may exist in the future. In addition, some of our customers have moved a portion of their manufacturing from us in order to more fully utilize their excess internal manufacturing capacity. We cannot assure you that present or future customers will not terminate their design, production, product management and aftermarket services arrangements with us or significantly change, reduce or delay the amount of services ordered from us. If they do, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, we generate significant accounts receivable in connection with providing design, production, product management and aftermarket services to our customers. If one or more of our customers were to become insolvent (which two of our customers experienced in fiscal year 2009) or otherwise were unable to pay for the services provided by us on a timely basis, or at all, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected. Such adverse effects could include one or more of the following: a decline in revenue, a charge for bad debts, a charge for inventory write-offs, a decrease in inventory turns, an increase in days in inventory and an increase in days in trade accounts receivable.

Certain of the industries to which we provide services have recently experienced significant financial difficulty, with some of the participants filing for bankruptcy. Such significant financial difficulty has negatively affected our business and, if further experienced by one or more of our customers, may further negatively affect our business due to the decreased demand of these financially distressed customers, the potential inability of these companies to make full payment on amounts owed to us, or both. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2010 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and Risk factors Risks related to our business and industry We face certain risks in collecting our trade accounts receivable.

***Consolidation in industries that utilize electronics components may adversely affect our business.***

Consolidation in industries that utilize electronics components may further increase as companies combine to achieve further economies of scale and other synergies, which could result in an increase in excess manufacturing capacity as companies seek to divest manufacturing operations or eliminate duplicative product lines. Excess manufacturing capacity may increase pricing and competitive pressures for our industry as a whole and for us in particular. Consolidation could also result in an increasing number of very large companies offering products in multiple industries. The significant purchasing power and market power of these large companies could increase pricing and competitive pressures for us. If one of our customers is acquired by another

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company that does not rely on us to provide services and has its own production facilities or relies on another provider of similar services, we may lose that customer's business. Such consolidation among our customers may further reduce the number of customers that generate a significant percentage of our net revenue and exposes us to increased risks relating to dependence on a small number of customers. Any of the foregoing results of industry consolidation could adversely affect our business.

***Our customers face numerous competitive challenges, such as decreasing demand from their customers, rapid technological change and short life cycles for their products, which may materially adversely affect their business, and also ours.***

Factors affecting the industries that utilize electronics components in general, and our customers specifically, could seriously harm our customers and, as a result, us. These factors include:

recessionary periods in our customers' markets;

the inability of our customers to adapt to rapidly changing technology and evolving industry standards, which contributes to short product life cycles;

the inability of our customers to develop and market their products, some of which are new and untested;

the potential that our customers' products become obsolete;

the failure of our customers' products to gain widespread commercial acceptance;

increased competition among our customers and their respective competitors, which may result in a loss of business, or a reduction in pricing power, for our customers; and

new product offerings by our customers' competitors may prove to be more successful than our customers' product offerings.

At times our customers have been, and may be in the future, unsuccessful in addressing these competitive challenges, or any others that they may face, and their business has been, and may be in the future, materially adversely affected, and as a result, the demand for our services has at times declined and may decline in the future. Even if our customers are successful in responding to these challenges, their responses may have consequences which affect our business relationships with our customers (and possibly our results of operations) by altering our production cycles and inventory management.

***The success of our business is dependent on both our ability to independently keep pace with technological changes and competitive conditions in our industry, and also our ability to effectively adapt our services in response to our customers keeping pace with technological changes and competitive conditions in their respective industries.***

If we are unable to offer technologically advanced, cost effective, quick response manufacturing services, demand for our services will decline. In addition, if we are unable to offer services in response to our customers' changing requirements, then demand for our services will also decline. A substantial portion of our net revenue is derived from our offering of complete service solutions for our customers. For example, if we fail to maintain high-quality design and engineering services, our net revenue may significantly decline.

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***Most of our customers do not commit to long-term production schedules, which makes it difficult for us to schedule production and capital expenditures, and to maximize the efficiency of our manufacturing capacity.***

The volume and timing of sales to our customers may vary due to:

variation in demand for our customers' products;  
our customers' attempts to manage their inventory;  
electronic design changes;  
changes in our customers' manufacturing strategy; and  
acquisitions of or consolidations among customers.

Due in part to these factors, most of our customers do not commit to firm production schedules for more than one quarter. Our inability to forecast the level of customer orders with certainty makes it difficult to schedule production and maximize utilization of manufacturing capacity. In the past, we have been required to increase staffing and other expenses in order to meet the anticipated demand of our customers. Anticipated orders from many of our customers have, in the past, failed to materialize or delivery schedules have been deferred as a result of changes in our customers' business needs, thereby adversely affecting our results of operations. On other occasions, our customers have required rapid increases in production, which have placed an excessive burden on our resources. Such customer order fluctuations and deferrals have had a material adverse effect on us in the past, including the most recent several fiscal quarters, and we may experience such effects in the future. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended August 31, 2010 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

In addition to our difficulty in forecasting customer orders, we sometimes experience difficulty forecasting the timing of our receipt of revenue and earnings following commencement of manufacturing an additional product for new or existing customers. The necessary process to begin this commencement of manufacturing can take from several months to more than a year before production begins. Delays in the completion of this process can delay the timing of our sales and related earnings. In addition, because we make capital expenditures during this ramping process and do not typically recognize revenue until after we produce and ship the customer's products, any delays or unanticipated costs in the ramping process may have a significant adverse effect on our cash flows and our results of operations.

***Our customers may cancel their orders, change production quantities, delay production or change their sourcing strategy.***

Our industry must provide increasingly rapid product turnaround for its customers. We generally do not obtain firm, long-term purchase commitments from our customers and we continue to experience reduced lead-times in customer orders. Customers have previously cancelled their orders, changed production quantities, delayed production and changed their sourcing strategy for a number of reasons, and may do one or more of these in the future. Such changes, delays and cancellations have led to, and may lead in the future to a decline in our production and our possession of excess or obsolete inventory which we may not be able to sell to the customer or a third party. This has resulted in, and could result in future additional, write downs of inventories that have become obsolete or exceed anticipated demand or net realizable value.

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The success of our customers' products in the market affects our business. Cancellations, reductions, delays or changes in sourcing strategy by a significant customer or by a group of customers have negatively impacted, and could further negatively impact in the future, our operating results by reducing the number of products that we sell, delaying the payment to us for inventory that we purchased and reducing the use of our manufacturing facilities which have associated fixed costs not dependent on our level of revenue.

In addition, we make significant decisions, including determining the levels of business that we will seek and accept, production schedules, component procurement commitments, personnel needs and other resource requirements, based on our estimate of customer requirements. The short-term nature of our customers' commitments, their uncertainty about future economic conditions, and the possibility of rapid changes in demand for their products reduce our ability to accurately estimate the future requirements of those customers. In addition, uncertainty about future economic conditions makes it difficult to forecast operating results and make production planning decisions about future periods.

On occasion, customers may require rapid increases in production, which can stress our resources and reduce operating margins. In addition, because many of our costs and operating expenses are relatively fixed, a reduction in customer demand can harm our gross profits and operating results.

***We depend on a limited number of suppliers for components that are critical to our manufacturing processes. A shortage of these components or an increase in their price could interrupt our operations and reduce our profits, increase our inventory carrying costs, increase our risk of exposure to inventory obsolescence and cause us to purchase components of a lesser quality.***

Most of our significant long-term customer contracts permit quarterly or other periodic adjustments to pricing based on decreases and increases in component prices and other factors, however we typically bear the risk of component price increases that occur between any such re-pricings or, if such re-pricing is not permitted, during the balance of the term of the particular customer contract. Accordingly, certain component price increases could adversely affect our gross profit margins. Almost all of the products we manufacture require one or more components that are only available from a single source. Some of these components are allocated from time to time in response to supply shortages. In some cases, supply shortages will substantially curtail production of all assemblies using a particular component. A supply shortage can also increase our cost of goods sold, as a result of our having to pay higher prices for components in limited supply, and cause us to have to redesign or reconfigure products to accommodate a substitute component. In addition, at various times industry-wide shortages of electronic components have occurred, particularly of semiconductor, relay and capacitor products. These shortages have resulted in a delay in the realization of an incremental amount of revenue, which, if realized in fiscal year 2010, would have likely had a positive impact on our gross profit and net income. Some shortages are occurring currently, and may continue to occur. We believe these shortages may be due to increased economic activity following recent recessionary conditions. In the past, such circumstances have produced insignificant levels of short-term interruption of our operations, but could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the future. Our production of a customer's product could be negatively impacted by any quality or reliability issues with any of our component suppliers. The financial condition of our suppliers could affect their ability to supply us with components which could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

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In addition, if a component shortage is threatened or we anticipate one, we may purchase such component early to avoid a delay or interruption in our operations. A possible result of such an early purchase is that we may incur additional inventory carrying costs, for which we may not be compensated, and have a heightened risk of exposure to inventory obsolescence, the cost of which may not be recoverable from our customers. Such costs would adversely affect our gross profit and net income. A component shortage may also require us to look to second tier vendors or to procure components through brokers with whom we are not familiar. These components may be of lesser quality than those we've historically purchased and could cause us to incur costs to bring such components up to our typical quality levels or to replace defective ones. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Business Components Procurement contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended August 31, 2010 and incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

***Introducing programs requiring implementation of new competencies, including new process technology within our mechanical operations, could affect our operations and financial results.***

The introduction of programs requiring implementation of new competencies, including new process technology within our mechanical operations, presents challenges in addition to opportunities. Deployment of such programs may require us to invest significant resources and capital in facilities, equipment and/or personnel. We may not meet our customers' expectations or otherwise execute properly or in a cost-efficient manner, which could damage our customer relationships and result in remedial costs or the loss of our invested capital and anticipated revenues and profits. In addition, there are risks of market acceptance and product performance that could result in less demand than anticipated and our having excess capacity. The failure to ensure that our agreed