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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

McCormick & Company, Incorporated
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of

52-0408290
(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

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Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee (2)(3)
Common Stock, no par value				
Common Stock Non-Voting, no par value				
Debt Securities				

- (1) Also includes such indeterminate amount of securities as may be issued upon conversion of, or in exchange for, or upon exercise of, or pursuant to, convertible or exchangeable securities that provide for exercise or conversion into or purchase of such securities of the registrant. Separate consideration may or may not be received for any securities so issued upon conversion, exchange or redemption.
- (2) The registrant is deferring payment of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 456(b) and is omitting this information in reliance on Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r). Any registration fees will be paid subsequently on a pay-as-you-go basis in accordance with Rule 457(r).
- (3) Omitted pursuant to General Instruction II.E of Form S-3.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 relates to the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-207757) of McCormick & Company, Incorporated, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) and became effective on November 2, 2015. It is being filed with the SEC in order to register, in addition to the class of securities originally registered, additional classes of securities and to file or incorporate by reference additional related exhibits. The existing base prospectus, dated November 2, 2015 that currently forms part of the registration statement, is being replaced in its entirety by the base prospectus filed with this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 will become effective immediately upon filing with the SEC.

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PROSPECTUS

McCormick & Company, Incorporated

Common Stock

Common Stock Non-Voting

Debt Securities

We may offer and sell from time to time, together or separately, shares of our common stock, no par value (Common Stock), shares of our common stock non-voting, no par value (Common Stock Non-Voting), and together with the Common Stock, the Equity Securities) or debt securities described in this prospectus (Debt Securities), and together with the Equity Securities, the Securities). This prospectus may not be used to sell Securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. The accompanying prospectus supplement will specify the terms of the Securities.

We may sell these Securities through agents designated from time to time, through underwriters or dealers or we may sell them directly ourselves. The names of the underwriters or agents will be set forth in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

The Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MKC-V and the Common Stock Non-Voting is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MKC .

See Risk Factors on page 4 herein and, if applicable, in the accompanying prospectus supplement for risks relating to an investment in our Securities.

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

Prospectus dated August 7, 2017

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this process, we may offer and sell any combination of the Securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

We have not authorized anyone to give any information or to make any representations concerning the Securities we may offer except those which are in this prospectus, the prospectus supplement which is delivered with this prospectus, any document incorporated by reference into this prospectus or such prospectus supplement, or any free writing prospectus that we may authorize or provide to you. If anyone gives any other information or representation, you should not rely on it. This prospectus is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the Securities which are referred to in the prospectus supplement. This prospectus is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy Securities in any circumstances in which the offer or solicitation is unlawful. You should not interpret the delivery of this prospectus, or any sale of Securities, as an indication that there has been no change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. We have omitted parts of the registration statement as permitted by the Commission's rules and regulations. For further information, we refer you to the information under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation by Reference**.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the Securities we may offer. Each time we sell any of the Securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement and/or a free writing prospectus that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering and the securities being offered. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus together with the additional information described under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation by Reference**.

When we refer to McCormick, we, us or our in this prospectus, we mean McCormick & Company, Incorporated and its subsidiaries or, as the context may require, McCormick & Company, Incorporated only.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the information incorporated by reference in it 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). We intend the forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements in these sections.

Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning our expected financial position and operating results, our business strategy, our financing plans, our future capital requirements, forecasted demographic and economic trends relating to our industry, the Acquisition (as defined herein) and the timing and financing thereof, the ability to obtain regulatory approvals and meet other closing conditions for the Acquisition, certain transition services expected to be received in connection with the Acquisition and our ability to realize anticipated cost savings and other benefits from the Acquisition and to recover Acquisition-related costs, and similar matters.

These statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the statements.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by our use of forward-looking words such as may, will, would, should, anticipate, estimate, expect, plan, believe, predict, project, potential or intend. that these statements are based on our views, expectations and assumptions at the time. Actual events or results may differ substantially.

Important factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from our forward-looking statements include:

damage to our reputation or brand name, loss of brand relevance;

increased use of private label or other competitive products;

product quality, labeling or safety concerns;

negative publicity about our products;

business interruptions due to natural disasters or unexpected events;

actions by, and the financial condition of, competitors and customers;

our ability to achieve expected and/or needed cost savings or margin improvements;

negative employee relations;

increased consolidation of our customers and the broader industry could present a challenge to margin growth and profitability;

issues affecting our supply chain and raw materials, including fluctuations in the cost and availability of raw and packaging materials;

governmental regulation, and changes in legal and regulatory requirements and enforcement practices;

global economic and financial conditions generally, including the availability of financing, and interest and inflation rates;

the investment return on retirement plan assets, and the costs associated with pension obligations;

foreign currency fluctuations;

the stability of credit and capital markets;

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the impact that a downgrade in our credit ratings may have on our business;

risks associated with our information technology systems, and the threat of data breaches and cyber attacks

fundamental changes in tax law;

volatility in our effective tax rate;

climate change;

infringement of our intellectual property rights, and those of customers;

litigation, legal and administrative proceedings;

the lack of successful acquisition and integration of new businesses, including issues or delays in the successful integration of the Acquired Business operations, systems and personnel with those of McCormick, including incurring or experiencing unanticipated costs, liabilities and/or delays or difficulties;

risks associated with acquisitions generally, such as the inability to obtain, or delays in obtaining, required approvals under applicable antitrust legislation and other regulatory and third party consents and approvals;

failure to retain key management and employees of the Acquired Business;

difficulties or delays in the successful transition of the Acquired Business information technology systems to those of McCormick;

future levels of revenues being lower than expected and costs being higher than expected;

failure or inability to implement growth strategies in a timely manner;

unfavorable reaction to the Acquisition by customers, competitors, suppliers and employees; and

other factors discussed in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein under the caption Risk Factors.

We caution you that any forward-looking statements made by us are not guarantees of future performance. You should keep in mind that any forward-looking statement we make in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, any free-writing prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference or elsewhere speaks only as of the date on which we make it. New risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict these events or how they may affect us. In any event, these and other important factors, including those set forth under the caption Risk Factors in a prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference, may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by our forward-looking statements. We have no duty, and do not intend, to update or revise the forward-looking statements we make in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference or elsewhere, except as may be required by law. In light of these risks and uncertainties, you should keep in mind that the future events or circumstances described in any forward-looking statement we make in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, the documents incorporated by reference or elsewhere might not occur.

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RISK FACTORS

An investment in the Securities involves a high degree of risk. We urge you to carefully consider the risks identified in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and, if applicable, in any accompanying prospectus supplement used in connection with an offering of the Securities, before making an investment decision, including those risks identified under **Risk Factors** in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2016, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and which may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the Commission in the future. Additional risks, including those that related to any particular Securities we offer, may be included in the applicable prospectus supplement, any document incorporated by reference into this prospectus or such prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus that we may authorize or provide to you.

Our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The market or trading price of the Securities could decline due to any of these risks.

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OUR COMPANY

We are a global leader in flavor, with the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of spices, seasoning mixes, condiments and other flavorful products to the entire food industry. Customers range from retailers and food manufacturers to food service businesses. Our major sales, distribution and production facilities are located in North America, Europe and China. Additional facilities are based in Australia, Mexico, India, Singapore, Central America, Thailand and South Africa. In fiscal year 2016, 42% of our sales were generated in foreign countries.

We sell to retailers, including grocery, mass merchandise, warehouse clubs, discount and drug stores, as well as food manufacturers and the foodservice industry (both directly and through distributors) under the McCormick® brand and a variety of brands around the world, including Lawry®, Zatarain®, Simply Asia®, Thai Kitchen®, Ducros®, Vahiné®, Schwartz®, Club House®, Kamis®, Kohinoor®, DaQiao®, Drogheria & Alimentari®, Stubb®, OLD BAY®, Kitchen Basics®, Gourmet Garden®, Brand Aromatics® and Giotti®.

As of November 30, 2016, we had a worldwide workforce of approximately 10,500 full-time employees. Our principal executive offices are located at 18 Loveton Circle, Sparks, Maryland 21152 (telephone: 410-771-7301).

On July 18, 2017, we entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Acquisition Agreement") with The R.T. French's Food Group Limited, a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales, Reckitt Benckiser LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (together with The R.T. French's Food Group Limited, the "Sellers"), and Reckitt Benckiser Group plc ("Sellers Parent"). Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, at the closing, we will acquire 100% of the outstanding equity interests of each of (i) The French's Food Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("French's US"), (ii) The French's Food Company, Inc., a Canadian corporation ("French's Canada"), (iii) The R.T. French's Food Company Limited, a private limited company incorporated in England and Wales ("French's UK"), and (iv) Tiger's Milk LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Tiger's Milk"), and together with French's US, French's Canada and French's UK, the "Acquired Business"), which we refer to as the "Acquisition." The aggregate purchase price payable by us is \$4.2 billion in cash, subject to customary purchase price adjustments related to the amount of the Acquired Business's cash, debt, net working capital, and transaction expenses as described in the Acquisition Agreement.

The Acquisition Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, and covenants of the Sellers, Sellers Parent, and us. From the date of the Acquisition Agreement until the closing of the transaction, the Sellers are required to operate the Acquired Business's business in the ordinary course and to comply with certain covenants regarding the operation of the business. The obligations of the Sellers under the Acquisition Agreement are guaranteed by the Sellers Parent. The closing of the transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including the expiration or early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended. The Acquisition Agreement also contains certain rights to terminate the agreement prior to the closing, including the right of either McCormick or the Sellers to terminate the transaction (i) if the closing has not occurred on or before 5:00 p.m. New York City time on January 18, 2018 (subject to certain extension rights), (ii) if closing would violate a final, non-appealable order of a governmental authority having competent jurisdiction, (iii) in the event of certain material breaches of the Acquisition Agreement by the other party or parties, as applicable, and a right of the Sellers to terminate in specified circumstances if all of the closing conditions are satisfied or are reasonably capable of being satisfied and McCormick has failed to consummate the Acquisition. We have agreed to pay Sellers a termination fee of \$210 million upon termination of the Acquisition Agreement under specified circumstances relating to the failure to obtain antitrust clearance or a breach by us of our antitrust efforts covenant. Our obligation to consummate the transaction is not subject to any condition related to the availability of financing.

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RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges was 7.82 for the six months ended May 31, 2017 and 9.97, 8.95, 10.04, 8.67 and 9.28 for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. For the purpose of this ratio, earnings consist of income from consolidated operations before income taxes, plus fixed charges (net of capitalized interest), amortization of capitalized interest and dividends from unconsolidated subsidiaries. Fixed charges consist of interest, whether expensed or capitalized (including amortization of debt discount), and that portion of rental expense that is representative of interest. You should read this information in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as may be described otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we expect to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities under this prospectus for general corporate purposes, including refinancing existing indebtedness, future acquisitions, capital expenditures and working capital. Until we apply the net proceeds for specific purposes, we may invest such net proceeds in short-term or marketable securities.

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DESCRIPTION OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The description below summarizes the general terms of the Equity Securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. This section is a summary, and it does not describe every aspect of the Equity Securities. This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended and restated (the Charter), and our Amended and Restated By-Laws (the By-Laws), each as may be amended from time to time. See Where You Can Find More Information.

General

We have two classes of common stock:

common stock, without par value (Common Stock), of which 320,000,000 shares are authorized; and

common stock non-voting, without par value (Common Stock Non-Voting), of which 320,000,000 shares are authorized.

As of May 31, 2017, there were 11,208,140 shares of our Common Stock outstanding and 113,389,116 shares of our Common Stock Non-Voting outstanding.

Holders of Common Stock have full voting rights, except that:

the voting rights of persons who are deemed by the board of directors to own, directly or indirectly, beneficially 10% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (a Substantial Stockholder) are limited to 10% of the votes entitled to be cast by all holders of shares of Common Stock regardless of how many shares in excess of 10% are held by such person;

we have the right to redeem, at any time, any or all shares of Common Stock and Common Stock Non-Voting beneficially owned by any Substantial Stockholder, unless such person acquires more than 90% of the then outstanding shares of each class of our common stock; and

at such time as a Substantial Stockholder beneficially owns shares of Common Stock which entitle such Substantial Stockholder to cast more than 50% of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of outstanding shares of Common Stock (taking into account the vote limitation on Substantial Stockholders described above), automatically, on a share-for-share basis, all shares of Common Stock Non-Voting will convert into shares of Common Stock.

Any amendment, alteration, change or repeal of the foregoing provisions, in addition to any other vote or approval required under the Charter or applicable law, requires:

the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all of the then outstanding shares of Common Stock, voting as a single class, and

the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the then outstanding shares of Common Stock Non-Voting, voting as a separate class.

Except as set forth above, holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share of Common Stock on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders. Any shares beneficially owned by a Substantial Stockholder in excess of 10% of outstanding shares of Common Stock that are subject to the Substantial Stockholder vote limitation described above are excluded from the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding for the purposes of (i) establishing a quorum and (ii) determining the proportion of Common Stock required to approve a matter.

Each share of Common Stock Non-Voting has exactly the same rights, terms and conditions as each share of Common Stock, except that holders of shares of Common Stock Non-Voting have no voting rights, except with respect to:

a consolidation of the Company with another corporation;

a merger of the Company into another corporation;

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a merger of the Company where the Company is the surviving corporation but the capital stock of the Company is converted into other securities or property;

a participation by the Company in a statutory share exchange whereby the capital stock of the Company is converted into other securities or property;

a dissolution of the Company;

a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company not in the ordinary course of business; and

any amendment of the Charter repealing the right of the Common Stock Non-Voting to vote on any of the foregoing matters.

On matters on which holders of Common Stock Non-Voting are entitled to vote, holders of Common Stock Non-Voting are entitled to one vote per share of Common Stock Non-Voting on all such matters. As to any matter on which holders of Common Stock Non-Voting and Common Stock are entitled to vote, the Common Stock Non-Voting shall vote separately as one class, and the Common Stock shall vote separately as another class.

The voting rights of holders of Common Stock Non-Voting cannot be repealed except by:

the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock Non-Voting, voting separately as one class, and

the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all the outstanding shares of the Common Stock (taking into account the vote limitation on Substantial Stockholders described above), voting separately as another class.

The provisions of the Charter providing that the Common Stock and the Common Stock Non-Voting vote as separate classes cannot be amended, altered, changed or repealed except by:

the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the total number of votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all the then outstanding shares of Common Stock (taking into account the vote limitation on Substantial Stockholders described above), voting separately as one class, and

the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 80% of the then outstanding shares of Common Stock Non-Voting, voting separately as another class.

Except as set forth above, holders of the Equity Securities, solely by virtue of their holdings, do not have conversion rights or preemptive rights to subscribe for or purchase any shares of any class, or to any security convertible into shares of stock of the Company, which we may issue in the future.

The Company may, but is not obligated to, allow shareholders to exchange shares of Common Stock for shares of Common Stock Non-Voting on a one-for-one basis. However, we generally do not issue shares of Common Stock in exchange for shares of Common Stock Non-Voting. In certain circumstances, we issue shares of Common Stock in exchange for shares of Common Stock Non-Voting, or issue shares of Common Stock Non-Voting in exchange for shares of Common Stock, typically, in connection with the administration of our employee benefit plans, executive compensation programs and dividend reinvestment/direct purchase plans. Holders who choose to exchange their shares will not receive any consideration for such exchanges, other than shares of Common Stock Non-Voting or Common Stock, as applicable.

Both classes of our common stock are entitled to dividends that may be declared by the board of directors from time to time out of the surplus or profits of the Company, after providing for dividends on preferred stock.

The Maryland General Corporation Law, or the MGCL, provides that our stockholders are generally not obligated to us or our creditors with respect to our stock, except to the extent that the subscription price or other agreed upon consideration has not been paid.

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Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of both classes of stock shall be entitled to receive, share for share with the other holders of shares of Common Stock and Common Stock Non-Voting on a pro rata basis, all assets then legally available for distribution after payment of debts and liabilities and preferences on preferred stock outstanding, if any.

Listing

The Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MKC-V and the Common Stock Non-Voting is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MKC .

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for the Equity Securities is Wells Fargo Shareowner Services Incorporated.

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CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND LAW AND OUR CHARTER AND BYLAWS

The following summarizes certain material provisions of Maryland law and our Charter and By-Laws. Copies of our Charter and By-Laws are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

The MGCL and our Charter and By-Laws contain provisions that could make it difficult for a potential acquirer to acquire us and discourage certain coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and may encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to negotiate first with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of these provisions outweigh the potential disadvantages of discouraging any such acquisition proposals because, among other things, the negotiation of such proposals may improve their terms.

Number of Directors; Vacancies; Removal

Our By-Laws provide that the number of directors will be not less than six and not more than twenty (20). Our By-Laws provide that a majority of our entire board of directors may at any time increase or decrease the number of directors. However, unless our By-Laws are amended by the board of directors, the number of directors may never be more than twenty (20). Our By-Laws currently provide that any vacancy caused by the death or resignation of a director or the removal of a director by the stockholders without appointing another director in his or her place may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, and that a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of directors must be filled by a majority of the entire board of directors. Any individual elected to fill such vacancy will serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until a successor is duly elected and qualifies.

Our board of directors is not currently classified. However, it would be permissible under the MGCL for our board of directors to classify or declassify itself without stockholder approval.

The holders of Common Stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors.

Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

The Charter provides that the board of directors may classify or reclassify any unissued stock into one or more classes or series of common stock or preferred stock by setting or changing the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, or limitations as to dividends, qualifications, or terms or conditions of redemption of the shares. These additional shares may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital or to facilitate acquisitions.

One of the effects of the existence of unissued and unreserved common stock and preferred stock may be to enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which issuance could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of the Company by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of the Company's management and possibly deprive the stockholders of opportunities to sell their shares at prices higher than prevailing market prices. Although we have no present intention of doing so, these actions can be taken without stockholder approval, unless stockholder approval is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded. The New York Stock Exchange currently requires stockholder approval as a prerequisite to listing shares in several instances, including where the present or potential issuance of shares could result in an increase in the number of shares of common stock or in the amount of voting securities outstanding by at least 20%. If the approval of our stockholders is not required for the issuance of our common stock or preferred stock, our board of directors may determine not to seek stockholder approval.

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Special Meetings of Stockholders

Our By-Laws provide that a special meeting may be called, for any purpose or purposes, by the chairman of the board of directors or the president or by a majority of the board of directors. In addition, our By-Laws provide that a special meeting shall be called by the secretary if the holders of not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at such special meeting deliver to the secretary one or more written demands for a special meeting, describing the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is to be held and the matters proposed to be acted on at such meeting.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals

Our By-Laws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors. Our By-Laws may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if the proper procedures are not followed. These provisions may also discourage or deter a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquirer's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to obtain control of our company.

Action by Stockholders

Under the MGCL, stockholders may take any action that may be taken at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders by unanimous written consent.

Dissolution

Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge or consolidate with, or convert into, another entity, sell all or substantially all of its assets or engage in a statutory share exchange or engage in a similar transaction outside the ordinary course of business unless advised by its board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

Indemnification and Limitation of Directors and Officers Liability

The MGCL permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages, except for liability resulting from:

actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services; or

active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment and which is material to the cause of action. Our Charter contains a provision that eliminates directors' and officers' liability for money damages to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law. These limitations of liability do not apply to liabilities arising under the federal securities laws and do not generally affect the availability of equitable remedies such as injunctive relief or rescission. Our By-laws require us to indemnify our directors and officers (and permit us to indemnify certain other parties) to the fullest extent permitted from time to time by Maryland law.

The MGCL requires a Maryland corporation to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that

capacity (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our Charter does not). The MGCL also permits a Maryland corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with

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any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (i) was committed in bad faith or (ii) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or

in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification (and then only for expenses). In addition, the MGCL permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of:

a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and

a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

We also maintain for the benefit of our directors and officers insurance covering certain liabilities asserted against or incurred by such persons in their capacity as, or as a result of their position as, director or officer. This insurance may afford protection for liabilities not subject to indemnification under our By-Laws and the MGCL.

Additionally, on March 26, 2014, we entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers, utilizing the standard form of indemnification agreement approved by the board of directors. The indemnification agreements require us to indemnify a director or an executive officer and to advance expenses on behalf of such director or executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and establish the procedures by which a director or an executive officer may request and receive indemnification. The agreements are in addition to other rights to which a director may be entitled under our Charter, By-Laws, and applicable law.

Control Share Acquisitions

The Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act (the "Control Share Acquisition Act") provides that control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Shares owned by the acquiring person, by officers of the corporation or by directors who are employees of the corporation are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter.

Control shares are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquiring person or in respect of which the acquiring person is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except

solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquiring person to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power:

one-tenth or more but less than one-third;

one-third or more but less than a majority; or

a majority or more of all voting power.

Control shares do not include shares the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval. A control share acquisition means the acquisition of issued and

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outstanding control shares, but does not include the acquisition of shares, among others, (i) under the laws of descent and distribution, (ii) under the satisfaction of a pledge or other security interest created in good faith and not for the purpose of circumventing the Control Share Acquisition Act or (iii) pursuant to a merger, consolidation or share exchange effected under Subtitle 1 of the Control Share Acquisition Act if the corporation is a party to the merger, consolidation or share exchange.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition may compel the board of directors of the corporation to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. The right to compel the calling of a special meeting is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an undertaking to pay the expenses of the meeting. If no request for a meeting is made, the corporation may itself present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then the corporation may repurchase for fair value any or all of the control shares, except those for which voting rights have previously been approved. The right of the corporation to repurchase control shares is subject to certain conditions and limitations. Fair value is determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquiring person or of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of the shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquiring person becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquiring person in the control share acquisition.

The Control Share Acquisition Act does not apply to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or to acquisitions approved or exempted by the Charter or By-Laws of the corporation. We have not approved or exempted any individuals or transactions through such a provision.

Business Combinations

Under the MGCL, certain business combinations between a Maryland corporation and an Interested Stockholder (as defined in the MGCL) or an affiliate of an Interested Stockholder are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the Interested Stockholder became an Interested Stockholder, unless an exemption is available. Thereafter, in addition to the vote required by the MGCL and the Charter, a business combination must be recommended by the board of directors of the corporation and approved by the affirmative vote of at least (i) 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding voting shares of the corporation and (ii) two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding voting shares of the corporation other than shares held by the Interested Stockholder (or its affiliate) with whom the business combination is to be effected, unless the corporation's stockholders receive a minimum price (as defined in the MGCL) for their shares and the consideration is received in cash or in the same form as previously paid by the Interested Stockholder for its shares.

Maryland's business combination statute does not apply to business combinations that are approved or exempted by the board of directors prior to the time that the Interested Stockholder becomes an Interested Stockholder. In addition, Maryland's business combination statute does not apply to a corporation that opts out of the business combination statute through a provision in its articles of incorporation. We have not elected to opt out of Maryland's business combination statute through such a provision.

Unsolicited Takeovers Act

Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the MGCL permits a Maryland corporation with a class of equity securities registered under the Exchange Act and at least three independent directors, by provision in its charter or bylaws or a

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resolution of its board of directors, without obtaining stockholder approval and notwithstanding any contrary provision in the charter or bylaws, to elect to be governed by any or all of the following five provisions:

a classified board;

a two-thirds stockholder vote requirement for removing a director;

a requirement that the number of directors be fixed only by vote of the directors;

a requirement that a vacancy on the board of directors be filled only by the remaining directors and for the remainder of the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred; and

a majority requirement for the calling of a special meeting of stockholders.

We have not elected to be governed by these specific provisions, but we currently have more than three independent directors. Through provisions in our Charter and By-Laws unrelated to Subtitle 8, we already (a) vest in the board the exclusive power to fix the number of directorships and (b) allow stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting to call a special meeting. Our By-Laws currently provide that any vacancy caused by the death or resignation of a director or the removal of a director by the stockholders without appointing another director in his or her place may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors, and that a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of directors must be filled by a majority of the entire board of directors. Any individual elected to fill such vacancy will serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of the terms of the Debt Securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the Debt Securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The Debt Securities are to be issued under the Indenture (the Indenture), dated as of July 8, 2011, between McCormick and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the Trustee), a copy of which has been filed with the Commission as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We will include in a supplement to this prospectus and/or in a free writing prospectus or pricing supplement authorized by us, the specific terms of each series of Debt Securities being offered. The following summaries of certain provisions of the Indenture and the Debt Securities do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all provisions of the Indenture (including any amendments or supplements we may enter into from time to time) and the Debt Securities. Capitalized terms are defined in the Indenture unless otherwise defined herein. Wherever particular provisions or defined terms of the Indenture are referred to, such provisions or defined terms are incorporated herein by reference.

General

The Indenture does not limit the amount of Debt Securities which can be issued thereunder and provides that Debt Securities may be issued thereunder up to the aggregate principal amount which may be authorized from time to time by us. The Debt Securities will be unsecured and will rank on a parity with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of McCormick.

Reference is hereby made to the prospectus supplement relating to the applicable series of Debt Securities for the terms of such Debt Securities, including where applicable:

the principal amount offered;

the title of the securities of the series;

any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the securities of the series which may be authenticated and delivered under the Indenture;

the date or dates on which the principal of the securities is payable;

the rate or rates at which the securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, the interest payment dates on which such interest shall be payable and the regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;

the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on securities of the series shall be payable, any securities of that series may be surrendered for exchange and notices and demands to or upon McCormick in respect of the securities of that series and the Indenture may be served;

the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, the currency or currency unit in which, and the terms and conditions upon which securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of McCormick;

the obligation, if any, of McCormick to redeem or purchase securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, the currency or currency unit in which, and the terms and conditions upon which securities of the series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

if other than denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which securities of the series shall be issuable;

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if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to the Indenture;

any Events of Default and covenants of McCormick with respect to the securities of that series, whether or not such Events of Default or covenants are consistent with the Events of Default or covenants set forth in the Indenture;

if other than the currency of the United States of America, the currency or currency unit in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on the securities of that series shall be made or in which securities of that series shall be denominated and the particular provisions applicable thereto;

if the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the securities of that series are to be payable, at the election of McCormick or a holder thereof, in a currency or currency unit other than that in which such securities are denominated or stated to be payable, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made, and the time and manner of determining the exchange rate between the currency or currency unit in which such securities are denominated or stated to be payable and the currency or currency unit in which such securities are to be so payable;

if the amount of payments or principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on the securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index based on a currency or currency unit other than that in which securities are denominated or stated to be payable or any other index, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined; and

any other terms of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture). The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities and will be issued only in full registered form without coupons.

The terms of the Debt Securities do not afford holders of the Debt Securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving McCormick that may adversely affect holders of the Debt Securities.

Transfer and Exchange

The Debt Securities of a series may be issued in either registered form (Registered Securities) or global form. See Book-Entry Securities. Registered Securities may be separated into smaller denominations or combined into larger denominations, as long as the total principal amount is not changed. (Section 3.5 of the Indenture). This is called an exchange.

You may transfer Registered Securities of a series and you may exchange Debt Securities of a series at the office of the Trustee. The Trustee will act as our agent for registering Registered Securities in the names of holders and transferring Debt Securities. We may designate someone else to perform this function. Whoever maintains the list of registered holders is called the Security Registrar. The Security Registrar also will perform transfers. (Section 3.5 of the Indenture).

You will not be required to pay a service charge to transfer or exchange Debt Securities, but you may be required to pay for any tax or other governmental charge associated with the exchange or transfer. The transfer or exchange will be made only if the Security Registrar is satisfied with your proof of ownership. (Section 3.5 of the Indenture).

If we designate additional transfer agents, we will name them in the accompanying prospectus supplement. We may cancel the designation of any particular transfer agent. We may also approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts.

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If we redeem less than all of the Debt Securities of a redeemable series, we may block the transfer or exchange of Registered Securities during the period beginning 15 days before the day of the selection for redemption of such Registered Securities and ending on the day of the mailing of the relevant notice of redemption in order to freeze the list of holders to prepare the mailing. We may also decline to register transfers or exchanges of Debt Securities selected for redemption, except that we will continue to permit transfers and exchanges of the unredeemed portion of any Debt Security being partially redeemed. (Section 3.5 of the Indenture).

If the offered Debt Securities are redeemable, we will describe the procedures for redemption in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

In this Transfer and Exchange section of this prospectus, you means direct holders and not indirect holders of Debt Securities.

Book-Entry Securities

The Debt Securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities (the Global Securities) which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the Depository) and registered in the name of the Depository s nominee. Except as set forth below, the Global Securities may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of the Depository or to a successor of the Depository or its nominee.

The Depository has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. The Depository was created to hold securities for its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among its participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. The Depository s participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of which (and/or their representatives) own the Depository. Access to the Depository s book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly. Persons who are not participants may beneficially own securities held by the Depository only through participants.

Upon the issuance of Debt Securities by us represented by the Global Securities, the Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the Debt Securities represented by such Global Securities to the accounts of participants. The accounts credited shall be initially designated by the underwriters or agents. If the Depository is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository, or if at any time there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default under the Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities, we will issue Debt Securities in certificated form in exchange for the Global Securities. In addition, we may at any time determine not to have Debt Securities represented by the Global Securities, and, in such event will issue Debt Securities in certificated form in exchange for the Global Securities representing such Debt Securities. In any such instance, an owner of a beneficial interest in the Global Securities will be entitled to physical delivery in certificated form of Debt Securities equal in principal amount to such beneficial interest and to have such Debt Securities registered in its name.

Certain of Our Covenants

Limitations on Liens

Except as described below under Exempted Indebtedness , we covenant that we will not, nor will we permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, assume or suffer to exist any mortgage, security interest, pledge or

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lien (Lien) of or upon any Principal Property or any shares of capital stock or evidences of indebtedness for borrowed money issued by any Restricted Subsidiary and owned by us or any Restricted Subsidiary, without providing that the Debt Securities shall be secured equally and ratably by such Lien with any and all other indebtedness or obligations thereby secured, so long as such indebtedness or obligations shall be so secured.

This restriction does not apply to:

Liens that exist on the date of the Indenture;

Liens on property of any corporation existing at the time such corporation becomes a Subsidiary;

Liens in favor of us or any Subsidiary;

Liens in favor of governmental bodies to secure progress, advance or other payments pursuant to contract or statute or indebtedness incurred to finance all or a part of construction of or improvements to property subject to such Liens;

Liens on property existing at the time of acquisition thereof (including acquisition through merger or consolidation), and construction and improvement liens that are entered into within 180 days from the date of such construction or improvement, provided that in the case of construction or improvement the Lien shall not apply to any property theretofore owned by us or any Restricted Subsidiary except substantially unimproved real property on which the property so constructed or the improvement is located;

mechanics and similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of obligations not due or being contested in good faith;

Liens for taxes, assessments, or governmental charges or levies that are not delinquent or are being contested in good faith;

Liens arising from any legal proceedings that are being contested in good faith;

any Liens that (a) are incidental to the ordinary conduct of our business or the ownership of our properties and assets, (b) were not incurred in connection with the borrowing of money or the obtaining of advances or credit and (c) do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of our property or the property of any Subsidiary or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of our business;

Liens securing industrial development or pollution control bonds; and

Liens for the sole purpose of extending, renewing or replacing (or successively extending, renewing or replacing) in whole or in part any of the foregoing. (Section 10.7 of the Indenture).

Limitation on Sale and Leaseback

Except as described below under Exempted Indebtedness, we will not, nor will we permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing (as lessee) by us or any Restricted Subsidiary of any Principal Property (except for temporary leases for a term, including any renewal, of not more than three years and except for leases between us and a Restricted Subsidiary or between Restricted Subsidiaries) which property has been or is to be sold or transferred by us or a Restricted Subsidiary to such Person unless either:

we or such Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled, pursuant to the fifth and eleventh clauses of the covenant described under Limitations on Liens above, to incur a Lien on such property without equally and ratably securing the Debt Securities; or

the net proceeds of such sale are at least equal to the fair value of such property and we will apply an amount equal to the net proceeds of such sale to the retirement (other than any mandatory retirement or payment at maturity) of (a) Debt Securities (other than any retirement prohibited by the terms of any

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Debt Securities pursuant to prohibitions on advance refundings) or (b) our or a Restricted Subsidiary's Funded Debt ranking prior to or on a parity with the Debt Securities, within 120 days of the effective date of any such arrangement. (Section 10.8 of the Indenture).

Exempted Indebtedness

Notwithstanding the limitations on Liens and sale and leaseback transactions outlined above, we or any Restricted Subsidiary may create, assume or suffer to exist Liens or enter into sale and leaseback transactions not otherwise permitted as described above provided that at the time of such event, and after giving effect thereto, the sum of outstanding indebtedness for borrowed money of McCormick and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred after the date of the Indenture and secured by Liens not otherwise permitted as set forth above plus the Attributable Debt in respect of such sale and leaseback transactions entered into by McCormick and its Restricted Subsidiaries after the date of the Indenture not otherwise permitted as set forth above does not exceed 15% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets. (Sections 1.1, 10.7(b) and 10.8(b) of the Indenture).

Merger and Consolidation

We covenant that we will not merge, consolidate or convey, transfer or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety and we will not permit any Person (as defined in the Indenture) to consolidate with or merge into us or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to us unless, among other things:

the successor Person is McCormick or another corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia that assumes our obligations on the Debt Securities and under the Indenture,

immediately after giving effect to such transaction, McCormick or the successor Person would not be in default under the Indenture, and

if, as a result of any such consolidation or merger or such conveyance, transfer or lease, any Principal Property of McCormick would become subject to a Lien that would not be permitted by the Indenture, we or such successor Person takes such steps as are necessary effectively to secure the Debt Securities equally and ratably with (or, at our option, prior to) all indebtedness secured thereby. (Section 8.1 of the Indenture).

Except as described above, the Indenture does not contain any provisions that would afford holders of the Debt Securities protection in the event of:

a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving us;

a change in control or a change in our management; or

a reorganization, restructuring, merger or similar transaction involving us that may adversely affect the holders of the Debt Securities.

In addition, subject to the limitations set forth above, we may, in the future, enter into certain transactions such as the sale of our properties and assets substantially as an entirety or a merger or consolidation with another entity that could increase the amount of our indebtedness or otherwise adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations, which may have an adverse effect on our ability to service our indebtedness, including the Debt Securities. We have no present intention of engaging in a highly leveraged or similar transaction involving us.

Events of Default

An Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities is defined in the Indenture as being:

- (i) default for 30 days in the payment of any installment of interest on the Debt Securities;

- (ii) default in the payment of any principal of the Debt Securities;

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- (iii) default by McCormick in the performance of any other covenants or agreements in the Indenture contained therein for the benefit of the Debt Securities which shall not have been remedied for a period of 90 days after written notice of such default to McCormick by the Trustee or to McCormick and the Trustee by the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities;
- (iv) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of McCormick; or
- (v) any other Event of Default specified for a series in the applicable prospectus supplement. (Section 5.1 of the Indenture).

The Indenture provides that if an Event of Default under clause (i), (ii), (iii) or (v) above shall have occurred and be continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Debt Securities may declare the principal of all the Debt Securities, together with any accrued interest, to be due and payable immediately. (Section 5.2 of the Indenture). If an Event of Default under clause (iv) above shall have occurred and be continuing, then the principal of all the Debt Securities, together with any accrued interest, will be due and payable immediately without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any holder of a Debt Security. Upon certain conditions such declaration (including a declaration caused by a default in the payment of principal or interest, the payment for which has subsequently been provided) may be annulled by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities. (Sections 5.2 and 5.13 of the Indenture).

In addition, prior to the declaration of the acceleration of the maturity of the Debt Securities, past defaults may be waived by the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Debt Securities, except a default in the payment of principal of or interest on any Debt Security or in respect of a covenant or provision of the Indenture which cannot be modified or amended without the approval of the holder of each Debt Security. (Sections 5.2 and 5.13 of the Indenture).

The Indenture contains a provision entitling the Trustee, subject to the duty of the Trustee during default to act with the required standard of care, to be indemnified by the holders of Debt Securities issued thereunder before proceeding to exercise any right or power under the Indenture at the request of the holders of such Debt Securities. (Section 6.3 of the Indenture).

The Indenture also provides that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of a particular series issued thereunder and affected (each series voting as a separate class) may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Debt Securities of such series. (Section 5.12 of the Indenture).

The Indenture contains a covenant that McCormick will file annually with the Trustee a certificate as to the absence of any default or specifying any default that exists. (Section 10.9 of the Indenture).

Definitions

Attributable Debt with respect to any sale leaseback transaction that is subject to the restrictions described under Certain of our Covenants Limitation On Sale and Leaseback means the lesser of:

the total net amount of rent required to be paid during the remaining base term of the related lease or until the earliest date on which the lessee may terminate such lease upon payment of a penalty or a lump-sum termination payment (in which case the total net rent shall include such penalty or termination payment), discounted at the weighted average interest rate borne by the Outstanding Securities (as defined in the Indenture) under the Indenture, compounded semi-annually, or

the sale price of the property so leased multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the remaining base term of the related lease and the denominator of which is the base term of such lease.

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Consolidated Net Tangible Assets means the total assets of McCormick and its consolidated subsidiaries, including the investment in (at equity) and the net amount of advances to and accounts receivable from corporations which are not consolidated subsidiaries less the following:

current liabilities of McCormick and its consolidated subsidiaries, including an amount equal to indebtedness required to be redeemed by reason of any sinking fund payment due in 12 months or less from the date as of which current liabilities are to be determined;

all other liabilities of McCormick and its consolidated subsidiaries other than Funded Debt, deferred income taxes and liabilities for employee post-retirement health plans other than pensions recognized in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification No. 715-60;

all depreciation and valuation reserves and all other reserves (except for reserves for contingencies which have not been allocated to any particular purpose) of McCormick and its consolidated subsidiaries;

the book amount of all segregated intangible assets of McCormick and its consolidated subsidiaries, including, but without limitation, such items as goodwill, trademarks, trade names, patents and unamortized debt discount and expense less unamortized debt premium; and

appropriate adjustments on account of minority interests of other persons holding stock in subsidiaries. Consolidated Net Tangible Assets shall be determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Funded Debt means any indebtedness of McCormick or a Restricted Subsidiary (other than inter-company debt that is eliminated in consolidation) for borrowed money having a maturity of more than 12 months from the date such indebtedness was incurred or having a maturity of less than 12 months but by its terms being renewable or extendable beyond 12 months from the date such indebtedness was incurred at the option of the obligor.

Person means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

Principal Property means any manufacturing or processing plant or warehouse, together with the land upon which it is erected and any fixtures and equipment comprising a part thereof, owned by McCormick or any Restricted Subsidiary and located in the United States, the book value (net of depreciation) of which on the date as of which the determination is being made is an amount which exceeds 1% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets, other than any such manufacturing or processing plant or warehouse or any portion thereof or any such fixture or equipment (together with the land upon which it is erected and any fixtures and equipment comprising a part thereof) (i) which is financed by Industrial Development Bonds or (ii) which, in the opinion of our board of directors, is not of material importance to the total business conducted by us and our Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Restricted Subsidiary means any Subsidiary that owns, operates or leases one or more Principal Properties.

Subsidiary means each corporation of which we, or we and one or more Subsidiaries, or any one or more Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly own securities entitling the holders thereof to elect a majority of the directors, either at all times or so long as there is no default or contingency that permits the holders of any other class or classes of securities to vote for the election of one or more directors.

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Satisfaction and Discharge

The Indenture will cease to be of further effect (except as to surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, as expressly provided for in the Indenture) as to all Debt Securities of any given series when:

either:

all Debt Securities of such series theretofore authenticated and delivered (except lost, stolen or destroyed Debt Securities that have been replaced or paid) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, or

with respect to all Debt Securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, McCormick has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee funds or Government Obligations (as defined in the Indenture), or any combination thereof, in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the Debt Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for unpaid principal and interest to maturity;

McCormick has paid all other sums payable by it under the Indenture;

McCormick has delivered to the Trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that all conditions precedent under the Indenture to the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture have been complied with; and

if the Debt Securities of such series are not due and payable within one year of the date of such deposit, McCormick has delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the Debt Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times, as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred. (Article IV of the Indenture).

Covenant Defeasance

The terms of the Debt Securities provide that McCormick need not comply with certain restrictive covenants of the Indenture (including those described under "Certain of our Covenants" above) if:

McCormick deposits in trust with the Trustee money or Government Obligations, which through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money, in an amount sufficient to pay all the principal of and interest on the Debt Securities when due; and

McCormick delivers to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of Debt Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times, as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred. (Section 10.11 of the Indenture).

Modification and Waiver

Without the consent of any holder of the Debt Securities, McCormick and the Trustee may modify or amend the Indenture to clarify or to make certain other changes that would not adversely affect the legal rights of any holder. (Section 9.1 of the Indenture).

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With the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of the particular series affected, McCormick and the Trustee may modify or amend the Indenture; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest on, any Debt Security or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon, or change the coin or currency in which any Debt Security or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment after the stated maturity thereof;

reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding Debt Securities necessary to waive compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or to waive certain defaults; or

modify any of the provisions relating to supplemental indentures requiring the consent of holders or relating to the waiver of past defaults or relating to the waiver of certain covenants, except to increase the percentage of outstanding Debt Securities required for such actions or to provide that certain other provisions of the Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each Debt Security. (Section 9.2 of the Indenture).

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell Securities to or through underwriters and also may sell Securities directly to other purchasers or through agents.

The distribution of the Securities offered under the prospectus may occur from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

In connection with the sale of Securities, underwriters may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of Securities for whom they may act as agents in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions.

Underwriters may sell Securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of Securities offered under the prospectus may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act. Any underwriters or agents will be identified and their compensation (including underwriting discount) will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will also describe the other terms of the offering, including any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers and any securities exchanges on which the offered securities may be listed.

We may have agreements with the underwriters, dealers and agents to indemnify them against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make as a result of those certain liabilities.

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EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of McCormick & Company, Incorporated and subsidiaries appearing in McCormick & Company, Incorporated's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended November 30, 2016 (including the schedule appearing therein), and the effectiveness of McCormick & Company, Incorporated's internal control over financial reporting as of November 30, 2016 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are, and audited financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the respective dates (to the extent covered by consents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The audited combined historical financial statements of the Food Business included in McCormick & Company, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 7, 2017 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent accountants, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the Securities, including the validity of the Debt Securities, will be passed upon for McCormick by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, New York and for any agents or underwriters by Shearman & Sterling LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters as to Maryland law in connection with the Securities, including the validity of the Securities, will be passed upon for McCormick by DLA Piper LLP (US), Baltimore, Maryland.

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**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AND
INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. You may read and copy any document we file with the Commission at the Commission's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Commission's Public Reference Room by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our Commission filings are also available to the public from the Commission's web site at www.sec.gov. Our Commission filings are also available through our website at www.mccormickcorporation.com. Information on or connected to our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

The Commission allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus information contained in the documents we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the Commission. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the Commission will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the Commission under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act from the date of this prospectus until the completion of the offering in the relevant prospectus supplement to which this prospectus relates or this offering is terminated (in no event, however, will any of the information that we disclose under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K that we may from time to time furnish to the Commission be incorporated by reference into, or otherwise included in, this prospectus):

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2016 (including the portions of our definitive proxy statement for our 2017 annual meeting of shareholders incorporated by reference therein);

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, for the quarterly periods ended February 28, 2017 and May 31, 2017;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on January 10, 2017, January 24, 2017, April 3, 2017, May 24, 2017, July 19, 2017 and August 7, 2017;

the description of the Common Stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A dated August 30, 2001; and

the description of the Common Stock Non-Voting contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A dated April 26, 1999.

You may obtain a copy of these filings at no cost, by contacting us at any of the following:

McCormick & Company, Incorporated

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18 Loveton Circle, P.O. Box 6000

Sparks, Maryland 21152

Proxy materials: (800) 579-1639

Other materials: (800) 424-5855, (410) 771-7537

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Commission and does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. You will find additional information about us in the registration statement. Any statement made in this prospectus concerning a contract, agreement or other document of ours is only a summary and is not necessarily complete, and you should read the documents that are filed as exhibits to the registration statement or otherwise filed with the Commission for a more complete understanding of the document or matter involved. You may obtain copies of the registration statement, including exhibits, as noted in the first paragraph above.

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The following table is an estimate, subject to future contingencies, of the expenses to be incurred by the registrant in connection with the issuance and distribution of Securities being registered.

SEC Registration Fee	\$ (*)
Rating Agency Fees	(**)
Legal Fees and Expenses	(**)
Accounting Fees and Expenses	(**)
Printing and Engraving Expenses	(**)
Trustees and Transfer Agents Fees	(**)
Miscellaneous	(**)
Total	\$ (**)

(*) The registrant is deferring payment of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 456(b) and is omitting this information in reliance on Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r). Any registration fees will be paid subsequently on a pay-as-you-go basis in accordance with Rule 457(r).

(**) Estimated expenses not presently determinable.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Maryland General Corporation Law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages, except for liability resulting from:

actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services; or

active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment and which is material to the cause of action. The registrant's charter contains a provision that eliminates directors' and officers' liability for money damages to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law. The registrant's bylaws require the registrant to indemnify its directors and officers (and permit the registrant to indemnify certain other parties) to the fullest extent permitted from time to time by Maryland law.

The Maryland General Corporation Law requires a Maryland corporation to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the registrant's charter does not). The Maryland General Corporation Law also permits a Maryland corporation to indemnify its present and former

directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (i) was committed in bad faith or (ii) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or

in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was

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improperly received, unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification (and then only for expenses). In addition, the Maryland General Corporation Law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of:

a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and

a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

The registrant also maintains for the benefit of its directors and officers insurance covering certain liabilities asserted against or incurred by such persons in their capacity as, or as a result of their position as, director or officer. This insurance may afford protection for liabilities not subject to indemnification under the registrant's bylaws and the Maryland General Corporation Law.

Additionally, on March 26, 2014, the registrant entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers, utilizing the standard form of indemnification agreement approved by the board of directors. The indemnification agreements require the registrant to indemnify a director or an executive officer and to advance expenses on behalf of such director or executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and establish the procedures by which a director or an executive officer may request and receive indemnification. The agreements are in addition to other rights to which a director may be entitled under the registrant's charter, bylaws, and applicable law.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Registration Statement:

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1.1 ⁽¹⁾	Underwriting Agreement for Debt Securities.
1.2 ⁽¹⁾	Underwriting Agreement for Equity Securities.
2.1 ⁽²⁾	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated July 18, 2017, by and among McCormick & Company, Incorporated, The R.T. French's Food Group Limited, Reckitt Benckiser LLC, and Reckitt Benckiser Group plc. Disclosure schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Stock Purchase Agreement as filed identifies such schedules and exhibits, including the general nature of their contents. McCormick agrees to furnish a copy of any omitted attachment to the Securities and Exchange Commission on a confidential basis upon request.
3.1 ⁽³⁾	Restatement of Charter of McCormick & Company, Incorporated dated April 16, 1990.
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Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.
- provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part

of the registration statement;

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
- (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; and
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser, if the registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.
- (6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of an undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

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- (7) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (8) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- (9) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:
- (i) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
 - (ii) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (10) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act (Act) in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing a post-effective amendment on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Sparks, State of Maryland on this 7th day of August, 2017.

MCCORMICK & COMPANY,

INCORPORATED

By: /s/ Lawrence E. Kurzius
Lawrence E. Kurzius

Chairman, President & Chief Executive
Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons, in the capacities indicated below on this 7th day of August, 2017.

Signature	Title
/s/ Lawrence E. Kurzius Lawrence E. Kurzius	Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer
/s/ Michael R. Smith Michael R. Smith	Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
/s/ Christina M. McMullen Christina M. McMullen	Vice President and Controller, Chief Accounting Officer
* Michael Conway	Director
* J. Michael Fitzpatrick	Director
* Freeman A. Hrabowski, III	Director
* Patricia Little	Director

Michael D. Mangan	*	Director
Maritza G. Montiel	*	Director

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Signature	Title
* Margaret M. V. Preston	Director
Gary M. Rodkin	Director
* Jacques Tapiero	Director
Tony Vernon	Director
* Alan D. Wilson	Director

By: /s/ Jeffery D. Schwartz
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as Attorney-in-Fact

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