

CapitalSource Inc. Common Stock

We are selling 16,000,000 shares of our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol "CSE." The last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE on March 9, 2006 was \$23.82 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See the "Risk Factors" incorporated by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 before investing in these securities.

	Per Share	Total(1)
Public Offering Price	\$ 1.0575	\$413,600,000 \$ 17,554,500 \$396,045,500

(1) Includes 1,600,000 shares of our common stock that the underwriters will purchase pursuant to the exercise of their over-allotment option.

(2) The underwriters will not receive any underwriting discount or commission on the sale of 1,000,000 shares of our common stock to an affiliated purchaser.

Delivery of the shares of common stock will be made on or about March 15, 2006.

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

We have granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,600,000 additional shares of our common stock at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions, to cover over-allotments, if any. The underwriters have notified us that they will exercise the over-allotment option in full.

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Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc.		_
Deutsche Bank Secur		
	Harris Nesbitt Mo	organ Stanley
		SunTrust Robinson Humphrey
Banc of America Securities LLC		_
	JMP Securities	
Friedman Billings Ramsey Ferris, Baker Watts Incorporated		Piper Jaffray
	Midwest Securities	
	Keete	e, Bruyette & Woods Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P.

The date of this prospectus supplement is March 10, 2006.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus supplement.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information from this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. It does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. We encourage you to carefully read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, especially the "Risk Factors" section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, as well as the other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, before making an investment decision. The information presented in this prospectus supplement reflects the underwriters' exercise of their over-allotment option in full.

CapitalSource Inc.

We are a specialized finance company providing loans to small and medium-sized businesses. We also selectively make equity investments, engage in asset management and servicing activities and invest in residential mortgage assets. We intend to qualify as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") in 2006.

Through our commercial lending activities, our primary goal is to be the lender of choice for small and medium-sized businesses with annual revenues generally ranging from s5 million to s500 million that require customized and sophisticated debt financing. We provide a wide range of financial products that we negotiate and structure on a client-specific basis, through direct interaction with the owners and senior managers of our clients. We seek to add value to our clients' businesses by providing tailored financing that meets their specific business needs and objectives.

From our inception in September 2000 through December 31, 2005, we made 1,409 commercial loans representing an aggregate of \$9.2 billion of total loan commitments. As of December 31, 2005, we had \$6.0 billion in commercial loans outstanding and commitments to lend up to an additional \$3.2 billion to our clients.

Our principal executive office is located at 4445 Willard Avenue, 12th floor, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815, and our telephone number is (301) 841-2700. We maintain a website at www.capitalsource.com on which we post all reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, under Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We also post on this site our key corporate governance documents, including our board committee charters, our ethics policy and our principles of corporate governance. Information on our website is not, however, a part of this prospectus supplement.

The Offering

The following is a brief summary of certain terms of this offering. For a more complete description of our common stock, see "Description of Capital Stock" in the accompanying prospectus.

Issuer	CapitalSource Inc.
Common stock offered to the public	16,000,000 shares including 1,000,000 shares of our common stock that affiliates of Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C., which is an affiliate of two members of our board of directors as well as a significant stockholder, have agreed to purchase. In this prospectus, we refer to the affiliates of Farallon Capital Manage- ment, L.L.C. collectively as an "affiliated purchaser."
Shares subject to the over-allotment option	1,600,000
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	171,851,810 shares
Use of proceeds	Our net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$395,470,500 million, which reflects the underwriters' exercise of their over-allotment option in full, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other estimated expenses of this offering. We intend to use all of the net proceeds of the offering to repay indebtedness under one of our credit facilities. Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., and Harris Nesbitt Corp., three of the underwriters, or one or more of their respective affiliates, are lenders under that facility and may receive more than 10% of the proceeds from this offering, See "Underwriting." The underwriters will not receive any underwriting discount or commission on the sale of 1,000,000 shares of our common stock to an affiliated purchaser. For a more complete description, see "Use of Proceeds."
NYSE symbol	CSE
Settlement date	Delivery of shares of our common stock will be made against payment therefor on or about March 15, 2006, which will be the third business day after pricing of our common stock.
Risk factors	For other information you should consider before buying shares of our common stock, see the "Risk Factors" section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, as well as the other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 154,251,810 shares outstanding as of March 1, 2006 and reflects exercise of the underwriters' overallotment option in full.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as such may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe our future plans, strategies and expectations, are generally identified by our use of words such as "intend," "plan," "may," "should," "will," "project," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "continue," "potential," "opportunity," and similar expressions, whether in the negative or affirmative. Our ability to predict results or the mutual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, actual results and performance could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. All statements regarding our expected financial position, business and financing plans are forward-looking statements. Factors which could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects or which could cause events or circumstances to differ from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- our belief that the election of REIT tax status beginning with our 2006 tax year will enhance stockholder value and is the most efficient way to hold our assets;
- our expectations as to the amount of our historical earnings and profits that we will be required to pay out to our stockholders;
- our projected dividends for 2006 and 2007;
- our plans to continue to grow our asset based, corporate finance and real estate lending activities while expanding into complementary lines of business;
- our ability to manage the credit, leverage and interest rate risks associated with our approximately s6.0 billion portfolio of residential mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities;
- the occurrence of events that require a change in the timing of the REIT election;
- variations in our actual pre-REIT earnings and profits that differ from our estimates and result in a higher stockholder distribution and the implications of any such variance on our stock price;
- our ability to satisfy complex technical rules to qualify for or maintain REIT status and to operate effectively within the limitations imposed by those rules;
- the expected heightened sensitivity of our stock price to our ability to maintain and increase the dividend on our common stock;
- our ability to access the capital markets on attractive terms or at all to obtain the financing we will need in 2006 to manage the growth of our existing loan portfolio, and the additional capital we will require to operate as a REIT in 2006 and beyond;
- our management's ability to operate our business in accordance with the complex rules and regulations governing REITs as necessary to ensure our qualification and maintenance of our REIT status;
- potential changes in tax laws that could reduce the benefits we associate with the REIT election;
- our lack of share ownership limitations and transfer restrictions in our charter could result in our failure to qualify as a REIT if five or fewer individuals were to acquire 50% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock; and
- the relative attractiveness of our dividend payout as compared to other investment options should market interest rates continue to rise.

These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating any forward-looking statement contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference. All forward-looking statements speak only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are qualified by the cautionary statements in this section. We undertake no obligation to update or publicly release any revisions to forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or changes in expectations after the date on which the statement is made.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Our net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$395,470,500 million, which reflects the underwriters' exercise of their over-allotment option in full, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other estimated expenses of this offering. The underwriters will not receive any underwriting discount or commission on the sale of 1,000,000 shares of our common stock to an affiliated purchaser.

We intend to use all of the net proceeds of this offering to repay indebtedness under a \$1.0 billion credit facility for which Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, one of the underwriters, or one of its affiliates, serves as administrative agent and a lender, and for which J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Harris Nesbitt Corp., or one or more of their respective affiliates, serve as lenders. Through the repayment of that facility, Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., or Harris Nesbitt Corp., or such affiliates may receive more than 10% of the proceeds of this offering. See "Underwriting." During 2005 and 2006, we borrowed money under this facility to fund our commercial real estate lending business. As of March 2, 2006, approximately \$945 million was outstanding under this facility that accrued interest at a rate of 5.3275%. The maturity date for this facility is March 31, 2006.

UNDERWRITING

Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. are acting as joint book-running managers of the offering and representatives of the underwriters named below. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement dated March 10, 2006, we have agreed to sell to Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., and the underwriters have agreed to purchase from us, the number of shares set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

Underwriter	Number of Shares
Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC	3,280,000
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	2,760,000
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	1,600,000
J.P. Morgan Securities Inc	1,600,000
Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc	880,000
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	880,000
Harris Nesbitt Corp	880,000
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated	880,000
SunTrust Capital Markets, Inc	880,000
Banc of America Securities LLC	520,000
JMP Securities LLC	520,000
Piper Jaffray & Co	520,000
Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co., Inc	160,000
Ferris, Baker Watts, Incorporated	160,000
FTN Midwest Securities Corp	160,000
Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc	160,000
Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P	160,000
Total	16,000,000

The table above does not reflect the 1,600,000 shares of our common stock that the underwriters will purchase pursuant to the exercise of their over-allotment option.

An affiliated purchaser has agreed to purchase 1,000,000 shares of our common stock directly from the underwriters at a price equal to the public offering price. The underwriters will not receive any underwriting discount or commission on the sale of shares of our common stock to the affiliated purchaser.

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the shares included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the shares if they purchase any of the shares.

The underwriters propose to offer some of the shares directly to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and some of the shares to dealers at the public offering price less a concession not to exceed \$0.6345 per share. If all of the shares are not sold at the initial offering price, the representatives may change the public offering price and the other selling terms.

We have granted to the underwriters an option to purchase up to 1,600,000 additional shares of our common stock at the public offering price less the underwriting discount. The underwriters are entitled to exercise the option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, in connection with this offering. The underwriters have notified us that they will exercise the over-allotment option in full. In

connection therewith, each underwriter will purchase a number of additional shares approximately proportionate to that underwriter's initial purchase commitment.

We have agreed that, for a period of 60 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, we will not, without the prior written consent of Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to any shares of our common stock or securities convertible or exchangeable for any shares of our common stock, or publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing, except for (1) issuances upon conversion or exercise of securities outstanding as of the date of the underwriting agreement, pursuant to the terms of our employee stock purchase plan, our equity incentive plan and our dividend reinvestment and share purchase plan, or to partners who exercise rights to cause us to redeem their interests and (2) the filing of one or more resale registration statements or prospectus supplements thereto relating to our outstanding convertible debentures and shares of common stock issued in connection with (1) above.

Each of the underwriters has represented and agreed that:

- it has not made, and will not make, an offer of the securities to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of section 102B of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) (FSMA) except to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities or otherwise in circumstances which do not require the publication by us of a prospectus pursuant to the Prospectus Rules of the Financial Services Authority (FSA);
- it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of FSMA) to persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 or in circumstances in which section 21 of FSMA does not apply to us; and

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (Iceland, Norway and Lichtenstein in addition to the member states of the European Union) that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State), each underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of the securities to the public in that Relevant Member State prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the securities that has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of the securities to the public in that Relevant Member State at any time:

- to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts; or
- in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by the issuer of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of the securities to the public" in relation to the securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the securities, as the same may be varied in that Relevant Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State, and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "CSE."

The following table shows the underwriting discount and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering. The amount shown below reflects the full exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our common stock.

Per share	\$	1.0575
Total(1)	\$17,	554,500

(1) The underwriters will not receive any underwriting discount or commission on the sale of 1,000,000 shares of our common stock to an affiliated purchaser.

In connection with the offering, the representatives on behalf of the underwriters, may purchase and sell shares of common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of common stock in excess of the number of shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. "Covered" short sales are sales of shares made in an amount up to the number of shares represented by the underwriters' over-allotment option. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short involve either purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also make "naked" short sales of shares in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares of common stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of shares in the open market while the offering is in progress.

The underwriters also may impose a penalty bid. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the representatives repurchase shares originally sold by that syndicate member in order to cover syndicate short positions or make stabilizing purchases.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock. They may also cause the price of the common stock to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on the NYSE or in the over-the-counter market, or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

We estimate that our total expenses of this offering will be \$575,000, not including the underwriting discount or commission.

We expect to deliver the common stock against payment for the shares on or about March 15, 2006, which will be the third business day following the date of the pricing of the common stock.

Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, one of the underwriters, or one of its affiliates serves as administrative agent and is a lender, and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Harris Nesbitt Corp., two of the underwriters, or one or more of their respective affiliates, serve as lenders under our \$1.0 billion credit facility, and will receive a portion of the proceeds of this offering when we repay indebtedness under this facility. Because such underwriters or their respective affiliates may receive more than 10% of the proceeds from this offering, it is being conducted in accordance with Rule 2720 of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or NASD. Because a bona fide independent market exists for our common stock, the NASD does not require that we use a qualified independent underwriter for this offering.

Certain underwriters or their affiliates, including Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Harris Nesbitt Corp., are lenders under certain of our other credit facilities or repurchase agreements, the terms of which are described in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. The underwriters have performed investment banking and advisory services and, through affiliates, commercial banking services for us from time to time for which they have received customary fees and expenses. The underwriters may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business.

In compliance with the guidelines of the NASD, the maximum discount or commission to be received by any NASD member or independent broker-dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount of the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement; however, the maximum commission or discount to be received in this offering is significantly less than this amount.

A prospectus supplement in electronic format may be made available on the websites maintained by one or more of the underwriters. The representatives may agree to allocate a number of shares to underwriters for sale to their online brokerage account holders. The representatives will allocate shares to underwriters that may make Internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations. In addition, shares may be sold by the underwriters to securities dealers who resell shares to online brokerage account holders.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or to contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered by means of this prospectus supplement and certain U.S. federal income tax matters have been passed upon for us by Hogan & Hartson L.L.P. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering have been passed upon for the underwriters by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of CapitalSource Inc. appearing in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005, and CapitalSource Inc. management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005 included therein, 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 consolidated financial statements and management's assessment are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT INCORPORATES DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE WHICH ARE NOT PRESENTED IN OR DELIVERED WITH THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT. YOU SHOULD RELY ONLY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND IN THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE HAVE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLE-MENT. WE HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM, OR IN ADDITION TO, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Because our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CSE," those materials can also be inspected and copied at the offices of that organization. Here are ways you can review and obtain copies of this information:

What is Available	Where to Get it
Paper copies of information	SEC's Public Reference Room 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549 The New York Stock Exchange 20 Broad Street New York, New York 10005
On-line information, free of charge	SEC's Internet website at <u>www.sec.gov</u>
Information about the SEC's Public Reference Room	Call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that registers the distribution of these securities. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits and schedules, contains additional relevant information about us and the securities. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. You can get a copy of the registration statement, at prescribed rates, from the sources listed above. The registration statement and the documents referred to below under "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" are also available on our Internet website, *www.capitalsource.com*, under "Investor Relations — SEC Filings." You can also obtain these documents from us, without charge (other than exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference), by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address:

CapitalSource Inc. 4445 Willard Avenue, 12th Floor Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 (800) 370-9431 Attn: Investor Relations Internet Website: www.capitalsource.com

INFORMATION CONTAINED ON OUR INTERNET WEBSITE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PART OF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROSPECTUS.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus supplement, except for any information that is superseded by other information that is included in or incorporated by reference into this document.

This prospectus supplement incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC (File No. 001-31753). These documents contain important information about us:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 4, 2006, January 30, 2006, February 9, 2006, February 28, 2006, March 3, 2006, March 8, 2006 and March 8, 2006; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on July 25, 2003, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We incorporate by reference any additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (other than those "furnished" pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or other information "furnished" to the SEC) from the date of the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement is part until the termination of the offering of the securities. These documents may include annual, quarterly and current reports, as well as proxy statements. Any material that we later file with the SEC will automatically update and replace the information previously filed with the SEC.

For purposes of this registration statement, any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such statement in such document.

Transfer Agent

American Stock Transfer & Trust Company serves as transfer agent for shares of our common stock.

Debt Securities, Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares, Warrants, Purchase Contracts and Units



We may offer the securities listed above, including units consisting of any two or more of such securities, from time to time. In addition, this prospectus may be used to offer securities for the account of other persons.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities. The specific terms of any securities to be offered will be described in a supplement to this prospectus, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or in documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

We or any selling securityholders may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CSE."

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.

The date of this prospectus is December 23, 2005

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

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References in this prospectus to "CapitalSource," "we," "us" and "our" are to CapitalSource Inc. In this prospectus, we sometimes refer to the debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depository shares, purchase contracts, units and warrants collectively as "offered securities."

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Because our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CSE," those materials can also be inspected and copied at the offices of that organization. Here are ways you can review and obtain copies of this information:

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	The New York Stock Exchange 20 Broad Street New York, New York 10005
On-line information, free of charge	SEC's Internet website at www.sec.gov
Information about the SEC's Public Reference Room	Call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. The registration statement, including the attached exhibits and schedules, contains additional relevant information about us and the securities. This prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement. Whenever a reference is made in this prospectus to a contract or other document, the reference is only a summary and you should refer to the exhibits that form a part of the registration statement for a copy of the contract or other document. You can get a copy of the registration statement, at prescribed rates, from the sources listed above. The registration statement and the documents referred to below under "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" are also available on our Internet website, *www.capitalsource.com*, under "Investor Relations — SEC Filings." You can also obtain these documents from us, without charge (other than exhibits, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference), by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address:

CapitalSource Inc. 4445 Willard Avenue, 12th Floor Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 (800) 370-9431 Attn: Investor Relations Internet Website: www.capitalsource.com

Information contained on our internet website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, except for any information that is superseded by other information that is included in or incorporated by reference into this document.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed below that we have previously filed with the SEC (File No. 001-31753). These documents contain important information about us:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2005, June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 31, 2005, February 17, 2005, April 8, 2005, April 20, 2005, April 28, 2005, July 7, 2005, October 6, 2005, October 13, 2005, November 23, 2005, December 1, 2005, December 20, 2005 and December 23, 2005; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on July 25, 2003, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We incorporate by reference any additional documents that we may file with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (other than those "furnished" pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or other information "furnished" to the SEC) from the date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is part until the termination of the offering of the securities. These documents may include annual, quarterly and current reports, as well as proxy statements. Any material that we later file with the SEC will automatically update and replace the information previously filed with the SEC.

For purposes of this registration statement, any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated herein by reference shall be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated herein by reference modifies or supersedes such statement in such document.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements relate to future events or our future financial performance. We generally identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "could," "intends," "target," "projects," "contemplates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other similar words. These statements are only predictions. The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our clients' or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements or implied by these forward-looking statements. The sections entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Risk Factors" and "Business" in our disclosures included or incorporated by reference into this prospectus discuss some of the factors that could contribute to these differences.

The forward-looking statements made in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

ABOUT CAPITALSOURCE INC.

Our principal executive office is located at 4445 Willard Avenue, 12th floor, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815, and our telephone number is (301) 841-2700. We maintain a website at *www.capitalsource.com* on which we post all reports we file with the SEC under Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We also post on this site our key corporate governance documents, including our board committee charters, our ethics policy and our principles of corporate governance.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we specify another use in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of any securities offered by us for general corporate purposes, which may include repayment of indebtedness or acquisitions. We will not receive proceeds from sales of securities by selling securityholders except as may otherwise be stated in an applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description sets forth certain general provisions of the debt securities of the Company that may be offered by means of this prospectus. The particular terms of the debt securities being offered and the extent to which such general provisions described below apply will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to such debt securities and in the applicable indenture or in one or more supplemental indentures, officers' certificates or resolutions of the board of directors of the Company relating thereto.

General

The debt securities offered by means of this prospectus will be our direct, unsecured obligations and may be either senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. Senior debt securities will be issued under an Indenture for Senior Debt Securities, as amended, supplemented or modified from time to time between us, as obligor, and U.S. Bank, National Association, as trustee. Subordinated debt securities will be issued, under an Indenture for Subordinated Debt Securities, as amended, supplemented or modified from time to time between us, as obligor, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. These indentures will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and the forms of each have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The statements made in this section relating to the debt securities and the indentures are summaries of all anticipated material provisions thereof. You should read carefully any prospectus supplement describing the terms of a series of debt securities offered hereby and the indentures described herein which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of a part. All section references appearing herein are to sections of each indenture unless otherwise indicated and capitalized terms used but not defined under this heading shall have the respective meanings set forth in each indenture.

Our senior debt securities will rank equally with all of our other senior unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness that may be outstanding from time to time and will rank senior to all of our subordinated indebtedness that may be outstanding from time to time. Our subordinated debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of our senior debt as described below under "— Ranking."

If specified in the prospectus supplement, one or more of our subsidiaries or other persons (collectively, the "Subsidiary Guarantors"), will fully and unconditionally guarantee (the "Subsidiary Guarantees") on a joint and several basis the debt securities as described under "— Subsidiary Guarantees" and in the prospectus supplement. The Subsidiary Guarantees will be unsecured obligations of each Subsidiary Guarantor. The Subsidiary Guarantees of subordinated debt securities will be subordinated to the senior debt of the Subsidiary Guarantors on the same basis as the subordinated debt securities are subordinated to our senior debt securities. Each of the Subsidiary Guarantors is a separate and distinct legal entity from us and has no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to pay any amounts due pursuant to the debt securities or to make any funds available therefor, whether by dividends, distributions, loans or other payments, other than as expressly provided in a guarantee.

Except as set forth in the applicable indenture or in one or more supplemental indentures, officers' certificates or resolutions of the board of directors of the Company relating thereto and described in a prospectus supplement relating thereto, we may issue the debt securities without limit as to aggregate principal amount, in one or more series, or as established in the applicable indenture or in one or more supplemental indentures, officers' certificates or board of directors resolutions relating to such indenture. We refer to such resolution, officers' certificate or supplemental indenture collectively as a supplemental indenture. All debt securities of one series need not be issued at the same time and, unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened, without the consent of the holders of the debt securities of such series, for issuances of additional debt securities of such series.

Each indenture provides that there may be more than one trustee thereunder, each with respect to one or more series of debt securities (Section 101). Any trustee under an indenture may resign or be removed with respect to one or more series of debt securities, and a successor trustee may be appointed to act with respect to such series. In the event that two or more persons are acting as trustee with respect to

different series of debt securities, each such trustee shall be a trustee of a trust under the applicable indenture separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee, and, except as otherwise indicated in this summary or the indenture, any action described herein to be taken by each trustee may be taken by each such trustee with respect to, and only with respect to, the one or more series of debt securities for which it is trustee under the applicable indenture (Section 609).

The supplemental indenture relating to any series of debt securities being offered will contain, and the prospectus supplement relating thereto will describe, the specific terms thereof which, pursuant to Section 301 of the indentures, may include, without limitation:

- the title of such debt securities;
- the classification of such debt securities as senior securities or subordinated securities;
- the aggregate principal amount of such debt securities and any limit on such aggregate principal amount;
- the percentage of the principal amount of such debt securities that will be issued and, if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount thereof payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;
- the terms and conditions, if any, upon which such debt securities may be convertible or exchangeable into our common stock or other securities and the terms and conditions upon which such conversion or exchange may be effected, including, without limitation, the initial conversion or exchange price or rate (or manner of calculation thereof), the portion that is convertible or exchangeable or the method by which any such portion shall be determined, the conversion or exchange period, provisions as to whether conversion or exchange will be at the option of the holders or at our option, the events requiring an adjustment of conversion or exchange price, provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of the redemption of such debt securities and any applicable limitations on the ownership or transferability of the securities into which such debt securities;
- the date or dates, or the method for determining such date or dates, on which the principal of such debt securities will be payable;
- the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable), or the method by which such rate or rates shall be determined, at which such debt securities will bear interest, if any;
- the date or dates, or the method for determining such date or dates, from which any such interest will accrue, the dates on which any such interest will be payable, the regular record dates for such interest payment dates, or the method by which such dates shall be determined, the persons to whom such interest shall be payable, and the basis upon which interest shall be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;
- the place or places other than or in addition to New York City where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any (including any additional amounts required to paid in respect of certain taxes, assessments or governmental charges imposed on holders of the debt securities), on such debt securities will be payable, where such debt securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices or demands to or upon us in respect of such debt securities and the applicable indenture may be served;
- the date or dates on which, or the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the other terms and conditions upon which such debt securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option, if we are to have such an option;
- our obligation, if any, to redeem, repay or purchase such debt securities pursuant to any provision or at the option of a holder thereof, and the period or periods within which or the date or dates on which and the price or prices at which and the other terms and conditions upon which such debt

securities will be redeemed, repaid or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation, including any sinking fund payments;

- if other than U.S. dollars, the currency or currencies in which such debt securities are denominated and payable, which may be a foreign currency or units of two or more foreign currencies or a composite currency or currencies, and the terms and conditions relating thereto;
- whether the amount of payments of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on such debt securities may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method (which index, formula or method may, but need not be, based on a currency, currencies, currency unit or units or composite currency or currencies) and the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;
- any additions to, modifications of or deletions from the terms of such debt securities with respect to events of default or covenants set forth in the applicable indenture;
- whether the principal of (and premium, if any) or interest (including any additional amounts required to be paid in respect of certain taxes, assessments or governmental charges) on such debt securities are to be payable, at our election or the holder's election, in one or more currencies other than that in which such debt securities are payable in the absence of the making of such an election, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made, and the time and manner of, and identity of the exchange rate agent with responsibility for, determining the exchange rate between the currency or currencies in which such debt securities are to be payable upon the making of such an election;
- whether such debt securities will be issued in the form of one or more global securities and whether such global securities are to be issuable in a temporary global form or permanent global form;
- whether such debt securities will be issued in certificated or book-entry form;
- whether such debt securities will be in registered or bearer form and, if in registered form, the denominations thereof if other than \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof and, if in bearer form, the denominations thereof if other than \$5,000 and terms and conditions relating thereto;
- the applicability, if any, of the defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of Article Fourteen of the applicable indenture;
- whether and under what circumstances we will pay any additional amounts on such debt securities as contemplated in the applicable indenture in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem such debt securities in lieu of making such payment;
- if such debt securities are to be issued upon the exercise of warrants, the time, manner and place for such debt securities to be authenticated and delivered;
- whether and the extent to which such debt securities are guaranteed by the Subsidiary Guarantors and the form of any such guarantee;
- the name of the applicable trustee and the address of its corporate trust office; and
- any other terms of such debt securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the applicable indenture (Section 301).

The debt securities may provide for less than the entire principal amount thereof to be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof. We refer to such debt securities as the original issue discount securities. Special federal income tax, accounting and other considerations applicable to original issue discount securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Except as maybe set forth in the applicable indenture or in one or more supplemental indentures, neither indenture contains any provisions that would limit our ability to incur indebtedness or that would afford holders of debt securities protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving us, including any merger or consolidation with or acquisition of a highly leveraged company. In addition, as described below under "— Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets," we have broad discretion to engage in mergers, consolidations or other significant transactions without the consent of the holders of the debt securities offered hereby (Article Eight). You should refer to the applicable prospectus supplement for information with respect to any deletions from, modifications of or additions to our events of default or covenants that are described below, including any addition of a covenant or other provision providing event risk or similar protection.

Subsidiary Guarantees

If specified in the prospectus supplement, the Subsidiary Guarantors will guarantee the debt securities of a series. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the following provisions will apply to the Subsidiary Guarantees of the Subsidiary Guarantors.

Subject to the limitations described below and in the prospectus supplement, the Subsidiary Guarantors will, jointly and severally, fully and unconditionally guarantee the punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of all our payment obligations under the Indentures and the debt securities of a series, whether for principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities or otherwise (all such obligations guaranteed by a Subsidiary Guarantor being herein called the "Guaranteed Obligations"). The Subsidiary Guarantors will also pay all expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the applicable trustee in enforcing any rights under a Subsidiary Guarantee with respect to a Subsidiary Guarantor.

In the case of subordinated debt securities, a Subsidiary Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee will be subordinated in right of payment to the senior debt of such Subsidiary Guarantor on the same basis as the subordinated debt securities are subordinated to our senior debt securities. No payment will be made by any Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee during any period in which payments by us on the subordinated debt securities are suspended by the subordination provisions of the subordinated debt indenture.

Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be limited in amount to an amount not to exceed the maximum amount that can be guaranteed by the relevant Subsidiary Guarantor without rendering such Subsidiary Guarantee voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer or similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be a continuing guarantee and will:

(1) remain in full force and effect until either (a) payment in full of all the applicable debt securities (or such debt securities are otherwise satisfied and discharged in accordance with the provisions of the applicable indenture) or (b) released as described in the following paragraph;

(2) be binding upon each Subsidiary Guarantor; and

(3) inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the applicable trustee, the holders and their successors, transferees and assigns.

In the event that a Subsidiary Guarantor ceases to be a subsidiary, either legal defeasance or covenant defeasance occurs with respect to the series or all or substantially all of the assets or all of the capital stock of such Subsidiary Guarantor is sold, including by way of sale, merger, consolidation or otherwise, such Subsidiary Guarantor will be released and discharged of its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee without any further action required on the part of the trustee or any holder, and no other person acquiring or owning the assets or capital stock of such Subsidiary Guarantor will be required to enter into a Subsidiary Guarantee. In addition, the prospectus supplement may specify additional circumstances under which a Subsidiary Guarantor can be released from its Subsidiary Guarantee.

Denomination, Interest, Registration and Transfer

Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities of any series offered by means of this prospectus will be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof and those in bearer form will be issuable in denominations of \$5,000 (Section 302).

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the principal of (and applicable premium, if any) and interest on any series of debt securities (including any additional amounts required to be paid in respect of certain taxes, assessments or governmental charges imposed on holders of the debt securities) will be payable at the corporate trust office of the trustee, the address of which will be stated in the applicable prospectus supplement; provided that, at our option, payment of interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as it appears in the applicable register for such debt securities or by wire transfer of funds to such person at an account maintained within the United States (Sections 301, 305, 306, 307 and 1002).

Any interest not punctually paid or duly provided for on any interest payment date with respect to a debt security, which we refer to as defaulted interest, will forthwith cease to be payable to the holder on the applicable regular record date and may either be paid:

- to the person in whose name such debt security is registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such defaulted interest to be fixed by the trustee, notice whereof shall be given to the holder of such debt security not less than ten days prior to such special record date; or
- at any time in any other lawful manner, all as more completely described in the applicable indenture (Section 307).

Subject to certain limitations imposed upon debt securities issued in book-entry form, the debt securities of any series will be exchangeable for other debt securities of the same series and of a like aggregate principal amount and tenor of different authorized denominations upon surrender of such debt securities at the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee referred to above. In addition, subject to certain limitations imposed upon debt securities issued in book-entry form, the debt securities of any series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange thereof at the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee. Every debt security surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange must be duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of any debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith (Section 305). If the applicable prospectus supplement refers to any transfer agent (in addition to the applicable trustee) initially designated by us with respect to any series of debt securities, we may at any time rescind the designation of any such transfer agent or approve a change in the location through which any such transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for such series. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents with respect to any series of debt securities (Section 1002).

Neither we nor any trustee shall be required to:

- issue, register the transfer of or exchange debt securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before any selection of debt securities of that series to be redeemed and ending at the close of business on the day of mailing of the relevant notice of redemption;
- register the transfer of or exchange any debt security, or portion thereof, called for redemption, except the unredeemed portion of any debt security being redeemed in part;
- exchange any debt securities in bearer form, unless such debt securities are simultaneously surrendered for redemption with debt securities in registered form of the same series and like tenor; or

• issue, register the transfer of or exchange any debt security that has been surrendered for repayment at the option of the holder, except the portion, if any, of such debt security not to be so repaid (Section 305).

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets (Article Eight)

Unless otherwise set forth in a supplemental indenture relating to any series of debt securities and described in the applicable prospectus supplement, we are permitted to consolidate with, or sell, lease or convey all or substantially all of our respective assets to, or merge with or into, any other entity provided that:

- either we shall be the continuing entity, or the successor entity formed by or resulting from any such consolidation or merger or the entity which shall have received the transfer of such assets shall expressly assume all of our obligations under the indenture, including payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all of the debt securities and the due and punctual performance and observance of all of the covenants and conditions contained in each indenture;
- immediately after giving effect to such transaction and treating any indebtedness that becomes our obligation or the obligation of any of our Subsidiaries (as defined below) as a result thereof as having been incurred by us or our Subsidiary at the time of such transaction, no event of default under the indentures, and no event which, after notice or the lapse of time, or both, would become such an event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- an officer's certificate and legal opinion covering such conditions shall be delivered to each trustee (Sections 801 and 803).

The indentures do not currently provide the holders of debt securities any other rights or protections in the event of any such transaction. The term "substantially all" as used in the indentures will likely be interpreted under applicable state law and will be dependent upon particular facts and circumstances. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting this phrase, there is no established definition under applicable law. As a result, we cannot assure you how a court would interpret this phrase under applicable law in the event of a transaction which may constitute a transfer of "all or substantially all" of our assets which could limit your ability to determine if we have complied with the provisions of Article Eight of the indentures or whether you may have any other rights available to you under the indentures.

Certain Covenants

Existence

Except as described under "— Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets" above, we will be required to do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect our existence, rights (charter and statutory) and franchises; provided, however, that we shall not be required to preserve any right or franchise if we determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of business and that the loss thereof is not disadvantageous in any material respect to the holders of the debt securities.

Maintenance of Properties

We will be required to cause all of our material properties used or useful in the conduct of our business or the business of any Subsidiary to be maintained and kept in good condition, repair and working order and supplied with all necessary equipment and will cause to be made all necessary repairs, renewals, replacements, betterments and improvements thereof, all as in our judgment may be necessary so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly and advantageously conducted at all times (Section 1007); provided, however, that we shall not be prevented from discontinuing the operation and maintenance of our properties or the properties of our Subsidiaries if we or our Subsidiaries determine that

such discontinuance is desirable in the conduct of business and not disadvantageous in any material respect to the holders of the debt securities.

Insurance

We will be required to, and will be required to cause each of our Subsidiaries, to keep all insurable properties insured against loss or damage in amounts and types that are commercially reasonable (Section 1008).

Payment of Taxes and Other Claims

We will be required to pay or discharge or cause to be paid or discharged, before the same shall become delinquent:

- all material taxes, assessments and governmental charges levied or imposed upon us or any Subsidiary or upon our income, profits or property or that of any Subsidiary; and
- all material lawful claims for labor, materials and supplies which, if unpaid, might by law become a lien upon our property or the property of any Subsidiary, unless such lien would not have a material adverse effect upon such property;

provided, however, that we shall not be required to pay or discharge or cause to be paid or discharged any such tax, assessment, charge or claim whose amount, applicability or validity is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or for which we have set apart and maintain an adequate reserve (Section 1009).

Provision of Financial Information

If the Company is required to file reports with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company will file such reports by the required date and, within 15 days of such date, deliver copies of all such reports to the trustees and transmit a copy to each holder of debt securities offered by means of this prospectus. If the Company is not required to file reports with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the Company will deliver to the applicable trustee and transmit to each holder of debt securities offered by means of this prospectus reports that contain substantially the same kind of information that would have been included in annual and quarterly reports filed with the SEC had the Company been required to file such reports, such information to be delivered or transmitted within 15 days after the same would have been required to be filed with the SEC had the Company been required to file such reports. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company is not required to file reports with the SEC because information about the Company is contained in the reports filed by another entity with the SEC, the delivery to the trustee for the debt securities offered by means of this prospectus of the reports filed by such entity with the SEC and the transmittal by mail to all holders of such debt securities of each annual and quarterly report filed with the SEC by such entity within the time periods set forth in the preceding sentence shall be deemed to satisfy the obligation of the Company to provide financial information under the applicable provisions of the Indenture (Section 1010).

Additional Covenants and/or Modifications to the Covenants Described Above

Any additions to, modifications of or deletions of any of the covenants described above with respect to any debt securities or series thereof will be set forth in a supplemental indenture (Section 301) and described in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

Events of Default, Notice and Waiver

Each indenture will provide that the following events are "events of default" with respect to any series of debt securities issued thereunder:

- default in the payment of any installment of interest (including any additional amounts required to be paid in respect of certain taxes, assessments or governmental charges imposed on holders of the debt securities, as the case may be) on any debt security of such series and continuance of such default for 30 days;
- default in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any, on) any debt security of such series when due and payable, whether at maturity, upon redemption or otherwise;
- default in the performance, or breach, of any other covenant or warranty on our part or the part of any guarantor contained in the applicable indenture (other than a covenant added to the indenture solely for the benefit of a series of debt securities issued thereunder other than such series), or the failure of any Subsidiary to comply with the limitations on incurrence of indebtedness contained in the senior indenture, if applicable, and, in each case, the continuance of such default or breach for 60 days after written notice as provided in the applicable indenture;
- default in the payment of recourse indebtedness of the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$10,000,000, which default shall have resulted in the indebtedness becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, or the obligations being accelerated, without the acceleration having been rescinded or annulled within a specified period of time;
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, or court appointment of a receiver, liquidator or trustee of the Company, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Significant Subsidiary (as defined in the indentures and discussed below);
- the Subsidiary Guarantee of any debt security by a Subsidiary Guarantor ceases to be in full force and effect or enforceable in accordance with its terms;
- any other event of default provided with respect to a particular series of debt securities (Section 501).

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that is a "significant subsidiary" (within the meaning of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act) of the Company.

"Subsidiary" means a corporation, partnership or other entity a majority of the voting power of the voting equity securities or the outstanding equity interests of which are owned, directly or indirectly, by us, a Subsidiary Guarantor or by one or more other Subsidiaries of us or a Subsidiary Guarantor. For the purposes of this definition, "voting equity securities" means equity securities having voting power for the election of directors, whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of security has such voting power by reason of any contingency.

If an event of default under any indenture with respect to debt securities of any series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the applicable trustee or the holders of not less than 25% of the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series will have the right to declare the principal amount (or, if the debt securities of that series are original issue discount securities or indexed securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms thereof), or premium, if any, of all the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately by written notice thereof to us (and to the applicable trustee if given by the holders). However, at any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to debt securities of such series (or of all debt securities then outstanding under any indenture, as the case may be) has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the applicable trustee, the holders of not less

than a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of such series may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

- we shall have deposited with the applicable trustee all required payments of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the debt securities of such series, plus certain fees, expenses, disbursements and advances of the applicable trustee; and
- all events of default, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal (or specified portion thereof), with respect to debt securities of such series have been cured or waived as provided in such indenture (Section 502).

Each indenture also provides that the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may waive any past default with respect to such series and its consequences, except a default:

- in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any debt security (including any additional amounts required to be paid in respect of certain taxes, assessments or governmental charges imposed on holders of the debt securities, as the case may be) of such series;
- in respect of a covenant or provision contained in the applicable indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected thereby; or
- in the conversion or exchange of any debt security in accordance with its terms (Section 513).

Each trustee will be required to give notice to the holders of debt securities within 90 days of a default under the applicable indenture unless such default shall have been cured or waived; provided, however, that such trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any series of debt securities of any default with respect to such series (except a default in the payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any debt security of such series or in the payment of any sinking fund installment in respect of any debt security of such series) if specified responsible officers of such trustee consider such withholding to be in the interest of such holders (Section 601); and provided further that no such notice will be given in the case of a non-payment event of default until at least 60 days after the occurrence of the relevant default.

Each indenture also provides that no holders of debt securities of any series may institute any proceedings, judicial or otherwise, with respect to such indenture or for any remedy thereunder, except in the cases of failure of the applicable trustee, for 60 days, to act after it has received a written request to institute proceedings in respect of an event of default from the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series, as well as an offer of indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it and no inconsistent direction has been given to the trustee by holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities during such 60 days (Section 507). This provision will not prevent, however, any holder of debt securities from instituting suit for the enforcement of payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such debt securities at the respective due dates thereof (Section 508).

Subject to provisions in each indenture relating to its duties in case of default, no trustee will be under any obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under an indenture at the request or direction of any holders of any series of debt securities then outstanding under such indenture, unless such holders shall have offered to the trustee thereunder security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it (Section 602). The holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series (or of all debt securities then outstanding under an indenture, as the case may be) shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the applicable trustee, or of exercising any trust or power conferred upon such trustee. However, a trustee may refuse to follow any direction which is in conflict with any law or the applicable indenture, which may involve such trustee in personal liability or which may be unduly prejudicial to the holders of debt securities of such series not joining therein (Section 512).

Within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, we will be required to deliver to each trustee a certificate, signed by one of several specified officers, stating whether or not such officer has knowledge of any non-compliance under the applicable indenture and, if so, specifying each such non-compliance and the nature and status thereof (Section 1011).

Modification of the Indentures

Modifications and amendments of an indenture will be permitted to be made only with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities issued under such indenture which are affected by such modification or amendment; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each such debt security affected thereby:

- change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest (or premium, if any) on, any such debt security;
- reduce the principal amount of, or the rate or amount of interest on, or any premium payable on redemption of, any such debt security, change our obligation to pay any additional amounts required to be paid in respect of certain taxes, assessments or governmental charges imposed on holders of the debt securities, as the case may be, or reduce the amount of principal of an original issue discount security that would be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof or would be provable in bankruptcy, or adversely affect any right of repayment at the option of the holder of any such debt security;
- change the place of payment, or the coin or currency, for payment of the principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any such debt security;
- impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any such debt security;
- reduce the above-stated percentage of outstanding debt securities of any series necessary to modify or amend the applicable indenture, to waive compliance with certain provisions thereof or certain defaults and consequences thereunder or to reduce the quorum or voting requirements set forth in the applicable indenture;
- modify any of the foregoing provisions or any of the provisions relating to the waiver of certain past defaults or certain covenants, except to increase the required percentage to effect such action or to provide that certain other provisions may not be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of such debt security; or
- release a Subsidiary Guarantor from any Subsidiary Guarantee (Section 902).

The holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of each series affected thereby will have the right to waive compliance by us with certain covenants in such indenture (Section 1013).

Modifications and amendments of an indenture will be permitted to be made by us and the respective trustee thereunder without the consent of any holder of debt securities for any of the following purposes:

- to evidence the succession of another person as obligor or Subsidiary Guarantor under such indenture;
- to add to our covenants for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us in the indenture;
- to add events of default for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities;
- to add or change any provisions of an indenture to facilitate the issuance of, or to liberalize certain terms of, debt securities in bearer form, or to permit or facilitate the issuance of debt securities in

uncertificated form, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities of any series in any material respect;

- to change or eliminate any provisions of an indenture, provided that any such change or elimination shall become effective only when there are no debt securities outstanding of any series created prior thereto which are entitled to the benefit of such provision;
- to secure the debt securities;
- to establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series;
- to provide for the acceptance of appointment by a successor trustee or facilitate the administration of the trusts under an indenture by more than one trustee;
- to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in an indenture;
- to make any other provision in the indenture which shall not be inconsistent with the indenture, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of holders of debt securities of any series issued under such indenture in any material respect;
- · to add a Subsidiary Guarantor; or
- to supplement any of the provisions of an indenture to the extent necessary to permit or facilitate defeasance and discharge of any series of such debt securities, provided that such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the holders of the debt securities of any series in any material respect (Section 901).

Each indenture will provide that in determining whether the holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding debt securities of a series have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver thereunder or whether a quorum is present at a meeting of holders of debt securities:

- the principal amount of an original issue discount security that shall be deemed to be outstanding shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;
- the principal amount of any debt security denominated in a foreign currency that shall be deemed outstanding shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined on the issue date for such debt security, of the principal amount (or, in the case of an original issue discount security, the U.S. dollar equivalent on the issue date of such debt security of the amount determined as provided in the preceding clause);
- the principal amount of an indexed security that shall be deemed outstanding shall be the principal face amount of such indexed security at original issuance, unless otherwise provided with respect to such indexed security pursuant to the applicable indenture; and
- debt securities owned by us or any other obligor under the debt securities or our affiliate or an affiliate of such other obligor shall be disregarded (Section 101).

Each indenture will contain provisions for convening meetings of the holders of debt securities of a series (Section 1501). A meeting will be permitted to be called at any time by the applicable trustee, and also, upon request, by us or the holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series, in any such case upon notice given as provided in the indenture. Except for any consent that must be given by the holder of each debt security affected by certain modifications and amendments of an indenture, any resolution presented at a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum is present may be adopted by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series; provided, however, that, except as referred to above, any resolution with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action that may be made, given or taken by the holders of a specified percentage, which is less than a majority, in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the outstanding debt securities of a series may be adopted at a meeting or adjourned meeting duly reconvened at which a quorum is present by the

affirmative vote of the holders of such specified percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series. Any resolution passed or decision taken at any meeting of holders of debt securities of any series duly held in accordance with an indenture will be binding on all holders of debt securities of that series. The quorum at any meeting called to adopt a resolution, and at any reconvened meeting, will be persons holding or representing a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series; provided, however, that if any action is to be taken at such meeting with respect to a consent or waiver which may be given by the holders of not less than a specified percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series, the persons holding or representing such specified percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of a series will constitute a quorum.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each indenture provides that if any action is to be taken at a meeting of holders of debt securities of any series with respect to any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver and other action that such indenture expressly provides may be made, given or taken by the holders of a specified percentage in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities affected thereby, or the holders of such series and one or more additional series:

- there shall be no minimum quorum requirement for such meeting; and
- the principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of such series that vote in favor of such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action shall be taken into account in determining whether such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action has been made, given or taken under such indenture.

Ranking

The terms and conditions, if any, upon which the debt securities and any guarantee of the debt securities are subordinated to our other indebtedness and indebtedness of our Subsidiary Guarantors will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating thereto. Such terms will include a description of the indebtedness ranking senior to the debt securities and any guarantee, the restrictions on payments to the holders of such debt securities and guarantees while a default with respect to such senior indebtedness in continuing, the restrictions, if any, on payments to the holders of such debt securities following an event of default, and provisions requiring holders of such debt securities to remit certain payments to holders of senior indebtedness.

Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

We may discharge certain obligations to holders of any series of debt securities issued thereunder that have not already been delivered to the applicable trustee for cancellation and that either have become due and payable or will become due and payable within one year (or scheduled for redemption within one year) by irrevocably depositing with the applicable trustee, in trust, funds in such currency or currencies, currency unit or units or composite currency or currencies in which such debt securities are payable in an amount sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on such debt securities in respect of principal (and premium, if any) and interest to the date of such deposit (if such debt securities have become due and payable) or to the stated maturity or redemption date, as the case may be (Section 401).

Each indenture provides that, if the provisions of Article Fourteen are made applicable to the debt securities of or within any series pursuant to Section 301 of such indenture, we may elect either:

- to defease and be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to such debt securities (except for the obligation to pay additional amounts required to be paid in respect of certain taxes, assessments or governmental charges imposed on holders of such debt securities, and the obligations to register the transfer or exchange of such debt securities, to replace temporary or mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities, to maintain an office or agency in respect of such debt securities and to hold moneys for payment in trust) ("defeasance") (Section 1402); or
- to be released from its obligations with respect to such debt securities under certain specified covenants under such indenture as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and any

omission to comply with such obligations shall not constitute an event of default with respect to such debt securities ("covenant defeasance") (Section 1403),

in either case upon the irrevocable deposit by us with the applicable trustee, in trust, of an amount, in such currency or currencies, currency unit or units or composite currency or currencies in which such debt securities are payable at stated maturity, or Government Obligations (as defined below), or both, applicable to such debt securities which through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such debt securities, and any mandatory sinking fund or analogous payments thereon, on the scheduled due dates therefor.

Such a trust will only be permitted to be established if, among other things, we have delivered to the applicable trustee an opinion of counsel (as specified in the applicable indenture) to the effect that the holders of such debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance or covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred, and such opinion of counsel, in the case of defeasance, will be required to refer to and be based upon a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable U.S. federal income tax law occurring after the date of the indenture (Section 1404).

"Government Obligations" means securities, which are:

- direct obligations of the United States of America or the government which issued the foreign currency in which the debt securities of a particular series are payable, for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged; or
- obligations of a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America or such government which issued the foreign currency in which the debt securities of such series are payable, the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation of the United States of America or such government,

which, in either case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, provided that (except as required by applicable law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt (Section 101).

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, if after we have deposited funds and/or Government Obligations to effect defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to debt securities of any series:

- the holder of a debt security of such series is entitled to, and does, elect pursuant to the applicable indenture or the terms of such debt security to receive payment in a currency, currency unit or composite currency other than that in which such deposit has been made in respect of such debt security; or
- a Conversion Event (as defined below) occurs in respect of the currency, currency unit or composite currency in which such deposit has been made, the indebtedness represented by such debt security will be deemed to have been, and will be, fully discharged and satisfied through the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such debt security as they become due out of the proceeds yielded by converting the amount so deposited in respect of such debt security into the currency, currency unit or composite currency in which such debt security becomes payable as a result of such election or such cessation of usage based on the applicable market exchange rate (Section 1405).

As used in this prospectus, "Conversion Event" means the cessation of use of:

- a foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency other than the Euro both by the government of the country which issued such currency and for the settlement of transactions by a central bank or other public institutions of or within the international banking community;
- the Euro both within the member states of the European Union that have adopted the single currency in accordance with the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended, and for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the European Union; or
- any currency unit or composite currency for the purposes for which it was established.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, all payments of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on any debt security that is payable in a foreign currency that ceases to be used by its government of issuance shall be made in U.S. dollars.

In the event we effect covenant defeasance with respect to any debt securities and such debt securities are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default other than the event of default described in the third bullet under "— Events of Default, Notice and Waiver" above with respect to certain specified sections of Article Ten of each indenture (which sections would no longer be applicable to such debt securities as a result of such covenant defeasance) or described in the seventh bullet under "— Events of Default, Notice and Waiver" above with respect to any other covenant as to which there has been covenant defeasance, the amount in such currency, currency unit or composite currency in which such debt securities are payable, and Government Obligations on deposit with the applicable trustee, will be sufficient to pay amounts due on such debt securities at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on such debt securities at the time of the acceleration resulting from such default. However, we would remain liable to make payment of such amounts due at the time of acceleration.

The applicable prospectus supplement may further describe the provisions, if any, permitting such defeasance or covenant defeasance, including any modifications to the provisions described above, with respect to the debt securities of or within a particular series.

Redemption of Securities

If the applicable supplemental indenture provides that the debt securities are redeemable, we may redeem such debt securities at any time at our option, in whole or in part, at the redemption price, except as may otherwise be provided in connection with any debt securities or series thereof.

After notice has been given as provided in the indenture, if funds for the redemption of any debt securities called for redemption shall have been made available on such redemption date, such debt securities will cease to bear interest on the date fixed for such redemption specified in such notice, and the only right of the holders of the debt securities will be to receive payment of the redemption price.

Notice of any optional redemption of any debt securities will be given to holders at their addresses, as shown on our books and records, not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The notice of redemption will specify, among other items, the redemption price and the principal amount of the debt securities held by such holder to be redeemed.

If we elect to redeem debt securities, we will notify the trustee at least 45 days prior to the redemption date (or such shorter period as satisfactory to the trustee) of the aggregate principal amount of debt securities to be redeemed and the redemption date. If less than all of the debt securities are to be redeemed, the trustee shall select the debt securities to be redeemed in such manner as it shall deem fair and appropriate (Article Eleven).

If the applicable supplemental indenture provides that the debt securities are redeemable at the option of the holder, we will redeem such debt securities in accordance with the terms of the applicable supplemental indenture. In the event we determine that any such redemption constitutes an issuer tender offer, we will comply with the provisions of Rule 13e-4 of the Exchange Act and any other applicable tender offer rules, and will file a Schedule TO or any other schedule required under such rules, in connection with any offer to repurchase the notes at the option of the holder.

Global Securities

If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, the debt securities will be evidenced by one or more global securities, which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, or DTC, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as DTC's nominee.

Holders may hold their interests in any of the global securities directly through DTC, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in DTC. Transfers between participants will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in immediately available funds.

Holders who are not DTC participants may beneficially own interests in a global security held by DTC only through participants, including some banks, brokers, dealers, trust companies and other parties that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly, and have indirect access to the DTC system. So long as Cede & Co., as the nominee of DTC, is the registered owner of any global security, Cede & Co. for all purposes will be considered the sole holder of such global security. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a global security will not be entitled to have certificates registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificates in definitive form, and will not be considered the holders thereof.

Neither we nor the trustee, nor any registrar or paying agent, will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC or their participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations. DTC has advised us that it will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of debt securities only at the direction of one or more participants whose accounts are credited with DTC interests in a global security.

DTC has advised us as follows:

- DTC is a limited purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, 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;
- DTC holds securities for its participants to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, among participants in deposited securities through electronic book-entry changes to accounts of its participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and other organizations;
- some of such participants, or their representatives, together with other entities, own DTC; and
- the rules applicable to DTC and its participants are on file with the SEC.

Purchases of debt securities under the DTC system must be made by or through participants, which will receive a credit for the debt securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each debt security is in turn to be recorded on the participants' and indirect participants' records. Purchasers will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but purchasers are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the participant or indirect participant through which the purchasers entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the debt securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants and indirect participants acting on behalf of actual purchasers. Purchasers of debt securities will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests, except if the use of the book-entry system for the debt securities is discontinued.

The deposit of debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the participants to whose accounts such debt securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

The laws of some jurisdictions require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the global security.

Redemption notices shall be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the principal amount of the global securities of the same series is being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each participant therein to be redeemed.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to participants, by participants to indirect participants and by participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements that may be in effect from time to time.

Principal, interest payments, and payments of any premium amounts on the debt securities will be made to Cede & Co. by wire transfer of immediately available funds. DTC's practice is to credit participants' accounts on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on the payment date. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such participant and not of DTC or the operating partnership, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments of principal, interest, and payments of any premium amounts to Cede & Co. is our responsibility, disbursement of such payments to participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners of the debt securities is the responsibility for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the global securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the debt securities at any time by giving us reasonable notice. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, certificates for the relevant notes will be printed and delivered in exchange for interests in such global security. Any global security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for relevant debt securities in authorized denominations registered in such names as DTC shall direct. It is expected that such instruction will be based upon directions received by DTC from its participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in such global security.

We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC, or a successor securities depository. In that event, certificates representing the debt securities will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable, but we do not take responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of our capital stock and provisions of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws are summaries and are qualified by reference to the terms of these documents. Our authorized capital stock consists of 500 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 50 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

Common Stock

As of December 1, 2005, there were 140,375,257 shares of common stock outstanding. In addition, as of December 1, 2005, there were 4,485,790 additional shares of common stock available for issuance under our equity incentive plan and 1,843,846 shares available for issuance under our employee stock purchase plan.

Holders of shares of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the shares of common stock entitled to vote in any election of directors may elect all of the directors standing for election. Holders of shares of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably any dividends as may be declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for distribution, after provision has been made for any preferential dividend rights of outstanding preferred stock, if any. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably the net assets available after the payment of all of our debts and other liabilities, and after the satisfaction of the rights of any outstanding preferred stock, if any. Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights, nor are they entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund. The outstanding shares of common stock are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Except as may be imposed on shares issued upon exercise of options or restricted stock granted under our equity incentive plan, and except as may be imposed by applicable securities laws, there are no restrictions on the alienability of the shares. Holders of shares of our common stock are not liable for further calls or assessments by us. The rights, powers, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subordinate to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock which our board of directors may designate and issue in the future. Certain of our existing holders of common stock have the right to require us to register their shares of common stock under the Securities Act in specified circumstances. See the discussion below under the caption "--- Shareholder Registration Rights."

Our common stock is listed on The New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CSE."

Preferred Stock

Our board of directors is authorized, without further vote or action by the shareholders, to issue from time to time up to an aggregate of 50 million shares of preferred stock in one or more series. As of the date of this prospectus, there are no shares of preferred stock outstanding. Each series of preferred stock shall have the number of shares, designations, preferences, voting powers, qualifications and special or relative rights or privileges as shall be determined by our board of directors, which may include, but are not limited to, dividend rights, voting rights, redemption and sinking fund provisions, liquidation preferences, conversion rights and preemptive rights. We will distribute a supplement to this prospectus relating to any series of preferred stock we may offer. The prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of the particular series of preferred stock offered.

Our board of directors has the authority to issue preferred stock and to determine its rights and preferences in order to eliminate delays associated with a shareholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing desired flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of our common stock, and could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from attempting to acquire, a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

Transfer Agent

Wachovia Bank, National Association serves as transfer agent for shares of our common stock.

Delaware Law and Certain Charter and Bylaw Provisions

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of Delaware. In general, the statute prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with "interested" shareholders for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested shareholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A "business combination" includes certain mergers, asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested shareholder. Subject to exceptions, an "interested" shareholder is a person who, alone or together with his affiliates and associates, owns, or within the prior three years did own, 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that:

- the board of directors be divided into three classes, with staggered three-year terms;
- directors may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the voting power of all of the then outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors voting together as a single class; and
- any vacancy on the board of directors, however the vacancy occurs, including a vacancy due to an enlargement of the board, may only be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority the directors then in office.

The classification of our board of directors and the limitations on removal of directors and filling of vacancies could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or of discouraging a third party from, acquiring us.

Our bylaws also provide that:

- any action required or permitted to be taken by the shareholders at an annual meeting or special meeting of shareholders may only be taken if it is properly brought before such meeting; and
- special meetings of the shareholders may be called by our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors, our Chief Executive Officer or our President and shall be called by our Secretary at the written request of at least 10% in voting power of all capital stock outstanding and entitled to cast votes at the meeting.

Our bylaws provide that, in order for any shareholder business (other than shareholder nominations of directors) to be considered "properly brought" before a meeting, a shareholder must comply with requirements regarding advance notice to us. For business to be properly brought before a meeting by a shareholder, it must be a proper matter for shareholder action under the Delaware General Corporation Law, the shareholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing to our Secretary, and the notice must comply with the procedures set forth in our bylaws. Except for shareholder proposals submitted in accordance with the federal proxy rules as to which the requirements specified therein shall control, a shareholder's notice, to be timely, must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices, not less than 120 calendar days prior to the one year anniversary of the date of our proxy statement issued in connection with the prior year's annual meeting in the case of an annual meeting, and not less than 60 calendar days prior to the meeting in the case of a special meeting; provided, however, that if a public announcement of the date of the special meeting is not given at least 70 days before the scheduled date for the special meeting, then a shareholder's notice will be timely if it is received at our principal executive offices within 10 days following the date public notice of the meeting date is first given, whether by press release or other public filing.

Our bylaws also provide that subject to the rights of holders of any class or series of capital stock then outstanding, nominations for the election or re-election of directors at a meeting of the shareholders may

be made by any shareholder entitled to vote in the election of directors generally who complies with the procedures set forth in our bylaws and who is a shareholder of record at the time notice is delivered to our Secretary. Any shareholder entitled to vote in the election of directors generally may nominate one or more persons for election or re-election as directors at an annual meeting only if timely notice of such shareholder's intent to make such nomination or nominations has been given in writing to our Secretary. To be timely, a shareholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at our principal executive offices not less than 120 calendar days prior to the one year anniversary of the date of our proxy statement issued in connection with the prior year's annual meeting in the case of an annual meeting, and not less than 60 calendar days prior to the meeting in the case of a special meeting; provided, however, that if a public announcement of the date of the special meeting is not given at least 70 days before the scheduled date for the special meeting, then a shareholder's notice will be timely if it is received at our principal executive offices within 10 days following the date public notice of the meeting date is first given, whether by press release or other public filing.

The purpose of requiring shareholders to give us advance notice of nominations and other shareholder business is to afford our board of directors a meaningful opportunity to consider the qualifications of the proposed nominees and the advisability of the other proposed business and, to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by our board of directors, to inform shareholders and make recommendations about such qualifications or business, as well as to provide a more orderly procedure for conducting meetings of shareholders. Although our bylaws do not give our board of directors any power to disapprove shareholder nominations for the election of directors or proposals for action, they may have the effect of precluding a contest for the election of directors or the consideration of shareholder proposals if proper procedures are not followed and of discouraging or deterring a third party from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to approve its own proposal without regard to whether consideration of such nominees or proposals might be harmful or beneficial to us and our shareholders. These provisions could also delay shareholder actions which are favored by the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities until the next shareholders' meeting.

Delaware corporate law provides generally that the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote on such matter is required to amend a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, unless a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws requires a greater percentage. Our certificate of incorporation permits our board of directors to amend or repeal most provisions of our bylaws by majority vote but requires the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66²/₃% of the voting power of all of the then outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote to amend or repeal certain provisions of our bylaws. Generally, our certificate of incorporation may be amended by holders of a majority of the voting power of the then outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote. No amendment of the provision of our certificate of incorporation providing for the division of our board of directors into three classes with staggered three-year terms may be approved absent the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66²/₃% of the voting power of all the then outstanding shares of our certificate of incorporation for bylaws by majority of the vote. The shareholder vote with respect to an amendment of our certificate of incorporation or bylaws by approved absent the terms of any series preferred stock that might be outstanding at the time any such amendments are submitted to shareholders.

Limitation of Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

Our bylaws provide indemnification, including advancement of expenses, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law to any person made or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of CapitalSource, or is or was serving at our request as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan. In addition, our certificate of incorporation provides that our directors will not be personally liable to us or our shareholders for monetary damages for breaches of their fiduciary duty as directors, unless they violated their duty of loyalty to us or our shareholders, acted in bad faith, knowingly or intentionally violated the law, authorized illegal dividends or redemptions or derived an improper personal benefit from their action as directors. This provision does not limit or eliminate our rights or the rights of any shareholder to seek nonmonetary relief such as an injunction or rescission in the event of a breach of a director's duty of care. In addition, this provision does not limit the directors' responsibilities under Delaware law or any other laws, such as the federal securities laws. We have obtained insurance that insures our directors and officers against certain losses and which insures us against our obligations to indemnify the directors and officers. We also have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and executive officers.

Shareholder Registration Rights

Generally

Certain of our existing shareholders, including members of our management, who collectively hold approximately 64.0 million shares of our common stock, are entitled to certain rights with respect to the registration of such shares under the Securities Act pursuant to an Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement that we entered into with certain of our existing shareholders in connection with the closing of our August 2002 recapitalization transaction. All of these shares currently are tradable, subject to compliance with the volume and manner of sale provisions of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, and any shares registered pursuant to the agreement would become freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act. Our existing shareholders, by exercising their registration rights, could cause a large number of shares of our common stock to be registered and publicly sold, which could cause the market price of shares of our common stock to decline significantly.

S-3 Demand Registration Rights

Under the terms of our Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, so long as we remain eligible to register securities by means of a registration statement on Form S-3, holders of our registrable shares have the right, subject to certain limitations, to demand the registration of their shares of common stock provided that the aggregate market value of the shares of common stock to be registered equals at least \$10 million. We expect to satisfy any exercises of these rights through preparation of a prospectus supplement to this prospectus.

Piggyback Rights

Subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth in the Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, the holders of registrable securities under that agreement have unlimited piggyback registration rights until August 12, 2009. We expect to satisfy any exercises of these rights through preparation of a prospectus supplement to this prospectus.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

The description of certain provisions of any deposit agreement and any related depositary shares and depositary receipts in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of that deposit agreement and of the depositary shares and depositary receipts. These descriptions do not restate those agreements and do not contain all of the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define many of your rights as a holder of the depositary shares. For more information, please review the form of deposit agreement and form of deposit receipts relating to each series of the preferred stock, which will be filed with the SEC promptly after the offering of that series of preferred stock and will be available as described under the heading "Available Information" on page 1.

General

We may elect to have shares of preferred stock represented by depositary shares. The shares of any series of the preferred stock underlying the depositary shares will be deposited under a separate deposit agreement between us and a bank or trust company that we select. The prospectus supplement relating to a series of depositary shares will set forth the name and address of this preferred stock depositary. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be entitled, proportionately, to all the rights, preferences and privileges of the preferred stock represented by such depositary share, including dividend, voting, redemption, conversion, exchange and liquidation rights. As of the date of this prospectus, there are no depositary shares outstanding.

The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement, each of which will represent the applicable interest in a number of shares of a particular series of the preferred stock described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

A holder of depositary shares will be entitled to receive the shares of preferred stock, but only in whole shares of preferred stock, underlying those depositary shares. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the whole number of shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the depositary will deliver to that holder at the same time a new depositary receipt for the excess number of depositary shares.

Dividends and Other Distributions

The preferred stock depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions in respect of the series of preferred stock represented by the depositary shares to the record holders of depositary receipts in proportion, to the extent possible, to the number of depositary shares owned by those holders. The depositary, however, will distribute only the amount that can be distributed without attributing to any depositary share a fraction of one cent, and any undistributed balance will be added to and treated as part of the next sum received by the depositary for distribution to record holders of depositary receipts then outstanding.

If there is a distribution other than in cash in respect of the preferred stock, the preferred stock depositary will distribute property received by it to the record holders of depositary receipts in proportion, insofar as possible, to the number of depositary shares owned by those holders, unless the preferred stock depositary determines that it is not feasible to make such a distribution. In that case, the preferred stock depositary may, with our approval, adopt any method that it deems equitable and practicable to effect the distribution, including a public or private sale of the property and distribution of the net proceeds from the sale to the holders.

The amount distributed in any of the above cases will be reduced by any amount we or the preferred stock depositary are required to withhold on account of taxes.

Conversion and Exchange

If any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to provisions relating to its conversion or exchange as set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement, each record holder of depositary receipts will have the right or obligation to convert or exchange the depositary shares evidenced by the depositary receipts pursuant to those provisions.

Redemption of Depositary Shares

If any series of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares is subject to redemption, the depositary shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the preferred stock depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of the preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary. Whenever we redeem a share of preferred stock held by the preferred stock depositary, the preferred stock depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date a proportionate number of depositary shares representing the shares of preferred stock that were redeemed. The redemption price per depositary share will be equal to the aggregate redemption price payable with respect to the number of shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares. If fewer than all the depositary shares are to be redeemed, the depositary shares to be redeemed will be selected by lot or proportionately as we may determine.

After the date fixed for redemption, the depositary shares called for redemption will no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights of the holders of the depositary shares will cease, except the right to receive the redemption price. Any funds that we deposit with the preferred stock depositary relating to depositary shares which are not redeemed by the holders of the depositary shares will be returned to us after a period of two years from the date the funds are deposited by us.

Voting

Upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of any shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares are entitled to vote, the preferred stock depositary will mail the information contained in the notice to the record holders of the depositary receipts. Each record holder of the depositary receipts on the record date, which will be the same date as the record date for the preferred stock, may then instruct the preferred stock depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the number of shares of preferred stock underlying that holder's depositary shares. The preferred stock depositary will try to vote the number of shares of preferred stock underlying the depositary shares in accordance with the instructions, and we will agree to take all reasonable action which the preferred stock depositary will abstain from voting the preferred stock to the extent that it does not receive specific written instructions from holders of depositary receipts representing the preferred stock.

Record Date

Subject to the provisions of the deposit agreement, whenever

- any cash dividend or other cash distribution becomes payable,
- any distribution other than cash is made,
- any rights, preferences or privileges are offered with respect to the preferred stock,
- the preferred stock depositary receives notice of any meeting at which holders of preferred stock are entitled to vote or of which holders of preferred stock are entitled to notice, or
- the preferred stock depositary receives notice of the mandatory conversion of or any election by us to call for the redemption of any preferred stock,

the preferred stock depositary will in each instance fix a record date, which will be the same as the record date for the preferred stock, for the determination of the holders of depositary receipts:

• who will be entitled to receive dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of any sale, or

• who will be entitled to give instructions for the exercise of voting rights at any such meeting or to receive notice of the meeting or the redemption or conversion.

Withdrawal of Preferred Stock

Upon surrender of depositary receipts at the principal office of the preferred stock depositary, upon payment of any unpaid amount due the preferred stock depositary, and subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, the owner of the depositary shares evidenced by the depositary receipts is entitled to delivery of the number of whole shares of preferred stock and all money and other property, if any, represented by the depositary shares. Partial shares of preferred stock will not be issued. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the number of depositary shares representing the number of whole shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the preferred stock depositary will deliver to the holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing the excess number of depositary shares. Holders of preferred stock that are withdrawn will not be entitled to deposit the shares that have been withdrawn under the deposit agreement or to receive depositary receipts.

Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement

We and the preferred stock depositary may at any time agree to amend the form of depositary receipt and any provision of the deposit agreement. However, any amendment that materially and adversely alters the rights of holders of depositary shares will not be effective unless the amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. The deposit agreement may be terminated by us or by the preferred stock depositary only if all outstanding shares have been redeemed or if a final distribution in respect of the underlying preferred stock has been made to the holders of the depositary shares in connection with our liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

Charges of Preferred Stock Depositary

We will pay all charges of the preferred stock depositary including charges in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock, the initial issuance of the depositary receipts, the distribution of information to the holders of depositary receipts with respect to matters on which preference stock is entitled to vote, withdrawals of the preferred stock by the holders of depositary receipts or redemption or conversion of the preferred stock, except for taxes (including transfer taxes, if any) and other governmental charges and any other charges expressly provided in the deposit agreement to be at the expense of holders of depositary receipts or persons depositing preferred stock.

Miscellaneous

Neither we nor the preferred stock depositary will be liable if either of us is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond our control in performing any obligations under the deposit agreement. The obligations of the preferred stock depositary under the deposit agreement are limited to performing its duties under the agreement without negligence or bad faith. Our obligations under the deposit agreement are limited to performing our duties in good faith. Neither we nor the preferred stock depositary is obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. We and the preferred stock depositary may rely on advice of or information from counsel, accountants or other persons that they believe to be competent and on documents that they believe to be genuine.

The preferred stock depositary may resign at any time or be removed by us, effective upon the acceptance by its successor of its appointment. If we have not appointed a successor preferred stock depositary and the successor depositary has not accepted its appointment within 60 days after the preferred stock depositary delivered a resignation notice to us, the preferred stock depositary may terminate the deposit agreement. See "— Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement" above.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities described in this prospectus. We may issue warrants independently or as part of a unit with other securities. Warrants sold with other securities as a unit may be attached to or separate from the other securities. We will issue warrants under separate warrant agreements between us and a warrant agent that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement. As of the date of this prospectus, there are no warrants outstanding.

We will distribute a prospectus supplement relating to any warrants that we may offer. The prospectus supplement will describe specific terms relating to the offering, including a description of any other securities being offered together with the warrants. These terms will include some or all of the following:

- the title of the warrants;
- the aggregate number of warrants;
- the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;
- terms relating to the currency or currencies, in which the prices of the warrants may be payable;
- the designation, number and terms of the debt securities, common stock, preferred stock or other securities or rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or
- price of one or more specified commodities, currencies or indices, purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and procedures by which those numbers may be adjusted;
- the exercise price of the warrants, including any provisions for changes or adjustments to the exercise price, and terms relating to the currency in which such price is payable;
- the dates or periods during which the warrants are exercisable;
- the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants are issued as a unit;
- if the warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date on which the warrants and the other security will be separately transferable;
- if the exercise price is not payable in U.S. dollars, terms relating to the currency in which the exercise price is denominated;
- any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time; any terms relating to the modification of the warrants;
- a discussion of material federal income tax considerations, if applicable;
- any other terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange, exercise or redemption of the warrants.

Warrants issued for securities other than our debt securities, common stock or preferred stock will not be exercisable until at least one year from the date of sale of the warrant.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of any warrant units.

The descriptions of the warrant agreements in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of the applicable agreements. These descriptions do not restate those agreements in their entirety and do not contain all of the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define many of your rights as holders of the warrants or any warrant units. For more information, please review the form of the relevant agreements, which will be filed with the SEC promptly after the offering of warrants or warrant units and will be available as described under the heading "Available Information" on page 1.

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS

We may issue purchase contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and us to sell to the holders, a number of debt securities, shares of our common stock, preferred stock or depositary shares or warrants at a future date or dates. The purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the purchase contracts, which may or may not be unsecured. As of the date of this prospectus, there are no purchase contracts outstanding.

The prospectus supplement relating to any purchase contracts we are offering will describe the material terms of the purchase contracts and any applicable pledge or depository arrangements, including one or more of the following:

- the stated amount a holder will be obligated to pay in order to purchase our debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares or warrants or the formula to determine such amount.
- the settlement date or dates on which the holder will be obligated to purchase the securities. The prospectus supplement will specify whether certain events may cause the settlement date to occur on an earlier date and the terms on which an early settlement would occur.
- the events, if any, that will cause our obligations and the obligations of the holder under the purchase contract to terminate.
- the settlement rate, which is a number that, when multiplied by the stated amount of a purchase contract, determines the number of securities that we will be obligated to sell and a holder will be obligated to purchase under that purchase contract upon payment of the stated amount of a purchase contract. The settlement rate may be determined by the application of a formula specified in the prospectus supplement. Purchase contracts may include anti-dilution provisions to adjust the number of securities to be delivered upon the occurrence of specified events.
- whether the purchase contracts will be issued separately or as part of units consisting of a purchase contract and an underlying security with an aggregate principal amount equal to the stated amount. Any underlying securities will be pledged by the holder to secure its obligations under a purchase contract. Underlying securities may be our debt securities, depositary shares, preferred securities, common stock, warrants or debt obligations or government securities.
- the terms of any pledge arrangement relating to any underlying securities.
- the amount and terms of the contract fee, if any, that may be payable. The contract fee may be calculated as a percentage of the stated amount of the purchase contract or otherwise.

The descriptions of the purchase contracts and any applicable underlying security or pledge or depository arrangements in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of the applicable agreements. These descriptions do not restate those agreements in their entirety and may not contain all the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define many of your rights as holders of the purchase contracts. For more information, please review the form of the relevant agreements, which will be filed with the SEC promptly after the offering of purchase contracts or purchase contract units and will be available as described under the heading "Available Information" on page 1.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities described in this prospectus in any combination. Each unit may also include debt obligations of third parties, such as U.S. Treasury securities. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The prospectus supplement will describe:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be held or transferred separately;
- a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units;
- a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units;
- a discussion of material federal income tax considerations, if applicable; and
- whether the units will be issued in fully registered or global form.

The descriptions of the units and any applicable underlying security or pledge or depository arrangements in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement are summaries of the material provisions of the applicable agreements. These descriptions do not restate those agreements in their entirety and may not contain all the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the applicable agreements because they, and not the summaries, define many of your rights as holders of the units. For more information, please review the form of the relevant agreements, which will be filed with the SEC promptly after the offering of units and will be available as described under the heading "Available Information" on page 1.

LEGAL MATTERS

In connection with particular offerings of the securities in the future, and if stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of those securities and certain U.S. federal income tax matters may be passed upon for us by Hogan & Hartson L.L.P., and for the underwriters or agents by counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of CapitalSource Inc. appearing in CapitalSource Inc.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2004, and CapitalSource Inc. management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004 included therein, 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 consolidated financial statements and management's assessment are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

16,000,000 Shares



CapitalSource Inc. Common Stock

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT March 10, 2006

Wachovia Securities Citigroup **Credit Suisse JPMorgan** Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. **Deutsche Bank Securities** Harris Nesbitt **Morgan Stanley** SunTrust Robinson Humphrey **Banc of America Securities LLC JMP** Securities **Piper Jaffray** Friedman Billings Ramsey Ferris, Baker Watts Incorporated FTN Midwest Securities Corp. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Sandler O'Neill + Partners, L.P.