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Prospectus Supplement
(to Prospectus Dated January 4, 2002)

2,147,239 Shares

TIVO INC.

Common Stock

You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully before you invest. Both documents contain information you should consider carefully before making your investment decision.

We are offering an aggregate of 2,147,239 shares of our common stock to Acqua Wellington North American Equities Fund, Ltd. pursuant to the terms and conditions of our common stock purchase agreement with Acqua Wellington, at a price of \$6.52 per share, pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The total purchase price for these shares is \$14,000,000. We will receive proceeds from the sale of these shares of \$14,000,000 minus our expenses relating to the sale, which are estimated to be approximately \$175,000. We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale for general corporate purposes, which may include funding research, development, sales and marketing, increasing our working capital, reducing indebtedness, and capital expenditures. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we expect to invest the proceeds in investment-grade, interest-bearing securities. Acqua Wellington is an "underwriter" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Acqua Wellington has informed us that it intends to use Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. as the broker-dealer for sales of any shares of common stock on the Nasdaq National Market. Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. is an "underwriter" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act.

The purchase agreement permits us to vary certain draw down terms. As permitted by the terms and conditions of the common stock purchase agreement, we have agreed with Acqua Wellington to the following terms:

- . a draw down pricing period of one day;
- . a draw down amount of \$14,000,000; and
- . a discount of 6.7% of the daily volume weighted average price per share of our common stock on January 8, 2002.

For a description of the other terms and conditions of the common stock purchase agreement, see "Plan of Distribution--December 2001 Common Stock Purchase Agreement" in the accompanying prospectus.

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 3 of the accompanying prospectus for a discussion of material risks that you should consider before you invest in our securities being sold by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "TIVO." The offering price of the shares being sold by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus was established with reference to the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market on January 8, 2002, net of a discount of 6.7% per share to the

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daily volume weighted average price of our common stock.

As of December 31, 2001, we had 45,623,286 shares of common stock outstanding.

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

The date of this prospectus supplement is January 8, 2002.

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PROSPECTUS

\$75,000,000

TIVO INC.

DEBT SECURITIES
PREFERRED STOCK
COMMON STOCK
EQUITY WARRANTS
DEBT WARRANTS

We may, from time to time, sell up to \$75,000,000 in the aggregate of:

- . our secured or unsecured debt securities, in one or more series, which may be either senior, senior subordinated or subordinated debt securities;
- . shares of our preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, in one or more series;
- . shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share;

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- . warrants to purchase our preferred stock or our common stock;
- . warrants to purchase our debt securities; or
- . any combination of the foregoing.

We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 3 FOR A DISCUSSION OF MATERIAL RISKS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE YOU INVEST IN OUR SECURITIES BEING SOLD WITH THIS PROSPECTUS.

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "TIVO." On January 4, 2002, the last reported sale price for our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market was \$6.43 per share.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is January 4, 2002

We have not authorized any dealer, salesperson or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement as if we had authorized it. This prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor does this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement is correct on any date after their respective dates, even though this prospectus or a prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement includes or incorporates by reference forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements relate to future events or our future product development or financial performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of those terms and other comparable terminology.

These statements reflect only management's current expectations. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make or incorporate by reference in this prospectus are set forth under the heading "Factors that May Affect Future Operating Results" in the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as may be updated from time to time by our future filings under the Securities Exchange Act, and elsewhere in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement. If one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if any underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We are subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act and we therefore file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to our business, financial statements and other matters. The reports, proxy statements and other information we file may be inspected and copied at prescribed rates at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Public Reference Room at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Public Reference Room by calling the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. The Securities and Exchange Commission also maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy statements and other information regarding issuers like us that file electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The address of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Internet site is <http://www.sec.gov>.

This prospectus constitutes part of a registration statement on Form S-3 filed under the Securities Act with respect to the securities. As permitted by

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the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules, this prospectus omits some of the information, exhibits and undertakings included in the registration statement. You may read and copy the information omitted from this prospectus but contained in the registration statement, as well as the periodic reports and other information we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, at the public reference facilities maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete, and in each instance we refer you to the copy of the contract or document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

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INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

We have elected to "incorporate by reference" certain information into this prospectus. By incorporating by reference, we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document we have filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, except for information incorporated by reference that is superseded by information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below that we have previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- . Transition Report on Form 10-K for the one-month transition period ended January 31, 2001, including information specifically incorporated by reference into our Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement for our 2001 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2001;
- . Amended and Restated Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, including information specifically incorporated by reference into our Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement for our 2001 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2001;
- . Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2001;
- . Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended July 31, 2001;
- . Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 31, 2001;
- . Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 1, 2001, February 14, 2001, February 28, 2001, March 15, 2001, March 19, 2001, July 24, 2001, August 20, 2001, August 30, 2001, August 31, 2001, October 31, 2001, November 13, 2001, November 26, 2001 and December 21, 2001; and
- . the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 25, 1999.

We are also incorporating by reference all other reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act between the date of this prospectus and

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the termination of the offering.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of offered securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement. The delivery of this prospectus together with a prospectus supplement relating to particular offered securities in any jurisdiction shall not constitute an offer in the jurisdiction of any other securities covered by this prospectus.

We will provide to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered a copy of any or all of the information that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus but not delivered with this prospectus. To receive a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, other than exhibits, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in those documents, call or write to TiVo Inc., Attention: Investor Relations, 2160 Gold Street, PO Box 2160, Alviso, CA 95002 (telephone (408) 519-9345). The information relating to us contained in this prospectus does not purport to be comprehensive and should be read together with the information contained in the documents incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

Before you decide whether to purchase any of our securities, in addition to the other information in this prospectus, you should carefully consider the risk factors set forth under the heading "Factors that May Affect Future Operating Results" in the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our most recent Transition Report on Form 10-K, Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as the same may be updated from time to time by our future filings under the Securities Exchange Act. For more information, see the section entitled "Incorporation by Reference."

IF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ARE PURCHASED A TRANSACTION UNDER THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT DESCRIBED BELOW UNDER THE HEADING "PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION--DECEMBER 2001 COMMON STOCK PURCHASE AGREEMENT," EXISTING COMMON STOCKHOLDERS WILL EXPERIENCE IMMEDIATE DILUTION AND, AS A RESULT, OUR STOCK PRICE MAY GO DOWN.

We have entered into a common stock purchase agreement with Acqua Wellington North American Equities Fund, Ltd. pursuant to which Acqua Wellington may purchase shares of our common stock at a discount between 3.0% and 5.4%, to be determined as described in "Plan of Distribution." As a result, our existing common stockholders will experience immediate dilution upon the purchase of any shares of our common stock by Acqua Wellington. The purchase agreement with Acqua Wellington provides that, at our request, Acqua Wellington will purchase a certain dollar amount of shares, with the exact number of shares to be determined based on the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock over the draw down period for such purchase. As a result, if the per share market price of our common stock declines over the draw down period, Acqua Wellington will receive a greater number of shares for its purchase price, thereby resulting in further dilution to our stockholders and potential downward pressure on the price of our stock.

THE COMPANY

TiVo Inc. was incorporated in August 1997 as a Delaware corporation. We have developed a subscription-based personal television service which we refer to as the TiVo Service. The TiVo Service provides viewers with the ability to pause,

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rewind and play back live or recorded television broadcasts, as well as to search for, watch and record programs. The TiVo Service also provides television listings, daily suggestions and special viewing packages. The TiVo Service relies on three key components: the personal video recorder, the TiVo remote control and the TiVo Broadcast Center.

Our executive offices are located at 2160 Gold Street, PO Box 2160, Alviso, CA 95002, and our telephone number is (408) 519-9100. TiVo Inc. and the TiVo logo are our service marks. All other service marks and all brand names or trademarks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective holders.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We continually evaluate our business model and strategy, as well as our capital requirements necessary to fund our operations. We may need to raise additional capital in order to fund future opportunities. We currently anticipate that we will seek to raise additional capital through equity or debt financings in the near term. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to raise this additional capital.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities for general corporate purposes, which may include funding research, development, sales and marketing, increasing our working capital, reducing indebtedness, and capital expenditures. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we expect to invest the proceeds in investment-grade, interest-bearing securities.

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RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Ratios of earnings to fixed charges are computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. Earnings consist of income before income taxes and amortization of warrant expense in lieu of financing expenses. Fixed charges consist of interest on all indebtedness and amortization of warrant expense in lieu of financing expenses.

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the periods indicated:

PERIOD FROM AUGUST 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) TO DECEMBER 31, 1997	FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998	DECEMBER 31, 1999	DECEMBER 31, 2000	MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2001	NINE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001
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Earnings for the years ended December 31, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, the one month transition period ended January 31, 2001 and the nine months ended October 31, 2001 were insufficient to cover fixed charges by the amount of the net loss of \$595,000, \$9,721,000, \$66,565,000, \$206,354,000 \$19,013,000 and \$119,141,000 respectively.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED STOCK DIVIDENDS

Ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends are computed by dividing earnings by the sum of fixed charges and preferred stock dividends. Earnings consist of income before income taxes, amortization of warrant expense in lieu of financing expenses and preferred dividends. Fixed charges consist of interest on all indebtedness, amortization of warrant expense in lieu of financing expenses and the preferred dividends.

The following table sets forth our ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends for the periods indicated:

PERIOD FROM AUGUST 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) TO FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, DECEMBER 31, 1997	1998	1999	2000	MONTH ENDED JANUARY 31, 2001	NINE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

We, directly or through agents, dealers or underwriters designated from time to time, may offer, issue and sell, together or separately, up to \$75,000,000 in the aggregate of:

- . secured or unsecured debt securities, in one or more series, which may be either senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities or subordinated debt securities;
- . shares of our preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, in one or more series;
- . shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share;
- . warrants to purchase our common stock or our preferred stock;

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- . warrants to purchase our debt securities; or
- . any combination of the foregoing, either individually or as units consisting of one or more of the foregoing, each on terms to be determined at the time of sale.

We may issue the debt securities as exchangeable for or convertible into shares of common stock, preferred stock or other securities. The preferred stock may also be exchangeable for and/or convertible into shares of common stock, another series of preferred stock or other securities. The debt securities, the preferred stock, the common stock and the warrants are collectively referred to herein as the securities. When a particular series of securities is offered, a supplement to this prospectus will be delivered with this prospectus, which will set forth the terms of the offering and sale of the offered securities.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

This prospectus describes certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities we may offer pursuant to this prospectus. When we offer to sell a particular series of debt securities, we will describe the specific terms of the series in a supplement to this prospectus. The following description of debt securities will apply to the debt securities offered by this prospectus unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement and in a supplement to the indenture, a board resolution, or an officers' certificate delivered pursuant to the indenture. The applicable prospectus supplement for a particular series of debt securities may specify different or additional terms.

We may offer under this prospectus up to \$75,000,000 aggregate principal amount of secured or unsecured debt securities, or if debt securities are issued at a discount, or in a foreign currency or composite currency, such principal amount as may be sold for an initial public offering price of up to \$75,000,000. The debt securities may be either senior debt securities, senior subordinated debt securities or subordinated debt securities.

The debt securities offered hereby will be issued under an indenture between us and a trustee, as trustee. We have filed a copy of the form indenture as an exhibit to the registration statement and you should read the indenture for provisions that may be important to you. We have summarized select portions of the indenture below. The summary is not complete. In the summary below, we have included references to the section numbers of the indenture so that you can easily locate these provisions. Capitalized terms used in the summary below have the meanings specified in the indenture.

GENERAL

The terms of each series of debt securities will be established by or pursuant to a resolution of our Board of Directors and detailed or determined in the manner provided in a Board of Directors resolution, an officers' certificate or by a supplemental indenture. (Section 2.2) The particular terms of each series of debt securities will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to the series, including any pricing supplement.

We can issue an unlimited amount of debt securities under the indenture that may be in one or more series with the same or various maturities, at par, at a premium, or at a discount. We will set forth in a prospectus supplement (including any pricing supplement) relating to any series of debt securities

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being offered, the initial offering price, the aggregate principal amount and the following terms of the debt securities:

- . the title of the debt securities;
- . the price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount) at which we will sell the debt securities;
- . any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;
- . the date or dates on which we will pay the principal on the debt securities;
- . the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum or the method used to determine the rate or rates (including any commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index) at which the debt securities will bear interest, the date or dates from which interest will accrue, the date or dates on which interest will commence and be payable and any regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;
- . the place or places where the principal of, premium, and interest on the debt securities will be payable;
- . the terms and conditions upon which we may redeem the debt securities;
- . any obligation we have to redeem or purchase the debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder of debt securities;
- . the dates on which and the price or prices at which we will repurchase the debt securities at the option of the holders of debt securities and other detailed terms and provisions of these repurchase obligations;
- . the denominations in which the debt securities will be issued, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
- . whether the debt securities will be issued in the form of certificated debt securities or global debt securities;
- . the portion of principal amount of the debt securities payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity date, if other than the principal amount;
- . the currency of denomination of the debt securities;
- . the designation of the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of principal of, premium and interest on the debt securities will be made;
- . if payments of principal of, premium or interest on the debt securities will be made in one or more currencies or currency units other than that or those in which the debt securities are denominated, the manner in which the exchange rate with respect to these payments will be determined;
- . the manner in which the amounts of payment of principal of, premium or interest on the debt securities will be determined, if these amounts may be determined by reference to an index based on a currency or currencies other than that in which the debt securities are denominated or designated to be payable or by reference to a commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index;

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- . any provisions relating to any security provided for the debt securities;
- . any addition to or change in the Events of Default described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities and any change in the acceleration provisions described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities;
- . any addition to or change in the covenants described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities;

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- . any other terms of the debt securities, which may modify or delete any provision of the indenture as it applies to that series; and
- . any depositaries, interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents with respect to the debt securities. (Section 2.2)

We may issue debt securities that provide for an amount less than their stated principal amount to be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of their maturity pursuant to the terms of the indenture. We will provide you with information on the federal income tax considerations and other special considerations applicable to any of these debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If we denominate the purchase price of any of the debt securities in a foreign currency or currencies or a foreign currency unit or units, or if the principal of and any premium and interest on any series of debt securities is payable in a foreign currency or currencies or a foreign currency unit or units, we will provide you with information on the restrictions, elections, general tax considerations, specific terms and other information with respect to that issue of debt securities and such foreign currency or currencies or foreign currency unit or units in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Payment of Interest and Exchange

Each debt security will be represented by either one or more global securities registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company, as Depository, or a nominee of the Depository (we will refer to any debt security represented by a global debt security as a book-entry debt security), or a certificate issued in definitive registered form (we will refer to any debt security represented by a certificated security as a certificated debt security), as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Except as described under "Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System" below, book-entry debt securities will not be issuable in certificated form.

Certificated Debt Securities. You may transfer or exchange certificated debt securities at the trustee's office or paying agencies in accordance with the terms of the indenture. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of certificated debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with a transfer or exchange.

You may transfer certificated debt securities and the right to receive the principal of, premium and interest on certificated debt securities only by surrendering the old certificate representing those certificated debt securities and either we or the trustee will reissue the old certificate to the new holder or we or the trustee will issue a new certificate to the new holder.

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Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System. Each global debt security representing book-entry debt securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depositary, and registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary.

The Depositary has indicated it intends to follow the following procedures with respect to book-entry debt securities.

Ownership of beneficial interests in book-entry debt securities will be limited to persons that have accounts with the Depositary for the related global debt security (we shall refer to these persons as participants) or persons that may hold interests through participants. Upon the issuance of a global debt security, the Depositary will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the participants' accounts with the respective principal amounts of the book-entry debt securities represented by the global debt security beneficially owned by such participants. The accounts to be credited will be designated by any dealers, underwriters or agents participating in the distribution of the book-entry debt securities. Ownership of book-entry debt securities will be shown on, and the transfer of the ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depositary for the related global debt security (with respect to interests of participants) and on the records of participants (with

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respect to interests of persons holding through participants). The laws of some states may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in book-entry debt securities.

So long as the Depositary for a global debt security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of that global debt security, the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the book-entry debt securities represented by such global debt security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as described herein, beneficial owners of book-entry debt securities will not be entitled to have securities registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of a certificate in definitive form representing securities and will not be considered the owners or holders of those securities under the indenture. Accordingly, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indenture, each person beneficially owning book-entry debt securities must rely on the procedures of the Depositary for the related global debt security and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which that person owns its interest.

We understand, however, that under existing industry practice, the Depositary will authorize the persons on whose behalf it holds a global debt security to exercise certain rights of holders of debt securities, and the indenture provides that we, the trustee and our respective agents will treat as the holder of a debt security the persons specified in a written statement of the Depositary with respect to that global debt security for purposes of obtaining any consents or directions required to be given by holders of the debt securities pursuant to the indenture. (Section 2.14.6)

We will make payments of principal of, and premium and interest on book-entry debt securities to the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered holder of the related global debt security. (Section 2.14.5) We, the trustee and any other agent of ours or agent of the trustee will not have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a

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global debt security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the Depository, upon receipt of any payment of principal of, premium or interest on a global debt security, will immediately credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to the respective amounts of book-entry debt securities held by each participant as shown on the records of the Depository. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in book-entry debt securities held through those participants will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of those participants.

We will issue certificated debt securities in exchange for each global debt security if the Depository is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as Depository or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Securities Exchange Act, and a successor Depository registered as a clearing agency under the Securities Exchange Act is not appointed by us within 90 days. In addition, we may at any time and in our sole discretion determine not to have any of the book-entry debt securities of any series represented by one or more global debt securities and, in that event, we will issue certificated debt securities in exchange for the global debt securities of that series. Global debt securities will also be exchangeable by the holders for certificated debt securities if an event of default with respect to the book-entry debt securities represented by those global debt securities has occurred and is continuing. Any certificated debt securities issued in exchange for a global debt security will be registered in such name or names as the Depository shall instruct the trustee. We expect that such instructions will be based upon directions received by the Depository from participants with respect to ownership of book-entry debt securities relating to such global debt security.

We have obtained the foregoing information in this section concerning the Depository and the Depository's book-entry system from sources we believe to be reliable, but we take no responsibility for the accuracy of this information.

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NO PROTECTION IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE OF CONTROL

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any provisions which may afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event we have a change in control or in the event of a highly leveraged transaction (whether or not such transaction results in a change in control).

COVENANTS

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any restrictive covenants, including covenants restricting us or any of our subsidiaries from incurring, issuing, assuming or guarantying any indebtedness secured by a lien on any of our or our subsidiaries' property or capital stock, or restricting us or any of our subsidiaries from entering into any sale and leaseback transactions.

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER AND SALE OF ASSETS

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may not consolidate with or merge into, or convey, transfer or lease all or

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substantially all of our properties and assets to, any person (a "successor person"), and we may not permit any person to merge into, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to us, unless:

- . the successor person is a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes our obligations on the debt securities and under the indenture;
- . immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no event of default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become an event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing under the indenture; and
- . certain other conditions are met. (Section 5.1)

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, "event of default" means with respect to any series of debt securities, any of the following:

- . default in the payment of any interest upon any debt security of that series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of that default for a period of 90 days (unless the entire amount of such payment is deposited by us with the trustee or with a paying agent prior to the expiration of the 90-day period);
- . default in the payment of principal of or premium on any debt security of that series when due and payable;
- . default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due in respect of any debt security of that series;
- . default in the performance or breach of any other covenant or warranty by us in the indenture (other than a covenant or warranty that has been included in the indenture solely for the benefit of a series of debt securities other than that series), which default continues uncured for a period of 60 days after we receive written notice from the trustee or we and the trustee receive written notice from the holders of at least 51% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series as provided in the indenture;
- . certain events of our bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization; and
- . any other event of default provided with respect to debt securities of that series that is described in the applicable prospectus supplement accompanying this prospectus.

No event of default with respect to a particular series of debt securities (except as to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization) necessarily constitutes an event of default with respect to any other series of debt securities. (Section 6.1) An event of default may also be an event of default under our bank credit agreements or other debt securities in existence from time to time and under certain guaranties by us of any subsidiary indebtedness. In addition, certain Events of Default or an acceleration under the indenture may also be an event of default under some of our other indebtedness outstanding from time to time.

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Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, if an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing (other than certain events of our bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization), then the trustee or the holders of not less than 51% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, by written notice to us (and to the trustee if given by the holders), declare to be due and payable immediately the principal (or, if the debt securities of that series are discount securities, that portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) and premium of all debt securities of that series. In the case of an event of default resulting from certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, the principal (or such specified amount) and premium of all outstanding debt securities will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the trustee or any holder of outstanding debt securities. At any time after a declaration of acceleration with respect to debt securities of any series has been made, but before the trustee has obtained a judgment or decree for payment of the money due, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, subject to our having paid or deposited with the trustee a sum sufficient to pay overdue interest and principal which has become due other than by acceleration and certain other conditions, rescind and annul such acceleration if all Events of Default, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal and premium with respect to debt securities of that series, have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture. (Section 6.2) For information as to waiver of defaults see the discussion under "Modification and Waiver" below. We refer you to the prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities that are discount securities for the particular provisions relating to acceleration of a portion of the principal amount of the discount securities upon the occurrence of an event of default and the continuation of an event of default.

The indenture provides that the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any holder of outstanding debt securities, unless the trustee receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense. (Section 7.1(e)) Subject to certain rights of the trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the debt securities of that series. (Section 6.12)

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, no holder of any debt security of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any remedy under the indenture, unless:

- . that holder has previously given to the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to debt securities of that series; and
- . the holders of at least 51% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made written request, and offered reasonable indemnity, to the trustee to institute such proceeding as trustee, and the trustee shall not have received from the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series a direction inconsistent with that request and has failed to institute the proceeding within 60 days. (Section 6.7)

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the holder of any debt security will have an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of the principal of,

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premium and any interest on that debt security on or after the due dates expressed in that debt security and to institute suit for the enforcement of payment. (Section 6.8)

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The indenture requires us, within 90 days after the end of our fiscal year, to furnish to the trustee a statement as to compliance with the indenture. (Section 4.3) The indenture provides that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any series of any default or event of default (except in payment on any debt securities of that series) with respect to debt securities of that series if it in good faith determines that withholding notice is in the interest of the holders of those debt securities. (Section 7.5)

MODIFICATION AND WAIVER

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we and the trustee may modify and amend the indenture with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the modifications or amendments. We and the trustee may not make any modification or amendment without the consent of the holder of each affected debt security then outstanding if that amendment will:

- . change the amount of debt securities whose holders must consent to an amendment or waiver;
- . reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest (including default interest) on any debt security;
- . reduce the principal of or premium on or change the fixed maturity of any debt security or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation with respect to any series of debt securities;
- . reduce the principal amount of discount securities payable upon acceleration of maturity;
- . waive a default in the payment of the principal of, premium or interest on any debt security (except a rescission of acceleration of the debt securities of any series by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of that series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from that acceleration);
- . make the principal of or premium or interest on any debt security payable in currency other than that stated in the debt security; make any change to certain provisions of the indenture relating to, among other things, the right of holders of debt securities to receive payment of the principal of, premium and interest on those debt securities, the right of the holders to institute suit for the enforcement of the payment, the right of holders to waive past defaults or amendments to the limitations described in this bullet point; or
- . waive a redemption payment with respect to any debt security or change any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of any debt securities. (Section 9.3)

Except for certain specified provisions, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series, waive our

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compliance with provisions of the indenture. (Section 9.2) The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all the debt securities of that series, waive any past default under the indenture with respect to that series and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, premium or any interest on any debt security of that series; provided, however, that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from the acceleration. (Section 6.13)

DEFEASANCE OF DEBT SECURITIES AND CERTAIN COVENANTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Legal Defeasance. The indenture provides that, unless the terms of the applicable series of debt securities provide otherwise, we may be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series (except for certain obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of the series, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities of the series, and to maintain paying agencies and certain provisions

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relating to the treatment of funds held by paying agents). We will be so discharged upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of debt securities denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, foreign government obligations (as described at the end of this section), that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to pay and discharge each installment of principal, premium and interest on and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of such payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities.

This discharge may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel stating that we have received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service a ruling or, since the date of execution of the indenture, there has been a change in the applicable United States federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to United States federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred. (Section 8.3)

Defeasance of Certain Covenants. The indenture provides that, unless the terms of the applicable series of debt securities provide otherwise, upon compliance with certain conditions, we may omit to comply with the restrictive covenants contained in Sections 4.2 (SEC Reports), 4.3 through 4.6 (Compliance Certificate; Stay, Extension and Usury Laws; Corporate Existence; Taxes) and Section 5.1 (When We May Merge, Etc.) of the indenture, as well as any additional covenants contained in a supplement to the indenture, a board resolution or an officers' certificate delivered pursuant to the indenture.

The conditions include:

- . depositing with the trustee money and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of debt securities denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, foreign government obligations, that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide money

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in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to pay principal, premium and interest on and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities; and

- . delivering to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and related covenant defeasance and will be subject to United States federal income tax in the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and related covenant defeasance had not occurred. (Section 8.4)

Covenant Defeasance and Events of Default. In the event we exercise our option not to comply with certain covenants of the indenture with respect to any series of debt securities and the debt securities of that series are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default, the amount of money and/or U.S. government obligations or foreign government obligations on deposit with the trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration resulting from the event of default. However, we will remain liable for those payments.

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"Foreign government obligations" means, with respect to debt securities of any series that are denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars:

- . direct obligations of the government that issued or caused to be issued such currency for the payment of which obligations its full faith and credit is pledged, which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof; or
- . obligations of a person controlled or supervised by or acting as an agency or instrumentality of that government the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by that government, which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof.

CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE RIGHTS

The debt securities may be exchanged for or converted into shares of common stock, shares of preferred stock or other securities. The terms, if any, on which the debt securities may be exchanged for or converted will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such terms may include provisions for conversion, either mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option, in which case the number of shares of common stock, preferred stock or other securities to be received by the holders of the debt securities would be calculated as of a time and in the manner stated in the prospectus supplement.

GOVERNING LAW

The indenture and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of New York. (Section 10.10)

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DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

The following description of the terms of the preferred stock sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the preferred stock to which any prospectus supplement may relate and will apply to the preferred stock offered by this prospectus unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement for a particular series of preferred stock may specify different or additional terms. The description of certain provisions of the preferred stock set forth below and in any prospectus supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation and the certificate of designations relating to each series of the preferred stock, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and incorporated by reference in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part at or prior to the time of the issuance of such series of the preferred stock.

GENERAL

We have authority to issue 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, 5,000,000 shares of which are designated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and 1,500,000 shares of which are designated Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock and reserved for issuance pursuant to our Rights Agreement dated as of January 16, 2001 between Wells Fargo Shareowner Services, as Rights Agent, and us. As of November 30, 2001, 2,711,861 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and none of our Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding.

Under our certificate of incorporation, our board of directors is authorized without further stockholder action to provide for the issuance of up to the remaining authorized but unissued shares of our preferred stock, in one or more series, with such voting powers, full or limited, and with such designations, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as shall be stated in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of a series of such stock adopted, at any time or from time to time, by our board of directors. As used herein, the term "board of directors" includes any duly authorized committee thereof. The issuance of the preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of holders of our common stock and the likelihood that such holders will receive dividend payments and payments upon liquidation and could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control.

The preferred stock shall have the dividend, liquidation, redemption and voting rights set forth below unless we provide otherwise in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of the preferred stock. Reference is made to the prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of the preferred stock offered thereby for specific terms, including:

- . the designation and stated value per share of such preferred stock and the number of shares offered;
- . the amount of liquidation preference per share;
- . the initial public offering price at which such preferred stock will be issued;
- . the dividend rate (or method of calculation), the dates on which dividends shall be payable and the dates from which dividends shall commence to cumulate, if any;
- . any redemption or sinking fund provisions;

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- . any conversion or exchange rights; and
- . any additional voting, dividend, liquidation, redemption, sinking fund and other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations and restrictions.

The preferred stock will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable and will have no preemptive rights. The rights of the holders of each series of the preferred stock will be subordinate to those of our general creditors.

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DIVIDEND RIGHTS

Holders of the preferred stock of each series will be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of our funds legally available therefor, cash dividends on such dates and at such rates as set forth in, or as are determined by the method described in, the prospectus supplement relating to such series of the preferred stock. Such rate may be fixed or variable or both. Each such dividend will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on our stock books on such record dates, fixed by our board of directors, as specified in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of preferred stock.

Such dividends may be cumulative or noncumulative, as provided in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of preferred stock. If our board of directors fails to declare a dividend payable on a dividend payment date on any series of preferred stock for which dividends are noncumulative, then the right to receive a dividend in respect of the dividend period ending on such dividend payment date will be lost, and we will have no obligation to pay any dividend for such period, whether or not dividends on such series are declared payable on any future dividend payment dates. Dividends on the shares of each series of preferred stock for which dividends are cumulative will accrue from the date on which we initially issue shares of such series.

Bank credit agreements that we may enter into from time to time and debt securities that we may issue from time to time may restrict our ability to declare or pay dividends on our capital stock.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, so long as the shares of any series of the preferred stock are outstanding, unless:

- . full dividends (including if such preferred stock is cumulative, dividends for prior dividend periods) have been declared and paid in full or declared and consideration sufficient for payment set apart for payment on all outstanding shares of the preferred stock of such series and all other classes and series of our preferred stock, other than junior stock, as defined below, and
- . we are not in default or in arrears with respect to the mandatory or optional redemption or mandatory repurchase or other mandatory retirement of, or with respect to any sinking or other analogous funds for, any shares of preferred stock of such series or any shares of any of our other preferred stock of any class or series, other than junior stock, as defined below,

we may not declare any dividends on any shares of our common stock or any of our other stock ranking as to dividends or distributions of assets junior to such series of preferred stock (we refer to this common stock and any such other stock as junior stock), or make any payment on account of, or set apart

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money for, the purchase, redemption or other retirement of, or for a sinking or other analogous fund for, any shares of junior stock or make any distribution in respect of any shares of junior stock, whether in cash or property or in obligations of our stock, other than in junior stock which is neither convertible into, nor exchangeable or exercisable for, any of our securities other than junior stock.

LIQUIDATION PREFERENCES

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of each series of the preferred stock will be entitled to receive out of our assets available for distribution to stockholders, before any distribution of assets is made to the holders of common stock or any other shares of our stock ranking junior as to such distribution to such series of the preferred stock, but after any required distributions to holders of any shares of our stock ranking senior as to such distribution to such series of preferred stock, the amount set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series of the preferred stock. If, upon our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up and after required distribution of our assets to holders of any shares of our stock ranking senior as to such distribution to the preferred stock of a particular series, the amounts payable with respect to the preferred stock of such series and any other shares of our preferred stock, including any other series of the preferred stock, ranking as to any such distribution on a parity with such series of the preferred stock are

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not paid in full, the holders of the preferred stock of such series and of such other shares of our preferred stock will share ratably in any such distribution of our assets in proportion to the full respective preferential amounts to which they are entitled. After payment to the holders of the preferred stock of each series of the full preferential amounts of the liquidating distribution to which they are entitled, unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the holders of each such series of the preferred stock will be entitled to no further participation in any distribution of our assets.

REDEMPTION

A series of the preferred stock may be redeemable, in whole or from time to time in part, at our option, and may be subject to mandatory redemption pursuant to a sinking fund or otherwise, in each case upon terms, at the times and at the redemption prices set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such series. Shares of the preferred stock redeemed by us will be restored to the status of authorized but unissued shares of our preferred stock.

In the event that fewer than all of the outstanding shares of a series of the preferred stock are to be redeemed, whether by mandatory or optional redemption, the number of shares to be redeemed will be determined by lot or pro rata, subject to rounding to avoid fractional shares, as may be determined by us or by any other method as may be determined by us in our sole discretion to be equitable. From and after the redemption date, unless default is made by us in providing for the payment of the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, dividends will cease to accumulate on the shares of the preferred stock called for redemption and all rights of the holders thereof, except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, will cease.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, so long as any dividends on shares of any series of the preferred stock or any other

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series of our preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends and distribution of assets with such series of the preferred stock are in arrears, no shares of any such series of the preferred stock or such other series of our preferred stock will be redeemed, whether by mandatory or optional redemption, unless all such shares are simultaneously redeemed, and we will not purchase or otherwise acquire any such shares; provided, however, that the foregoing will not prevent the purchase or acquisition of such shares pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all such shares outstanding.

CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE RIGHTS

The terms, if any, on which shares of the preferred stock of any series may be exchanged for or converted into shares of common stock, another series of the preferred stock or any other security will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Such terms may include provisions for conversion, either mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option, in which case the number of shares of common stock, the shares of another series of the preferred stock or the amount of any other securities to be received by the holders of the preferred stock would be calculated as of a time and in the manner stated in the prospectus supplement.

VOTING RIGHTS

Except as indicated in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of the preferred stock, or except as required by applicable law, the holders of the preferred stock will not be entitled to vote for any purpose.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

We have authority to issue 150,000,000 shares of common stock. As of November 30, 2001, 45,585,395 shares of our common stock were outstanding.

The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted on by stockholders, including the election of directors. Stockholders are not entitled to cumulative voting rights, and, accordingly, the holders of a majority of the shares voting for the election of directors can elect our entire board of directors if they choose to do so and, in that event, the holders of the remaining shares will not be able to elect any person to our board of directors.

The holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors, in its discretion, from funds legally available therefor and subject to prior dividend rights of holders of any shares of preferred stock which may be outstanding. Bank credit agreements that we may enter into from time to time and debt securities that we may issue from time to time may restrict our ability to declare or pay dividends on our common stock. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, subject to prior liquidation rights of the holders of preferred stock, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive on a pro rata basis our remaining assets available for distribution. Holders of common stock have no preemptive or other subscription rights, and there are no conversion rights or redemption or sinking fund provisions with respect to such shares. All outstanding shares of common stock are, and all shares being offered by this prospectus will be, fully paid and not liable to further calls or assessment by us.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

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We may issue debt warrants to purchase debt securities, as well as equity warrants to purchase preferred stock or common stock. The warrants may be issued independently or together with any securities and may be attached to or separate from the securities. If the warrants are issued pursuant to warrant agreements, we will so specify in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants being offered pursuant to the prospectus supplement. The following description of warrants will apply to the warrants offered by this prospectus unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement for a particular series of warrants may specify different or additional terms.

DEBT WARRANTS

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of debt warrants offered, the warrant agreement relating to the debt warrants and the debt warrant certificates representing the debt warrants, including the following:

- . the title of the debt warrants;
- . the aggregate number of the debt warrants;
- . the price or prices at which the debt warrants will be issued;
- . the designation, aggregate principal amount and terms of the debt securities purchasable upon exercise of the debt warrants, and the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of the debt warrants;
- . the designation and terms of any related debt securities with which the debt warrants are issued, and the number of the debt warrants issued with each debt security;
- . the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of each debt warrant;
- . the date on which the right to exercise the debt warrants will commence, and the date on which this right will expire;

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- . the maximum or minimum number of debt warrants which may be exercised at any time;
- . a discussion of any material federal income tax considerations; and
- . any other terms of the debt warrants and terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exercise of debt warrants.

Debt warrant certificates will be exchangeable for new debt warrant certificates of different denominations, and debt warrants may be exercised at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the prospectus supplement. Prior to the exercise of their debt warrants, holders of debt warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the debt securities purchasable upon exercise and will not be entitled to payment of principal of or any premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities purchasable upon exercise.

EQUITY WARRANTS

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The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the following terms of equity warrants offered:

- . the title of the equity warrants;
- . the securities (i.e., preferred stock or common stock) for which the equity warrants are exercisable;
- . the price or prices at which the equity warrants will be issued;
- . if applicable, the designation and terms of the preferred stock or common stock with which the equity warrants are issued, and the number of equity warrants issued with each share of preferred stock or common stock; and
- . any other terms of the equity warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of equity warrants.

Holders of equity warrants will not be entitled, by virtue of being such holders, to vote, consent, receive dividends, receive notice as stockholders with respect to any meeting of stockholders for the election of our directors or any other matter, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as our stockholders.

The exercise price payable and the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon the exercise of each equity warrant will be subject to adjustment in certain events, including the issuance of a stock dividend to holders of common stock or preferred stock or a stock split, reverse stock split, combination, subdivision or reclassification of common stock or preferred stock. In lieu of adjusting the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of each equity warrant, we may elect to adjust the number of equity warrants. No adjustments in the number of shares purchasable upon exercise of the equity warrants will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% thereof. We may, at our option, reduce the exercise price at any time. No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of equity warrants, but we will pay the cash value of any fractional shares otherwise issuable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in case of any consolidation, merger, or sale or conveyance of our property as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, the holder of each outstanding equity warrant shall have the right to the kind and amount of shares of stock and other securities and property, including cash, receivable by a holder of the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock into which the equity warrant was exercisable immediately prior to the transaction.

EXERCISE OF WARRANTS

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase for cash such principal amount of securities or shares of stock at such exercise price as shall in each case be set forth in, or be determinable as set forth in, the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered thereby. Warrants may be exercised at any time up to the close of business on the expiration date set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered thereby. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

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The warrants may be exercised as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants offered. Upon receipt of payment and the taking of other action specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will, as soon as practicable, forward the securities purchasable upon exercise. If less than all of the warrants represented by such warrant certificate are exercised, a new warrant certificate will be issued for the remaining warrants.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

GENERAL

We may sell the securities from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods. The securities also may be sold pursuant to the purchase agreement described below under the heading "--December 2001 Common Stock Purchase Agreement." We may sell the securities (1) through underwriters or dealers, (2) through agents, and/or (3) directly to one or more purchasers. We may distribute the securities from time to time in one or more transactions at:

- . a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- . market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- . prices related to the prevailing market prices; or
- . negotiated prices.

We may solicit directly offers to purchase the securities being offered by this prospectus. We may also designate agents to solicit offers to purchase the securities from time to time. We will name in a prospectus supplement any agent involved in the offer or sale of our securities.

If we utilize a dealer in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, we will sell the securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

If we utilize an underwriter in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter at the time of sale and we will provide the name of any underwriter in the prospectus supplement which the underwriter will use to make resales of the securities to the public. In connection with the sale of the securities, we, or the purchasers of securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent, may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the securities to or through dealers, and the underwriter may compensate those dealers in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions.

With respect to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions and block trades, we will provide in the applicable prospectus supplement any compensation we pay to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of the securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof.

Shares of common stock sold pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part will be authorized for quotation and trading on the Nasdaq National Market. Other securities may or may not be listed on the Nasdaq National Market or a national securities exchange. To facilitate the offering of securities, other than

securities offered through an equity line of credit, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the securities, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than we sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the securities by bidding for or purchasing securities in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

The underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in other transactions with us, or perform other services for us, in the ordinary course of their business.

December 2001 Common Stock Purchase Agreement

On December 21, 2001, we entered into an arrangement with Acqua Wellington North American Equities Fund, Ltd. which is a type of financing vehicle within a category of structures which are sometimes termed equity lines of credit. Specifically, we entered into a common stock purchase agreement with Acqua Wellington, which provides that Acqua Wellington is committed to purchase up to \$14,000,000 of our common stock over the 14-month term of the purchase agreement. We have filed the purchase agreement as an exhibit to this registration statement, and you should read the actual terms of the purchase agreement for the definitive terms and conditions. The total amount of securities available under the purchase agreement does not exceed 10% of the aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock that was held by non-affiliates on a day within sixty days prior to December 21, 2001. From time to time beginning on the date of this prospectus and ending on or before February 3, 2003 and at our sole discretion, we may present Acqua Wellington with draw down notices constituting offers to purchase our common stock over a draw down period consisting of two periods of ten consecutive trading days or such other number of trading days as agreed upon by us and Acqua Wellington. Under the purchase agreement, we are able to present Acqua Wellington with up to 12 draw down notices during the term of the agreement, with a minimum of five trading days required between each draw down period.

Each draw down notice sets forth a threshold price and the dollar value of the shares Acqua Wellington is obligated to purchase during the draw down period. The threshold price we choose, which cannot be less than \$3.00 without the consent of Acqua Wellington, establishes the maximum value of the stock we can obligate Acqua Wellington to buy during the period and the discount that Acqua Wellington will receive as follows:

Threshold Price -----	Maximum Purchase Value -----
\$6.00-6.99	\$3,500,000

Each \$1.00 decrease below \$6.00, down to a minimum of \$3.00	A decrease of \$500,000 down to a minimum of \$2,000,000
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Each \$1.00 increase above \$4.00, up to a maximum of \$10.00	An increase of \$500,000 up to a maximum of \$5,500,000
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Threshold Price	Discount
\$6.00-6.99	4.95%

Each \$1.00 decrease below \$6.00, down to a minimum of \$3.00	An increase of 0.15% up to a maximum discount of 5.40%
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Each \$1.00 increase above \$4.00	A decrease of 0.15% down to a minimum discount of 3.00%
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Once presented with a draw down notice, Acqua Wellington is required to purchase a pro rata portion of the shares on each trading day during the draw down period on which the daily volume weighted average price for our common stock exceeds a threshold price for such draw down determined by us and set forth in the draw down notice. The per share purchase price for these shares equals the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock on each date during the draw down period on which shares are purchased, less a discount ranging from 3.00% to 5.40%, based on the threshold price set forth in the draw down notice as set forth in the tables above. If the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock falls below the threshold price on any trading day during a draw down period, the purchase agreement provides that Acqua Wellington will not be obligated but still may purchase the pro-rata portion of shares of common stock allocated to that day at the threshold price for the draw down period, less Acqua Wellington's discount. The number of shares Acqua Wellington would be obligated to buy on any trading day during a draw down period is arrived at by dividing that day's pro rata part of the total purchase amount by that day's volume weighted average price, less Acqua Wellington's discount. The total number of shares Acqua Wellington would be required to purchase during a draw down period is the aggregate of the daily amounts.

As an example of how the draw down mechanism works, assume that we had sent Acqua Wellington a draw down notice choosing a threshold price of \$6.00 and a corresponding draw amount of \$3,500,000. On each of the following twenty trading days in the two periods of ten consecutive trading days which comprise the draw down period, Acqua Wellington would be obligated to purchase approximately \$175,000 worth of our stock at that day's volume weighted average price less a 4.95% discount. On a trading day during the draw down period when the volume weighted average price was \$6.50, Acqua Wellington would be obligated to buy approximately 28,325 shares at a price of \$6.18 per share. If the volume weighted average price remained at \$6.50 for each trading day during the draw down period, Acqua Wellington would be obligated to purchase a total of approximately 566,503 shares for \$3,500,000. The number of shares purchased will increase or decrease inversely to increases or decreases in the volume weighted average price.

The purchase agreement also provides that from time to time and at our sole discretion we may grant Acqua Wellington the right to exercise one or more call options to purchase additional shares of our common stock during each draw down period for the amount that we specify; provided, however, that the aggregate of all such call option amounts and draw down amounts may not exceed \$14,000,000

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for the term of the purchase agreement. Upon Acqua Wellington's exercise of the call option, we will issue and sell the shares of our common stock subject to the call option at a price equal to the greater of the daily volume weighted average price of our common stock on the day Acqua Wellington notifies us of its election to exercise its call option or the threshold price for the call option determined by us and set forth in the draw down notice, less a discount ranging from 3.00% to 5.40%, based on the threshold price set forth in the draw down notice.

In addition to our issuance of shares of common stock to Acqua Wellington pursuant to the purchase agreement, this prospectus also covers the sale of those shares from time to time by Acqua Wellington to the public. Acqua Wellington is an "underwriter" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act.

Acqua Wellington has informed us that it intends to use Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. as the broker-dealer to sell shares of our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market. Such sales will be made on the Nasdaq National Market at prices and at terms then prevailing or at prices related to the then current market price. Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. is an underwriter within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. Acqua Wellington has informed us that Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc., which is not an affiliate of Acqua Wellington, will receive commissions from Acqua Wellington which will not exceed customary brokerage commissions. Acqua Wellington also will pay other expenses associated with the sale of the common stock it acquires pursuant to the purchase agreement.

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The shares of common stock may be sold in one or more of the following manners:

- . ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers; or
- . a block trade in which the broker or dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction.

Acqua Wellington has agreed that prior to and during the term of the purchase agreement, neither Acqua Wellington nor any of its affiliates or entities managed by Acqua Wellington will sell any of our securities except the shares that Acqua Wellington (or its respective affiliate or managed entity) owns at the time of the sale, or any shares that Acqua Wellington is obligated to purchase under a pending draw down notice.

In addition, Acqua Wellington and Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. will be subject to liability under the federal securities laws and must comply with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including without limitation, Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5 and Regulation M under the Exchange Act. These rules and regulations may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of common stock by Acqua Wellington or Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. Under these rules and regulations, Acqua Wellington and Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc.:

- . may not engage in any stabilization activity in connection with our securities;
- . must furnish each broker which offers shares of our common stock covered by this prospectus with the number of copies of this prospectus and any

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prospectus supplement which are required by each broker; and

- . may not bid for or purchase any of our securities or attempt to induce any person to purchase any of our securities other than as permitted under the Exchange Act.

These restrictions may affect the marketability of the shares of common stock by Acqua Wellington and Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc.

We have agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Acqua Wellington and Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, which may be based upon, among other things, any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in or incorporated by reference in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or any omission or alleged omission to state in the registration statement or any document incorporated by reference in the registration statement, a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, unless made or omitted in reliance upon written information provided to us by Acqua Wellington or Joseph Grace Holdings, Inc. We have agreed to pay twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of Acqua Wellington's fees and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by Acqua Wellington in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution and delivery of the purchase agreement. We have also agreed to pay all reasonable fees and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred by Acqua Wellington in connection with any amendments, modifications or waivers of the purchase agreement.

In addition, we have agreed to pay Reedland Capital Partners, an Institutional Division of Financial West Group, Member, NASD/SIPC/MSRB, a placement fee in the amount of one-fifth of one percent (0.20%) of the corresponding draw down amount or call option amount purchased by Acqua Wellington. We have agreed to indemnify and hold harmless Reedland Capital Partners against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters with respect to the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Latham & Watkins, Menlo Park, California. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for any agents or underwriters by counsel for such agents or underwriters identified in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The financial statements and schedules incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement have been audited by Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, as indicated in their reports with respect thereto, and are included herein in reliance upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing in giving said reports.

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