SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 36-3154957 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

750 N. Commons Drive Aurora, Illinois 60504 (630) 898-2500 (Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Gary F. Seamans

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer 750 N. Commons Drive Aurora, Illinois 60504 (630) 898-2500 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

COPY TO:

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement as determined in light of market conditions.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. []

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. [X]

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. []

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. []

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. []

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

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 TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES
 AMOUNT OF

 TO BE REGISTERED
 AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE(1)(2)
 REGISTRATION FEE

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Debt Securities and Class A Common Stock, \$.01 par

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- (1) Or (i) if any Debt Securities are issued at an original issue discount, such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price equal to the amount to be registered or (ii) if any Debt Securities are issued with a principal amount denominated in a foreign currency or composite currency, such principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price equivalent thereto in United States dollars at the time of initial offering.
- (2) These figures are estimates made solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o). Exclusive of accrued interest, if any, on the Debt Securities.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(A) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(A), MAY DETERMINE.

Information contained herein is subject to completion or amendment. A registration statement relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the registration statement becomes effective. This prospectus shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any State in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such State.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED OCTOBER 31, 1997

PROSPECTUS

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WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

DEBT SECURITIES AND COMMON STOCK Westell Technologies, Inc. ("Westell" or the "Company") may from time to time offer, together or separately, (1) its debt securities (the "Debt Securities"), which may be either senior debt securities (the "Senior Debt Securities") or subordinated debt securities (the "Subordinated Debt Securities") and (2) shares of its Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"). The Debt Securities and the Class A Common Stock are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

The Securities offered pursuant to this Prospectus may be issued in one or more series or issuances and will be limited to \$300,000,000 aggregate public offering price (or its equivalent (based on the applicable exchange rate at the time of the sale) in one or more foreign currencies, currency units or composite currencies, including European currency units, as shall be designated by the Company). Certain specific terms of the particular Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered is set forth in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement"), including, where applicable, (i) in the case of Debt Securities, the specific title, aggregate principal amount, currency, the denomination, whether such Debt Securities are secured or unsecured obligations, whether such Debt Securities are senior or subordinated, maturity, premium, if any, the interest rate (which may be fixed, floating or adjustable), the time and method of calculating payment of interest, if any, the place or places where principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such Debt Securities will be payable, the currency in which principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on such Debt Securities will be payable, any terms of redemption at the option of the Company or the Holder, any sinking fund provisions, terms for any conversion into other Securities, the initial public offering price and other special terms and (ii) in the case of Common Stock, the number of shares offered for sale by the Company and the public offering price or method of determining the public offering price. If so specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, Debt Securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more temporary or permanent global securities. The Company's Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "WSTL." Any Common Stock sold pursuant to a Prospectus Supplement will be quoted on such market.

Unless otherwise specified in a Prospectus Supplement, the Senior Debt Securities, when issued, will be unsecured and will rank equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company. The Subordinated Debt Securities, when issued, will be subordinated in right of payment to all Senior Debt (as defined) of the Company, including any outstanding Senior Debt Securities. See "Description of Debt Securities -- Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities."

The Prospectus Supplement may contain information concerning U.S. federal income tax considerations, if applicable to the Securities offered.

The Securities may be sold directly, through agents, underwriters or dealers as designated from time to time, or through a combination of such methods. See "Plan of Distribution." If agents of the Company or any dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of the Securities in respect of which the Prospectus is being delivered, the names of such agents, dealers or underwriters and any applicable commissions or discounts, if any, will be set forth in or may be calculated from the Prospectus Supplement with respect to such Securities.

This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of Securities unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement.

SEE "RISK FACTORS" ON PAGE 5 FOR CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS RELEVANT TO AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus is , 1997.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Such reports, proxy statements and other information filed by the Company can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the Commission at Room 1024, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20549, and at the Commission's Regional Offices located at Citicorp Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661 and 7 World Trade Center, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10048. Copies of such material can be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. The Commission maintains a World Wide Web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the Commission. The address of the World Wide Web site is http://www.sec.gov. The Common Stock is listed for quotation on the Nasdaq National Market. Reports, proxy statements and other information concerning the Company may be inspected at the office of The Nasdaq Stock Market at 1735 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

The Company has filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form S-3 (herein, together with all amendments and exhibits, referred to as the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), with respect to the Securities. This Prospectus which constitutes part of the Registration Statement does not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement, certain parts of which are omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. For further information with respect to the Company and the Securities offered hereby, reference is made to the Registration Statement and the exhibits and the financial statements, notes and schedules filed as a part thereof or incorporated by reference therein, which may be inspected at the public reference facilities of the Commission at the addresses set forth above or through the Commission's World Wide Web site.

Statements contained in this Prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete, and in each instance are qualified in all respects by reference to the copy of such contract or document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents have been filed with the Commission and are incorporated herein by reference:

(1) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997;

(2) The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 1997;

(3) The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 2, 1997; and

(4) The description of the Company's Class A Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated November 22, 1995.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement of which this Prospectus forms a part and prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities offered hereby shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of the Registration Statement or this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein, in a Prospectus Supplement or in any other document subsequently filed with the Commission which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of the Registration Statement or this Prospectus.

The Company will furnish without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference, other than exhibits to such documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents). Requests should be directed to Stephen J. Hawrysz, Corporate Secretary, Westell Technologies, Inc., 750 N. Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois, 60504 (telephone number: (630) 898-2500).

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Prospectus or a Prospectus Supplement in connection with the offering described herein and therein, and any information or representations not contained herein or therein must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company or by any underwriter, dealer or agent. This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of Offered Securities unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement. Neither this Prospectus nor any Prospectus Supplement shall constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Offered Securities covered by this Prospectus in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The delivery of this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement at any time does not imply that the information herein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date hereof.

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THE COMPANY

Since 1980, Westell has developed telecommunications products that address the needs of telephone companies ("telcos") to upgrade their existing network infrastructures in order to deliver advanced data and voice services to their customers. Westell designs, manufactures, markets and services a broad range of digital and analog products used by telcos to deliver services a broad range of digital and analog products used by telcos to deliver services a broad range of digital and analog products used by telcos to deliver services primarily over existing copper telephone wires that connect end users to a telco's central office (the "local access network"). Westell also markets its products and services to other telecommunications and information service providers seeking direct access to end-user customers. Westell's principal customers include the Regional Bell Operating Companies (the "RBOCs") as well as GTE. In addition, Westell sells products to several other entities, including public telephone administrations located outside the U.S., independent domestic local exchange carriers, competitive access providers, interexchange carriers, Internet service providers and the U.S. federal government.

Westell is a leading worldwide innovator and developer of broadband telecommunications access systems using an emerging technology known as Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line ("ADSL"), which is part of the family of Digital Subscriber Line ("DSL") products. ADSL systems will allow telcos and other local access providers to provide interactive multimedia services over existing copper wire, thus offering a more cost-effective and faster deployment alternative to fiber optic cable in the "last-mile" of the local access network. ADSL systems enable interactive multimedia services such as advanced data applications, including high speed Internet access, local area network ("LAN") extension, telecommuting and medical imaging, as well as emerging video applications, including video-on-demand, distance learning, video conferencing and work at home. Currently, over 100 domestic and international customers including Ameritech, Bell Atlantic, Bell Canada, British Telecom, GTE, MCI, US West Interprise, Telecom Italia and leading Internet service providers are conducting or have conducted technical or marketing trials for new interactive multimedia services that rely on Westell's ADSL systems. These ADSL trials primarily began in 1995 and 1996, except for the Bell Atlantic trial which commenced in 1993. Early trials focused on video applications such as video on demand and distance learning. Currently, the focus is on more intense data applications such as high speed Internet access, LAN extension and telecommuting. Westell is unable to predict the outcome of such trials or when such trials will be completed.

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RISK FACTORS

Prior to making an investment decision with respect to the Securities offered hereby, prospective investors should carefully consider the specific factors set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in the applicable Prospectus Supplement pertaining thereto, together with all of the other information appearing herein or therein or incorporated by reference herein, in light of their particular investment objectives and financial circumstances.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in an applicable Prospectus Supplement, the net proceeds to be received by the Company from the sale of the Securities will be used for general corporate purposes.

RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following are the unaudited consolidated ratios of earnings to fixed charges for the three months ended June 30, 1997 and June 30, 1996 and for each of the years in the five-year period ended March 31, 1997:

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THREE MONTHS

ENDED FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 SEPT. 30, SEPT. 30, 1996 1997 1997 1996 1995 1994 1993 <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> <C> Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges(1)... ---- 12.2 Coverage deficiency (in thousands)(2)... \$7,610 \$2,977 \$24,521 \$3,339 \$913 \$676 \$ --

(1) For purposes of computing the ratios of earnings to fixed charges, income before income tax expense (excluding interest costs capitalized) plus fixed charges has been divided by fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest costs (including interest costs capitalized) and estimated interest included in rentals (one-third of net rental expense).

(2) Coverage deficiency represents the dollar amount of earnings required to achieve a one-to-one ratio of earnings to fixed charges.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The Debt Securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The particular terms of each series, or of Debt Securities forming a part of a series, which are offered by a Prospectus Supplement will be described in such Prospectus Supplement. The Senior Debt Securities are to be issued under an Indenture (the "Senior Indenture"), between the Company, as issuer, and , as Trustee (the "Trustee"). The Subordinated Debt

Securities are to be issued under a separate Indenture (the "Subordinated Indenture"), also between the Company, as issuer, and , as Trustee. The Senior Indenture and Subordinated Indenture are sometimes referred to collectively as the "Indentures." A copy of the form of each Indenture is filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Prospectus is a part.

The following summaries of certain provisions of the Indentures do not purport to be complete and are subject, and are qualified in their entirety by reference, to all the provisions of the Indentures, including the definitions therein of certain terms, and, with respect to any particular Debt Securities, to the description of the terms thereof included in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. Wherever particular Sections, Articles or defined terms of the Indentures are referred to herein or in a Prospectus Supplement, such Sections, Articles or defined terms are incorporated by reference herein or therein, as the case may be. Section and Article references used herein are references to the Indentures.

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The Indentures will provide that the Debt Securities may be issued in separate series thereunder from time to time without limitation as to aggregate principal amount. The Company may specify a maximum aggregate principal amount for the Debt Securities of any series. (Section 301) The Debt Securities are to have such terms and provisions which are not inconsistent with the Indentures, including as to maturity, principal and interest, as the Company may determine. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Senior Debt Securities when issued will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company and will rank on a parity with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Company. The Subordinated Debt Securities when issued will be subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt of the Company, including any outstanding Senior Debt Securities, as described under "Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities' and in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

The applicable Prospectus Supplement will set forth whether the Debt Securities offered shall be Senior Debt Securities or Subordinated Debt Securities and the price or prices at which the Debt Securities to be offered will be issued and will describe the following terms of such Debt Securities: (1) the title of such Debt Securities; (2) any limit on the aggregate principal amount of such Debt Securities or the series of which they are a part; (3) the Person to whom any interest on a Debt Security of the series shall be payable, if other than the Person in whose name that Debt Security (or one or more

predecessor Debt Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest; (4) the date or dates on which the principal of any of such Debt Securities will be payable; (5) the rate or rates at which any of such Debt Securities will bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which any such interest will accrue, the Interest Payment Dates on which any such interest will be payable and the Regular Record Date for any such interest payable on any Interest Payment Date; (6) the place or places where the principal of and any premium and interest on any of such Debt Securities will be payable; (7) the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions on which any of such Debt Securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company; (8) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase any of such Debt Securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of the Holder thereof, and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions on which any of such Debt Securities will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to any such obligation; (9) the denominations in which any of such Debt Securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof; (10) if the amount of principal of or any premium or interest on any of such Debt Securities may be determined with reference to an index or pursuant to a formula, the manner in which such amounts will be determined; (11) if other than the currency of the United States of America, the currency, currencies or currency units in which the principal of or any premium or interest on any of such Debt Securities will be payable (and the manner in which the equivalent of the principal amount thereof in the currency of the United States of America is to be determined for any purpose, including for the purpose of determining the principal amount deemed to be Outstanding at any time); (12) if the principal of or any premium or interest on any of such Debt Securities is to be payable, at the election of the Company or the Holder thereof, in one or more currencies or currency units other than those in which such Debt Securities are stated to be payable, the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of any such amount as to which such election is made will be payable, the periods within which and the terms and conditions upon which such election is to be made and the amount so payable (or the manner in which such amount is to be determined): (13) if other than the entire principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of any of such Debt Securities which will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof; (14) if the principal amount payable at the Stated Maturity of any of such Debt Securities will not be determinable as of any one or more dates prior to the Stated Maturity, the amount which will be deemed to be such principal amount as of any such date for any purpose, including the principal amount thereof which will be due and payable upon any Maturity other than the Stated Maturity or which will be deemed to be Outstanding as of any such date (or, in

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any such case, the manner in which such deemed principal amount is to be determined); (15) if applicable, that such Debt Securities, in whole or any specified part, are defeasible pursuant to the provisions of the Indentures described under "Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance-Defeasance and Discharge" or "Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance-Defeasance of Certain Covenants," or under both such captions; (16) if applicable, the terms of any right to convert Debt Securities into shares of Common Stock of the Company or other securities or property; (17) whether any of such Debt Securities will be issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and, if so, the respective Depositaries for such Global Securities, the form of any legend or legends to be borne by any such Global Security in addition to or in lieu of the legends referred to under "Form, Exchange and Transfer" or "Global Securities" and, if different from those described under such captions, any circumstances under which any such Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Securities registered, and any transfer of such Global Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the names of Persons other than the Depositary for such Global Security or its nominee; (18) any addition to or change in the Events of Default applicable to any of such Debt Securities and any change in the right of the Trustee or the Holders to declare the principal amount of any of such Debt Securities due and payable; (19) the nonapplicability of, or any addition to or change in the covenants in the Indentures described under "Certain Covenants of the Company" applicable to any of such Debt Securities; and (20) any other terms of such Debt Securities not inconsistent with the provisions of the relevant Indenture. (Section 301)

Debt Securities, including Original Issue Discount Securities, may be sold at a substantial discount below their principal amount. Certain special United States federal income tax considerations (if any) applicable to Debt Securities sold at an original issue discount will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement under "United States Taxation." In addition, certain special United States federal income tax or other considerations (if any) applicable to any Debt Securities which are denominated in a currency or currency unit other than United States dollars will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE RIGHTS

The terms on which Debt Securities of any series are convertible or exchangeable into Common Stock or other securities or property will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto. Such terms shall include provisions as to whether conversion or exchange is mandatory or at the option of the Holder and may include provisions pursuant to which the number of shares of Common Stock or other securities or property to be received by the Holders of Debt Securities upon conversion or exchange would be calculated according to the market price of Common Stock or other securities or property as of a time stated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. (Article Fourteen)

SUBORDINATION OF SUBORDINATED DEBT SECURITIES

Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, the following provisions will apply to the Subordinated Debt Securities.

The Subordinated Debt Securities will, to the extent set forth in the Subordinated Indenture, be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt, including the Senior Debt Securities. In the event of any insolvency or bankruptcy case or proceeding, or any receivership, liquidation, reorganization, debt restructuring or other similar case or proceeding in connection therewith, relative to the Company or to its creditors, as such, or to its assets, or any liquidation, dissolution or other winding up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary and whether or not involving insolvency or bankruptcy, or any assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other marshaling of assets and liabilities of the Company, the holders of Senior Debt will be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due on or in respect of all Senior Debt in cash or other payment satisfactory to the holders of Senior Debt before the Holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities are entitled to receive any payment on account of principal of or any

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premium or interest on the Subordinated Debt Securities or on account of the purchase, redemption or other acquisition of Subordinated Debt Securities or before the Company may make any sinking fund or defeasance payment to the Trustee or any Paying Agent in accordance with the Subordinated Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any amounts previously deposited by the Company with the Trustee or Paying Agent in accordance with the subordination provisions of Article Fifteen of the Subordinated Indenture at the time of such deposit may be paid to the Holders of Subordinated Debt Securities ("Defeased Payments"). (Section 1502)

By reason of such subordination, in the event of liquidation or insolvency, creditors of the Company who are not holders of Senior Debt may recover less, ratably, than holders of Senior Debt and may recover more, ratably, than the Holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities.

In the event that any Subordinated Debt Securities are declared due and payable before their Stated Maturity as a result of an Event of Default, the holders of the Senior Debt outstanding at the time such Subordinated Debt Securities so become due and payable will be entitled to receive payment in full of all amounts due or to become due on or in respect of all Senior Debt in cash or other payment satisfactory to the holders of Senior Debt before the Holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities are entitled to receive any payment by the Company on account of the principal of or any premium or interest on the Subordinated Debt Securities or on account of the purchase, redemption or other acquisition of Subordinated Debt Securities or before the Company may make any sinking fund or defeasance payment to the Trustee or any Paying Agent in accordance with the Subordinated Debt Securities is accelerated Payments). If the payment of Subordinated Debt Securities is accelerated because of an Event of Default, the Company is required under the Subordinated Indenture to promptly notify holders of Senior Debt of the acceleration. (Section 1503)

The Company may not make any payment of principal (or premium, if any) or interest, if any, in respect of the Subordinated Debt Securities or on account of the purchase, redemption or other acquisition of Subordinated Debt Securities or any payment constituting a sinking fund or defeasance payment to the Trustee or Paying Agent in accordance with the Subordinated Indenture (other than Defeased Payments) if (i) a default in the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest (including a default under any repurchase or redemption obligation) or other amounts with respect to any Senior Debt occurs and is continuing beyond the applicable grace period or (ii) any other event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to Designated Senior Debt (as defined) that permits the holders thereof or their representatives to accelerate the maturity thereof, and the Trustee under the Subordinated Indenture receives a notice of such default (a "Payment Blockage Notice") from the Company, a holder of such Designated Senior Debt or other person permitted to give such notice under the Subordinated Indenture. The Company may and shall resume payments on the Subordinated Debt Securities and may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire the Subordinated Debt Securities and may make a sinking fund or defeasance payment to the Trustee or Paying Agent in accordance with the Subordinated Indenture (a) in the case of a payment default, upon the date on which such default is cured or waived or ceases to exist and (b) in the case of a nonpayment default, the earlier of the date on which such nonpayment default is cured or waived or ceases to exist or 179 days after the date on which the applicable Payment Blockage Notice is received (unless the subordination provisions of Article Fifteen of the Subordinated Indenture prohibit the payment, distribution, purchase, redemption, acquisition, sinking fund payment or defeasance payment at the time of such payment, distribution, purchase, redemption, acquisition, sinking fund payment or defeasance payment (including, without limitation, in the case of a nonpayment default referred to in clause (ii) above, as a result of a payment default with respect to the applicable Senior Debt as a consequence of the acceleration of the maturity thereof or

otherwise)). No new period of payment blockage may be commenced unless and until 365 days have elapsed since the effectiveness of the immediately prior Payment Blockage Notice. No nonpayment default that existed or was continuing on the date of delivery of any Payment Blockage Notice to the Trustee (unless such default was waived, cured or otherwise ceased to exist and

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thereafter subsequently reoccurred) under the Subordinated Indenture shall be, or be made, the basis for a subsequent Payment Blockage Notice. (Section 1504) In the case of Subordinated Debt Securities that are convertible at the option of the Holder, the payment, issuance and delivery of cash, property or securities (other than stock and certain subordinated securities of the Company) upon conversion of a Subordinated Debt Security will be deemed to constitute payment on account of the principal of such Subordinated Debt Security. (Section 1515)

"Senior Debt" is defined in the Subordinated Indenture to mean: the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any (including interest accruing on or after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or for reorganization relating to the Company to the extent that such claim for postpetition interest is allowed in such proceeding), on, rent with respect to, and all fees and other amounts payable in connection with, the following, whether absolute or contingent, secured or unsecured, due or to become due, outstanding on the date of the Subordinated Indenture or thereafter created, incurred or assumed: (a) indebtedness of the Company evidenced by a credit or loan agreement, note, bond, debenture or other written obligation, (b) all obligations of the Company for money borrowed, (c) all obligations of the Company evidenced by a note or similar instrument given in connection with the acquisition of any businesses, properties or assets of any kind, (d) obligations of the Company (i) as lessee under leases required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of the lessee under generally accepted accounting principles, (ii) as lessee under other leases for facilities, equipment or related assets, whether or not capitalized, entered into or leased after the date of the Subordinated Indenture for financing purposes (as determined by the Company) or (iii) under any lease or related document (including a purchase agreement) that provides that the Company is contractually obligated to purchase or cause a third party to purchase the leased property and the obligations of the Company under such lease or related document to purchase or to cause a third party to purchase such leased property, (e) all obligations of the Company under interest rate and currency swaps, caps, floors, collars, hedge agreements, forward contracts, or similar agreements or arrangements, (f) all obligations of the Company with respect to letters of credit, bankers' acceptances or similar facilities (including reimbursement obligations with respect to any of the foregoing), (g) all obligations of the Company issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services (but excluding trade accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business), (h) all obligations of the type referred to in clauses (a) through (g) above of another Person and all dividends of another Person, the payment of which, in either case, the Company has assumed or guaranteed (or in effect guaranteed through an agreement to purchase or otherwise (including, without limitation, "take or pay" and similar arrangements)), or for which the Company is responsible or liable, directly or indirectly, jointly or severally, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, or which is secured by a lien on property of the Company, and all obligations of the Company with respect thereto, and (i) renewals, extensions, modifications, replacements, restatements and refundings of, or any indebtedness or obligation issued in exchange for, any such indebtedness or obligation described in clauses (a) through (h) of this paragraph; provided, however, that Senior Debt shall not include the Subordinated Debt Securities or any such indebtedness or obligation if the terms of such indebtedness or obligation (or the terms of the instrument under which, or pursuant to which it is issued) expressly provide that such indebtedness or obligation is not superior in right of payment to the Subordinated Debt Securities.

"Designated Senior Debt" means the Company's obligations under certain existing Senior Debt and the Company's obligations under any other particular Senior Debt in which the instrument creating or evidencing the same or the assumption or guarantee thereof (or related agreements or documents to which the Company is a party) expressly provides that such Senior Debt shall be "Designated Senior Debt" for purposes of the Subordinated Indenture (provided that such instrument, agreement or other document may place limitations and conditions on the right of such Senior Debt to exercise the rights of Designated Senior Debt).

The Subordinated Indenture does not limit or prohibit the incurrence of additional Senior Debt, which may include indebtedness that is senior to the Subordinated Debt Securities, but subordinate

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to other obligations of the Company. The Senior Debt Securities, when issued, will constitute Senior Debt.

The Prospectus Supplement may further describe the provisions, if any, applicable to the subordination of the Subordinated Debt Securities of a particular series.

The Debt Securities of each series will be issuable only in fully registered form, without coupons, and, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, only in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof. (Section 302)

At the option of the Holder, subject to the terms of the Indentures and the limitations applicable to Global Securities, Debt Securities of each series will be exchangeable for other Debt Securities of the same series of any authorized denomination and of a like tenor and aggregate principal amount. (Section 305)

Subject to the terms of the Indentures and the limitations applicable to Global Securities, Debt Securities may be presented for exchange as provided above or for registration of transfer (duly endorsed or with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed) at the office of the Security Registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by the Company for such purpose. No service charge will be imposed for any registration of transfer or exchange of Debt Securities, but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith. Such transfer or exchange will be effected upon the Security Registrar or such transfer agent, as the case may be, being satisfied with the documents of title and identity of the person making the request. The Company has appointed the Trustee as Security Registrar. Any transfer agent (in addition to the Security Registrar) initially designated by the Company for any Debt Securities will be named in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. (Section 305) The Company may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that the Company will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each Place of Payment for the Debt Securities of each series. (Section 1002)

If the Debt Securities of any series (or of any series and specified tenor) are to be redeemed in part, the Company will not be required to (i) issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Debt Security of that series (or of that series and specified tenor, as the case may be) during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any such Debt Security that may be selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing or (ii) register the transfer of or exchange any Debt Security so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any such Debt Security being redeemed in part. (Section 305)

GLOBAL SECURITIES

Some or all of the Debt Securities of any series may be represented, in whole or in part, by one or more global securities which will have an aggregate principal amount equal to that of the Debt Securities represented thereby (a "Global Security"). Each Global Security will be registered in the name of a depositary (the "Depositary") or a nominee thereof identified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, will be deposited with such Depositary or nominee or a custodian therefor and will bear a legend regarding the restrictions on exchanges and registration of transfer thereof referred to below and any such other matters as may be provided for pursuant to the Indentures.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Indentures or any Debt Security described herein, no Global Security may be exchanged in whole or in part for Debt Securities registered, and no transfer of a Global Security in whole or in part may be registered, in the name of any Person other than the Depositary for such Global Security or any nominee of such Depositary unless (i) the Depositary

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has notified the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global Security or has ceased to be qualified to act as such as required by the Indentures, (ii) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security or (iii) there shall exist such circumstances, if any, in addition to or in lieu of those described above as may be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. All securities issued in exchange for a Global Security or any portion thereof will be registered in such names as the Depositary may direct. (Sections 204 and 305)

As long as the Depositary, or its nominee, is the registered Holder of a Global Security, the Depositary or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner and Holder of such Global Security and the Debt Securities represented thereby for all purposes under the Debt Securities and the Indentures. Except in the limited circumstances referred to above, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security will not be entitled to have such Global Security or any Debt Securities represented thereby registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificated Debt Securities in exchange therefor and will not be considered to be the owners or Holders of such Global Security or any Debt Securities represented thereby for any purpose under the Debt Securities or the Indentures. All payments of principal of and any premium and interest on a Global Security will be made to the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the Holder thereof. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. These laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global

Security.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be limited to institutions that have accounts with the Depositary or its nominee ("participants") and to persons that may hold beneficial interests through participants. In connection with the issuance of any Global Security, the Depositary will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of Debt Securities represented by the Global Security to the accounts of its participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be shown only on, and the transfer of those ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the Depositary (with respect to participants' interests) or any such participant (with respect to interests of persons held by such participants on their behalf). Payments, transfers, exchanges and others matters relating to beneficial interests in a Global Security may be subject to various policies and procedures adopted by the Depositary from time to time. None of the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the Depositary's or any participant's records relating to, or for payments made on account of, beneficial interests in a Global Security, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

PAYMENT AND PAYING AGENTS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, payment of interest on a Debt Security on any Interest Payment Date will be made to the Person in whose name such Debt Security (or one or more Predecessor Debt Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Regular Record Date for such interest. (Section 307)

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, principal of and any premium and interest on the Debt Securities of a particular series will be payable at the office of such Paying Agent or Paying Agents as the Company may designate for such purpose from time to time, except that at the option of the Company payment of any interest may be made by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address appears in the Security Register. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee will be designated as the Company's sole Paying Agent for payments with respect to Debt Securities of each series. Any other Paying Agents initially designated by the Company for the Debt Securities of a particular series will be named in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. The Company may at any time designate additional Paying Agents or rescind the

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designation of any Paying Agent or approve a change in the office through which any Paying Agent acts, except that the Company will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in each Place of Payment for the Debt Securities of a particular series. (Section 1002)

All moneys paid by the Company to a Paying Agent for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any Debt Security which remain unclaimed for a period ending the earlier of 10 business days prior to the date such money would escheat to the state or at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable will be repaid to the Company, and the Holder of such Debt Security thereafter may look only to the Company for payment thereof. (Section 1003)

CERTAIN COVENANTS OF THE COMPANY

Except as set forth below or as otherwise provided in the applicable Prospectus Supplement with respect to any series of Senior Debt Securities, the Company is not restricted by the Senior Indenture from incurring, assuming or becoming liable for any type of debt or other obligations, from paying dividends or making distributions on its capital stock or purchasing or redeeming its capital stock. With respect to the limitations in the Senior Indenture on liens and sale and lease-back transactions described below, none of the Company's consolidated assets is currently subject to the restrictions of such limitations because such assets are not Principal Properties of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or are within the exceptions contained in such covenants. The Senior Indenture does not require the maintenance of any financial ratios or specified levels of net worth or liquidity. In addition, the Senior Indenture does not contain any provision that would require the Company to repurchase or redeem or otherwise modify the terms of any of its Senior Debt Securities upon a change in control or other events involving the Company which may adversely affect the creditworthiness of the Senior Debt Securities.

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, certain covenants contained in the Senior Indenture which are summarized below will be applicable (unless waived or amended) to the series of Senior Debt Securities to which such Prospectus Supplement relates so long as any of the Senior Debt Securities of such series are outstanding.

LIMITATIONS ON LIENS

The Company covenants that it will not issue, incur, create, assume or guarantee, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to issue, incur,

create, assume or guarantee, any debt for borrowed money secured by a mortgage, security interest, pledge, lien, charge or other encumbrance ("mortgages") upon any Principal Property (as defined below) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or upon any shares of stock or indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary (whether such Principal Property, shares or indebtedness are now existing or owned or hereafter created or acquired) without in any such case effectively providing concurrently with the issuance, incurrence, creation, assumption or guarantee of any such secured debt, or the grant of a mortgage with respect to any such indebtedness, that the Senior Debt Securities (together with, if the Company shall so determine, any other indebtedness of or guarantee by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary ranking equally with the Senior Debt Securities) shall be secured equally and ratably with (or, at the option of the Company, prior to) such secured debt. The foregoing restriction, however, will not apply to: (a) mortgages on property existing at the time of acquisition thereof by the Company or any Subsidiary, provided that such mortgages were in existence prior to the contemplation of such acquisition; (b) mortgages on property, shares of stock or indebtedness or other assets of any corporation existing at the time such corporation becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, provided that such mortgages are not incurred in anticipation of such corporation becoming a Restricted Subsidiary (which may include property previously leased by the Company and leasehold interests thereon, provided that the lease terminates prior to or upon the acquisition); (c) mortgages on property, shares of stock or indebtedness existing at the time of acquisition thereof by the Company or a Subsidiary or mortgages thereon to secure the payment of all or any

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part of the purchase price thereof, or mortgages on property, shares of stock or indebtedness to secure any indebtedness for borrowed money incurred prior to, at the time of, or within 270 days after, the latest of the acquisition thereof, or, in the case of property, the completion of construction, the completion of improvements, or the commencement of substantial commercial operation of such property for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price thereof, such construction, or the making of such improvements; (d) mortgages to secure indebtedness owing to the Company or to a Restricted Subsidiary; (e) mortgages existing at the date of the Senior Indenture; (f) mortgages on property of a corporation existing at the time such corporation is merged into or consolidated with the Company or a Subsidiary or at the time of a sale, lease or other disposition of the properties of a corporation as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, provided that such mortgage was not incurred in anticipation of such merger or consolidation or sale, lease or other disposition; (g) mortgages in favor of the United States or any State, territory or possession thereof (or the District of Columbia), or any department, agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the United States or any State, territory or possession thereof (or the District of Columbia), to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments pursuant to any contract or statute or to secure any indebtedness incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or the cost of constructing or improving the property subject to such mortgages; (h) mortgages created in connection with the acquisition of assets or a project financed with, and created to secure, a Nonrecourse Obligation (as defined below); and (i) extensions, renewals, refinancings or replacements of any mortgage referred to in the foregoing clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) provided, however, that any mortgages permitted by any of the foregoing clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) shall not extend to or cover any property of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, other than the property, if any, specified in such clauses and improvements thereto, and provided further that any refinancing or replacement of any mortgages permitted by the foregoing clauses (g) and (h) shall be of the type referred to in such clauses (g) or (h), as the case may be.

Notwithstanding the restrictions outlined in the preceding paragraph, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary will be permitted to issue, incur, create, assume or guarantee debt secured by a mortgage which would otherwise be subject to such restrictions, without equally and ratably securing the Senior Debt Securities, provided that after giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount of all debt so secured by mortgages (not including mortgages permitted under clauses (a) through (i) above) does not exceed 10% of the Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company. (Section 1008 of the Senior Indenture)

LIMITATIONS ON SALE AND LEASE-BACK TRANSACTIONS

The Company covenants that it will not, nor will it permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any Sale and Lease-Back Transaction (as defined below) with respect to any Principal Property, other than any such transaction involving a lease for a term of not more than three years or any such transaction between the Company and a Restricted Subsidiary or between Restricted Subsidiaries, unless (a) the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled to incur indebtedness secured by a mortgage on the Principal Property involved in such transaction at least equal in amount to the Attributable Debt with respect to such Sale and Lease-Back Transaction, without equally and ratably securing the Senior Debt Securities, pursuant to the limitation on liens in the Senior Indenture; or (b) the Company shall apply an amount equal to the greater of the net proceeds of such sale or the Attributable Debt with respect to such Sale and Lease-Back Transaction within 180 days of such sale to either (or a combination of) the retirement (other than any mandatory retirement, mandatory prepayment or sinking fund payment or by payment at maturity) of debt for borrowed money of the Company or a Restricted

Subsidiary that matures more than 12 months after the creation of such indebtedness or the purchase, construction or development of other comparable property.

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Notwithstanding the restrictions outlined in the preceding paragraph, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary will be permitted to enter into Sale and Lease-Back Transactions which would otherwise be subject to such restrictions, without applying the net proceeds of such transactions in the manner set forth in clause (b) above, provided that after giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount of such Sale and Lease-Back Transactions, together with the aggregate amount of all debt secured by mortgages not permitted by clauses (a) through (i) under the limitation in the Senior Indenture on liens, does not exceed 10% of the Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company. (Section 1009 of the Senior Indenture)

CERTAIN DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO COVENANTS (SECTION 101)

The term "Attributable Debt" when used in connection with a Sale and Lease-Back Transaction involving a Principal Property shall mean, at the time of determination, the lesser of: (a) the fair value of such property (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company); or (b) the present value of the total net amount of rent required to be paid under such lease during the remaining term thereof (including any renewal term or period for which such lease has been extended), discounted at the rate of interest set forth or implicit in the terms of such lease or if not practicable to determine such rate, the weighted average interest rate per annum (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities, the imputed interest rate) borne by the Senior Debt Securities of each series outstanding pursuant to the Indenture compounded semi-annually. For purposes of the foregoing definition, rent shall not include amounts required to be paid by the lessee, whether or not designated as rent or additional rent, on account of or contingent upon maintenance and repairs. insurance, taxes, assessments, water rates and similar charges. In the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty, such net amount shall be the lesser of the net amount determined assuming termination upon the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the net amount shall also include the amount of the penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) and the net amount determined assuming no such termination.

The term "Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" shall mean, as of any particular time, total assets (excluding applicable reserves) less: (a) total current liabilities, except for (1) notes and loans payable; (2) current maturities of long-term debt and (3) current maturities of obligations under capital leases; and (b) certain intangible assets to the extent included in total assets; all as set forth on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries and computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The term "Nonrecourse Obligation" means indebtedness or other obligations substantially related to (i) the acquisition of assets not previously owned by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) the financing of a project involving the development or expansion of properties of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, as to which the obligee with respect to such indebtedness or obligation has no recourse to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or any assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or the assets which were acquired with the proceeds of such transaction or the project financed with the proceeds of such transaction (and the proceeds thereof).

The term "Principal Property" shall mean the land, land improvements, buildings and fixtures (to the extent they constitute real property interests (including any leasehold interest therein)) constituting the principal corporate office or any manufacturing facility (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) which: (a) is owned by the Company or any Subsidiary; (b) is located within any of the present 50 states of the United States of America (or the District of Columbia); (c) has not been determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company not to be materially important to the total business conducted by the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; and (d) has a book value on the date as of which the determination is being made in excess of 1.0% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company as most recently determined on or prior to such date.

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The term "Restricted Subsidiary" shall mean any Subsidiary which owns any Principal Property; provided, however, that the term "Restricted Subsidiary" shall not include (a) any Subsidiary which is principally engaged in financing receivables, or which is principally engaged in financing the Company's operations outside the United States of America; or (b) any Subsidiary less than 80% of the voting stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by the Company and one or more other Subsidiaries if the common stock of such Subsidiary is traded on any national securities exchange or quoted on the Nasdaq National Market or in the over-the-counter market.

The term "Sale and Lease-Back Transaction" shall mean any arrangement with

any Person providing for the leasing by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of any Principal Property which property has been or is to be sold or transferred by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary to such person.

The term "Subsidiary" shall mean any corporation of which at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock of such corporation is at the time owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by the Company and one or more other Subsidiaries, and the accounts of which are consolidated with those of the Company in the most recent consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. For the purposes of this definition, "voting stock" means stock which ordinarily has voting power for the election of directors, whether at all times or only so long as no senior class of stock has such voting power by reason of any contingency.

CONSOLIDATION, MERGER AND SALE OF ASSETS

The Indentures will provide that the Company may not consolidate with or merge into any other Person (in a transaction in which the Company is not the surviving corporation), or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets substantially as an entirety to, any Person (a "Successor Person"), unless (i) the Successor Person (if any) is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, trust or other entity organized and existing under the laws of any domestic jurisdiction and assumes the Company's obligations on the Debt Securities and under the Indentures, (ii) 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, and (iii) certain other conditions are met. (Section 801)

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Each of the following will constitute an Event of Default under each Indenture with respect to Debt Securities of any series outstanding under such Indenture (unless such event is specifically inapplicable to a particular series as described in the Prospectus Supplement relating thereto): (a) failure to pay principal of or any premium on any Debt Security of that series when due; (b) failure to pay any interest on any Debt Securities of that series when due, continued for 30 days; (c) failure to deposit any sinking fund payment, when due, in respect of any Debt Security of that series; (d) failure to perform any other covenant of the Company in such Indenture (other than a covenant included in the Indenture solely for the benefit of a series other than that series), continued for 90 days after written notice has been given by the Trustee, or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series, as provided in the Indenture; (e) certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization with respect to the Company; and (f) any other Event of Default specified in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. (Section 501)

Each Indenture will provide that, if an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default described in clause (f) above) with respect to the Debt Securities of any series at the time Outstanding under such Indenture shall occur and be continuing, either the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series by notice as provided in the

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Indenture may declare the principal amount of the Debt Securities of that series (or, in the case of any Debt Security that is an Original Issue Discount Security or the principal amount of which is not then determinable, such portion of the principal amount of such Debt Security, or such other amount in lieu of such principal amount, as may be specified in the terms of such Debt Security) to be due and payable immediately. If an Event of Default described in clause (f) above with respect to the Debt Securities of any series at the time Outstanding shall occur, the principal amount of all the Debt Securities of that series (or, in the case of any such Original Issue Discount Security or other Debt Security, such specified amount) will automatically, and without any action by the Trustee or any Holder, become immediately due and payable. Any payment by the Company on the Subordinated Debt Securities following any such acceleration will be subject to the subordination provisions of Article Fifteen of the Subordinated Indenture. After any such acceleration, but before a judgment or decree based on acceleration, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration if all Events of Default, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal (or other specified amount), have been cured or waived as provided in the Indentures. (Section 502) For information as to waiver of defaults, see "Modification and Waiver."

Subject to the provisions of the Indentures relating to the duties of the Trustee in case an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indentures at the request or direction of any of the Holders, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity. (Section 603) Subject to such provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series will 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 512)

No Holder of a Debt Security of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding with respect to the Indentures, or for the appointment of a receiver or a trustee, or for any other remedy thereunder, unless (i) such Holder has previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of that series, (ii) the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series have made a written request, and such Holder or Holders have offered reasonable indemnity, to the Trustee to institute such proceeding as trustee and (iii) the Trustee has failed to institute such proceeding, and has not received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of that series a direction inconsistent with such request, within 60 days after such notice, request and offer. (Section 507) However, such limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by a Holder of a Debt Security for the enforcement of payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on such Debt Security on or after the applicable due date specified in such Debt Security. (Section 508)

Each Indenture will include a covenant requiring the Company to furnish to the Trustee annually a statement by certain of its officers as to whether or not the Company, to their knowledge, is in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of the Indenture and, if so, specifying all such known defaults. (Section 1004)

MODIFICATION AND WAIVER

Modifications and amendments of the Indentures may be made by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of each series affected by such modification or amendment; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby, (a) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any Debt Security, (b) reduce the principal amount of, or any premium or interest on, any Debt Security, (c) reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security or any other Debt Security payable upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof, (d) change the place or currency of payment of principal of, or any premium or interest on,

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any Debt Security, (e) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to any Debt Security, (f) in the case of Subordinated Debt Securities, modify the subordination provisions in a manner adverse to the Holders of the Subordinated Debt Securities, (g) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Outstanding Securities of any series, the consent of whose Holders is required for modification or amendment of the Indenture, (h) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Outstanding Securities of any series necessary for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or for waiver of certain defaults, or (i) modify any of the provisions set forth in this paragraph except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of the Indenture may not be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security affected thereby. (Section 902)

The Indentures will provide that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of any series may waive, on behalf of the Holders of all Debt Securities of such series, compliance by the Company with certain restrictive provisions of the Indentures. (Section 1010 and 1008 of the Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture, respectively). The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Debt Securities of each series may, on behalf of all Holders of Debt Securities of that series, waive any past default under the Indenture with respect to Debt Securities of that series, except a default (a) in the payment of principal of or any premium or interest on any Debt Security of such series or (b) in respect of a covenant or provision of the Indenture which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Debt Security of such series affected. (Section 513)

Each Indenture will provide that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the Outstanding Securities have given or taken any direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action under the Indenture as of any date, or whether a quorum is present at a meeting of Holders of Debt Securities (i) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security that will be deemed to be Outstanding will be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of such date upon acceleration of the Maturity thereof to such date, (ii) if, as of such date, the principal amount payable at the Stated Maturity of a Debt Security is not determinable (for example, because it is based on an index), the principal amount of such Debt Security deemed to be Outstanding as of such date will be an amount determined in the manner prescribed for such Debt Security and (iii) the principal amount of a Debt Security denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units that will be deemed to be Outstanding will be the U.S. dollar equivalent, determined as of such date in the manner prescribed for such Debt Security, of the principal amount of such Debt Security (or, in the case of a Debt Security described in clause (i) or (ii) above, of the amount described in such clause). Certain Debt Securities, including those for whose payment or redemption money has been deposited or set aside in trust for the Holders and those that have

been fully defeased pursuant to Section 1302, will not be deemed to be Outstanding. (Section 101)

Except in certain limited circumstances, the Company will be entitled to set any day as a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders of Outstanding Securities of any series entitled to give or take any direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action under the Indentures, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Indentures. In certain limited circumstances, the Trustee will be entitled to set a record date for action by Holders. If a record date is set for any action to be taken by Holders of a particular series, such action may be taken only by persons who are Holders of Outstanding Securities of that series on the record date. To be effective, such action must be taken by Holders of the requisite principal amount of such Debt Securities within a specified period following the record date. For any particular record date, this period will be 180 days or such other shorter period as may be specified by the Company (or the Trustee, if it set the record date), and may be shortened or lengthened (but not beyond 180 days) from time to time. (Section 104)

DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

If and to the extent indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, the Company may elect, at its option at any time, to have the provisions of Section 1302, relating to defeasance and

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discharge of indebtedness, or Section 1303, relating to defeasance of certain restrictive covenants in the Indentures, applied to the Debt Securities of any series, or to any specified part of a series. (Section 1301)

DEFEASANCE AND DISCHARGE. The Indentures will provide that, upon the Company's exercise of its option (if any) to have Section 1302 applied to any Subordinated Debt Securities, the provisions of Article Fifteen of the Subordinated Indenture relating to subordination will cease to be effective and, with respect to any Debt Securities, the Company will be discharged from all its obligations with respect thereto (except for certain obligations to exchange or register the transfer of Debt Securities, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated Debt Securities, to maintain paying agencies, to hold moneys for payment in trust and, if applicable, to effect conversion of Debt Securities) upon the deposit in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Debt Securities of money or U.S. Government Obligations, or both, which, through the payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on such Debt Securities on the respective Stated Maturities in accordance with the terms of the Indentures and such Debt Securities. Such defeasance or discharge may occur only if, among other things, the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or there has been a change in tax law, in either case to the effect that Holders of such Debt Securities will not recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge were not to occur. (Sections 1302 and 1304)

DEFEASANCE OF CERTAIN COVENANTS. The Indentures will provide that, upon the Company's exercise of its option (if any) to have Section 1303 applied to any Debt Securities, the Company may omit to comply with certain restrictive covenants, including those described under "Certain Covenants of the Company" and any that may be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, and the occurrence of certain Events of Default, which are described above in clause (d) (with respect to such restrictive covenants) under "Events of Default" and any that may be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, will be deemed not to be or result in an Event of Default, in each case with respect to such Debt Securities, and, in the case of the Subordinated Indenture, the provisions of Article Fifteen relating to subordination will cease to be effective with respect to any Subordinated Debt Securities. The Company, in order to exercise such option, will be required to deposit, in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Debt Securities, money or U.S. Government Obligations, or both, which, through the payment of principal and interest in respect thereof in accordance with their terms, will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and any premium and interest on such Debt Securities on the respective Stated Maturities in accordance with the terms of the Indentures and such Debt Securities. The Company will also be required, among other things, to deliver to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that Holders of such Debt Securities will not recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance of certain obligations and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance were not to occur. In the event the Company exercised this option with respect to any Debt Securities and such Debt Securities were declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any Event of Default, the amount of money and U.S. Government Obligations so deposited in trust would be sufficient to pay amounts due on such Debt Securities at the time of their respective Stated Maturities but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on such Debt Securities upon any acceleration resulting from such Event of Default. In such case, the Company would remain liable for such payments. (Sections 1303 and 1304)

The Company may, at its option, satisfy and discharge each of the Indentures (except for certain obligations of the Company and the Trustee, including, among others the obligations to apply

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money held in trust) when (i) either (a) all Debt Securities under such Indenture previously authenticated and delivered (other than (1) Debt Securities that were destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid and (2) Debt Securities for the payment of which money has been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation or discharge from such trust) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation or (b) all such Debt Securities under such Indenture not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (1) have become due and payable, (2) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or (3) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company, and the Company has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for such purpose an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Debt Securities under such Indenture not previously delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal and any premium and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Debt Securities under such Indenture which have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or redemption date as the case may be, (ii) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable under such Indenture by the Company, and (iii) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each to the effect that all conditions precedent relating to the satisfaction and discharge of such Indenture have been satisfied.

NOTICES

Notices to Holders of Debt Securities will be given by mail to the addresses of such Holders as they may appear in the Security Register. (Sections 101 and 106)

TITLE

The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name a Debt Security is registered as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Debt Security may be overdue) for the purpose of making payment and for all other purposes. (Section 308)

GOVERNING LAW

The Indentures and the Debt Securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York, without regard to conflict of law principles thereof. (Section 112)

REGARDING THE TRUSTEE

The Indentures contain certain limitations on the right of the Trustee, should it become a creditor of the Company, to obtain payment of claims in certain cases or to realize for its own account on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. (Section 613) The Trustee is permitted to engage in certain other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest and there is a default under the Securities of any series for which the Trustee serves as trustee, the Trustee must eliminate such conflict or resign. (Section 608)

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 43,500,000 shares of Common Stock (referred to in this section as the "Class A Shares"), 25,000,000 shares of Class B common stock (the "Class B Shares") and 1,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, each with a par value of \$0.01 per share.

The following description of the capital stock of the Company and certain provisions of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws is a summary and is

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qualified in its entirety by the provisions of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws, which are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the Registration Statement.

COMMON STOCK

DIVIDENDS. Holders of record of shares of common stock are entitled to receive such dividends when, if and as may be declared by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available for such purposes. No dividends may be declared or paid on any share of any class of common stock, unless such dividend, at the same rate per share, is simultaneously declared or paid on each share of the other class of common stock. In the case of a stock dividend or distribution, holders of Class A Shares are entitled to receive the same percentage dividend

or distribution as holders of Class B Common Shares and vice versa, except that stock dividends and distributions shall be made in Class A Shares to the holders of Class A Shares and in Class B Shares to the holders of Class B Shares.

VOTING RIGHTS. Holders of Class A Shares are entitled to one vote per share and holders of Class B Shares are entitled to four votes per share. Holders of shares of common stock will vote as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders except with respect to future issuances of Class B Shares and as otherwise required by law. The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that all issuances of Class B Shares must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of each class of common stock, voting separately as a class, except with respect to (i) payment of stock dividends on Class B Shares and (ii) a stock split, reclassification or other subdivision of the Class B Shares. Under Delaware law, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of any class of common stock is required to approve, among other things, a change in the designations, preferences or limitations of the shares of such class of common stock.

CONVERTIBILITY. Each Class B Share is convertible, at the option of its holder, into one Class A Share at any time. The Class A Shares are not convertible into Class B Shares. Each Class B Share shall automatically be converted into one Class A Share in the event (i) such share shall be transferred (including, without limitation, by way of sale, assignment, exchange, gift, bequest, appointment or otherwise) to any person or entity other than a "Permitted Transferee" or (ii) the number of Class B Shares outstanding at any time is equal to or less than 10% of the total number of outstanding Class B Shares and Class A Shares. A "Permitted Transferee" includes (i) any other holder of Class B Shares, (ii) any member of the Penny family (as defined in the Voting Trust Agreement dated February 23, 1994, as amended (the "Voting Trust") or the Simon family (as defined in the Voting Trust), (iii) Gary F. Seamans, his spouse or any of their descendants and (iv) certain other permitted transferees.

LIQUIDATION RIGHTS. Upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, the holders of Class A Shares are entitled to share ratably with the holders of Class B Shares in all assets available for distributions after payment in full to creditors.

OTHER PROVISIONS. The holders of common stock are not entitled to preemptive or subscription rights. In any merger, consolidation or business combination, the consideration to be received per share by holders of Class A Shares must be identical to that received by holders of Class B Shares. No class of common stock may be subdivided, consolidated, reclassified or otherwise changed unless the other class of common stock concurrently is subdivided, consolidated, reclassified or otherwise changed in the same proportion and in the same manner. All outstanding shares are, and the Class A Shares offered hereby will be upon issuance, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

PREFERRED STOCK

The Board of Directors has the authority to issue up to 1,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series and to fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions thereof, including

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dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, liquidation preferences, sinking fund terms and the number of shares constituting any series or the designation of such series, without any further vote or action by stockholders. The issuance of Preferred Stock could adversely affect the voting power of holders of both classes of 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 of the Company. The Company has no present plan to issue any shares of Preferred Stock.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Company may sell the Securities separately or together, (i) to one or more underwriters or dealers for public offering and sale by them and (ii) to investors directly or through agents. The distribution of the Securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices (which may be changed from time to time), at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Each Prospectus Supplement will describe the method of distribution of the Securities offered thereby.

In connection with the sale of the Securities, underwriters, dealers or agents may receive compensation from the Company or from purchasers of the Securities for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. The underwriters, dealers or agents which participate in the distribution of the Securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act and any discounts or commissions received by them and any profit on the resale of the Securities received by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions thereunder. Any such underwriter, dealer or agent will be identified and any such compensation received from the Company will be described in the Prospectus Supplement. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Under agreements that may be entered into with the Company, underwriters, dealers and agents may be entitled to indemnification by the Company against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect thereof.

The Company may grant underwriters who participate in the distribution of Securities an option to purchase additional Securities to cover over-allotments, if any.

Certain of the underwriters or agents and their associates may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for the Company in the ordinary course of business.

LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for the Company by McDermott, Will & Emery, Chicago, Illinois.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedules of the Company as set forth as of March 31, 1997 and 1996, and for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 1997, have been incorporated by references in this Prospectus and in the Registration Statement on Form S-3, of which this Prospectus is a part, in reliance upon the reports of Arthur Andersen LLP, independent public accountants, incorporated by reference herein, and are included in reliance upon the authority of such firm as experts in giving said reports.

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PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

The following is an estimate, subject to future contingencies, of the expenses to be incurred by the Registrant in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered:

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*Registration Fee	\$
*Legal Fees and Expense	
*Trustee Fees and Expenses	
*Accounting Fees and Expenses	
*Blue Sky and Legal Investment Fees	and Expenses
*Printing and Engraving Fees	
Rating Agency Fees	Not Applicable
*Listing Fees	
*Miscellaneous	
Total	\$

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*Estimated pursuant to instruction to Item 511 of Regulation S-K. To be completed by amendment.

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Under Delaware law, a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to an action (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of his service as a director or officer of the corporation, or his service, at the corporation's request, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) that are actually and reasonably incurred by him ("Expenses"), and judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement that are actually and reasonably incurred by him, in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, provided that he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. Although Delaware law permits a corporation to indemnify any person referred to above against Expenses in connection with the defense or settlement of an action by or in the right of the corporation, provided that he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, if such person has been judged liable to the corporation, indemnification is only permitted to the extent that the Court of Chancery (or the court in which the action was brought) determines that, despite the adjudication of liability, such person is entitled to indemnity for such Expenses as the court deems proper. The determination as to whether a person seeking indemnification has met the required standard of conduct is to be made (1) by a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested members of the board of

directors, or (2) by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, if such a quorum does not exist or if the disinterested directors so direct, or (3) by the stockholders. The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware also provides for mandatory indemnification of any director, officer, employee or agent against Expenses to the extent such person has been successful in any proceeding covered by the statute. In addition, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides the general authorization of advancement of a director's or officer's litigation expenses in lieu of requiring the authorization of such advancement by the board of directors in specific cases, and that indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by the statute shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement or otherwise.

The Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Company's Amended and Restated By-laws provide for indemnification of the Company's directors, officers, employees and other agents to the fullest extent not prohibited by the Delaware law.

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The Company understands that the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission is of the opinion that statutory, charter and contractual provisions as are described above have no effect on claims arising under the federal securities laws.

The Company maintains liability insurance for the benefit of its directors and officers.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS

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

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- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated September 30, 1997, by and among Westell Technologies, Inc., Kappa Acquisition Corp. and Amati Communications Corporation (Form 8K dated October 2, 1997).
- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Westell Technologies, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended, Registration No. 33-98024).
- 4.2 Amended and Restated By-laws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Westell Technologies, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended, Registration No. 33-98024).
- 4.3 Form of Senior Indenture.*
- 4.4 Form of Subordinated Indenture.*
- 4.5 Form of Senior Security.*
- 4.6 Form of Subordinated Security.*
- 4.7 Form of Common Stock Certificate.*
- 5.1 Opinion of McDermott, Will & Emery.*
- 9.1 Voting Trust Agreement dated February 23, 1994, as amended (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 9.1 to Westell Technologies, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended, Registration No. 33-98024).
- 12.1 Statement Regarding Computation of Ratings.*
- 21.1 Subsidiaries of the Registrant (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to Westell Technologies, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended, Registration No. 33-98024).
- 23.1 Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP.
- 23.2 Consent of McDermott, Will & Emery (included in Exhibit 5.1).*
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney of certain officers and the directors of Westell Technologies, Inc. (included on signature page).
- 25.1 Statement of Eligibility of trustee.*
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ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement, notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities

^{*} To be filed by amendment.

offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high and of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement, and (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial BONA FIDE offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial BONA FIDE offering thereof.

(c) The Registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act ("Act") in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

(d) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement, or amendment thereto, to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on the day of October 31, 1997.

WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ GARY F. SEAMANS Gary F. Seamans, Chairman of the Board of Directors President and Chief Executive

Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Gary F. Seamans and Melvin J. Simon and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities (including his capacity as a director and/or officer of Westell Technologies, Inc.) to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and to sign a Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

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/s/ GARY F. SEAMANS	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)		
/s/ ROBERT H. GAYNOR	Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors		
Robert H. Gaynor			
/s/ MELVIN J. SIMON	Assistant Secretary and Treasurer and Director		
Melvin J. Simon			
/s/ STEPHEN J. HAWRYSZ			
Secretary and Treasurer (Principal Stephen J. Hawrysz Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)			
/s/ STEFAN D. ABRAMS			
Stefan D. Abrams			
/s/ MICHAEL A. BRUNNER			
Michael A. Brunner			
/s/ PAUL A. DWYER			
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/s/ ORMAND J. WADE			
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ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of our reports (and to all references to our Firm) included in or made a part of this registration statement.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Chicago, Illinois October 30, 1997