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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

4953

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

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(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the securities being registered on this form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box: o

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) 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.

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Note(1) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1) | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 6.086% Notes due 2035 | \$275,674,000 | 100% | \$275,674,000 | \$32,447 |

¹⁾ Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(f) under the Securities Act of 1933.

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 the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not exchange these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to exchange these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to exchange these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 2, 2005

PROSPECTUS



Republic Services, Inc.

Exchange Offer for \$275,674,000 6.086% Notes due 2035

Exchange Offer

We will exchange \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount of our outstanding 6.086% Notes due 2035, referred to as the old notes, for new notes with substantially identical terms that have been registered under the Securities Act. All old notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn will be exchanged. We will receive no proceeds from the exchange offer.

Exchange Offer Expiration

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, 21 business days after commencement of the offer, or a later date and time to which the expiration of the exchange offer may be extended.

Old Notes

On March 21, 2005, we issued \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount of 6.086% Notes due 2035. If you tender your old notes in the exchange offer, interest will cease to accrue when your new notes are issued. If you do not tender your old notes in the exchange offer, your old notes will continue to be subject to the same terms and restrictions except that we will not be required to register your old notes under the Securities Act.

New Notes

The new notes are identical to the old notes except that the new notes will be registered under the Securities Act. The new notes are expected to trade in the Private Offerings, Resales and Trading through Automatic Linkages Market referred to as the PORTAL Market.

- Maturity: March 15, 2035.
- Interest: Paid semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on September 15, 2005.
- Redemption by us: All or a portion of the new notes may be redeemed at any time at a make-whole premium described in this prospectus under "Description of the New Notes Optional Redemption."
- Ranking: The new notes will be unsecured obligations and will rank *pari passu* with all of our existing and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The new notes will be effectively subordinated to any indebtedness of our subsidiaries and will be junior to our secured debt.

Investment in the new notes to be issued in the exchange offer involves risks. See the risk factors section beginning on page 8.

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

The date of this prospectus is

, 2005.

You should rely on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone does provide you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information contained in this prospectus speaks only as of the date of this prospectus and the information in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus speak only as of the respective dates those documents were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since such dates.

Each broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the new notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with the resales of new notes received in exchange for old notes where such old notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that for a period of one year after the expiration of the exchange offer to allow broker-dealers and other persons, if any, subject to similar prospectus delivery requirements, to use this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, in connection with any resale. See "Plan of Distribution."

In making an investment decision, you must rely on your own examination of us and the terms of the exchange offer, including the merits and risks involved. You should not construe anything in this prospectus as legal, business or tax advice. You should consult your own advisors as needed to make your investment decision and to determine whether you are legally permitted to participate in the exchange offer under applicable laws and regulations.

This prospectus contains summaries believed to be accurate with respect to certain documents, but reference is made to the actual documents themselves for complete information. All such summaries are qualified in their entirety by such reference.

This prospectus incorporates or refers to important business and financial information about us that is not included or delivered with this prospectus. You may obtain documents that are filed by us with the Commission, and incorporated by reference into this prospectus without charge by requesting the documents, in writing or by telephone, from the Commission or by contacting us at:

Republic Services, Inc. 110 S.E. 6th Street, 28th Floor Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 (954) 769-2400 Attention: Corporate Secretary

To obtain timely delivery, security holders must request the information incorporated by reference no later than five days prior to the expiration date. For additional information, see "Where You Can Find More Information."

There are no guaranteed delivery provisions provided for in conjunction with the exchange offer under the terms of this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal. Tendering holders must tender their old notes in accordance with the procedures set forth under "The Exchange Offer — Procedures for Tendering Old Notes."

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SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated by reference and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. This prospectus includes the basic terms of the new notes we are offering, as well as information regarding our business and detailed financial data. We encourage you to read this prospectus in its entirety. Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to "Republic Services," "the Company," "we," "our," "ours" and "us" refer to Republic Services, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Republic Services, Inc.

We are a leading provider of non-hazardous solid waste collection and disposal services in the United States. We provide solid waste collection services for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers through 138 collection companies in 21 states. We also own or operate 92 transfer stations and 59 active solid waste landfills.

As of March 31, 2005, our operations were organized into five regions whose boundaries may change from time to time: Eastern, Central, Southern, Southwestern and Western. Each region is organized into several operating areas and each area contains a group of operating locations. Each of our regions and substantially all our areas provide collection, transfer, recycling and disposal services. We believe that this organizational structure facilitates the integration of our operations within each region, which is a critical component of our operating strategy.

Our presence in high growth markets throughout the Sunbelt, including California, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas, and in other domestic markets that have experienced higher than average population growth during the past several years, supports our internal growth strategy. We believe that our presence in these markets positions our company to experience growth at rates that are generally higher than the industry's overall growth rate.

While we believe that we are well positioned to continue to increase our revenue and operating income in the longer term, any economic slowdown can have a negative impact on certain aspects of our business. However, the aspects of our business that we believe are "recession resilient" may continue to perform well even in a downturn. These include our residential and commercial collection operations which are flat-rate businesses and are not subject to the volatility we experience in our industrial collection and disposal businesses. We continue to focus on enhancing stockholder value by implementing our financial, operating and growth strategies as described in the various filings we have incorporated by reference herein.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, our net income was \$237.9 million, or \$1.53 per diluted share, compared to \$215.4 million, or \$1.33 per diluted share, of income before the cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles recorded in 2003. Our annual revenue for 2004 was \$2,708.1 million compared to \$2,517.8 million during 2003. Operating income for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$452.3 million compared to operating income of \$412.7 million for 2003.

For the three months ended March 31, 2005, our net income was \$65.5 million, or \$.43 per diluted share, compared to \$56.9 million, or \$.36 per diluted share, for the same period in 2004. Our revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2005 was \$677.2 million compared to \$637.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Operating income for those three months was \$119.5 million in 2005 compared with \$110.0 million in 2004.

We were incorporated as a Delaware corporation in 1996. Our principal executive offices are located at 110 S.E. 6th Street, 28th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301, and our main telephone number is (954) 769-2400.

The Exchange Offer

On March 21, 2005, we issued the old notes in exchange for our 7½% Notes due 2009. We entered into a registration rights agreement in which we agreed to deliver to you this prospectus and to use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause this registration statement to become effective under the Securities Act.

Securities Offered

\$275,674,000 in aggregate principal amount of 6.086% Notes due 2035. The terms of the new notes and the old notes are identical except for the transfer restrictions and registration rights.

The Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange \$1,000 principal amount of new notes for each \$1,000 principal amount of old notes. Old notes may only be exchanged in \$1,000 principal amount increments. There is \$275,674,000 in aggregate principal amount of old notes outstanding.

Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The exchange offer is subject to conditions that we may waive. The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum principal amount of old notes being tendered for exchange. See "The Exchange Offer — Conditions."

Procedures For Tendering Old Notes

If you wish to participate in the exchange offer and your old notes are held by a custodial entity, such as a bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other nominee through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), you may do so through the automated tender offer program of DTC. By participating in the exchange offer, you will agree to be bound by the letter of transmittal that we are providing with this prospectus as though you had signed the letter of transmittal.

If your old notes are registered in your name, you must deliver the certificates representing your old notes, together with a completed letter of transmittal and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal, to the exchange agent, not later than the time the exchange offer expires. See "The Exchange Offer — Procedures for Tendering Old Notes" for a more complete description of the tender provisions.

Expiration Date; Withdrawal

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, 21 business days after the commencement of the offer, or a later date and time to which it may be extended. We will accept for exchange any and all old notes that are validly tendered in the exchange offer prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. The tender of old notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date. Any old note not accepted for exchange for any reason will be returned without expense to the tendering holder promptly after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer. The new notes issued in the exchange offer will be delivered promptly following the expiration date.

Guaranteed Delivery Procedures

There are no guaranteed delivery provisions provided for in conjunction with the exchange offer under the terms of this prospectus and the accompanying letter of transmittal.

Tax Considerations

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the exchange of old notes for new notes should not be considered a sale or exchange or

otherwise a taxable event to the holders of notes. For a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the exchange of old notes for new notes pursuant to the exchange offer, see "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences."

We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer.

Holders of old notes will not have dissenters' rights or appraisal rights in connection with the exchange offer.

The Bank of New York is serving as exchange agent in connection with the exchange offer. See "The Exchange Offer — Exchange Agent" for the address and telephone number of the exchange agent.

Based on an interpretation by the Commission set forth in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that you may resell or otherwise transfer new notes issued in the exchange offer in exchange for old notes without restrictions under the federal securities laws. However, there are exceptions to this general statement.

You may not freely transfer the new notes if:

- you are an affiliate of ours;
- you did not acquire the new notes in the ordinary course of your business;
- you intend to participate in the exchange offer for the purpose of distributing new notes; or
- you are a broker-dealer who acquired the old notes directly from us.

Any holder subject to any of the exceptions above will not be able to rely on the interpretations of the Commission staff set forth in the above-mentioned interpretive letters; will not be permitted or entitled to tender old notes in the exchange offer; and must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any sale or other transfer of old notes unless the sale is made pursuant to an exception from those requirements.

In addition, each participating broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account in the exchange offer in exchange for old notes that were acquired as a result of market making activities or other trading activities and no directly from us, must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with the resale of the new notes.

Old notes that are not tendered or that are tendered but not accepted will, following the completion of the exchange offer, remain outstanding and will continue to be subject to their existing terms. See "Risk Factors — Consequences of Failure to Exchange." Following the completion of the exchange offer, we will have no obligation to exchange old notes for new notes. The trading market for outstanding old notes not exchanged in the

Consequences of Failure to Exchange

Use of Proceeds

Appraisal Rights

Exchange Agent

Resales of New Notes

exchange offer may be more limited than it is at present. Therefore, if your old notes are not tendered and

accepted in the exchange offer, it may become more difficult for you to sell or transfer your unexchanged old

notes.

Fees and Expenses We will bear all expenses related to the exchange offer.

No Prior Market The new notes will be new securities for which there is currently no market. We cannot assure you as to the

development or liquidity of any market for the notes.

Summary Description of the New Notes

The terms of the new notes and the old notes are identical in all respects, except that the terms of the new notes do not include the transfer restrictions and registration rights relating to the old notes. For a more complete description of the new notes, see "Description of the New Notes."

Issuer Republic Services, Inc.

Notes Offered \$275,674,000 in aggregate principal amount of 6.086% Notes due 2035.

Maturity Date March 15, 2035.

Interest Payment Dates March 15 and September 15 of each year, beginning on September 15, 2005.

Interest The new notes will bear interest from the later of March 21, 2005 or the most recent date to which interest has

been paid on the old notes. Accordingly, registered holders of new notes on the relevant record date for the first interest payment date following completion of the exchange offer will receive interest accruing from the later of March 21, 2005 or the most recent date on which interest has been paid. Old notes accepted for exchange will cease to accrue interest from and after the date of completion of the exchange offer. Holders of old notes whose old notes are accepted for exchange will not receive any payment in respect of interest on the old notes otherwise

payable on any interest payment date that occurs on or after completion of the exchange offer.

Ranking The new notes will be unsecured obligations of Republic Services, Inc. and will rank *pari passu* with all existing

and future unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of Republic Services, Inc. The new notes will be effectively subordinated to any indebtedness of our subsidiaries and will be junior to our secured debt.

Optional Redemption All or a portion of the new notes may be redeemed at a make-whole premium described in this prospectus under

"Description of the New Notes — Optional Redemption."

Covenants The indenture governing the new notes provides for certain limitations on our ability and the ability to certain of

our subsidiaries to (a) create liens on the capital stock or indebtedness of principal subsidiaries and (b) enter into

sale and leaseback transactions.

| Consolidation, Mergers and Sales of Assets | Republic Services, Inc. may not consolidate, merge or sell substantially all its assets as an entirety, unless, among other requirements: (a) the successor corporation assumes Republic Services, Inc.'s obligations on the new notes and (b) no Event of Default (as defined in the indenture governing the new notes) has occurred and is continuing. |
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| Events of Default — Cross Default | Failure to pay when due any obligation of Republic Services, Inc. or any of its principal subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$25 million that continues for 25 days after notice to Republic Services, Inc by the trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the notes of each affected series then outstanding (voting as one class) constitutes a default under the indenture governing the new notes. |
| Discharge | The indenture governing the new notes is subject to defeasance and discharge under certain circumstances. |

Summary Historical Financial Data (in millions, except per share data)

The following summary historical financial data for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2004 were derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The following summary historical financial data as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 and for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 were derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal and recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly our financial position, results of operations and cash flows at the dates and for such periods. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 should not be regarded as indicative of results for the full year.

This table should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes, as well as management's discussion and analysis of results of operations and financial condition, all of which can be found in publicly available documents, including those incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should see Notes 1, 4 and 7 of the notes to our consolidated financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, for a discussion of basis of presentation, business combinations and stockholders' equity and their effect on comparability of year-to-year data. Certain amounts in the historical consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2004 presentation.

| | | Ye | | nths Ended ch 31, | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Statement of Income Data: | | | | | | | |
| Revenue | \$ 2,708.1 | \$ 2,517.8 | \$ 2,365.1 | \$ 2,257.5 | \$ 2,103.3 | \$ 677.2 | \$ 637.3 |
| Expenses: | | | | | | | |
| Cost of operations | 1,714.4 | 1,605.4 | 1,472.9 | 1,422.5 | 1,271.3 | 418.7 | 403.5 |
| Depreciation, amortization and depletion | 259.4 | 239.1 | 199.6 | 215.4 | 197.4 | 61.1 | 58.0 |
| Accretion | 13.7 | 12.7 | _ | _ | _ | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 268.3 | 247.9 | 238.7 | 236.5 | 193.9 | 74.4 | 62.5 |
| Other charges (income) | _ | _ | (5.6) | 99.6 | 6.7 | _ | _ |
| Operating income | 452.3 | 412.7 | 459.5 | 283.5 | 434.0 | 119.5 | 110.0 |
| Interest expense | (76.7) | (78.0) | (77.0) | (80.1) | (81.6) | (19.9) | (20.7) |
| Interest income | 6.9 | 9.5 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 2.0 |
| Other income (expense), net | 1.2 | 3.2 | (.3) | 1.5 | 2.3 | 3.5 | .5 |
| Income before income taxes | 383.7 | 347.4 | 386.5 | 209.3 | 356.4 | 105.6 | 91.8 |
| Provision for income taxes | 145.8 | 132.0 | 146.9 | 83.8 | 135.4 | 40.1 | 34.9 |
| Income before cumulative effect of changes in | | | | | | | |
| accounting principles | 237.9 | 215.4 | 239.6 | 125.5 | 221.0 | 65.5 | 56.9 |
| Cumulative effect of changes in accounting | | | | | | | |
| principles | _ | (37.8) | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| Net income | \$ 237.9 | \$ 177.6 | \$ 239.6 | \$ 125.5 | \$ 221.0 | \$ 65.5 | \$ 56.9 |

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|--|-----|-------|----|---------|-----------|---------------------|-------|---------|----|---------|----|--------------------|--------|-----------|--|
| | _ | 2004 | | 2003 | rears Enc | 2002 | 31, | 2001 | | 2000 | | 2005 | 11 31, | 2004 | |
| Basic earnings per share: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Before cumulative effect of changes in | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| accounting principles | \$ | 1.56 | \$ | 1.34 | \$ | 1.45 | \$ | .74 | \$ | 1.26 | \$ | .44 | \$ | .36 | |
| Cumulative effect of changes in accounting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| principles | _ | | | (.23) | | | | | | | | | | _ | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ | 1.56 | \$ | 1.11 | \$ | 1.45 | \$ | .74 | \$ | 1.26 | \$ | .44 | \$ | .36 | |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | | 152.8 | | 160.3 | | 165.4 | | 170.1 | | 175.0 | | 148.2 | | 156.0 | |
| Diluted earnings per share: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Before cumulative effect of changes in | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| accounting principles | \$ | 1.53 | \$ | 1.33 | \$ | 1.44 | \$ | .73 | \$ | 1.26 | \$ | .43 | \$ | .30 | |
| Cumulative effect of changes in accounting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| principles | | _ | | (.23) | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | 1.53 | \$ | 1.10 | \$ | 1.44 | \$ | .73 | \$ | 1.26 | \$ | .43 | \$ | .3 | |
| Weighted average common and common | _ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| equivalent shares outstanding | | 155.3 | | 162.1 | | 166.7 | | 171.1 | | 175.0 | | 151.0 | | 158. | |
| Cash dividends per common share | \$ | .36 | \$ | .12 | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | .12 | \$ | .0 | |
| sasii dividends per common share | Ψ | .50 | Ψ | .12 | Ψ | | Ψ | | Ψ | | Ψ | .12 | Ψ | .0 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Three Months Ended | | | |
| | _ | 2004 | | 2003 | Years En | led Decembe 2002 | r 31, | 2001 | | 2000 | | Marc 2005 | h 31, | 2004 | |
| Other Operating Data: | _ | | _ | 2005 | _ | | | | _ | | | | | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | \$ | 666.3 | \$ | 600.5 | \$ | 569.7 | \$ | 459.2 | \$ | 461.8 | \$ | 167.6 | \$ | 190.3 | |
| Capital expenditures(a) | | 283.8 | | 273.2 | | 258.6 | | 249.3 | | 208.0 | | 50.2 | | 38.8 | |
| Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment | | 5.7 | | 9.1 | | 14.6 | | 8.7 | | 12.6 | | .5 | | 1.7 | |
| | | | | | As of De | cember 31, | | | | | | As of M | | Iarch 31, | |
| | 200 |)4 | 2 | 003 | | 002 | | 2001 | | 2000 | | 2005 | | 2004 | |
| Balance Sheet Data: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 141.5 | \$ | 119.2 | \$ | 141.5 | \$ | 16.1 | \$ | 2.0 | \$ | 71.8 | \$ | 174. | |
| Restricted cash and marketable securities | | 275.7 | | 397.4 | | 175.0 | | 142.3 | | 84.3 | | 263.0 | | 402. | |
| otal assets | | 464.6 | | 1,554.1 | | 4,209.1 | | 3,856.3 | | 3,561.5 | | 4,381.0 | | 4,545. | |
| Total debt | , | 354.3 | | 1,520.3 | | 1,442.1 | | 1,367.7 | | 1,256.7 | | 1,371.4 | | 1,522. | |
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,8 | 372.5 | 1 | 1,904.5 | | 1,881.1 | | 1,755.9 | | 1,674.9 | | 1,745.8 | | 1,874. | |

RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully the following risks and all of the information set forth in this prospectus or incorporated by reference herein, including the risk factors related to our business identified in our Form 10-K and other Commission filings, before tendering your notes for exchange in the exchange offer.

Risks Related to the New Notes

An active trading market for the new notes may not develop.

There is no existing trading market for the new notes. We do not intend to apply for listing of the new notes on any securities exchange or for quotation through any automated dealer quotation system. Although Merrill Lynch & Co., Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Allen & Company LLC, the dealer managers in the exchange offer pursuant to which the old notes were issued, may make a market in the new notes after the completion of the exchange offer, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any such market making activities at any time without notice. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the liquidity of, or adequate trading markets for, the new notes.

The new notes are unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured obligations to the extent of the collateral securing such obligations.

The new notes are unsecured and will be effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured obligations to the extent of the collateral securing such obligations. Our \$750.0 million revolving credit facility is unsecured. As of March 31, 2005, we had \$55.3 million of other notes, some of which are secured by real property, equipment and other assets. However, the indenture governing the new notes generally will allow us to incur liens in an amount up to 20% of the amount of our tangible assets. As of March 31, 2005, we had approximately \$2.0 billion in property and equipment, net.

Because we are a holding company, your rights under the new notes will be effectively subordinated to the liabilities of our subsidiaries.

As we are a holding company, our cash flow and ability to service debt, including the new notes, depend upon the distribution of earnings, loans or other payments made by our subsidiaries to us. Our subsidiaries are separate legal entities and have no obligation with respect to the old notes or the new notes. In addition, payment of dividends, distributions, loans or advances by our subsidiaries to us could be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions. The old notes are and the new notes will be effectively subordinated to all of the existing and future obligations of our subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2005, our subsidiaries had approximately \$117.5 million of indebtedness and significant other operating liabilities.

Consequences of Failure to Exchange

The trading market for unexchanged old notes could be limited.

The trading market for unexchanged old notes could become significantly more limited after the exchange offer due to the reduction in the amount of old notes outstanding upon consummation of the exchange offer. Therefore, if your old notes are not exchanged for new notes in the exchange offer, because you do not participate in the exchange offer, it may become more difficult for you to sell or otherwise transfer your old notes. This reduction in liquidity may in turn reduce the market price, and increase the price volatility, of the old notes. There is a risk that an active trading market in the unexchanged old notes will not exist, develop or be maintained and we cannot give you any assurances regarding the prices at which the unexchanged old notes may trade in the future.

As a result of making the exchange offer, we have fulfilled our obligations under the registration rights agreement relating to the old notes. Holders who do not tender their old notes generally will not have any further registration rights.

Any old notes that are not exchanged for new notes will remain restricted securities. Accordingly, the old notes may be resold only:

- to us or one of our subsidiaries;
- to a qualified institutional buyer;
- · to an institutional accredited investor;
- to a party outside the United States under Regulation S under the Securities Act;
- under an exemption from registration provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act; or
- under an effective registration statement.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We make forward-looking statements in this prospectus, including the section entitled "Summary," and in the documents incorporated by reference herein. These statements may be accompanied by words such as "believe," "estimate," "project," "expect," "anticipate" or "predict," that convey the uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied in or by such forward-looking statements. In addition to the factors described in this prospectus under "Risk Factors," important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include, among others:

- whether our estimates and assumptions concerning our selected balance sheet accounts, final capping, closure, post-closure and remediation costs, available airspace, and projected costs and expenses related to our landfills and property and equipment, and labor, fuel rates and economic and inflationary trends, turn out to be correct or appropriate;
- the impact of competition and demand for services in the solid waste industry;
- · our ability to manage growth;
- our compliance with, and future changes in, environmental regulations;
- our ability to obtain approvals in connection with expansions at our landfills;
- our ability to obtain financing on acceptable terms to finance our operations and growth strategy and for our company to operate within the limitations imposed by financing arrangements;
- our ability to repurchase common stock at prices that are accretive to earnings per share;
- our dependence on key personnel;
- the impact of general economic and market conditions including, but not limited to, inflation and changes in commodity pricing, fuel, labor, risk and health insurance, and other variable costs that are generally not within our control;
- our dependence on large, long-term collection, transfer and disposal contracts;
- our dependence on acquisitions for growth;
- our expectations regarding the risks associated with undisclosed liabilities of acquired businesses;
- our expectations regarding the risks associated with pending legal proceedings; and
- other factors contained in our filings with the Commission.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the new notes in exchange for the old notes. Any old notes that are properly tendered and exchanged pursuant to this exchange offer will be retired and cancelled. Accordingly, issuance of the new notes will not result in any increase in our indebtedness.

CAPITALIZATION

The following information sets forth our consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2005. You should read this along with the historical financial statements and accompanying notes that we included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2005, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

| | Mai | rch 31, 2005 | |
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| | (Dolla | rs in millions) | |
| Long-term debt, including current maturities | \$ | 1,371.4 | |
| Total stockholders' equity | | 1,745.8 | |
| Total capitalization | \$ | 3,117.2 | |
| Total debt to total capitalization | | 44.0% | |

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the years ended December 31, 2000 through 2004 and for the three months ended March 31, 2005 appears below. We compute the ratio of earnings to fixed charges by dividing the sum of income before income taxes, interest expense and a portion of rent expense representative of the interest component, by the sum of interest expense, capitalized interest and the portion of rent expense representative of the interest component.

| | | | Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------------|------|------|------|--|--|--|
| | Three Months Ended | | | | | | | | |
| | March 31, 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | | | |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | 6.1 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 4.8 | | | |

THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Purpose and Effect of the Exchange Offer

On March 21, 2005 we issued \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount of old notes in exchange for an equal aggregate principal amount of our 7½% Notes due May 15, 2009. In connection with the issuance of the old notes we entered into a registration rights agreement, dated as of March 21, 2005. Under that agreement, we must, among other things, file with the Commission a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the exchange offer and use our commercially reasonable efforts to cause that registration statement to become effective under the Securities Act. Upon the effectiveness of that registration statement, we must offer each holder of the old notes the opportunity to exchange its old notes for an equal principal amount of new notes. You are a holder with respect to the exchange offer if you are a person in whose name any old notes are registered on our books or any other person who has obtained a properly completed assignment of old notes from the registered holder.

We are making the exchange offer to comply with our obligations under the registration rights agreement. A copy of the registration rights agreement is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

In order to participate in the exchange offer, you must represent to us, among other things, that:

- you are acquiring the new notes under the exchange offer in the ordinary course of your business;
- you are not engaged in, and do not intend to engage in, a distribution of the new notes;
- · you do not have any arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the new notes;
- you are not a broker-dealer tendering old notes acquired directly from us for your own account;
- you are not one of our "affiliates," as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act; and
- you are not prohibited by law or any policy of the Commission from participating in the exchange offer.

The exchange offer is not being made to, nor will we accept surrenders for exchange from, holders of old notes in any jurisdiction in which the exchange offer or the acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the securities or blue sky laws of the particular jurisdiction. Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for old notes, where the old notes were acquired by that broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the new notes. For additional information, see "Plan of Distribution."

Terms of the Exchange Offer

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal, we will accept any and all old notes validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the day the exchange offer expires.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount of the old notes is outstanding. This prospectus, together with the letter of transmittal, is being sent to all registered holders of the old notes on this date. There will be no fixed date for determining registered holders of the old notes entitled to participate in the exchange offer; however, holders of the old notes must tender their certificates therefor or cause their old notes to be tendered by book-entry transfer before the expiration date of the exchange offer to participate.

The form and terms of the new notes will be the same as the form and terms of the old notes except that the new notes will be registered under the Securities Act and therefore will not bear legends restricting their transfer. Following consummation of the exchange offer, all rights under the registration rights agreement accorded to holders of old notes, including the right to receive additional interest on the old notes, to the extent and in the circumstances specified in the registration rights agreement, will terminate.

We intend to conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the provisions of the registration rights agreement and applicable federal securities laws. Old notes that are not tendered for exchange under the exchange offer will remain outstanding and will be entitled to the rights under the related indenture. Any old notes not tendered for exchange will not retain any rights under the registration rights agreement and will remain subject to transfer restrictions. For additional information, see "— Consequences of Failure to Exchange Old Notes."

We will be deemed to have accepted validly tendered old notes when, as and if we will have given oral or written notice of our acceptance to the exchange agent. The exchange agent will act as agent for the tendering holders for the purposes of receiving the old notes from us. If any tendered old notes are not accepted for exchange because of an invalid tender, the occurrence of other events set forth in this prospectus, or otherwise, certificates for any unaccepted old notes will be promptly returned, or, in the case of old notes tendered by book-entry transfer, those unaccepted old notes will be credited to an account maintained with The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") without expense to the tendering holder of

those old notes promptly after the expiration date of the exchange offer. For additional information, see "— Procedures for Tendering Old Notes."

Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments

The expiration date is 5:00 p.m., New York City time, 21 business days after commencement of the exchange offer, unless we, in our sole discretion, extend the exchange offer, in which case, the expiration date will be the latest date and time to which the exchange offer is extended. We may, in our sole discretion, extend the expiration date of the exchange offer or, upon the occurrence of particular events, terminate the exchange offer. The events that would cause us to terminate the exchange offer are set forth under "— Conditions."

To extend the exchange offer, we must notify the exchange agent by oral or written notice before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date and make a public announcement of the extension.

We reserve the right:

- to extend the exchange offer or to terminate the exchange offer if any of the conditions set forth below under "— Conditions" are not satisfied by giving oral or written notice of the delay, extension or termination to the exchange agent; or
- to amend the terms of the exchange offer in any manner consistent with the registration rights agreement.

Any delay in acceptances, extension, termination or amendment will be followed as promptly as practicable by notice of the delay to the registered holders of the old notes. If we amend the exchange offer in a manner that constitutes a material change, we will promptly disclose the amendment by means of a prospectus supplement that will be distributed to the registered holders of the old notes, and we will extend the exchange offer for a period of up to ten business days, depending on the significance of the amendment and the manner of disclosure of the registered holders of the old notes, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during that extension period.

Without limiting the manner in which we may choose to make a public announcement of any delay, extension, amendment or termination of the exchange offer, we will have no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate that public announcement, other than by making a timely release to an appropriate news agency.

When all the conditions to the exchange offer have been satisfied or waived, we will accept, promptly after the expiration date of the exchange offer, all old notes properly tendered and will issue the new notes promptly after the expiration date of the exchange offer. For additional information, see "— Conditions" below. For purposes of the exchange offer, we will be deemed to have accepted properly tendered old notes for exchange when, as and if we will have given oral or written notice of our acceptance to the exchange agent.

In all cases, issuance of the new notes for old notes that are accepted for exchange under the exchange offer will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of certificates for those old notes or a timely confirmation of book-entry transfer of the old notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC, a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, and all other required documents; provided, however, that we reserve the absolute right to waive any defects or irregularities in the tender of old notes or in the satisfaction of conditions of the exchange offer by holders of the old notes. If any tendered old notes are not accepted for any reason set forth in the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, if the holder withdraws any previously tendered old notes, or if old notes are submitted by a greater principal amount of old notes than the holder desires to exchange, then the unaccepted, withdrawn or portion of non-exchanged old notes, as appropriate, will be returned promptly after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer, or, in the case of the old notes tendered by bookentry transfer, those

unaccepted, withdrawn or portion of non-exchanged old notes, as appropriate, will be credited to an account maintained with DTC, without expense to the tendering holder.

Conditions

Without regard to other terms of the exchange offer, we will not be required to exchange any new notes for any old notes and may terminate the exchange offer before the acceptance of any old notes for exchange and before the expiration of the exchange offer, if:

- the exchange offer, or the making of any exchange by a holder of old notes, violates applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the Staff of the Commission; or
- an action or proceeding shall have been instituted or threatened in any court or by or before any governmental agency with respect to the exchange offer which, in our judgment, would reasonably be expected to impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer.

If we determine that any of the conditions are not satisfied, we may:

- refuse to accept any old notes and return all tendered old notes to the tendering holders, or, in the case of old notes tendered by book-entry transfer, credit those old notes to an account maintained with DTC;
- extend the exchange offer and retain all old notes tendered before the expiration of the exchange offer, subject, however, to the rights of holders who tendered the old notes to withdraw their old notes; or
- waive unsatisfied conditions with respect to the exchange offer and accept all properly tendered old notes that have not been withdrawn. If the waiver constitutes a material change to the exchange offer, we will promptly disclose the waiver by means of a prospectus supplement that will be distributed to the registered holders of the old notes, and we will extend the exchange offer for a period of up to ten business days, depending on the significance of the waiver and the manner of disclosure of the registered holders of the old notes, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during this period.

These conditions are for our sole benefit and may be asserted by us regardless of the circumstances giving rise to any conditions or may be waived by us in whole or in part at any time in our reasonable discretion. Our failure at any time to exercise any of the foregoing rights shall not be deemed a waiver of any such right and each such right shall be deemed an ongoing right which may be asserted at any time.

Settlement Date

We will deliver the new notes on the settlement date, which will be the third business day following the expiration date or as soon as practicable thereafter. We will not be obligated to deliver new notes unless the exchange offer is consummated.

Procedures for Tendering Old Notes

The tender to us of old notes by you as set forth below and our acceptance of the old notes will constitute a binding agreement between us and you upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the accompanying letter of transmittal. Except as set forth below, to tender old notes for exchange pursuant to the exchange offer, you must transmit a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, including all other documents required by such letter of transmittal or, in the case of a book-entry transfer, an agent's message in lieu of such letter of transmittal, to Global Bondholder Services Corporation, as exchange agent, at the address set forth below under "— Exchange Agent" on or prior to the expiration date. In addition, either:

• a timely confirmation of a book-entry transfer (a "book-entry confirmation") of such old notes, if such procedure is available, into the exchange agent's account at DTC pursuant to the procedure

for book-entry transfer, as described below under "— Book-Entry Transfers," must be received by the exchange agent, on or prior to the expiration date, with the letter of transmittal or an agent's message in lieu of such letter of transmittal, or

· certificates for such old notes must be received by the exchange agent along with the letter of transmittal.

The term "agent's message" means a message, transmitted by DTC to and received by the exchange agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the tendering participant stating that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce such letter of transmittal against such participant.

The method of delivery of old notes, letters of transmittal and all other required documents is at your election and risk. If such delivery is by regular U.S. mail, it is recommended that you use registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested. In all cases, you should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery. No letter of transmittal or old notes should be sent to us.

Signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal, as the case may be, must be guaranteed unless the old notes surrendered for exchange are tendered:

- by a holder of the old notes who has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on the letter of transmittal; or
- for the account of an Eligible Institution (as defined below).

In the event that signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal are required to be guaranteed, such guarantees must be by a firm which is a member of the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, the Stock Exchanges Medallion Program or the New York Stock Exchange Medallion Program (each such entity being hereinafter referred to as an "Eligible Institution"). If old notes are registered in the name of a person other than the signer of the letter of transmittal, the old notes surrendered for exchange must be endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or exchange, in satisfactory form as we or the exchange agent determine in our sole discretion, duly executed by the registered holder with the signature thereon guaranteed by an Eligible Institution.

We or the exchange agent in our sole discretion will make a final and binding determination on all questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance of old notes tendered for exchange. We reserve the absolute right to reject any and all tenders of any particular old note not properly tendered or to not accept any particular old note which acceptance might, in our judgment or our counsel's, be unlawful. We also reserve the absolute right to waive any defects or irregularities or conditions of the exchange offer as to any particular old note either before or after the expiration date (including the right to waive the ineligibility of any holder who seeks to tender old notes in the exchange offer). Our or the exchange agent's interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer as to any particular old note either before or after the expiration date (including the letter of transmittal and the instructions thereto) will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of old notes for exchange must be cured within a reasonable period of time, as we determine. We are not, nor is the exchange agent or any other person, under any duty to notify you of any defect or irregularity with respect to your tender of old notes for exchange, and no one will be liable for failing to provide such notification.

If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person or persons other than the registered holder or holders of old notes, such old notes must be endorsed or accompanied by powers of attorney signed exactly as the name(s) of the registered holder(s) that appear on the old notes.

If the letter of transmittal or any old notes or powers of attorneys are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing. Unless waived by us or the exchange

agent, proper evidence satisfactory to us of their authority to so act must be submitted with the letter of transmittal.

Absence of Dissenters' Rights

Holders of the old notes do not have any appraisal or dissenters' rights in connection with the exchange offer.

Acceptance of Old Notes for Exchange; Delivery of New Notes

Upon satisfaction or waiver of all of the conditions to the exchange offer, we will accept, promptly after the expiration date, all of the old notes validly tendered and not withdrawn and will issue the new notes promptly after acceptance of the old notes. See "— Conditions." For purposes of the exchange offer, we shall be deemed to have accepted properly tendered old notes for exchange if and when we give oral (confirmed in writing) or written notice to the exchange agent.

In all cases, issuance of new notes for old notes that are accepted for exchange will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of:

- certificates for such old notes or a timely book-entry confirmation of such old notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC;
- a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal or an agent's message in lieu thereof; and
- all other required documents.

Holders may submit all or part of their old notes currently held.

Book-Entry Transfers

For purposes of the exchange offer, the exchange agent will request that an account be established with respect to the old notes at DTC within two business days after the date of this prospectus, unless the exchange agent already has established an account with DTC suitable for the exchange offer. Any financial institution that is a participant in DTC may make book-entry delivery of old notes by causing DTC to transfer such old notes into the exchange agent's account at DTC in accordance with DTC's procedures for transfer. Although delivery of old notes may be effected through book-entry transfer at DTC, the letter of transmittal or facsimile thereof or an agent's message in lieu thereof, with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents, must, in any case, be transmitted to and received by the exchange agent at the address set forth below under "— Exchange Agent" on or prior to the expiration date.

Withdrawal Rights

Any old notes that are tendered may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date. To be effective, a written notice of withdrawal must be received by the exchange agent at the address set forth below under "— Exchange Agent." This notice must specify:

- the name of the person having tendered the old notes to be withdrawn;
- the old notes to be withdrawn (including the principal amount of such old notes); and
- where certificates for old notes have been transmitted, the name in which such old notes are registered, if different from that of the withdrawing holder.

If certificates for old notes have been delivered or otherwise identified to the exchange agent, then, prior to the release of such certificates, the withdrawing holder must also submit the serial numbers of the particular certificates to be withdrawn and a signed notice of withdrawal with signatures guaranteed by an Eligible Institution, unless such holder is an Eligible Institution. If old notes have been tendered pursuant

to the procedure for book-entry transfer described above, any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn old notes and otherwise comply with the procedures of DTC.

We or the exchange agent will make a final and binding determination on all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility (including time of receipt) of such notices. Any old notes so withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for exchange for purposes of the exchange offer. Any old notes tendered for exchange but not exchanged for any reason will be returned to the holder without cost to such holder (or, in the case of old notes tendered by bookentry transfer into the exchange agent's account at DTC pursuant to the book-entry transfer procedures described above, such old notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC for the old notes) promptly after withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the exchange offer. Properly withdrawn old notes may be retendered by following one of the procedures described under "— Procedures for Tendering Old Notes" above at any time on or prior to the expiration date.

Exchange Agent

The Bank of New York has been appointed as the exchange agent for the exchange offer. Letters of transmittal and all correspondence in connection with the exchange offer should be sent or delivered by each holder of old notes, or a beneficial owner's commercial bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other nominee, to the exchange agent at the address set forth below:

By mail or by hand: The Bank of New York

Corporate Trust Operations Reorganization Unit 101 Barclay Street – 7 East New York, New York 10286

By facsimile: (212) 298-1915 Confirm facsimile by telephone: (212) 815-5920

Delivery of the letter of transmittal to an address other than as set forth above or transmission of such letter of transmittal via facsimile other than as set forth above does not constitute a valid delivery of the letter of transmittal.

Questions concerning tender procedures and requests for additional copies of this prospectus or the letter of transmittal should be directed to the exchange agent. Holders of old notes may also contact their commercial bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other nominee for assistance concerning the exchange offer. We will pay the exchange agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and will reimburse it for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection therewith

Other Fees and Expenses

We will not make any payment to brokers, dealers or others for soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer.

Tendering holders of old notes will not be required to pay any fee or commission to the exchange agent. If, however, a tendering holder handles the transaction through its broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other institution, that holder may be required to pay brokerage fees or commissions.

Transfer Taxes

You will not be obligated to pay any transfer taxes in connection with the tender of old notes in the exchange offer unless you instruct us to register new notes in the name of, or request that old notes not tendered or accepted in the exchange offer be returned to, a person other than the registered tendering holder. In those cases, you will be responsible for the payment of any applicable transfer taxes.

Accounting Treatment

The new notes will be recorded at the same carrying value as the old notes. This is the aggregate principal amount of the old notes, as reflected in our accounting records on the date of exchange.

Consequences of Failing to Exchange Old Notes

The trading market for outstanding notes not exchanged in the exchange offer may be more limited than it is at present. Therefore, if your old notes are not tendered and accepted in the exchange offer, it may become more difficult for you to sell or transfer your unexchanged old notes. See "Risk Factors — Consequences of Failure to Exchange."

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW NOTES

General

The old notes were, and the new notes will be, issued under the second supplemental indenture dated as of March 21, 2005 to the Indenture dated August 15, 2001 between Republic Services, Inc. and The Bank of New York as Trustee (as supplemented from time to time, the "Indenture").

The following summary of certain provisions of the new notes and the Indenture is not complete and is subject to the detailed provisions of the Indenture. Whenever particular provisions or defined terms in the Indenture are referred to in this prospectus, such provisions or defined terms are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Section references used in this prospectus are references to the Indenture. References, in this Section only, to "Republic Services, Inc." refer to Republic Services, Inc. exclusive of its subsidiaries. We urge you to read the Indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as a holder of the new notes. Copies of the Indenture are available upon request to us at the address indicated under "Incorporation of Documents by Reference."

Terms

The new notes issued under the Indenture will:

- initially be limited to \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount; and
- mature on March 15, 2035.

The new notes will be unsecured obligations of Republic Services, Inc. and will rank *pari passu* with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. The new notes will be effectively subordinated to any indebtedness of our subsidiaries, and will be junior to our secured debt to the extent of the collateral securing such debt.

The new notes will bear interest from March 21, 2005, payable semi-annually on each March 15 and September 15 to the persons in whose name they are registered at the close of business on March 1 or September 1 preceding the interest payment date.

The first interest payment on the new notes will be made on September 15, 2005.

The new notes may be redeemed before their maturity as described below, but are not entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund. They will be issued in bookentry form only. See "Book-Entry; Delivery and Form." At March 31, 2005, Republic Services, Inc. had approximately \$1,371.4 million of senior indebtedness outstanding (substantially all of which was unsecured).

Optional Redemption

The new notes will be redeemable, as a whole or in part, at our option, at any time or from time to time, at a redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of the new notes to be redeemed, and
- (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on the new notes to be redeemed discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the applicable Treasury Rate, plus 25 basis points. In the case of each of clause (1) and (2), accrued interest will be payable to the redemption date.

Holders of new notes to be redeemed will receive notice thereof by first-class mail at least 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. If fewer than all of the new notes are to be redeemed, the Trustee will select, not more than 60 nor less than 30 days prior to the redemption date, the particular notes or portions thereof for redemption from the outstanding new notes not previously called by such method as the Trustee deems fair and appropriate.

On and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the new notes or any portion of the new notes called for redemption unless we default in the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest. On or before the redemption date, we will deposit with a paying agent (or the Trustee) money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest on the new notes to be redeemed on such date.

Certain Definitions

Set forth below are certain defined terms used in the Indenture. Reference is made to the Indenture for a full disclosure of all such terms, as well as any other capitalized terms used herein for which no definition is provided.

"Attributable Debt" means, when used in connection with a sale and leaseback transaction, at any date of determination, the product of (1) the net proceeds from such sale and leaseback transaction multiplied by (2) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full years of the term of the lease relating to the property involved in such sale and leaseback transaction (without regard to any options to renew or extend such term) remaining at the date of the making of such computation and the denominator of which is the number of full years of the term of such lease measured from the first day of such term.

"Capital Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests (including partnership interests) in (however designated) the equity of such Person, including any preferred stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

"Comparable Treasury Issue" means the U.S. Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term ("Remaining Life") of the new notes to be redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such new notes.

"Comparable Treasury Price" means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the Independent Investment Banker obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means, as of any date, the total amount of assets of Republic Services, Inc. and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis (less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items) after deducting therefrom (1) all current liabilities (excluding any current

liabilities which are by their terms extendible or renewable at the option of the obligor thereon to a time more than 12 months after the time as of which the amount thereof is being computed or which is supported by other borrowings with a maturity of more than 12 months from the date of calculation), (2) all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other like intangibles and (3) appropriate adjustments on account of minority interests of other Persons holding stock of Republic Services, Inc. 's Subsidiaries, all as set forth on the most recent balance sheet of Republic Services, Inc. and its consolidated Subsidiaries (but, in any event, as of a date within 120 days of the date of determination) in each case excluding intercompany items and computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time.

"Exempted Debt" means the sum, without duplication, of the following items outstanding as of the date Exempted Debt is being determined:
(1) Indebtedness of Republic Services, Inc. and the Restricted Subsidiaries Incurred after the date of the Indenture and secured by Liens created, assumed or otherwise Incurred or permitted to exist pursuant to the covenant described under "Certain Covenants — Restrictions on Liens" and (2) Attributable Debt of Republic Services, Inc. and the Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of all sale and leaseback transactions with regard to any Principal Property entered into pursuant to the Indenture covenant described under "Certain Covenants — Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions."

"Funded Debt" means all Indebtedness for money borrowed, including purchase money indebtedness, having a maturity of more than one year from the date of its creation or having a maturity of less than one year but by its terms being renewable or extendible, at the option of the obligor in respect thereof, beyond one year from its creation.

"Guarantee" means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person and any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person (1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreement to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services, to take-or-pay, or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise) or (2) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part); provided, however, that the term "guarantee" will not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term "guarantee" used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Incur" means issue, assume, guarantee, incur or otherwise become liable for. The terms "Incurred," "Incurrence" and "Incurring" shall each have a correlative meaning.

"Indebtedness" means with respect to any Person at any date of determination (without duplication), indebtedness for borrowed money or indebtedness evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or other similar instruments given to finance the acquisition of any businesses, properties or assets of any kind (including, without limitation, Capital Stock or other equity interests in any Person).

"Independent Investment Banker" means Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. or Allen & Company LLC, and their respective successors, or, if such firms are unwilling or unable to select the Comparable Treasury Issue, an independent investment banking institution of national standing appointed by the Trustee after consultation with Republic Services, Inc.

"Lien" with respect to any property or assets, means any mortgage or deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, security interest, lien, charge, easement (other than any easement not materially impairing usefulness or marketability), encumbrance, preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever on or with respect to such property or assets (including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing), but not including the interest of a lessor under a lease that is an operating lease under generally accepted accounting principles.

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

"Principal Property" means any land, land improvements or building, together with the land upon which it is erected and fixtures comprising a part thereof, in each case, owned or leased by Republic Services, Inc. or any Restricted Subsidiary and located in the United States, the gross book value (without deduction of any reserve for depreciation) of which on the date as of which the determination is being made is an amount which exceeds 2% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets but not including such land, land improvements, buildings or portions thereof which is financed through the issuance of tax exempt governmental obligations, or any such property that has been determined by board resolution of Republic Services, Inc. not to be of material importance to the respective businesses conducted by Republic Services, Inc. or such Restricted Subsidiary effective as of the date such resolution is adopted.

"Reference Treasury Dealer" means (1) each of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. or Allen & Company LLC, and their respective successors, provided, however, that if any of the foregoing shall cease to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a "Primary Treasury Dealer"), we will substitute another Primary Treasury Dealer and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealer selected by the Independent Investment Banker after consultation with Republic Services, Inc.

"Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the Independent Investment Banker, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the Independent Investment Banker at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the third Business Day preceding such redemption date.

"Restricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary which, at the time of determination, owns or is a lessee pursuant to a capital lease of any Principal Property.

"Subsidiary" of a Person means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which at least a majority the total voting power of the Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by (1) such Person, (2) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or (3) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Treasury Rate" means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated "H.15(519)" or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption "Treasury Constant Maturities," for the maturity corresponding to the comparable Treasury Issue (if no maturity is within three months before or after the Remaining Life, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue will be determined and the Treasury Rate will be interpolated or extrapolated from such yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month) or (2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per annum equal to the semi-annual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date. The Treasury Rate will be calculated on the third Business Day preceding the redemption date.

Certain Covenants

The following restrictions apply to each series of notes under the Indenture.

Restrictions on liens.

We will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, Incur any Lien on any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property of Republic Services, Inc. or a Restricted Subsidiary, whether such shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or Principal Property is owned at the date of the Indenture or thereafter acquired, without in any such case effectively providing that all the notes will be directly secured equally and ratably with such Lien. These restrictions do not apply to:

- (1) the Incurrence of any Lien on any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired after the date of the Indenture (including acquisitions by way of merger or consolidation) by Republic Services, Inc. or a Restricted Subsidiary contemporaneously with such acquisition, or within 120 days thereafter, to secure or provide for the payment or financing of any part of the purchase price thereof, or the assumption of any Lien upon any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired after the date of the Indenture existing at the time of such acquisition, or the acquisition of any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property subject to any Lien without the assumption thereof, provided that every such Lien referred to in this clause (1) shall attach only to the shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property so acquired and fixed improvements thereon;
 - (2) any Lien on any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property existing at the date of the Indenture;
- (3) any Lien on any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property in favor of Republic Services, Inc. or any Restricted Subsidiary;
 - (4) any Lien on Principal Property being constructed or improved securing loans to finance such construction or improvements;
- (5) any Lien on shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property Incurred in connection with the issuance of tax exempt government obligations; and
- (6) any renewal of or substitution for any Lien permitted by any of the preceding clauses (1) through (5), provided, in the case of a Lien permitted under clause (1), (2) or (4), the debt secured is not increased nor the Lien extended to any additional assets.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Republic Services, Inc. or any Restricted Subsidiary may create or assume Liens in addition to those permitted by clauses (1) through (6), and renew, extend or replace such Liens, provided that at the time of such creation, assumption, renewal, extension or replacement of such Lien, and after giving effect thereto, together with any sale and leaseback transactions in addition to those permitted under the covenant entitled "Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions," Exempted Debt (including the Indebtedness to be secured by Liens created or assumed under this paragraph) does not exceed 20% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets. (Section 1005)

For the purposes of this "Restrictions on Liens" covenant and the "Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions" covenant, the giving of a guarantee which is secured by a Lien on any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property, and the creation of a Lien on any shares of stock, Indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property to secure Indebtedness that existed prior to the creation of such Lien, shall be deemed to involve the creation of Indebtedness in an amount equal to the principal amount guaranteed or secured by such Lien.

Limitation on sale and leaseback transactions.

The Indenture provides that Republic Services, Inc. will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, sell or transfer, directly or indirectly, except to Republic Services, Inc. or a Restricted Subsidiary, any Principal Property as an entirety, or any substantial portion thereof, with the intention of taking back a lease of such property, except a lease for a period of two years or less at the end of which it is intended that the use of such property by the lessee will be discontinued; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, Republic Services, Inc. or any Restricted Subsidiary may sell any such Principal Property and lease it back for a longer period:

- (1) if Republic Services, Inc. or such Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture described above under "Certain Covenants Restrictions on Liens," to create a mortgage on the property to be leased securing Funded Debt in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to such sale and leaseback transaction without equally and ratably securing the outstanding notes; or
- (2) if Republic Services, Inc. promptly informs the Trustee of such transaction, the net proceeds of such transaction are at least equal to the fair value (as determined by board resolution of Republic Services, Inc.) of such property, and Republic Services, Inc. causes an amount equal to the net proceeds of the sale to be applied to the retirement, within 180 days after receipt of such proceeds, of Funded Debt Incurred or assumed by Republic Services, Inc. or a Restricted Subsidiary (including the notes); provided further that, in lieu of applying all or any part of such net proceeds to such retirement, Republic Services, Inc. may, within 75 days after such sale or transfer, deliver or cause to be delivered to the applicable trustee for cancellation either debentures or notes evidencing Funded Debt of Republic Services, Inc. (which may include the new notes offered in this prospectus) or of a Restricted Subsidiary previously authenticated and delivered by the applicable trustee, and not theretofore tendered for sinking fund purposes or called for a sinking fund or otherwise applied as a credit against an obligation to redeem or retire such notes or debentures. If Republic Services, Inc. so delivers debentures or notes to the applicable trustee with an Officers' Certificate, the amount of cash that Republic Services, Inc. will be required to apply to the retirement of Funded Debt will be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate of the then applicable optional redemption prices (not including any optional sinking fund redemption prices) of such debentures or notes, or if there are no such redemption prices, the principal amount of such debentures or notes, provided, that in the case of debentures or notes which provide for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of the maturity thereof, such amount of cash shall be reduced by the amount of principal of such debentures or notes that would be due and payable as of the date of such application upon a declaration
- (3) if Republic Services, Inc., within 180 days after the sale or transfer, applies or causes a Restricted Subsidiary to apply an amount equal to the greater of the net proceeds of such sale or transfer or fair market value of the Principal Property so sold and leased back at the time of entering into such sale and leaseback transaction (in either case as determined by board resolution of Republic Services, Inc.) to purchase other Principal Property having a fair market value at least equal to the fair market value of the Principal Property (or portion thereof) sold or transferred in such sale and leaseback transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Republic Services, Inc. or any Restricted Subsidiary may enter into sale and leaseback transactions in addition to those permitted in this paragraph and without any obligation to retire any outstanding notes or other Funded Debt, provided that at the time of entering into such sale and leaseback transactions and after giving effect thereto, together with any Liens in addition to those permitted under the covenant entitled "Restrictions on Liens," Exempted Debt does not exceed 20% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets. (Section 1006)

Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Substantially All Assets

We may consolidate or merge with, or sell all or substantially all of our assets to, another corporation as long as we are not in default under the Indenture and the consolidation, merger or sale does not create a default under the Indenture. The remaining or acquiring corporation must be a corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States of America and any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and must assume all of our obligations under the Indenture, including the payment of all amounts due on the notes and performance of the covenants. Under these circumstances, if our properties or assets become subject to a Lien not permitted by the Indenture, we will equally and ratably secure the notes. (Section 801)

Filing of Financial Statements

The Indenture requires us to file quarterly and annual financial statements with the Commission. (Section 1007)

Events of Default

An event of default under the Indenture with respect to a series of notes includes the following:

- failure to pay interest on the notes of such series for 30 days;
- failure to pay principal on the notes of such series when due;
- failure to perform any of the other covenants or agreements in the Indenture relating to the notes of such series that continues for 60 days after notice to us by the Trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the notes of each affected series then outstanding (voting as one class);
- failure to pay when due any obligation of ours or any principal subsidiary having an aggregate principal amount outstanding of at least \$25 million that continues for 25 days after notice to us by the Trustee or holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the notes of each affected series then outstanding (voting as one class); or
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization relating to us or any Subsidiary. (Section 501)

The Indenture provides that the Trustee will, with certain exceptions, notify the holders of the notes of any default known to it within 90 days after the occurrence of such event. (Section 602)

If an event of default (other than with respect to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization) occurs and is continuing for the notes of a series, the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the notes of each affected series then outstanding (voting as one class) may declare the principal amount to be due and payable. In such a case, subject to certain conditions, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of each affected series then outstanding (voting as one class) can rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences. (Section 502)

In the event of a declaration of acceleration because an event of default related to the failure to pay when due any obligation which has an aggregate principal amount of at least \$25 million has occurred and is continuing, such declaration of acceleration shall be automatically rescinded and annulled if the default triggering such event of default shall be remedied or cured by Republic Services, Inc. or the relevant Subsidiary or waived by the holders of the relevant Indebtedness within 60 days after the declaration of acceleration with respect thereto. (Section 502)

We are required to file an annual officers' certificate with the Trustee concerning our compliance with the Indenture. (Section 705) Subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the duties of the Trustee, the Trustee is not obligated to exercise any of its rights or powers at the request or direction of any of the holders unless they have offered the Trustee security or indemnity. (Section 603) If the holders provide security or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of the applicable series during an event of default may direct the time, method and

place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee under the Indenture or exercising any of the Trustee's trusts or powers with respect to the notes of such series. (Section 512)

Modification and Amendment of the Indenture

We may enter into supplemental indentures with the Trustee without the consent of the holders of the notes to, among other things:

- evidence the assumption by a successor corporation of our obligations;
- appoint additional, separate or successor trustees to act under the Indenture;
- add covenants for the protection of the holders of one or more series of the notes or to surrender any right or power of the Company under the Indenture;
- cure any ambiguity or correct any inconsistency in the Indenture;
- · add guarantees or security; and
- make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of holders of the notes of such series. (Section 901)

With the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the notes of all series then outstanding and affected (voting as one class) we may execute supplemental indentures with the Trustee to add provisions or change or eliminate any provision of the Indenture or any supplemental indenture or to modify the rights of the holders of the notes of each series so affected.

Without the consent of the holders of each outstanding note affected, no such supplemental indenture will, with respect to the notes:

- change their stated maturity;
- reduce their principal amount or their interest rate or the amount of any payment of interest, or extend the time for payment of interest;
- reduce the principal amount payable upon their acceleration;
- · change the place or currency in which they are payable;
- impair the right to institute suit for their enforcement;
- · reduce the premium payable upon redemption or change the time at which the new notes may or shall be redeemed;
- reduce the percentage in principal amount of notes, the consent of the holders of which is required for any such supplemental indenture;
- reduce the percentage in principal amount of notes required for waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or certain defaults;
- amend or modify any provisions in any way which subordinates the new notes in right of payment to any other indebtedness of Republic Services, Inc.; or
- modify provisions with respect to modification and waiver. (Section 902)

Discharge of Indenture

At our option, we (1) will be discharged from all obligations under the Indenture in respect of the notes of a particular series (except for certain obligations to exchange or register the transfer of the notes of such series, replace stolen, lost or mutilated notes of such series, maintain paying agencies and hold monies for payment in trust) or (2) need not comply with certain restrictive covenants of the Indenture (including the restrictions on Liens) with respect to the notes of such series, in each case if we deposit with the Trustee, in trust, money or U.S. government obligations (or a combination thereof) sufficient to

pay the principal of and any premium or interest on the notes of such series when due. In order to select either option, we must provide the Trustee with an opinion of counsel or a ruling from, or published by, the Internal Revenue Service, to the effect that holders of the notes of such series will not recognize gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes, as if we had not exercised either option. (Section 404)

In the event we exercise our option under (2) above with respect to the notes of a particular series and the notes of such series are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default other than default with respect to such obligations, the amount of money and U.S. government obligations on deposit with the Trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the notes at the time of their stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the notes of such series at the time of the acceleration resulting from such event of default. We would remain liable, however, for such amounts. (Sections 403 and 404)

Governing Law

The Indenture will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

Concerning the Trustee

The Bank of New York, Trustee under the Indenture, is a member of the syndicate of lenders for our credit facility.

Resales of the New Notes

The new notes are being offered to comply with our obligations under the registration rights agreement.

Under existing interpretations of the Staff of the Commission, the new notes will in general be freely tradable after the completion of the exchange offer without further compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. However, any participant in the exchange offer who is our affiliate or who intends to participate in the exchange offer for the purpose of distributing the new notes:

- (1) will not be able to rely on the interpretations of the Staff;
- (2) will not be entitled to participate in the exchange offer; and
- (3) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any sale or transfer of the new notes unless such sale or transfer is made pursuant to an exemption from such requirements.

Each holder of old notes who wishes to exchange old notes for new notes pursuant to the exchange offer will be required to represent that:

- (1) it is not our affiliate;
- (2) the new notes to be received by it will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business; and
- (3) at the time of the exchange offer, it has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of old notes or new notes.

In addition, in connection with any resales of new notes, any broker-dealer that acquired old notes for its own account as a result of market-making or other trading activities, who we refer to as exchanging broker-dealers, must deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act. The Commission has taken the position that exchanging broker-dealers may fulfill their prospectus delivery requirements with respect to the new notes with this prospectus. Under the registration rights agreement, we are required for a period of one year after the expiration of the exchange offer, to allow exchanging broker-dealers and other persons, if any, subject to similar prospectus delivery requirements, to use the prospectus

contained in the this registration statement, as amended or supplemented, in connection with the resale of new notes. See "Plan of Distribution."

BOOK-ENTRY; DELIVERY AND FORM

Except as set forth below, new notes will be issued in registered global form in minimum denominations of \$1,000. New notes will be issued at the settlement of the exchange offer only pursuant to valid tenders of old notes.

The new notes initially will be represented by one or more notes in registered global form without interest coupons (the "Global Notes"). The Global Notes will be deposited upon issuance with the Trustee as custodian for DTC in New York, New York, and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, in each case for credit to an account of a direct or indirect participant in DTC as described below.

The following are summaries of certain rules and operating procedures of DTC that affect the payment of principal and interest and the transfers of interests in the Global Notes. Upon issuance, the new notes will be issued only in the form of one or more definitive global securities which will be deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for notes in definitive form, a Global Note may not be transferred except as a whole (1) by DTC to a nominee, (2) by a nominee of DTC to DTC or another nominee of DTC or (3) by DTC or any such nominee to a successor of DTC or a nominee of such successor.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be limited to persons that have accounts with DTC for such Global Note ("participants") or persons that may hold interests through participants. Upon the issuance of a Global Note, DTC will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the participants' accounts with the respective principal amounts of the new notes represented by such Global Note beneficially owned by such participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to interests of participants). The laws of some states may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such laws may limit or impair the ability to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in the Global Notes.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of a Global Note, DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the new notes represented by such Global Note for all purposes under the Indenture. Unless owners of beneficial interests in a Global Note have new notes represented by such Global Note registered in their names, they will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of such new notes in certificated form and will not be considered the registered owners or holders thereof under the Indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of DTC and, if such person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which such person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the Indenture. We understand that under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders or if an owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Note desires to give or take any action that a holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture, DTC would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take such action, and such participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through such participants to give or to take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners holding through them.

Principal and interest payments on interests represented by a Global Note will be made to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of such Global Note. None of Republic Services, the Trustee or any other agent of Republic Services or agent of the Trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any facet of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership of interests. We expect that DTC, upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest in respect of a Global Note, will immediately credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their

respective beneficial interests in such Global Note as shown on the records of DTC. We also expect that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes held through such participants will be governed by standing customer instructions and customary practice, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such participants.

If DTC is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depository for the new notes, and we fail to appoint a successor depository registered as a clearing agency under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") within 90 days, we will issue new notes in definitive form in exchange for the respective Global Notes. Any new notes issued in definitive form in exchange for the Global Notes will be registered in such name or names, and will be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 as DTC shall instruct the Trustee. It is expected that such instructions will be based upon directions received by DTC from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Notes.

DTC is a limited purpose trust company organized under the Banking Law of the State of New York, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold the securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of transactions among its participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. DTC's participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of which (and/or their representatives) own DTC. Access to the DTC book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers and dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly.

CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following is a general discussion of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences and, in the case of a non-U.S. holder (as defined below), the material U.S. federal estate tax consequences, to beneficial owners of old notes whose old notes are tendered and accepted in the exchange offer. This summary is based on the U.S. federal income tax laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change or differing interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary does not discuss all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be relevant to a particular beneficial owner of old notes or to certain types of beneficial owners of old notes that may be subject to special tax rules (such as banks, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies, S corporations, dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities electing to mark to market, pass-through entities (including partnerships and entities and arrangements classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and beneficial owners of pass-through entities, beneficial owners that incurred indebtedness to purchase or carry the old notes, beneficial owners that hold the old notes or will hold the new notes as a position in a "straddle" or conversion transaction, or as part of a "synthetic security" or other integrated financial transaction or beneficial owners that have a "functional currency" other than the U.S. dollar). The discussion is limited to exchanging beneficial owners of old notes that have held the old notes, and will hold the new notes, as "capital assets" within the meaning of section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Because the law with respect to certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the exchange offer is uncertain and no ruling has been or will be requested from the Internal Revenue Service (the "Service") on any U.S. federal income tax matter concerning the exchange offer, no assurances can be given that the Service or a cou

ALL BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE OLD NOTES ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE CONSEQUENCES TO THEM OF THE EXCHANGE, INCLUDING

THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN INCOME AND OTHER TAX LAWS.

Federal Income Tax Treatment of the Exchange of Old Notes for New Notes

We believe that the exchange of old notes for new notes under the exchange offer will not be an exchange or otherwise a taxable event to any holder for United States federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, a holder will have the same adjusted issue price, adjusted basis, holding period, bond premium and market discount in the new notes as it had in the old notes immediately before the exchange.

U.S. Holders

The discussion below applies to you only if you are a U.S. holder. A "U.S. holder" is a beneficial owner of old notes whose old notes are tendered and accepted in the exchange offer that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (a) a citizen or resident of the United States, (b) a corporation (or other entity classified as a corporation for such purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, or any State thereof or the District of Columbia, (c) an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of the source of that income, or (d) a trust if (i) a court within the United States can exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more "United States persons" (as defined in the Code) have the authority to control all of the substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) the trust has validly elected to be treated as a "United States person" under applicable regulations.

Payments of Interest. Interest on an old note and interest on a new note received by a U.S. holder will be taxable to the U.S. holder as ordinary interest income in accordance with the U.S. holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Amortizable Bond Premium. Unamortized bond premium which a U.S. holder may have on the old notes will carry over to the new notes received in exchange therefor. It may be possible for the U.S. holder to elect to amortize this premium using a constant yield method over the term of the new note (or until an earlier call date, as applicable). The amortized amount of the premium for a taxable year generally will be treated first as a reduction of interest on the new note included in such taxable year to the extent thereof, then as a deduction allowed in that taxable year to the extent of the beneficial owner's prior interest inclusions on the new note, and finally as a carryforward allowable against the beneficial owner's future interest inclusions on the new note. A U.S. holder must reduce its tax basis in such new note by the amount of the premium so amortized. The election to amortize premium on a constant yield method, once made, applies to all debt obligations held or subsequently acquired by the electing U.S. holder on or after the first day of the taxable year to which the election applies and may not be revoked without the consent of the Service. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors concerning the computation and amortization of any bond premium on their new notes.

Market Discount. Accrued market discount on old notes not previously treated as ordinary income by a U.S. holder will carry over to the new notes received in exchange therefor. A U.S. holder will be required to treat any gain on the sale, exchange, retirement or other taxable disposition (collectively, a "disposition") of a new note as ordinary income to the extent of the accrued market discount on the new note at the time of the disposition unless such market discount has been previously included in income by the U.S. holder pursuant to an election by the beneficial owner to include the market discount in income as it accrues (under either a ratable or constant yield method).

Disposition of a New Note. In general, subject to the discussion above regarding market discount, a U.S. holder's disposition of a new note will result in capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized (except to the extent such amount is attributable to accrued but unpaid interest on the new note, which amount will be taxable as ordinary interest income in accordance with such U.S. holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in such new note immediately before such disposition (which should reflect any market discount

previously included in income). Capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if at the time of the disposition the U.S. holder has held the new note for more than one year. Subject to limited exceptions, capital losses cannot be used to offset ordinary income. If you are a non-corporate U.S. holder, your long-term capital gain generally will be subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%, which maximum tax rate will increase to 20% for dispositions occurring during taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009.

Backup Withholding. Under the backup withholding rules, payments of interest and payments of proceeds from any disposition of a new note may be subject to backup withholding tax unless the U.S. holder (i) is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and demonstrates that fact when required or (ii) provides a correct taxpayer identification number, certifies as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding, and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amounts deducted and withheld should generally be allowed as a credit against a U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided appropriate proof is provided under rules established by the Service. Moreover, certain penalties may be imposed by the Service on a U.S. holder that is required to supply information but that does not do so in the proper manner. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedures for obtaining such an exemption.

Non-U.S. Holders

The following discussion applies to you if you are a beneficial owner of old notes whose old notes are exchanged for new notes and you are not a U.S. holder (as defined above) and also are not a partnership (or an entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal tax purposes) (a "non-U.S. holder"). An individual may, subject to exceptions, be deemed to be a resident alien, as opposed to a non-resident alien, by among other ways being present in the United States:

- on at least 31 days in the calendar year, and
- for an aggregate of at least 183 days during a three-year period ending in the current calendar year, counting for such purposes all of the days present in the current year, one-third of the days present in the immediately preceding year, and one-sixth of the days present in the second preceding year.

Resident aliens are subject to United States federal income tax as if they were United States citizens.

U.S. Federal Withholding Tax on the New Notes. Under current U.S. federal income tax laws, and subject to the discussion below, U.S. federal withholding tax will not apply to payments by us or our paying agent (in its capacity as such) of principal of and interest on your new notes under the "portfolio interest" exception of the Code, provided that in the case of interest:

- you do not, directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, own ten percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the Code and the Treasury regulations thereunder;
- you are not a controlled foreign corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes that is related, directly or indirectly, to us through sufficient stock ownership (as provided in the Code);
- you are not a bank receiving interest described in section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code;
- such interest is not effectively connected with your conduct of a U.S. trade or business; and
- you provide a signed written statement, on an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) which can reliably be related to you, certifying under penalties of perjury that you

are not a "United States person" within the meaning of the Code and providing your name and address to:

- (A) us or our paying agent; or
- (B) a securities clearing organization, bank or other financial institution that holds customers' securities in the ordinary course of its trade or business and holds your new notes on your behalf and that certifies to us or our paying agent under penalties of perjury that it, or the bank or financial institution between it and you, has received from you your signed, written statement and provides us or our paying agent with a copy of this statement.

The applicable Treasury regulations provide alternative methods for satisfying the certification requirement described in this section. In addition, under these Treasury regulations, special rules apply to pass-through entities and this certification requirement may also apply to beneficial owners of pass-through entities.

If you cannot satisfy the requirements of the "portfolio interest" exception described above, payments of interest made to you will be subject to 30% United States federal withholding tax unless you provide us or our paying agent with a properly executed (1) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form) stating that interest paid on your new notes is not subject to withholding tax because it is effectively connected with your conduct of a trade or business in the United States, or (2) Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) claiming an exemption from or reduction in this withholding tax under an applicable income tax treaty.

U.S. Federal Income Tax on the New Notes. Except for the possible application of U.S. federal withholding tax (see "U.S. Federal Withholding Tax on the New Notes" above) and backup withholding tax (see "Backup Withholding and Information Reporting" below), you generally will not have to pay U.S. federal income tax on payments of principal of and interest on your new notes, or on any gain or accrued interest realized from the sale, redemption, retirement at maturity or other disposition of your new notes unless:

- in the case of interest payments or disposition proceeds representing accrued interest, you cannot satisfy the requirements of the "portfolio interest" exception described above;
- in the case of gain, you are an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of the sale or other disposition of your new notes and specific other conditions are met (in which case, except as otherwise provided by an applicable income tax treaty, the gain, which may be offset by United States source capital losses, generally will be subject to a flat 30% United States federal income tax, even though you are not considered a resident alien under the Code); or
- the interest or gain is effectively connected with your conduct of a U.S. trade or business and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. "permanent establishment" maintained by you.

If you are engaged in a trade or business in the U.S. and interest or gain in respect of your new notes is effectively connected with the conduct of your trade or business (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. "permanent establishment" maintained by you), the interest or gain generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the regular graduated rates and in the manner applicable to a U.S. holder (although the interest will be exempt from the withholding tax discussed in the preceding paragraphs if you provide a properly executed Internal Revenue Service W-8ECI (or other applicable form) on or before any payment date to claim the exemption). In addition, if you are a foreign corporation, you may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% of your effectively connected earnings and profits for the taxable year, as adjusted for certain items, unless a lower rate applies to you under a U.S. income tax treaty with your country of residence.

U.S. Federal Estate Tax with respect to the New Notes. If you are an individual and are not a U.S. citizen or a resident of the United States (as specially defined for U.S. federal estate tax purposes) at

the time of your death, your new notes generally will not be subject to the U.S. federal estate tax, unless, at the time of your death:

- you directly or indirectly, actually or constructively, own ten percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of our stock entitled to vote within the meaning of section 871(h)(3) of the Code and the Treasury regulations thereunder; or
- your interest in the new notes is effectively connected with your conduct of a U.S. trade or business.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting. Under current Treasury regulations, backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to payments made by us or our paying agent (in its capacity as such) to you if you have provided the required certification that you are a non-U.S. holder as described in "U.S. Federal Withholding Tax on the New Notes" above, and provided that neither we nor our paying agent has actual knowledge that you are a U.S. holder (as described in "U.S. Holders" above). However, we or our paying agent may be required to report to the Service and you payments of interest on the old notes and the new notes and the amount of tax, if any, withheld with respect to those payments. Copies of the information returns reporting such interest payments and any withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which you reside under the provisions of a treaty or agreement.

The gross proceeds from the disposition of your old notes or new notes may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding tax currently at a rate of 28%. If you dispose of your notes outside the United States through a non-U.S. office of a non-U.S. broker and the sales proceeds are paid to you outside the United States, then the U.S. backup withholding and information reporting requirements generally will not apply to that payment. However, U.S. information reporting, but not backup withholding, will apply to a payment of sales proceeds, even if that payment is made outside the United States, if you dispose of your notes through a non-U.S. office of a broker that:

- is a "United States person" (as defined in the Code);
- derives 50% or more of its gross income in specific periods from the conduct of a trade or business in the United States;
- is a "controlled foreign corporation" for U.S. federal income tax purposes; or
- is a foreign partnership, if at any time during its tax year:
 - one or more of its partners are U.S. persons who in the aggregate hold more than 50% of the income or capital interests in the partnership; or
 - the foreign partnership is engaged in a U.S. trade or business,

unless the broker has documentary evidence in its files that you are a non-U.S. person and certain other conditions are met or you otherwise establish an exemption. If you receive payments of the proceeds of a disposition of your notes to or through a U.S. office of a broker, the payment is subject to both U.S. backup withholding and information reporting unless you provide a Form W-8BEN certifying that you are a non-U.S. person or you otherwise establish an exemption.

You should consult your own tax advisor regarding application of backup withholding in your particular circumstance and the availability of and procedure for obtaining an exemption from backup withholding under current Treasury regulations. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to you will be allowed as a refund or credit against your U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is furnished to the Service.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Each broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of new notes. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of new notes received in exchange for old notes where the old notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that for a period of one year after the expiration of the exchange offer to allow exchanging broker-dealers and other persons, if any, subject to similar prospectus delivery requirements, to use this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, in connection with any resale. In addition, all dealers effecting transactions in new notes may be required to deliver a prospectus.

We will receive no proceeds from the sale of new notes by broker-dealers. New notes received by broker-dealers for their own account in the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the new notes or a combination of these methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or negotiated prices. Any resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any broker-dealer and/or the purchasers of any new notes.

Any broker-dealer that resells new notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of the new notes may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit on any resale of the new notes and any commissions or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act.

We have agreed to pay all expenses incident to the exchange offer (including the expenses of one counsel for the holders of the old notes) other than commissions or concessions of any broker-dealers and will indemnify the holders of the old notes (including any broker-dealers) against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

We have agreed that we will promptly send additional copies of this prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the letter of transmittal.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters with respect to the validity of the issuance of the new notes will be passed upon for us by Akerman Senterfitt, Miami, Florida. Akerman Senterfitt has relied upon the legal opinion of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, New York, New York, with respect to certain matters of New York law. Some attorneys employed by Akerman Senterfitt own shares of our common stock.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Republic Services, Inc. appearing in Republic Services, Inc.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2004 (including schedules appearing therein), and Republic Services, Inc. management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004 included therein, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and management's assessment are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read these filings over the Internet at the Commission's website at http://www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy documents at the Commission's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms.

INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Commission allows us to provide information about our business and other important information to you by "incorporating by reference" the information we file with the Commission, which means that we can disclose the information to you by referring in this prospectus to other documents we file with the Commission. Under the Commission's regulations, any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus is automatically updated and superseded by any information contained in this prospectus, or in any subsequently filed document of the types described below.

We incorporate into this prospectus by reference the following documents filed by us with the Commission, each of which should be considered an important part of this prospectus:

| SEC Filing (File No. 001-14267) | Period Covered or Date of Filing |
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| Annual Report on Form 10-K | Year ended December 31, 2004 |
| Portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A which are | |
| incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K | Filed April 1, 2005 |
| Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q | Quarter ended March 31, 2005 |
| Current Report on Form 8-K, other than any information furnished pursuant to | January 31, 2005, February 8, 2005, February 15, 2005, February 22, 2005 |
| Item 2.02 or Item 12 of Form 8-K | and April 28, 2005 |
| All subsequent documents filed by us under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of | |
| the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, other than any information furnished | |
| pursuant to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K or as otherwise permitted by Commission | |
| rules and regulations | After the date of this prospectus |

You may request a copy of each of our filings, as well as any other document referred to in this prospectus, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address or telephone number:

Republic Services, Inc. 110 S.E. 6th Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 Attention: Investor Relations (954) 769-2400

Exhibits to a document will not be provided unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in that document. The information in this prospectus may not contain all of the information that may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus, as well as the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, before making an investment decision.



Republic Services, Inc.

Exchange Offer for \$275,674,000

6.086% Notes due 2035

PROSPECTUS

, 2005

Exchange Agent:

The Bank of New York
Corporate Trust Operations
Reorganization Unit
101 Barclay Street – 7 East
New York, New York 10286

Part II

Information Not Required In Prospectus

Item 20. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, provides that we shall indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, each person who is involved in any litigation or other proceeding because such person is or was our director or officer, against all expense, loss or liability reasonably incurred or suffered in connection therewith. The Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that a director or officer may be paid expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition upon receipt by us of an undertaking, by or on behalf of the director or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it is ultimately determined that such director or officer is not entitled to indemnification.

Section 145 of the DGCL permits a corporation to indemnify any director or officer of the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding brought by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the corporation, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner that he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if he had no reason to believe his conduct was unlawful. In a derivative action (i.e., one brought by or on behalf of the corporation), indemnification may be made only for expenses, actually and reasonably incurred by any director or officer in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner that he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made if such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine that the defendant is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses despite such adjudication of liability.

Pursuant to Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, the Certificate eliminates the liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for such breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liabilities arising (i) from any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) from acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) from any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Item 21. **Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

The following is a list of all exhibits filed as part of this registration statement on Form S-4, including those incorporated by reference.

| Description of Exhibit |
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| Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Quarterly |
| Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1998). |
| Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Republic Services, Inc. (incorporated |
| by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-81801, filed |
| with the Commission on June 29, 1999). |
| Amended and Restated Bylaws of Republic Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's |
| Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1998). |
| Republic Services, Inc. Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's |
| Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-818081, filed with the Commission on June 29, 1999). |
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| Exhibit Number | | Description of Exhibit |
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| 4.2 | | Long Term Credit Agreement dated July 3, 2002 among Republic Services, Inc., Bank of America N.A as Administrative Agent, and the several financial institutions party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002). |
| 4.3 | _ | Indenture dated May 24, 1999 by Republic Services, Inc. to The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated by reference on Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999). |
| 4.4 | _ | 65/8% Note due May 15, 2004 in the principal amount of \$200,000,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999). |
| 4.5 | _ | 65/8% Note due May 15, 2004 in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999). |
| 4.6 | _ | 7½% Note due May 15, 2009 in the principal amount of \$200,000,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999). |
| 4.7 | _ | 7 ¹ / ₈ % Note due May 15, 2009 in the principal amount of \$175,000,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999). |
| 4.8 | _ | Indenture dated as of August 15, 2001 by Republic Services, Inc. to The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated by reference on Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 9, 2001). |
| 4.9 | _ | First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 15, 2001 by Republic Services, Inc. to The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 9, 2001). |
| 4.10 | _ | 6 ³ / ₄ % Senior Note due 2011, in the principal amount of \$400,000,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 9, 2001). |
| 4.11 | _ | 6 ³ / ₄ % Senior Note due 2011, in the principal amount of \$50,000,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 9, 2001). |
| 4.12 | _ | Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 21, 2005 by Republic Services, Inc. to The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2005). |
| 4.13 | _ | 6.086% Note due March 15, 2035 in the principal amount of \$270,348,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2005). |
| 4.14 | _ | 6.086% Note due March 15, 2035 in the principal amount of \$2,576,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2005). |
| 4.15 | _ | 6.086% Note due March 15, 2035 in the principal amount of \$2,750,000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2005). |
| 4.16 | _ | Registration Rights Agreement dated as of March 21, 2005 among Republic Services, Inc., Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Allen & Company LLC (filed herewith). |
| 5.1 | _ | Opinion of Akerman Senterfitt (filed herewith). |
| 5.2 | _ | Opinion of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP (filed herewith). |
| 10.1 | _ | Separation and Distribution Agreement dated June 30, 1998 by and between Republic Services, Inc. and AutoNation, Inc. (then known as Republic Industries, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1998). |

| Exhibit Number | | Description of Exhibit |
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| 10.2 | | Tax Indemnification and Allocation Agreement dated June 30, 1998 by and between Republic Services, Inc. and |
| 10.2 | | AutoNation, Inc. (then known as Republic Industries, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of the Company's |
| | | Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1998). |
| 10.3 | _ | Republic Services, Inc. 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended and restated March 6, 2002) (incorporated by reference |
| 10.0 | | to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2002).* |
| 10.4 | _ | Employment Agreement dated October 25, 2000 by and between James E. O'Connor and Republic Services, Inc. |
| | | (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended |
| | | December 31, 2000).* |
| 10.5 | _ | Employment Agreement dated October 25, 2000 by and between Tod C. Holmes and Republic Services, Inc. |
| | | (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended |
| | | December 31, 2000).* |
| 10.6 | _ | Employment Agreement dated October 25, 2000 by and between David A. Barclay and Republic Services, Inc. |
| | | (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended |
| | | December 31, 2000).* |
| 10.7 | _ | Employment Agreement dated July 31, 2001 by and between Harris W. Hudson and Republic Services, Inc. |
| | | (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended |
| | | December 31, 2000).* |
| 10.8 | _ | Employment Agreement dated May 14, 2001 by and between Michael Cordesman, who became an executive officer in |
| | | March 2002, and Republic Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report |
| | | on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2000).* |
| 12.1 | _ | Statement Regarding Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (filed herewith). |
| 21.1 | _ | Subsidiaries of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K |
| | | for the year ended December 31, 2004). |
| 23.1 | _ | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP (filed herewith). |
| 23.2 | _ | Consent of Akerman Senterfitt (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 23.3 | _ | Consent of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2). |
| 24.1 | _ | Powers of Attorney (included as part of the signature page). |
| 25.1 | _ | Statement of Eligibility and Qualification on Form T-1 of The Bank of New York, as trustee of the 6.086% Notes due |
| | | 2035 of the Company (filed herewith). |
| 99.1 | _ | Form of Letter of Transmittal with respect to the Exchange Offer (filed herewith). |
| 99.2 | _ | Letter to the Clients (filed herewith). |
| 99.3 | _ | Letter to Depository Trust Company Participants (filed herewith). |

^{*} Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan, contract or arrangement.

Item 22. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was

registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.
- (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 undersigned 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 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in 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) 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 Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities 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 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- (d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to respond to requests for information that is incorporated by reference into the prospectus pursuant to Item 4, 10(b), 11, or 13 of this Form, within one business day of receipt of such request, and to send the incorporated documents by first class mail or other equally prompt means. This includes information contained in documents filed subsequent to the effective date of the registration statement through the date of responding to the request.
- (e) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supply by means of a post-effective amendment all information concerning a transaction, and the company being acquired involved therein, that was not the subject of and included in the registration statement when it became effective.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Fort Lauderdale, State of Florida, on the 31st day of May, 2005.

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ James E. O'Connor

James E. O'Connor Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints James E. O'Connor and Tod C. Holmes, and each of them, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to sign any Registration Statement (and any and all amendments thereto) related to this Registration Statement and filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

| Title | Date |
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| Chairman of the Board and | May 31, 2005 |
| Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) | |
| Vice Chairman and Director | May 31, 2005 |
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| Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | May 31, 2005 |
| (principal financial officer) | |
| Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (principal | May 31, 2005 |
| accounting officer) | |
| Director | May 26, 2005 |
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| | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer) Vice Chairman and Director Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer) Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer) Director |

| Signature | Title | Date |
|---|----------|--------------|
| /s/ W. Lee Nutter W. Lee Nutter | Director | May 29, 2005 |
| /s/ RAMON A. RODRIGUEZ Ramon A. Rodriguez | Director | May 31, 2005 |
| /s/ Allan C. Sorensen Allan C. Sorensen | Director | May 26, 2005 |
| /s/ Michael W. Wickham Michael W. Wickham | Director | May 26, 2005 |

Registration Rights Agreement

Dated As of March 21, 2005

among

Republic Services, Inc.

and

Merrill Lynch & Co.,

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated,

Banc of America Securities LLC
Barclays Capital Inc.
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
and
Allen & Company LLC

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This Registration Rights Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this 21st day of March 2005, among Republic Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Allen & Company LLC (collectively, the "Dealer Managers").

This Agreement is made pursuant to the Dealer Manager Agreement, dated February 16, 2005, among the Company and the Dealer Managers (the "Dealer Manager Agreement"), which provides for the offer by the Company to exchange its unsecured notes due 2035 (the "New Notes") for any and all of its 7-1/8% Notes due 2009 (the "Existing Notes") validly tendered in the exchange offer and not properly withdrawn, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offering Memorandum dated February 16, 2005 (the "Offering Memorandum"). In order to induce the Dealer Managers to enter into the Dealer Manager Agreement, the Company has agreed to provide for the benefit of the Holders (defined below) the registration rights set forth in this Agreement. The execution of this Agreement is a condition to the closing under the Dealer Manager Agreement.

In consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Definitions.

As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized defined terms shall have the following meanings:

"1933 Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time.

"1934 Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

"Base Indenture" shall mean the indenture, dated as of August 15, 2001, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee, relating to the issuance of senior notes, as the same may be amended, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"Closing Date" shall mean the Exchange Date as defined in the Dealer Manager Agreement.

- "Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble and shall also include the Company's successors.
- "Dealer Manager" or "Dealer Managers" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Dealer Manager Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Depositary" shall mean The Depository Trust Company, or any other depositary appointed by the Company, *provided*, *however*, that such depositary must have an address in the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York.
 - "Exchange Offer" shall mean the exchange offer by the Company of Exchange Securities for Registrable Securities pursuant to Section 2.1 hereof.
 - "Exchange Offer Registration" shall mean a registration under the 1933 Act effected pursuant to Section 2.1 hereof.
- "Exchange Offer Registration Statement" shall mean an exchange offer registration statement on Form S-4 (or, if applicable, on another appropriate form or on any successor form used for substantially the same transactions), and all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all documents incorporated by reference therein.
 - "Exchange Period" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1 hereof.
- "Exchange Securities" shall mean the 6.086% Senior Notes due 2035, Series B issued by the Company under the Indenture containing terms identical to the Securities in all material respects (except for references to certain interest rate provisions, restrictions on transfers and restrictive legends), to be offered to Holders of Securities in exchange for Registrable Securities pursuant to the Exchange Offer.
 - "Existing Notes" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Holder" shall mean each Person who becomes the registered owner of Registrable Securities under the Indenture and each Participating Broker-Dealer that holds Exchange Securities for so long as such Participating Broker-Dealer is

required to deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the 1933 Act in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities.

"Indenture" shall mean the Base Indenture, as supplemented by the Second Supplemental Indenture, dated March 21, 2005, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee, relating to the issuance of the New Notes, as the same may be amended, waived or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"Majority Holders" shall mean the Holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding (as defined in the Indenture) Registrable Securities; provided that whenever the consent or approval of Holders of a specified percentage of Registrable Securities is required hereunder, Registrable Securities held by the Company and other obligors on the Securities or any Affiliate (as defined in the Indenture) of the Company shall be disregarded in determining whether such consent or approval was given by the Holders of such required percentage amount.

"New Notes" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Participating Broker-Dealer" shall mean any Dealer Manager and any other broker-dealer which makes a market in the New Notes and exchanges Registrable Securities in the Exchange Offer for Exchange Securities.

"Person" shall mean an individual, partnership (general or limited), corporation, limited liability company, trust or unincorporated organization, or a government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Private Exchange" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1 hereof.

"Private Exchange Securities" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.1 hereof.

"Prospectus" shall mean the prospectus included in a Registration Statement, including any preliminary prospectus, and any such prospectus as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, including any such prospectus supplement with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Registrable Securities covered by a Shelf Registration Statement, and by all other amendments and supplements to a prospectus, including post-effective amendments, and in each case including all material incorporated by reference therein.

"Registrable Securities" shall mean the New Notes and, if issued, the Private Exchange Securities; provided, however, that New Notes and, if issued, Private Exchange Securities, shall cease to be Registrable Securities when (i) a Registration Statement with respect to such New Notes shall have been declared effective under the 1933 Act and such New Notes shall have been disposed of pursuant to such Registration Statement, (ii) such New Notes have been sold to the public pursuant to Rule 144 (or any similar provision then in force, but not Rule 144A) under the 1933 Act, (iii) such New Notes shall have ceased to be outstanding or (iv) the Exchange Offer is consummated (except in the case of New Notes which may not be exchanged in the Exchange Offer).

"Registration Expenses" shall mean any and all expenses incident to performance of or compliance by the Company with this Agreement, including without limitation: (i) all SEC, stock exchange or National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (the "NASD") registration and filing fees, including, if applicable, the fees and expenses of any "qualified independent underwriter" (and its counsel) that is required to be retained by any holder of Registrable Securities in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NASD, (ii) all fees and expenses incurred in connection with compliance with state securities or blue sky laws and compliance with the rules of the NASD (including reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel designated by the Majority Holders in connection with blue sky qualification of any of the Exchange Securities or Registrable Securities and any filings with the NASD), (iii) all expenses of any Persons in preparing or assisting in preparing, word processing, printing and distributing any Registration Statement, any Prospectus, any amendments or supplements thereto, any underwriting agreements, securities sales agreements and other documents relating to the performance of and compliance with this Agreement, (iv) all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing, if any, of any of the Registrable Securities on any securities exchange or exchanges, (v) all rating agency fees, (vi) the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company and of the independent public accountants of the Company, including the expenses of any special audits or "cold comfort" letters required by or incident to such performance and compliance, (vii) the fees and expenses of the Trustee, and any escrow agent or custodian, (viii) the reasonable fees and expenses, if any, of the Dealer Managers in connection with the Exchange Offer, and (ix) the reasonable fees and disbursements of one special counsel designated by the Majority Holders representing the Holders of Registrable Securities.

"Registration Statement" shall mean any registration statement of the Company which covers any of the Exchange Securities or Registrable Securities

pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, and all amendments and supplements to any such Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor agency or government body performing the functions currently performed by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Shelf Registration" shall mean a registration effected pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof.

"Shelf Registration Statement" shall mean a "shelf" registration statement of the Company pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.2 of this Agreement which covers all of the Registrable Securities or all of the Private Exchange Securities on an appropriate form under Rule 415 under the 1933 Act, or any successor or similar rule that may be adopted by the SEC, and all amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including post-effective amendments, in each case including the Prospectus contained therein, all exhibits thereto and all material incorporated by reference therein.

"Trustee" shall mean the trustee with respect to the Securities under the Indenture.

2. Registration Under the 1933 Act.

2.1 Exchange Offer. The Company shall, for the benefit of the Holders, at the Company's cost, (A) use its commercially reasonable efforts to prepare and, as soon as practicable but not later than 90 days following the Closing Date, file with the SEC an Exchange Offer Registration Statement on an appropriate form under the 1933 Act with respect to a proposed Exchange Offer and the issuance and delivery to the Holders, in exchange for the Registrable Securities (other than Private Exchange Securities), of a like principal amount of Exchange Securities, (B) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to be declared effective under the 1933 Act within 180 days of the Closing Date, (C) use its best efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement effective until the closing of the Exchange Offer and (D) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Exchange Offer to be consummated not later than 225 days following the Closing Date. The Exchange Securities will be issued under the Indenture. Upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, the Company shall promptly commence the Exchange Offer, it being the objective of such Exchange Offer to enable each Holder

eligible and electing to exchange Registrable Securities for Exchange Securities (assuming that such Holder (a) is not an affiliate of the Company within the meaning of Rule 405 under the 1933 Act, (b) is not a broker-dealer tendering Registrable Securities acquired directly from the Company for its own account, (c) acquired or will acquire the Exchange Securities in the ordinary course of such Holder's business and (d) has no arrangements or understandings with any Person to participate in the Exchange Offer for the purpose of distributing the Exchange Securities) to transfer such Exchange Securities from and after their receipt without any limitations or restrictions under the 1933 Act and under state securities or blue sky laws.

In connection with the Exchange Offer, the Company shall:

- (a) mail as promptly as practicable to each Holder a copy of the Prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, together with an appropriate letter of transmittal and related documents;
- (b) keep the Exchange Offer open for acceptance for a period of not less than 20 business days after the date notice thereof is mailed to the Holders (or longer if required by applicable law) (such period referred to herein as the "Exchange Period");
 - (c) utilize the services of the Depositary for the Exchange Offer;
- (d) permit Holders to withdraw tendered Registrable Securities at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), on the last business day of the Exchange Period, by sending to the institution specified in the notice, a telegram, telex, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of such Holder, the principal amount of Registrable Securities delivered for exchange, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing such Holder's election to have such Securities exchanged; and
 - (e) otherwise comply in all respects with all applicable laws relating to the Exchange Offer.

If, prior to consummation of the Exchange Offer any of the Dealer Managers hold any New Notes acquired by them directly from the Company, the Company upon the request of any Dealer Manager shall, simultaneously with the delivery of the Exchange Securities in the Exchange Offer, issue and deliver to such Dealer Manager in exchange (the "Private Exchange") for the New Notes held by such Dealer Manager, a like principal amount of debt securities of the Company on a senior basis, that are identical (except that such securities shall bear appropriate transfer restrictions) to the Exchange Securities (the "Private Exchange Securities").

The Exchange Securities and the Private Exchange Securities shall be issued under (i) the Indenture or (ii) an indenture identical in all material respects to the Indenture and which, in either case, has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "TIA"), or is exempt from such qualification and shall provide that the Exchange Securities shall not be subject to the transfer restrictions set forth in the Indenture but that the Private Exchange Securities shall be subject to such transfer restrictions. The Indenture or such indenture shall provide that the Exchange Securities, the Private Exchange Securities and the New Notes shall vote and consent together on all matters as one class and that neither of the Exchange Securities, the Private Exchange Securities or the New Notes will have the right to vote or consent as a separate class on any matter. The Private Exchange Securities shall be of the same series as and the Company shall use all commercially reasonable efforts to have the Private Exchange Securities bear the same CUSIP number as the Exchange Securities.

As soon as practicable after the expiration date of the Exchange Offer and/or the Private Exchange, as the case may be, the Company shall:

- (i) accept for exchange all Registrable Securities duly tendered and not validly withdrawn pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the terms of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and the letter of transmittal which shall be an exhibit thereto;
- (ii) accept for exchange all New Notes properly tendered pursuant to the Private Exchange;
- (iii) deliver to the Trustee for cancellation all Registrable Securities so accepted for exchange; and
- (iv) cause the Trustee promptly to authenticate and deliver Exchange Securities or Private Exchange Securities, as the case may be, to each Holder of Registrable Securities so accepted for exchange in a principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Registrable Securities of such Holder so accepted for exchange.

Interest on each Exchange Security and Private Exchange Security will accrue from the last date on which interest was paid on the Registrable Securities surrendered in exchange therefor or, if no interest has been paid on the Registrable Securities, from the date of original issuance. The Exchange Offer and Private

Exchange shall not be subject to any conditions, other than (i) that the Exchange Offer or the Private Exchange, or the making of any exchange by a Holder, does not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC, (ii) the due tendering of Registrable Securities in accordance with the Exchange Offer and the Private Exchange, (iii) that each Holder of Registrable Securities exchanged in the Exchange Offer shall have represented that all Exchange Securities to be received by it shall be acquired in the ordinary course of its business and that at the time of the consummation of the Exchange Offer it shall have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution (within the meaning of the 1933 Act) of the Exchange Securities and shall have made such other representations as may be reasonably necessary under applicable SEC rules, regulations or interpretations to render the use of Form S-4 or other appropriate form under the 1933 Act available and (iv) that no action or proceeding shall have been instituted or threatened in any court or by or before any governmental agency with respect to the Exchange Offer or the Private Exchange which, in the Company's judgment, would reasonably be expected to impair the ability of the Company to proceed with the Exchange Offer or the Private Exchange.

- 2.2 Shelf Registration. (i) If, because of any changes in law, SEC rules or regulations or applicable interpretations thereof by the staff of the SEC, the Company is not permitted to effect the Exchange Offer as contemplated by Section 2.1 hereof, (ii) if for any other reason the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not declared effective within 180 days following the original issue of the Registrable Securities or the Exchange Offer is not consummated within 225 days after the original issue of the Registrable Securities, or (iii) if a Holder notifies the Company in writing prior to the 20th day following the consummation of the Exchange Offer that it is not permitted to participate in the Exchange Offer or does not receive fully tradeable Exchange Securities pursuant to the Exchange Offer, then in case of each of clauses (i) through (iii) the Company shall, at its cost:
 - (a) As promptly as practicable, but no later than 30 days after being required to do so under Section 2.2(i) hereof, file with the SEC, and thereafter shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause to be declared effective as promptly as practicable but no later than 225 days after the original issue of the Registrable Securities, a Shelf Registration Statement relating to the offer and sale of the Registrable Securities by the Holders from time to time in accordance with the methods of distribution elected by the Majority Holders participating in the Shelf Registration and set forth in such Shelf Registration Statement.
 - (b) Use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective in order to permit the

Prospectus forming part thereof to be usable by Holders for a period of two years from the Closing Date, or for such shorter period that will terminate when all Registrable Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement have been sold pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement or cease to be outstanding or otherwise to be Registrable Securities (the "Effectiveness Period"); *provided, however*, that the Effectiveness Period in respect of the Shelf Registration Statement shall be extended to the extent required to permit dealers to comply with the applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the 1933 Act and as otherwise provided herein.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof, use its commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that (i) any Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment thereto and any Prospectus forming part thereof and any supplement thereto complies in all material respects with the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, (ii) any Shelf Registration Statement and any amendment thereto does not, when it becomes effective, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and (iii) any Prospectus forming part of any Shelf Registration Statement, and any supplement to such Prospectus (as amended or supplemented from time to time), does not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

The Company shall not permit any securities other than Registrable Securities to be included in the Shelf Registration Statement. The Company further agrees, if necessary, to supplement or amend the Shelf Registration Statement, as required by Section 3(b) below, and to furnish to the Holders of Registrable Securities copies of any such supplement or amendment promptly after its being used or filed with the SEC. In the event that the Exchange Offer is consummated within 225 days after the original issue of the Registrable Securities, the Company shall have no obligation to file a Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to Section 2.2(ii).

2.3 Expenses. The Company shall pay all Registration Expenses in connection with the registration pursuant to Section 2.1 or 2.2. Each Holder shall pay all underwriting discounts and commissions and transfer taxes, if any, relating to the sale or disposition of such Holder's Registrable Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement.

- 2.4. Effectiveness. An Exchange Offer Registration Statement pursuant to Section 2.1 hereof or a Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof will not be deemed to have become effective unless it has been declared effective by the SEC; provided, however, that if, after it has been declared effective, the offering of Registrable Securities pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement or a Shelf Registration Statement is interfered with by any stop order, injunction or other order or requirement of the SEC or any other governmental agency or court, such Registration Statement will be deemed not to have become effective during the period of such interference, until the offering of Registrable Securities pursuant to such Registration Statement may legally resume.
- 2.5 Interest. The Indenture executed in connection with the New Notes will provide that in the event that either (a) the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not filed with the SEC on or prior to the 90th calendar day following the date of original issue of the New Notes, (b) the Exchange Offer Registration Statement has not been declared effective on or prior to the 180th calendar day following the date of original issue of the New Notes, (c) the Exchange Offer is not consummated or a Shelf Registration Statement is not declared effective, in either case, on or prior to the 225th calendar day following the date of original issue of the New Notes or (d) any Registration Statement required by this Agreement is filed and declared effective but shall thereafter cease to be effective (other than after such time as all new notes have been disposed of hereunder) or is not usable for its intended purpose without being succeeded promptly (within 10 business days of the Registration Statement ceasing to be effective or usable) by a post-effective amendment to such Registration Statement that cures such failure and that is itself promptly declared effective (within 15 business days of filing)(each such event referred to in clauses (a) through (d) above, a "Registration Default"), the interest rate borne by the New Notes shall be increased ("Additional Interest") by 0.25 percent per annum during the 90 day period immediately following the occurrence of any such Registration Default, which rate will increase by 0.25 percent at the end of each subsequent 90-day period that such Additional Interest continues to accrue under any such circumstance, provided that the maximum aggregate increase in the interest rate will in no event exceed 0.50 percent per annum. Following the cure of all Registration Defaults the accrual of Additional Interest will cease and the interest rate will revert to the original rate.

The Company shall notify the Trustee within three business days after each and every date on which an event occurs in respect of which Additional Interest is required to be paid (an "Event Date"). Additional Interest shall be paid by depositing with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of Registrable Securities, on or before the applicable semiannual interest payment date, immediately available funds in sums sufficient to pay the Additional Interest then due. The Additional Interest due

shall be payable on each interest payment date to the record Holder of New Notes entitled to receive the interest payment to be paid on such date as set forth in the Indenture. Each obligation to pay Additional Interest shall be deemed to accrue from and including the day following the applicable Event Date.

3. Registration Procedures.

In connection with the obligations of the Company with respect to Registration Statements pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.2 hereof, the Company shall:

- (a) prepare and file with the SEC a Registration Statement, within the relevant time period specified in Section 2, on the appropriate form under the 1933 Act, which form (i) shall be selected by the Company, (ii) shall, in the case of a Shelf Registration, be available for the sale of the Registrable Securities by the selling Holders thereof, (iii) shall comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the applicable form and include or incorporate by reference all financial statements required by the SEC to be filed therewith or incorporated by reference therein, and (iv) shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulation S-T under the 1933 Act, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Registration Statement to become effective and remain effective in accordance with Section 2 hereof;
- (b) prepare and file with the SEC such amendments and post-effective amendments to each Registration Statement as may be necessary under applicable law to keep such Registration Statement effective for the applicable period; and cause each Prospectus to be supplemented by any required prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (or any similar provision then in force) under the 1933 Act and comply with the provisions of the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to them with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by each Registration Statement during the applicable period in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution by the selling Holders thereof (including sales by any Participating Broker-Dealer);
- (c) in the case of a Shelf Registration, (i) notify each Holder of Registrable Securities to be included in a Shelf Registration Statement, at least five business days prior to filing, that a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to such Registrable Securities is being filed and advising such Holders that the distribution of such Registrable Securities will be made in accordance with the method selected by the Majority Holders participating in the Shelf Registration; (ii) furnish to each Holder of Registrable Securities to be included in a Shelf Registration Statement without charge, as many copies of each Prospectus, including each preliminary Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto as such Holder or underwriter may reasonably

request; and (iii) hereby consent to the use of the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders of Registrable Securities in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Securities covered by the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto included in the Shelf Registration Statement;

(d) use its commercially reasonable efforts to register or qualify the Registrable Securities under all applicable state securities or "blue sky" laws of such jurisdictions as any Holder of Registrable Securities covered by a Registration Statement shall reasonably request by the time the applicable Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC, and do any and all other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary or advisable to enable each such Holder to consummate the disposition in each such jurisdiction of such Registrable Securities owned by such Holder; *provided*, *however*, that the Company shall not be required to (i) qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to qualify but for this Section 3(d), or (ii) take any action which would subject it to general service of process or taxation in any such jurisdiction where it is not then so subject;

(e) notify promptly each Holder of Registrable Securities under a Shelf Registration or any Participating Broker-Dealer who has notified the Company that it is utilizing the Exchange Offer Registration Statement as provided in paragraph (f) below and, if requested by such Holder or Participating Broker-Dealer, confirm such advice in writing promptly (i) when a Registration Statement has become effective and when any post-effective amendments and supplements thereto become effective, (ii) of any request by the SEC or any state securities authority for post-effective amendments and supplements to a Registration Statement and Prospectus or for additional information after the Registration Statement has become effective, (iii) of the issuance by the SEC or any state securities authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose, (iv) of the happening of any event or the discovery of any facts during the period a Shelf Registration Statement is effective which makes any statement made in such Registration Statement or the related Prospectus untrue in any material respect or which requires the making of any changes in such Registration Statement or Prospectus in order to make the statements therein not misleading, (v) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Registrable Securities or the Exchange Securities, as the case may be, for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose and (vi) of any determination by the Company that a post-effective amendment to such Registration Statement would be appropriate;

(f) (A) in the case of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement (i) include in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement a section entitled "Plan of Distribution" which shall contain a statement that any such broker-dealer who receives Exchange Securities for Registrable Securities pursuant to the Exchange Offer may be deemed a statutory underwriter and must deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the 1933 Act in connection with any resale of such Exchange Securities, (ii) furnish to each Participating Broker-Dealer who has delivered to the Company the notice referred to in Section 3(e), without charge, as many copies of each Prospectus included in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, including any preliminary prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto, as such Participating Broker-Dealer may reasonably request, (iii) hereby consent to the use of the Prospectus forming part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement thereto, by any Person subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the SEC, including all Participating Broker-Dealers, in connection with the sale or transfer of the Exchange Securities covered by the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, and (iv) include in the transmittal letter or similar documentation to be executed by an exchange offeree in order to participate in the Exchange Offer (x) the following provision (or any other provision requested by Merrill Lynch on behalf of the Participating Broker-Dealers with respect to similar matters):

"If the exchange offeree is a broker-dealer holding Registrable Securities acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the 1933 Act in connection with any resale of Exchange Securities received in respect of such Registrable Securities pursuant to the Exchange Offer;" and

(y) a statement to the effect that by a broker-dealer making the acknowledgment described in clause (x) and by delivering a Prospectus in connection with the exchange of Registrable Securities, the broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act; and

(B) in the case of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement, upon request of the Majority Holders, the Company agrees to deliver to Merrill Lynch on behalf of the Participating Broker-Dealers upon the effectiveness of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement (i) an opinion of counsel or opinions of counsel substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, (ii) officers' certificates substantially in the form customarily delivered in a public offering of debt securities and (iii) a comfort letter or comfort letters in customary form to the extent permitted by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 72 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (or if such a comfort letter is not permitted, an agreed upon procedures

letter in customary form) from the Company's independent certified public accountants (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of any subsidiary of the Company or of any business acquired by the Company for which financial statements are, or are required to be, included in the Registration Statement) at least as broad in scope and coverage as the comfort letter or comfort letters delivered to the Dealer Managers in connection with the exchange of New Notes for Existing Notes;

- (g) (i) in the case of an Exchange Offer, furnish counsel for the Dealer Managers and (ii) in the case of a Shelf Registration, furnish counsel designated by the Majority Holders copies of any comment letters received from the SEC or any other request by the SEC or any state securities authority for amendments or supplements to a Registration Statement and Prospectus or for additional information;
- (h) make every reasonable effort to obtain the withdrawal of any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement at the earliest possible moment;
- (i) in the case of a Shelf Registration, upon request of the Majority Holders furnish to each Holder of Registrable Securities without charge one conformed copy of each Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules (without documents incorporated therein by reference and all exhibits thereto, unless requested);
- (j) in the case of a Shelf Registration, cooperate with the selling Holders of Registrable Securities to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Registrable Securities to be sold and not bearing any restrictive legends; and enable such Registrable Securities to be in such denominations (consistent with the provisions of the Indenture) and registered in such names as the selling Holders or the underwriters, if any, may reasonably request at least three business days prior to the closing of any sale of Registrable Securities;
- (k) in the case of a Shelf Registration, upon the occurrence of any event or the discovery of any facts, each as contemplated by Sections 3(e)(iv) and 3(e) (v) hereof, as promptly as practicable after the occurrence of such an event, use its commercially reasonable efforts to prepare a supplement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or the related Prospectus or any document incorporated therein by reference or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of the Registrable Securities or Participating Broker-Dealers, such Prospectus will not contain at the time of such delivery any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or will remain so qualified. At such time as such public disclosure is otherwise made or the Company

determines that such disclosure is not necessary, in each case to correct any misstatement of a material fact or to include any omitted material fact, the Company agrees promptly to notify each Holder of such determination and to furnish each Holder such number of copies of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented, as such Holder may reasonably request;

- (l) in the case of a Shelf Registration, a reasonable time prior to the filing of any Registration Statement, any Prospectus, any amendment to a Registration Statement or amendment or supplement to a Prospectus or any document which is to be incorporated by reference into a Registration Statement or a Prospectus after initial filing of a Registration Statement, provide copies of such document to the Dealer Managers on behalf of such Holders; and make representatives of the Company as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders of Registrable Securities, or the Dealer Managers on behalf of such Holders, available for discussion of such document;
- (m) obtain a CUSIP number for all Exchange Securities, Private Exchange Securities or Registrable Securities, as the case may be, not later than the effective date of a Registration Statement, and provide the Trustee with printed certificates for the Exchange Securities, Private Exchange Securities or the Registrable Securities, as the case may be, in a form eligible for deposit with the Depositary;
- (n) (i) cause the Indenture to be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "TIA") in connection with the registration of the Exchange Securities or Registrable Securities, as the case may be, (ii) cooperate with the Trustee and the Holders to effect such changes to the Indenture as may be required for the Indenture to be so qualified in accordance with the terms of the TIA and (iii) execute, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Trustee to execute, all documents as may be required to effect such changes, and all other forms and documents required to be filed with the SEC to enable the Indenture to be so qualified in a timely manner;
- (o) in the case of a Shelf Registration, enter into agreements (including underwriting agreements) and take all other customary and appropriate actions in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities and in such connection whether or not an underwriting agreement is entered into and whether or not the registration is an underwritten registration:
 - (i) make such representations and warranties to the Holders of such Registrable Securities and the underwriters, if any, in form, substance and scope as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in similar underwritten offerings as may be reasonably requested by them;

- (ii) obtain opinions of counsel to the Company and updates thereof (which counsel and opinions (in form, scope and substance) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the managing underwriters, if any, and the holders of a majority in principal amount of the Registrable Securities being sold) addressed to each selling Holder and the underwriters, if any, covering the matters customarily covered in opinions requested in sales of securities or underwritten offerings and such other matters as may be reasonably requested by such Holders and underwriters;
- (iii) obtain "cold comfort" letters and updates thereof from the Company's independent certified public accountants (and, if necessary, any other independent certified public accountants of any subsidiary of the Company or of any business acquired by the Company for which financial statements are, or are required to be, included in the Registration Statement) addressed to the underwriters, if any, and use reasonable efforts to have such letter addressed to the selling Holders of Registrable Securities (to the extent consistent with Statement on Auditing Standards No. 72 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts), such letters to be in customary form and covering matters of the type customarily covered in "cold comfort" letters to underwriters in connection with similar underwritten offerings;
- (iv) if an underwriting agreement is entered into, cause the same to set forth indemnification provisions and procedures substantially equivalent to the indemnification provisions and procedures set forth in Section 4 hereof with respect to the underwriters and all other parties to be indemnified pursuant to said Section or, at the request of any underwriters, in the form customarily provided to such underwriters in similar types of transactions; and
- (v) deliver such documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested and as are customarily delivered in similar offerings to the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Registrable Securities being sold and the managing underwriters, if any.

The above shall be done at (i) the effectiveness of such Registration Statement (and each post-effective amendment thereto) and (ii) each closing under any underwriting or similar agreement as and to the extent required thereunder;

(p) in the case of a Shelf Registration or if a Prospectus is required to be delivered by any Participating Broker-Dealer in the case of an Exchange Offer, make

available for inspection by representatives of the Holders of the Registrable Securities, any underwriters participating in any disposition pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement, any Participating Broker-Dealer and any counsel or accountant retained by any of the foregoing, all financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of the Company reasonably requested by any such persons, and cause the respective officers, directors, employees, and any other agents of the Company to supply all information reasonably requested by any such representative, underwriter, special counsel or accountant in connection with a Registration Statement, and make such representatives of the Company available for discussion of such documents as shall be reasonably requested by the Initial Purchasers;

(q) (i) in the case of an Exchange Offer Registration Statement within five business days prior to the filing of any Exchange Offer Registration Statement or any Prospectus forming a part thereof (excluding, unless requested, any documents incorporated therein by reference), or two business days prior to the filing of any amendment to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement or amendment or supplement to such Prospectus, provide copies of such document to the Dealer Managers and to counsel to the Holders of Registrable Securities and make such changes in any such document prior to the filing thereof as the Dealer Managers or counsel to the Holders of Registrable Securities may reasonably request and, except as otherwise required by applicable law, not file any such document in a form to which the Dealer Managers on behalf of the Holders of Registrable Securities shall not have previously been advised and furnished a copy of or to which the Dealer Managers on behalf of the Holders of Registrable Securities or counsel to the Holders of Registrable Securities shall reasonably object within five business days or business days, as the case may be, and make the representatives of the Company available for discussion of such documents as shall be reasonably requested by the Dealer Managers; and

(ii) in the case of a Shelf Registration, within five business days prior to filing any Shelf Registration Statement or any Prospectus forming a part thereof, or two business days prior to the filing of any amendment to such Shelf Registration Statement or amendment or supplement to such Prospectus, provide copies of such document to the Holders of Registrable Securities, to the Dealer Managers, to counsel for the Holders and to the underwriter or underwriters of an underwritten offering of Registrable Securities, if any, make such changes in any such document prior to the filing thereof as the Dealer Managers, the counsel to the Holders or the underwriter or underwriters reasonably request and not file any such document in a form to which the Majority Holders, the Dealer Managers on behalf of the Holders of Registrable Securities, counsel for the Holders of Registrable Securities or any underwriter shall not have previously been advised and furnished a copy of or to which the Majority Holders,

the Dealer Managers of behalf of the Holders of Registrable Securities, counsel to the Holders of Registrable Securities or any underwriter shall reasonably object within five business days or two business days, as the case may be, and make the representatives of the Company available for discussion of such document as shall be reasonably requested by the Holders of Registrable Securities, the Dealer Managers on behalf of such Holders, counsel for the Holders of Registrable Securities or any underwriter.

- (r) in the case of a Shelf Registration, use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Registrable Securities to be listed on any securities exchange on which similar debt securities issued by the Company are then listed if requested by the Majority Holders, or if requested by the underwriter or underwriters of an underwritten offering of Registrable Securities, if any;
- (s) in the case of a Shelf Registration, use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Registrable Securities to be rated by the appropriate rating agencies, if so requested by the Majority Holders, or if requested by the underwriter or underwriters of an underwritten offering of Registrable Securities, if any;
- (t) otherwise comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and make available to its security holders, as soon as reasonably practicable, an earnings statement covering at least 12 months which shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act and Rule 158 thereunder;
- (u) cooperate and assist in any filings required to be made with the NASD and, in the case of a Shelf Registration, in the performance of any due diligence investigation by any underwriter and its counsel (including any "qualified independent underwriter" that is required to be retained in accordance with the rules and regulations of the NASD); and
- (v) upon consummation of an Exchange Offer or a Private Exchange, obtain a customary opinion of counsel to the Company addressed to the Trustee for the benefit of all Holders of Registrable Securities participating in the Exchange Offer or Private Exchange, and which includes an opinion that (i) the Company has duly authorized, executed and delivered the Exchange Securities and/or Private Exchange Securities, as applicable, and the related indenture, and (ii) each of the Exchange Securities and related indenture constitute a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its respective terms (with customary exceptions).

If following the date hereof there has been a change in SEC policy with respect to exchange offers such as the Exchange Offer, such that in the opinion of counsel

to the Company there is a substantial question as to whether the Exchange Offer is permitted by applicable federal law, the Company hereby agrees to seek a noaction letter or other favorable decision from the SEC allowing the Company to consummate an Exchange Offer for the Notes. The Company hereby agrees to pursue the issuance of such a decision to the SEC staff level. In connection with the foregoing, the Company hereby agrees to take all such other actions as are requested by the SEC or otherwise required in connection with the issuance of such decision, including without limitation (A) participating in telephonic conferences with the SEC, (B) delivering to the SEC staff an analysis prepared by counsel to the Company, setting forth the legal basis, if any, upon which such counsel has concluded that such an Exchange Offer shall be permitted and (C) diligently pursuing a resolution (which need not be favorable) by the SEC staff of such submission.

In the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, the Company may (as a condition to such Holder's participation in the Shelf Registration) require each Holder of Registrable Securities to furnish to the Company such information regarding the Holder and the proposed distribution by such Holder of such Registrable Securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably request in writing.

In the case of a Shelf Registration Statement, each Holder agrees that, upon receipt of any notice from the Company of the happening of any event or the discovery of any facts, each of the kind described in Section 3(e)(v) hereof, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement until such Holder's receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 3(k) hereof, and, if so directed by the Company, such Holder will deliver to the Company (at its expense) all copies in such Holder's possession, of the Prospectus covering such Registrable Securities current at the time of receipt of such notice. Any such suspension periods shall not exceed 30 days in any 365 day period.

If any of the Registrable Securities covered by any Shelf Registration Statement are to be sold in an underwritten offering, the underwriter or underwriters and manager or managers that will manage such offering will be selected by the Majority Holders of such Registrable Securities included in such offering and shall be acceptable to the Company. No Holder of Registrable Securities may participate in any underwritten registration hereunder unless such Holder (a) agrees to sell such Holder's Registrable Securities on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements and (b) completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

4. Indemnification; Contribution.

- (a) The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Dealer Managers, each Holder, each Participating Broker-Dealer, each Person who participates as an underwriter (any such Person being an "Underwriter") and each Person, if any, who controls any Holder or Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:
 - (i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement (or any amendment or supplement thereto) pursuant to which Exchange Securities or Registrable Securities were registered under the 1933 Act, including all documents incorporated therein by reference, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
 - (ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 4(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company; and
 - (iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by any indemnified party), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under subparagraph (i) or (ii) above;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Holder or Underwriter expressly

for use in a Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or any Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

(b) Each Holder severally, but not jointly, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Dealer Managers, each Underwriter and the other selling Holders, and each of their respective directors and officers, and each Person, if any, who controls the Company, the Dealer Managers, any Underwriter or any other selling Holder within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act, against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in Section 4(a) hereof, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Shelf Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or any Prospectus included therein (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information with respect to such Holder furnished to the Company by such Holder expressly for use in the Shelf Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto) or such Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto); provided, however, that no such Holder shall be liable for any claims hereunder in excess of the total amount received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement.

(c) Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action or proceeding commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure so to notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying party or parties be liable for the fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 4 (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation,

proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

- (d) If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 4(a)(ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.
- (e) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 4 is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Holders and the Dealer Managers on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Holders and the Dealer Managers on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company, on the one hand, or by the Holders or the Dealer Managers, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company, the Holders and the Dealer Managers agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 4 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Dealer Managers were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 4. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 4 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 4, no Dealer Manager shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the fees received by it in connection with the initial exchange.

No Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 4, each Person, if any, who controls a Dealer Manager or Holder within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Dealer Manager or Holder, and each director of the Company, and each Person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company. The Dealer Managers' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the percentage of fees attributable to each Dealer Manager as set forth in Section 2 to the Agreement and not joint.

5. Miscellaneous.

5.1 Rule 144 and Rule 144A. For so long as the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15 of the 1934 Act, the Company covenants that it will file the reports required to be filed by it under the 1933 Act and Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the 1934 Act and the rules and regulations adopted by the SEC thereunder. If the Company ceases to be so required to file such reports, the Company covenants that it will upon the request of any Holder of Registrable Securities (a) make publicly available such information as is necessary to permit sales pursuant to Rule 144 under the 1933 Act, (b) deliver such information to a prospective purchaser as is necessary to permit sales pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act and it will take such further action as any Holder of Registrable Securities may reasonably request, and (c) take such further action that is reasonable in the circumstances, in each case, to the extent required from time to time to enable such Holder to sell its Registrable Securities without registration under the 1933 Act within the limitation of the exemptions provided by (i) Rule 144 under the 1933 Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, (ii) Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, as such Rule may be amended from time to time, or (iii) any similar rules or regulations hereafter adopted by the SEC.

5.2 <u>No Inconsistent Agreements</u>. The Company has not entered into and the Company will not after the date of this Agreement enter into any agreement which is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders of Registrable Securities in this Agreement or otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof. The rights granted to the

Holders hereunder do not and will not for the term of this Agreement in any way conflict with the rights granted to the holders of the Company's other issued and outstanding securities under any such agreements.

- 5.3 <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions hereof may not be given unless the Company has obtained the written consent of Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Registrable Securities affected by such amendment, modification, supplement, waiver or departure.
- 5.4 <u>Notices</u>. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand delivery, registered first-class mail, telex, telecopier, or any courier guaranteeing overnight delivery (a) if to a Holder, at the most current address given by such Holder to the Company by means of a notice given in accordance with the provisions of this Section 5.4, which address initially is the address set forth in the Dealer Manager Agreement with respect to the Dealer Managers; and (b) if to the Company, initially at the Company's address set forth in the Dealer Manager Agreement, and thereafter at such other address of which notice is given in accordance with the provisions of this Section 5.4.

All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; two business days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt is acknowledged, if telecopied; and on the next business day if timely delivered to an air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery.

Copies of all such notices, demands, or other communications shall be concurrently delivered by the person giving the same to the Trustee under the Indenture, at the address specified in such Indenture.

5.5 <u>Successor and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors, assigns and transferees of each of the parties, including, without limitation and without the need for an express assignment, subsequent Holders; <u>provided</u> that nothing herein shall be deemed to permit any assignment, transfer or other disposition of Registrable Securities in violation of the terms of the Dealer Manager Agreement or the Indenture. If any transferee of any Holder shall acquire Registrable Securities, in any manner, whether by operation of law or otherwise, such Registrable Securities shall be held subject to all of the terms of this Agreement, and by taking and holding such Registrable Securities such person shall be conclusively deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to perform all of the terms and

provisions of this Agreement, including the restrictions on resale set forth in this Agreement and, if applicable, the Dealer Manager Agreement, and such person shall be entitled to receive the benefits hereof.

- 5.6 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. The Dealer Managers (even if the Dealer Managers are not Holders of Registrable Securities) shall be third party beneficiaries to the agreements made hereunder between the Company, on the one hand, and the Holders, on the other hand, and shall have the right to enforce such agreements directly to the extent they deem such enforcement necessary or advisable to protect their rights or the rights of Holders hereunder. Each Holder of Registrable Securities shall be a third party beneficiary to the agreements made hereunder between the Company, on the one hand, and the Dealer Managers, on the other hand, and shall have the right to enforce such agreements directly to the extent it deems such enforcement necessary or advisable to protect its rights hereunder.
- 5.7. <u>Specific Enforcement</u>. Without limiting the remedies available to the Dealer Managers and the Holders, the Company acknowledges that any failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under Sections 2.1 through 2.4 hereof may result in material irreparable injury to the Dealer Managers or the Holders for which there is no adequate remedy at law, that it would not be possible to measure damages for such injuries precisely and that, in the event of any such failure, the Dealer Managers or any Holder may obtain such relief as may be required to specifically enforce the Company's obligations under Sections 2.1 through 2.4 hereof.
- 5.8. Restriction on Resales. Until the expiration of two years after the original issuance of the New Notes, the Company will not, and will cause its "affiliates" (as such term is defined in Rule 144(a)(1) under the 1933 Act) not to, resell any New Notes which are "restricted securities" (as such term is defined under Rule 144(a)(3) under the 1933 Act) that have been reacquired by any of them and shall immediately upon any purchase of any such New Notes submit such to the Trustee for cancellation.
- 5.9 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
 - 5.10 Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

5.11 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT OF LAWS THEREOF.

5.12 <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Edward A. Lang, III

Name: Edward A. Lang, III

Title: Vice President, Finance and Treasurer

Confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written:

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

Banc of America Securities LLC Barclays Capital Inc. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Allen & Company LLC

BY: MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED

By: /s/ David Portugal

Name: David Portugal
Title: Vice President

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Republic Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the exchange by the Company of its unsecured notes due 2035 for any and all of its 7-1/8 Notes due 2009 in accordance with the terms of the Dealer Manager Agreement dated February 16, 2005 among the Company, Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Allen & Company LLC (collectively, the "Dealer Managers") and the filing by the Company of an Exchange Offer Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") in connection with an Exchange Offer to be effected pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), dated March 21, 2005 between the Company and the Dealer Managers. This opinion is furnished to you pursuant to Section 3(f)(B) of the Registration Rights Agreement. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in this opinion that are defined in the Registration Rights Agreement are used herein as so defined.

We have examined such documents, records and matters of law as we have deemed necessary for purposes of this opinion. In rendering this opinion, as to all matters of fact relevant to this opinion, we have assumed the completeness and accuracy of, and are relying solely upon, the representations and warranties of the Company set forth in the Dealer Manager Agreement and the statements set forth in certificates of public officials and officers of the Company, without making any independent investigation or inquiry with respect to the completeness or accuracy of such representations, warranties or

statements, other than a review of the certificate of incorporation, by-laws and relevant minute books of the Company.

Based on and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. The Exchange Offer Registration Statement and the Prospectus (other than the financial statements, notes or schedules thereto and other financial data and supplemental schedules included or incorporated by reference therein or omitted therefrom and the Form T-1, as to which such counsel need express no opinion), comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the 1933 Act.
- 2. We have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and in the course thereof have had discussions with representatives of the Underwriters, officers and other representatives of the Company and Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent public accountants, during which the contents of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus were discussed. We have not, however, independently verified and are not passing upon, and do not assume any responsibility for, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. Based on our participation as described above, nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the Registration Statement (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial data included therein as to which we make no statement) contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or that the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for financial statements and schedules and other financial data included therein, as to which such counsel need make no statement), at the time the Prospectus was issued, at the time any such amended or supplemented Prospectus was issued or at the Closing Date, included or includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

This opinion is being furnished to you solely for your benefit in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Registration Rights Agreement, and may not be used for any other purpose or relied upon by any person other than you. Except with our prior written consent, the opinions herein expressed are not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to in connection with any transactions other than those contemplated by the Registration Rights Agreement by or to any other person.

Very truly yours,

Fort Lauderdale Jacksonville Miami Orlando Tallahassee Tampa Washington, DC One Southeast Third Avenue SunTrust International Center 28th Floor Miami, Florida 33131-1714

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305 374 5600 tel 305 374 5095 fax

June 2, 2005

Republic Services, Inc. 110 East Sixth Street, 28th Floor Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Republic Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") of a Registration Statement on Form S-4 (the "Registration Statement"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration under the Securities Act of the proposed exchange (the "Exchange") by the Company of up to an aggregate of \$275,674,000 of the Company's 6.086% Notes due 2035 (the "New Notes") for up to an aggregate of \$275,674,000 of the Company's outstanding 6.086% Notes due 2035 (the "Old Notes").

In connection with the proposed Exchange, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, records, certificates and other instruments of the Company and of public officials, statutes and decisions as in our judgment are necessary or appropriate for purposes of this opinion. In our examination, we have assumed, without independent investigation, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to the original documents of all copies.

Based upon the foregoing examination and upon the representations made to us by the officers and directors of the Company, we are of the opinion that, when (a) the Registration Statement is declared effective under the Securities Act by order of the SEC, (b) the New Notes are duly issued and executed by the Company, and authenticated by the Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, dated as of August 15, 2001, as supplemented (the "Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York as Trustee (the "Trustee"), the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 21, 2005, among the Company, Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Banc of America Securities LLC, Barclays Capital Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Allen & Company LLC, and the Letter of

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Transmittal and delivered against exchange therefor of the Old Notes pursuant to the Exchange described in the Registration Statement, and (c) the Indenture is duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, such New Notes (i) will be validly issued and (ii) will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except (a) as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws of general applicability affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, and (b) that such enforceability may be limited by the application of general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), including without limitation (1) the possible unavailability of specific performance, injunctive relief or any other equitable remedies and (2) concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing.

This opinion is limited to the Federal laws of the United States and the laws of the States of Florida and New York and the Delaware General Corporation Law, and we neither express nor imply any opinion as to any other laws. We hereby advise you, however, that while we are familiar with the corporate laws of the State of Delaware, we are only members of the Bar of the State of Florida, and we are not members of the Bar of the State of Delaware, the Bar of the State of New York or any other state. In rendering the opinion in clause (ii) of the foregoing paragraph, we have relied, with your permission, solely upon the opinion of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP as to matters of laws of the State of New York, which opinion was delivered to us on the date hereof. The opinions expressed herein are given as of this date and we assume no obligation to update or supplement our opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to our attention or any change in law that may occur or become effective at a later date.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ AKERMAN SENTERFITT

Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP One New York Plaza New York, NY 10004-1980 Tel: 212.859.8000 Fax: 212.859.4000 www.friedfrank.com

June 2, 2005

Akerman Senterfitt, P.A.
One Southeast Third Avenue, 28th Floor
Miami. Florida 33131-1714



Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as special New York counsel for you in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") under the Registration Statement on Form S-4 of Republic Services, Inc. (the "Company"), to be filed on the date hereof, of \$275,674,000 of 6.086% Notes due 2035 (the "Notes"), to be issued under an existing indenture providing for the issuance of senior debt securities, dated as of August 15, 2001 (the "Base Indenture"), between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by a Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 21, 2005, between the Company and the Trustee (the "Second Supplemental Indenture"), related to the Notes.

In connection with this opinion, we have (i) investigated such questions of law, (ii) examined originals or certified, conformed or reproduction copies, of such agreements, instruments, documents and records of the Company, such certificates of public officials and such other documents and (iii) received such information from officers and representatives of the Company and others, in each case as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion. In all such examinations, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of original and certified documents and the conformity to original or certified documents of all copies submitted to us as conformed or reproduction copies. As to various questions of fact relevant to the opinions expressed herein, we have relied upon, and assume the accuracy of certificates and oral or written statements and other information of or from representatives of the Company and others.

To the extent it may be relevant to the opinions expressed herein, we have assumed that (i) the Registration Statement has become effective under the Securities Act, (ii) the Company has the power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Base Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture, and to issue the Notes, (iii) the execution, delivery and performance of the Base Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture and the Notes, and the terms of the issuance of the Notes,

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have been duly authorized by all necessary action (corporate and otherwise) on the part of the Company and do not violate any applicable law, rule, regulation, order, agreement or instrument then binding on the Company, (iv) the Trustee has the power to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Base Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture has been duly authorized by the Trustee, (v) each of the Base Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Company, (vi) each of the Base Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture has been duly executed and delivered by the Trustee and each constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Trustee, and (vii) the Notes have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Base Indenture and the Second Supplemental Indenture and delivered and paid for in accordance with the terms of the exchange offer and related Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 21, 2005, among the Company and the other parties named therein.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that, once the Notes have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, and assuming due execution, delivery and authentication of the Notes by the Trustee, the Notes will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

The opinions set forth above are subject to the following qualifications:

- (A) We express no opinion as to the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any provision of the Base Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture, or the Notes relating to indemnification, contribution or exculpation.
 - (B) Our opinions above are subject to the following:
 - (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws (or related judicial doctrines) now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally;
 - (ii) general principles of equity (including, without limitation, standards of materiality, good faith, fair dealing and reasonableness), equitable defenses and limits as to the availability of equitable remedies), whether such principles are considered in a proceeding in equity or at law; and
 - (iii) the application of any applicable fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer, fraudulent obligation, or preferential transfer law or any law governing the distribution of assets of any person now or hereafter in effect affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally.

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(C) We express no opinion as to the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any provision of the Base Indenture, the Second Supplemental Indenture, or the Notes:

- (i) containing any purported waiver, release, variation, disclaimer, consent or other agreement of similar effect (all of the foregoing, collectively, a "Waiver") by the Company, under any of such agreements or instruments, to the extent limited by provisions of applicable law (including judicial decisions), or to the extent that such a Waiver applies to a right, claim, duty, defense or ground for discharge otherwise existing or occurring as a matter of law (including judicial decisions), except to the extent that such a Waiver is effective under, and is not prohibited by or void or invalid under, provisions of applicable law (including judicial decisions);
- (ii) related to (a) forum selection or submission to jurisdiction (including, without limitation, any waiver of any objection to venue in any court or of any objection that a court is an inconvenient forum) to the extent that the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any such provision is to be determined by any court other than a court of the State of New York, or (b) choice of governing law to the extent that the validity, binding effect or enforceability of any such provision is to be determined by any court other than a court of the State of New York or a federal district court sitting in the State of New York, in each case, applying the choice of law principles of the State of New York;
- (iii) specifying that provisions thereof may be waived only in writing, to the extent that an oral agreement or an implied agreement by trade practice or course of conduct has been created that modifies any provision of such agreement;
 - (iv) purporting to give any person or entity the power to accelerate obligations without any notice to the obligor; and
 - (v) which may be construed to be in the nature of a penalty.

The opinions expressed herein are limited to the laws the State of New York as currently in effect. We express no opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdiction, including federal law. The opinions expressed herein are limited to the matters stated herein, and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated herein. The opinions expressed herein are given as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to supplement this letter if any applicable laws change after the date hereof or if we become aware of any facts that might change the opinions expressed herein after the date hereof or for any other reason.

We hereby consent to your reliance upon this opinion in rendering your opinion, both of which will be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement, and to the reference

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to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus forming part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours

/s/ FRIED, FRANK, HARRIS, SHRIVER & JACOBSON LLP FRIED, FRANK, HARRIS, SHRIVER & JACOBSON LLP

Republic Services, Inc. Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges (In Millions, Except Ratios) (Unaudited)

| | Three Months | | | Years Ended December 31, | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| | | Ended March 31, 2005 | | 2004 2003 | | 2002 | | 2001 | | 2000 | | |
| Earnings: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Income before income taxes | \$ | 105.6 | \$ | 383.7 | \$ | 347.4 | \$ | 386.5 | \$ | 209.3 | \$ | 356.4 |
| Fixed charges deducted from income: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | | 19.9 | | 76.7 | | 78.0 | | 77.0 | | 80.1 | | 81.6 |
| Implicit interest in rents | | 0.7 | | 2.9 | | 2.9 | | 5.3 | | 9.5 | | 9.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Earnings available for fixed charges | \$ | 126.2 | \$ | 463.3 | \$ | 428.3 | \$ | 468.8 | \$ | 298.9 | \$ | 447.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed Charges: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | _ | | | |
| Interest expense | \$ | 19.9 | \$ | 76.7 | \$ | 78.0 | \$ | 77.0 | \$ | 80.1 | \$ | 81.6 |
| Capitalized interest | | 0.2 | | 2.1 | | 3.3 | | 2.5 | | 3.3 | | 2.9 |
| Implicit interest in rents | | 0.7 | | 2.9 | | 2.9 | _ | 5.3 | | 9.5 | | 9.5 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total fixed charges | \$ | 20.8 | \$ | 81.7 | \$ | 84.2 | \$ | 84.8 | \$ | 92.9 | \$ | 94.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ratio of earnings to fixed charges | | 6.1 | | 5.7 | | 5.1 | | 5.5 | | 3.2 | | 4.8 |

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in the Registration Statement (Form S-4 No. 333-00000) and related Prospectus of Republic Services, Inc. for the registration of \$275,674,000 of its 6.086% Notes due 2035 and to the incorporation by reference therein of our reports dated February 24, 2005, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedules of Republic Services, Inc., Republic Services, Inc. management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Republic Services, Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ernet + Young LLP

Fort Lauderdale, Florida May 27, 2005

FORM T-1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) o

THE BANK OF NEW YORK (Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

New York (State of incorporation if not a U.S. national bank) 13-5160382 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)

One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. (Address of principal executive offices)

10286 (Zip code)

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC. (Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 65-0716904 (I.R.S. employer identification no.)

110 S.E. Sixth Street, 28th Floor Fort Lauderdale, Florida (Address of principal executive offices)

33301 (Zip code)

6.086% Notes due 2035 (Title of the indenture securities)

1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the Trustee:

(a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

Name
Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York
One State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004-1417, and Albany, N.Y. 12223

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
33 Liberty Street, New York, N.Y. 10045

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Washington, D.C. 20429

New York Clearing House Association
New York, New York 10005

(b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

2. Affiliations with Obligor.

If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None.

16. List of Exhibits.

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as an exhibit hereto, pursuant to Rule 7a-29 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Act") and 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).

- 1. A copy of the Organization Certificate of The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company) as now in effect, which contains the authority to commence business and a grant of powers to exercise corporate trust powers. (Exhibit 1 to Amendment No. 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-21672, Exhibits 1a and 1b to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-21672, Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 33-121195.)
- 4. A copy of the existing By-laws of the Trustee. (Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-121195.)

- 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act. (Exhibit 6 to Form T-1 filed with Registration Statement No. 333-106702.)
- 7. A copy of the latest report of condition of the Trustee published pursuant to law or to the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, the Trustee, The Bank of New York, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in The City of New York, and State of New York, on the 31st day of May, 2005.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

By: /s/ ROBERT A. MASSIMILLO

Name: ROBERT A. MASSIMILLO

Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Consolidated Report of Condition of

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

of One Wall Street, New York, N.Y. 10286 And Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries,

a member of the Federal Reserve System, at the close of business March 31, 2005, published in accordance with a call made by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act.

| | Dollar Amounts In Thousands |
|--|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash and balances due from depository institutions: | |
| Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin | \$ 2,292,000 |
| Interest-bearing balances | 7,233,000 |
| Securities: | |
| Held-to-maturity securities | 1,831,000 |
| Available-for-sale securities | 21,039,000 |
| Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell | |
| Federal funds sold in domestic offices | 1,965,000 |
| Securities purchased under agreements to resell | 379,000 |
| Loans and lease financing receivables: | |
| Loans and leases held for sale | 35,000 |
| Loans and leases, net of unearned income | 31,461,000 |
| LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses | 579,000 |
| Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance | 30,882,000 |
| Trading Assets | 4,656,000 |
| Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases) | 832,000 |
| Other real estate owned | 0 |
| Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies | 269,000 |
| Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding | 54,000 |
| Intangible assets: | |
| Goodwill | 2,042,000 |
| Other intangible assets | 740,000 |
| Other assets | 5,867,000 |
| Total assets | \$ 80,116,000 |
| | |

| | Dollar Amounts In Thousands |
|--|--------------------------------|
| LIABILITIES | |
| Deposits: | |
| In domestic offices | \$ 34,241,000 |
| Noninterest-bearing | 15,330,000 |
| Interest-bearing | 18,911,000 |
| In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs | 25,464,000 |
| Noninterest-bearing | 548,000 |
| Interest-bearing | 24,916,000 |
| Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase | |
| Federal funds purchased in domestic offices | 735,000 |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 121,000 |
| Trading liabilities | 2,780,000 |
| Other borrowed money: | |
| (includes mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases) | 1,560,000 |
| Not applicable | |
| Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding | 55,000 |
| Subordinated notes and debentures | 1,440,000 |
| Other liabilities | 5,803,000 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 72,199,000 |
| | |
| Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries | 141,000 |
| · | |
| EQUITY CAPITAL | |
| Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus | 0 |
| Common stock | 1,135,000 |
| Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock) | 2,088,000 |
| Retained earnings | 4,643,000 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | (90,000) |
| Other equity capital components | 0 |
| Total equity capital | 7,776,000 |
| Total liabilities, minority interest, and equity capital | \$ 80,116,000 |

I, Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Thomas J. Mastro, Senior Vice President and Comptroller

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

Thomas A. Renyi Gerald L. Hassell Alan R. Griffith

Directors

Letter of Transmittal

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

Offer To Exchange Its
New 6.086% Notes Due 2035
Which Have Been Registered Under The Securities Act of 1933
For Any and All Of Its Outstanding
6.086% Notes Due 2035

Pursuant To The Prospectus Dated

, 2005

This Exchange Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2005 unless extended by us (such date and time, as they may be extended, the "expiration date"). Tenders of old notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

If you decide to participate in the Exchange Offer (as defined below), this Letter of Transmittal should be completed, signed and submitted to:

The Bank of New York As Exchange Agent

By Registered or Certified Mail:

Corporate Trust Operations

Reorganization Unit

Corporate Trust Operations Reorganization Unit 101 Barclay Street – 7 East

101 Barclay Street – 7 East New York, New York 10286 *By Facsimile:* (212) 298-1915

New York, New York 10286 *Confirm by Telephone:* (212) 815-5920

By Hand and Overnight Courier:

DELIVERY OF THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL TO AN ADDRESS OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ABOVE, OR TRANSMISSION OF THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL VIA FACSIMILE OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ABOVE, WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A VALID DELIVERY OF THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

The undersigned acknowledges that he or she has received and reviewed the prospectus, dated , 2005 (the "Prospectus"), of Republic Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), and this Letter of Transmittal (the "Letter"), which together constitute the Corporation's offer (the "Exchange Offer"), to exchange its outstanding 6.086% Notes Due 2035 (the "old notes"), into an equal principal amount of new 6.086% Notes Due 2035 which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "new notes"), upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Prospectus and this Letter. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meaning given them in the Prospectus.

New notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

Assuming the Corporation has not previously elected to terminate the Exchange Offer, upon satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in "The Exchange Offer — Conditions" section of the Prospectus, the Corporation will exchange any and all of the \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount outstanding of the old notes for new notes.

This Letter is to be completed by a holder of old notes either if certificates for such old notes are to be forwarded herewith or if a tender is to be made by book-entry transfer to the account maintained by the Exchange

Agent at The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the procedures set forth in "The Exchange Offer — Book-Entry Transfers" section of the Prospectus and an Agent's Message is not delivered. Old notes that are tendered may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date. See the sections of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer — Terms of the Exchange Offer;" "— Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments;" "— Procedures for Tendering Old Notes" and "— Withdrawal Rights" for a more complete description of the tender and withdrawal provisions. Tenders by book-entry transfer also may be made by delivering an Agent's Message in lieu of this Letter. The term "Agent's Message" means a message, transmitted by DTC to and received by the Exchange Agent and forming a part of the confirmation of book-entry tender of old notes into the Exchange Agent's account at DTC (a "Book-Entry Confirmation"), which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the tendering participant, which acknowledgment states that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by this Letter and that the Corporation may enforce this Letter against such participant. See Instruction 1. Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the Exchange Agent.

The method of delivery of old notes, this Letter and all other required documents is at the election and risk of the holders. If such delivery is by mail, it is recommended that registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested, be used. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed to assure timely delivery. No Letters or old notes should be sent to the Corporation.

The undersigned has completed the appropriate boxes below and signed this Letter to indicate the action the undersigned desires to take with respect to the Exchange Offer.

List below the old notes to which this Letter relates. If the space provided below is inadequate, the certificate numbers and principal amount of old notes should be listed on a separate signed schedule affixed hereto.

| DESCRIPTION OF O | OLD NOTES | |
|--|---|--|
| 1 Name(s) and Address(es) of Certificate Holder(s) (Please fill in Number(s))* | 2 Aggregate Principal Amount of Old Note(s) | 3 Principal Amount Tendered** |
| | | |
| | | |
| | - | |
| | - | |
| * Need not be completed if old notes are being tendered by book-entry transfer. ** Unless otherwise indicated in this column, a holder will be deemed to have tendered ALL of the old not hereby must be in denominations of principal amount of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. See Ins | otes represented by the old notes indicated in column truction 1. | a 2. See Instruction 2. Old notes tendered |
| O CHECK HERE IF TENDERED OLD NOTES ARE BEING DELIVERED MAINTAINED BY THE EXCHANGE AGENT WITH DTC AND COMPI | | DE TO THE ACCOUNT |
| Name of Tendering Institution | | |
| Account Number | | |

By crediting the old notes to the Exchange Agent's account at DTC using the Automated Tender Offer Program ("ATOP") and by complying with applicable ATOP procedures with respect to the Exchange Offer, including

Transaction Code Number

transmitting to the Exchange Agent an Agent's Message in which the holder of the old notes acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the terms of, and makes the representations and warranties contained in, this Letter, the participant in DTC confirms on behalf of itself and the beneficial owners of such old notes all provisions of this Letter (including all representations and warranties) applicable to it and such beneficial owner as fully as if it had completed the information required herein and executed and transmitted this Letter to the Exchange Agent.

O CHECK HERE IF TENDERED OLD NOTES ARE ENCLOSED HEREWITH.

PLEASE READ THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Exchange Offer, the undersigned hereby tenders to the Corporation the aggregate principal amount of old notes indicated above. Subject to, and effective upon, the acceptance for exchange of the old notes tendered hereby, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers to, or upon the order of, the Corporation all right, title and interest in and to such old notes as are being tendered hereby.

The undersigned acknowledges that the Corporation's acceptance of old notes validly tendered for exchange pursuant to any one of the procedures described in the section of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer" and in the instructions hereto will constitute a binding agreement between the undersigned and the Corporation upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the Exchange Offer.

All authority conferred or agreed to be conferred in this Letter and every obligation of the undersigned hereunder shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, trustees in bankruptcy and legal representatives of the undersigned and shall not be affected by, and shall survive, the death or incapacity of the undersigned. This tender may be withdrawn only in accordance with the procedures set forth in the section of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer — Withdrawal Rights."

The undersigned hereby represents, warrants and agrees that (collectively, the "Holder Representations and Warranties"):

- (1) it has received and reviewed the Prospectus;
- (2) it is the Beneficial Owner (as defined below) of, or a duly authorized representative of one or more such Beneficial Owners of, the old notes tendered hereby and it has full power and authority to execute this Letter, to tender, sell, assign and transfer the old notes, and to acquire new notes issuable upon the exchange of such tendered old notes;
- (3) the old notes being tendered hereby were owned by the undersigned and any Beneficial Owner(s) on whose behalf the undersigned is acting as of the date of tender, free and clear of any liens, charges, claims, encumbrances, interests and restrictions of any kind, and the Corporation will acquire good, indefeasible and unencumbered title to such old notes, free and clear of all liens, charges, claims, encumbrances, interests and restrictions of any kind, when the same are accepted by the Corporation;
- (4) it and any Beneficial Owner(s) on whose behalf the undersigned is acting will not sell, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber or transfer any old notes tendered hereby from the date of this Letter and agrees that any purported sale, pledge, hypothecation or other encumbrance or transfer will be void and of no effect:
- (5) it acknowledges that (a) none of the Corporation, the Exchange Agent, the Trustee, or any person acting on behalf of any of the foregoing has made any statement, representation or warranty, express or implied, to it with respect to the Corporation or the offer, issuance or sale of any new notes, other than the information included in the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented to the expiration date), and (b) any information it desires concerning the Corporation and the new notes or any other matter relevant to its decision to purchase the new notes (including a copy of the Prospectus) is or has been made available to it;
- (6) the execution and delivery of this Letter shall constitute an undertaking to execute any further documents and give any further assurances that may be required in connection with any of the foregoing, in each case on and subject to the terms and conditions described in the Prospectus and this Letter; and
- (7) the submission of this Letter to the Exchange Agent shall, subject to a holder's ability to withdraw its tender prior to the expiration date, and subject to the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer generally, constitute the irrevocable appointment of the Exchange Agent as its attorney and agent, and an irrevocable instruction to such attorney and agent to complete and execute all or any form(s) of transfer and other document(s) at the discretion of such attorney and agent in relation to the old notes tendered hereby in favor of the Corporation or such other person or persons as they may direct and to deliver such form(s) of transfer and other document(s) in the attorney's and/or agent's discretion and the certificate(s) and other document(s) of title relating to such old notes' registration and to execute all such other documents and to do all such other acts

and things as may be in the opinion of such attorney or agent necessary or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the acceptance of the Exchange Offer, and to vest in the Corporation or its nominees such old notes.

By tendering old notes and executing this Letter, the undersigned hereby represents and agrees that (i) the undersigned is not an "affiliate" of the Corporation, (ii) any new notes to be received by the undersigned are being acquired in the ordinary course of its business, (iii) the undersigned has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in a distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of old notes or new notes to be received in the Exchange Offer, (iv) the undersigned is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, a distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of such new notes, (v) the undersigned is not a broker-dealer tendering old notes acquired directly from the Corporation for its own account, and (vi) the undersigned is not prohibited by law or any policy of the Securities and Exchange Commission from participating in the Exchange Offer. By tendering old notes pursuant to the Exchange Offer and executing this Letter, a holder of old notes which is a broker-dealer represents and agrees, consistent with certain interpretive letters issued by the staff of the division of corporation finance of the Securities and Exchange Commission to third parties, that such old notes were acquired by such broker-dealer for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities (such a broker-dealer which is tendering old notes is herein referred to as a "Participating Broker-Dealer") and it will deliver the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented from time to time) meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of such new notes (provided that, by so acknowledging and by delivering a Prospectus, such Participating Broker-Dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act).

The Corporation has agreed that, subject to the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement, the Prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a Participating Broker-Dealer in connection with resales of new notes received in exchange for old notes, where such old notes were acquired by such Participating Broker-Dealer for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, for a period of one year after the expiration of the Exchange Offer. In that regard, each Participating Broker-Dealer, by tendering such old notes and executing this Letter, agrees that, upon receipt of notice from the Corporation of the occurrence of any event or the discovery of any fact which makes any statement contained or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus untrue in any material respect or which causes the Prospectus to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or of the occurrence of certain other events specified in the Registration Rights Agreement, such Participating Broker-Dealer will suspend the sale of new notes pursuant to the Prospectus until the Corporation has amended or supplemented the Prospectus to correct such misstatement or omission and has furnished copies of the amended or supplemented Prospectus to the Participating Broker-Dealer or the Corporation has given notice that the sale of the new notes may be resumed, as the case may be.

The undersigned understands that the Corporation, the Exchange Agent, and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements and agrees that if any of the acknowledgements, representations and warranties made by it pursuant to its submission of this Letter are, at any time prior to the consummation of the Exchange Offer, no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Corporation. If it is acquiring the new notes to be exchanged for the old notes tendered hereby from the Corporation for one or more investor accounts, it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

The representations and warranties and agreements of a holder tendering old notes shall be deemed to be repeated and reconfirmed on and as of the expiration date and the settlement date. For purposes of this Letter, the "Beneficial Owner" of any old notes shall mean any holder that exercises sole investment discretion with respect to such old notes.

Unless otherwise indicated herein in the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" below, please deliver the new notes (and, if applicable, substitute certificates representing old notes for any old notes not exchanged) in the name of the undersigned or, in the case of a book-entry delivery of old notes, please credit the account indicated above maintained at DTC. Similarly, unless otherwise indicated under the box entitled "Special Delivery Instructions" below, please send the new notes (and, if applicable, substitute certificates representing old notes for any old notes not exchanged) to the undersigned at the address shown above in the box entitled "Description of Old Notes."

THE UNDERSIGNED, BY COMPLETING THE BOX ENTITLED "DESCRIPTION OF OLD NOTES" ABOVE AND SIGNING THIS LETTER, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE TENDERED THE OLD NOTES AS SET FORTH IN SUCH BOX ABOVE.

SPECIAL ISSUANCE INSTRUCTIONS (See Instructions 3 and 4)

To be completed **ONLY** if certificates for old notes not exchanged and/or new notes are to be issued in the name of someone other than the person or persons whose signature(s) appear(s) on this Letter above, or if old notes delivered by book-entry transfer which are not accepted for exchange are to be returned by credit to an account maintained at DTC other than the account indicated above.

Issue new notes and/or old notes to:

| Name(s) |
|---|
| (Please Type or Print) |
| (Please Type or Print) |
| Address |
| |
| (Zip Code) |
| (Complete Substitute Form W-9) |
| o Credit unexchanged old notes delivered by book-entry transfer to the Book-Entry Transfer Facility account set forth below. |
| (Book-Entry Transfer Facility Account Number, If Applicable) |
| SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS (See Instructions 3 and 4) |
| To be completed ONLY if certificates for old notes not exchanged and/or new notes are to be sent to someone other than the person or persons whose signature(s) appear(s) on this Letter above or to such person or persons at an address other than shown in the box entitled "Description of Old Notes" above. |
| Mail: New notes and/or old notes to: |
| Name(s) |
| (Please Type or Print) |
| (Please Type or Print) |
| Address |
| |
| (Zip Code) |

IMPORTANT: This Letter or a facsimile hereof or an Agent's Message in lieu thereof (together with the certificates for old notes or a book-entry confirmation and all other required documents) must be received by the Exchange Agent prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING ANY BOX ABOVE.

IN ORDER TO VALIDLY TENDER OLD NOTES FOR EXCHANGE, HOLDERS OF OLD NOTES MUST COMPLETE, EXECUTE, AND DELIVER THIS LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Except as stated in the Prospectus, all authority herein conferred or agreed to be conferred shall survive the death, incapacity, or dissolution of the undersigned, and any obligation of the undersigned hereunder shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the undersigned. See Instruction 11.

| PLEASE SIGN HERE (TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL TENDERING HOLDERS) (COMPLETE ACCOMPANYING SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9) |
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| X |
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| X Signature(s) of Holder(s) |
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| <u>Date</u> |
| Area Code and Telephone Number: () |
| This Letter must be signed by the registered holder(s) as the name(s) appear(s) on the certificate(s) for the old notes hereby tendered or on a security position listing or by any person(s) authorized to become registered holder(s) by endorsements and documents transmitted herewith. If signature is by a trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, officer or other person acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, please set forth full title. See Instruction 3. |
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| Name(s): |
| (Please Type or Print) |
| Capacity: |
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| Address: |
| (Including Zip Code) |
| Area Code and Telephone Number: () |
| Then done and Telephone Transport () |
| Tax Identification or Social Security No(s).: |
| Signature Guarantee |
| (If Required By Instruction 3) |
| Signature(s) Guaranteed By |
| An Eligible Institution: |
| (Authorized Signature) |
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| (Title) |
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| (Name and Firm) |
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| David. |
| Dated: |
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INSTRUCTIONS

Forming Part of the Terms and Conditions of the Exchange Offer

1. Delivery of this Letter and Old Notes.

This Letter of Transmittal (this "Letter") is to be completed by holders of old notes either if certificates are to be forwarded herewith or if tenders are to be made pursuant to the procedures for delivery by book-entry transfer set forth in the section of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer — Book-Entry Transfers" and an Agent's Message is not delivered. Tenders by book-entry transfer also may be made by delivering an Agent's Message in lieu of this Letter. The term "Agent's Message" means a message, transmitted by DTC to and received by the Exchange Agent and forming a part of a Book-Entry Confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from the tendering participant, which acknowledgment states that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by, and makes the representations and warranties contained in, this Letter and that the Corporation may enforce this Letter against such participant. Certificates for all physically tendered old notes, or Book-Entry Confirmation, as the case may be, as well as a properly completed and duly executed Letter (or manually signed facsimile hereof or Agent's Message in lieu thereof) and any other documents required by this Letter, must be received by the Exchange Agent at the address set forth herein prior to the expiration date. Old notes tendered hereby must be in denominations of a principal amount of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof.

The method of delivery of this Letter, the old notes and all other required documents is at the election and risk of the tendering holders, but the delivery will be deemed made only when actually received or confirmed by the Exchange Agent. If old notes are sent by mail, it is suggested that the mailing be registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested, made sufficiently in advance of the expiration date to permit delivery to the Exchange Agent prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. See the section of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer."

2. Partial Tenders (not applicable to note holders who tender by book-entry transfer).

If less than all of the old notes evidenced by a submitted certificate are to be tendered, the tendering holder(s) should fill in the aggregate principal amount of old notes to be tendered in the box above entitled "Description of Old Notes — Principal Amount Tendered." A reissued certificate representing the balance of nontendered old notes will be sent to such tendering holder, unless otherwise provided in the appropriate box on this Letter, promptly after the expiration date. ALL OF THE OLD NOTES DELIVERED TO THE EXCHANGE AGENT WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN TENDERED UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

3. Signatures on this Letter; Bond Powers and Endorsements; Guarantee of Signatures.

If this Letter is signed by the holder of the old notes tendered hereby, the signature must correspond exactly with the name as written on the face of the certificates or on DTC's security position listing as the holder of such old notes without any change whatsoever.

If any tendered old notes are owned of record by two or more owners, all of such owners must sign this Letter.

If any tendered old notes are registered in different names on several certificates, it will be necessary to complete, sign and submit as many separate copies of this Letter as there are different registrations of certificates.

When this Letter is signed by the registered holder or holders of the old notes specified herein and tendered hereby, no endorsements of certificates or separate bond powers are required. If, however, the new notes are to be issued, or any untendered old notes are to be reissued, to a person other than the registered holder, then endorsements of any certificates transmitted hereby or separate bond powers are required. Signatures on such certificate(s) must be guaranteed by a participant in a securities transfer association recognized signature program.

If this Letter is signed by a person other than the registered holder or holders of any certificate(s) specified herein, such certificate(s) must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate bond powers, in either case signed exactly

as the name or names of the registered holder or holders appear(s) on the certificate(s) and signatures on such certificate(s) must be guaranteed by an Eligible Institution.

If this Letter or any certificates or bond powers are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing, and, unless waived by the Corporation, proper evidence satisfactory to the Corporation of their authority to so act must be submitted.

ENDORSEMENTS ON CERTIFICATES FOR OLD NOTES OR SIGNATURES ON BOND POWERS REQUIRED BY THIS INSTRUCTION 3 MUST BE GUARANTEED BY A FIRM WHICH IS A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (INCLUDING MOST BANKS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND BROKERAGE HOUSES) THAT IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE SECURITIES TRANSFER AGENTS MEDALLION PROGRAM, THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE MEDALLION SIGNATURE PROGRAM OR THE STOCK EXCHANGES MEDALLION PROGRAM (EACH AN "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION").

SIGNATURES ON THIS LETTER NEED NOT BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION, PROVIDED THE OLD NOTES ARE TENDERED: (I) BY A REGISTERED HOLDER OF OLD NOTES (WHICH TERM, FOR PURPOSES OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER, INCLUDES ANY PARTICIPANT IN DTC'S SYSTEM WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON A SECURITY POSITION LISTING AS THE HOLDER OF SUCH OLD NOTES) WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED THE BOX ENTITLED "SPECIAL ISSUANCE INSTRUCTIONS" OR "SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS" ON THIS LETTER, OR (II) FOR THE ACCOUNT OF AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.

4. Special Issuance and Delivery Instructions.

Tendering holders of old notes should indicate in the applicable box the name and address to which new notes issued pursuant to the Exchange Offer and/or substitute certificates evidencing old notes not exchanged are to be issued or sent, if different from the name or address of the person signing this Letter. In the case of issuance in a different name, the employer identification or social security number of the person named also must be indicated. Note holders tendering old notes by book-entry transfer may request that old notes not exchanged be credited to such account maintained at DTC as such note holder may designate hereon. If no such instructions are given, such old notes not exchanged will be returned to the name and address of the person signing this Letter.

5. Taxpayer Identification Number and Backup Withholding.

Federal income tax law generally requires that a tendering holder whose old notes are accepted for exchange must provide the Exchange Agent (as payor) with such holder's correct Taxpayer Identification Number (a "TIN"), which, in the case of a holder who is an individual, is such holder's social security number. If the Exchange Agent is not provided with the correct TIN or an adequate basis for an exemption, such holder may be subject to a \$50 penalty imposed by the Internal Revenue Service and backup withholding in an amount equal to 28% of the amount of any reportable payments made to such tendering holder. If backup withholding results in an overpayment of taxes, a refund may be obtained.

To prevent backup withholding, each tendering holder that is a U.S. person (including a resident alien) must, unless an exemption applies, provide such holder's correct TIN by completing the "Substitute Form W-9" set forth herein, certifying that the TIN provided is correct (or that such holder is awaiting a TIN) and that (i) the holder is exempt from backup withholding, (ii) the holder has not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that such holder is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends or (iii) the Internal Revenue Service has notified the holder that such holder is no longer subject to backup withholding.

If the holder does not have a TIN, such holder should consult the enclosed Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9 (the "W-9 Guidelines") for instructions on applying for a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN in Part 1 of the Substitute Form W-9, and sign and date the Substitute Form W-9 and the Certificate of Awaiting Taxpayer Identification Number set forth herein. If the holder does not provide such holder's TIN to the Exchange Agent within 60 days, backup withholding will begin and

continue until such holder furnishes such holder's TIN to the Exchange Agent. NOTE: WRITING "APPLIED FOR" ON THE FORM MEANS THAT THE HOLDER HAS ALREADY APPLIED FOR A TIN OR THAT SUCH HOLDER INTENDS TO APPLY FOR ONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

If the old notes are held in more than one name or are not in the name of the actual owner, consult the W-9 Guidelines for information on which TIN to report.

Exempt holders (including, among others, all corporations and certain foreign individuals) are not subject to these backup withholding and reporting requirements. To prevent possible erroneous backup withholding, an exempt holder should write "Exempt" in Part 2 of Substitute Form W-9. See the W-9 Guidelines for additional instructions. In order for a nonresident alien or foreign entity to qualify as exempt, such person must submit an appropriate Form W-8 signed under penalty of perjury attesting to such exempt status. Such form may be obtained from the Exchange Agent.

6. Transfer Taxes.

The Corporation will pay all transfer taxes, if any, applicable to the transfer of old notes to it or its order pursuant to the Exchange Offer. If, however, new notes and/or substitute old notes not exchanged are to be delivered to, or are to be registered or issued in the name of, any person other than the registered holder of the old notes tendered hereby, or if tendered old notes are registered in the name of any person other than the person signing this Letter, or if a transfer tax is imposed for any reason other than the transfer of old notes to the Corporation or its order pursuant to the Exchange Offer, the amount of any such transfer taxes (whether imposed on the registered holder or any other persons) will be payable by the tendering holder. If satisfactory evidence of payment of such taxes or exemption therefrom is not submitted herewith, the amount of such transfer taxes will be billed directly to such tendering holder. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS INSTRUCTION 6, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR TRANSFER TAX STAMPS TO BE AFFIXED TO THE OLD NOTES SPECIFIED IN THIS LETTER

7. Waiver of Conditions.

The Corporation reserves the right (subject to the limitations described in the Prospectus) to waive satisfaction of any or all conditions enumerated in the Prospectus.

8. No Conditional Tenders; Defects.

No alternative, conditional, irregular or contingent tenders will be accepted. All tendering holders of old notes, by execution of this Letter or an Agent's Message in lieu thereof, shall waive any right to receive notice of the acceptance of their old notes for exchange.

Neither the Corporation, the Exchange Agent nor any other person is obligated to give notice of any defect or irregularity with respect to any tender of old notes nor shall any of them incur any liability for failure to give any such notice.

9. Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Old Notes.

Any holder whose old notes have been mutilated, lost, stolen or destroyed should contact the Exchange Agent at the address indicated above for further instructions.

10. Withdrawal Rights.

Any old notes that are tendered may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date.

For a withdrawal of tendered old notes to be effective, a written notice of withdrawal must be received by the Exchange Agent at the address set forth above prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date. Any such notice of withdrawal must (i) specify the name of the person having tendered the old notes to be withdrawn (the "Depositor"), (ii) identify the old notes to be withdrawn (including certificate number or numbers and the principal amount of such old notes), (iii) contain a statement that such holder is withdrawing such holder's election to have such old notes exchanged, (iv) be signed by the holder in the same manner as the original signature on the

Letter by which such old notes were tendered (including any required signature guarantees) or be accompanied by documents of transfer to have the Trustee with respect to the old notes register the transfer of such old notes in the name of the person withdrawing the tender and (v) specify the name in which such old notes are registered, if different from that of the Depositor. If old notes have been tendered pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer set forth in the section of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer — Book-Entry Transfers," any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn old notes and otherwise comply with the procedures of such facility. All questions as to the validity, form and eligibility (including time of receipt) of such notices will be determined by the Corporation (which power may be delegated to the Exchange Agent), whose determination shall be final and binding on all parties. Any old notes so withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for exchange for purposes of the Exchange Offer and no new notes will be issued with respect thereto unless the old notes so withdrawn are validly retendered. Any old notes that have been tendered for exchange but which are not exchanged for any reason will be returned to the holder thereof without cost to such holder (or, in the case of old notes tendered by book-entry transfer into the Exchange Agent's account at DTC pursuant to the book-entry transfer procedures set forth in the section of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer — Book-Entry Transfers," such old notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC for the old notes) as soon as practicable after withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the Exchange Offer. Properly withdrawn old notes may be retendered by following the procedures described above at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

11. Requests for Assistance or Additional Copies.

Questions relating to the procedure for tendering, as well as requests for additional copies of the Prospectus, this Letter and other related documents may be directed to the Exchange Agent, at the address and telephone number indicated above. A holder of old notes may also contact such holder's broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, for assistance concerning the Exchange Offer.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL TENDERING HOLDERS OF OLD NOTES

| | PAYER'S NAME: THE BANK OF NEW Y | YORK | | |
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| substitute Form W-9 | Part 1 — PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR TIN (OR IF AWAITING A TIN, WRITE "APPLIED FOR") AND CERTIFY BY | TIN | | |
| | SIGNING AND DATING BELOW: | (Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number) | | |
| Department of | Part 2 — For Payees Exempt From Backup Withholding (See | Instructions) | | |
| the Treasury | Part 3 — Certification — Under penalties of perjury, I certify that: | | | |
| Internal Revenue Service | (-) () | | | |
| Payer's Request for Taxpayer Identification Number ("TIN") | Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") that I am subject to backup (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup | | | |
| and Certification | (3) I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). The IRS of than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding. | does not require your consent to any provision of this document other | | |
| | SIGNATURE | DATE | | |
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You must cross out item (2) in Part 3 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because of underreporting interest or dividends on your tax return.

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATE IF YOU WROTE "APPLIED FOR" IN PART 1 OF THE SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9.

CERTIFICATE OF AWAITING TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

I certify under penalties of perjury that a taxpayer identification number has not been issued to me, and that I mailed or delivered an application to receive a taxpayer identification number to the appropriate Internal Revenue Service Center or Social Security Administration Office (or I intend to mail or deliver an application in the near future). I understand that if I do not provide a taxpayer identification number to the Payor within 60 days, the Payor is required to withhold 28 percent of all reportable payments made to me thereafter until I provide a number.

| SIGNATURE | DAIL |
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NOTE: FAILURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM MAY RESULT IN A \$50 PENALTY IMPOSED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND IN BACKUP WITHHOLDING OF 28% OF ANY REPORTABLE PAYMENTS. PLEASE REVIEW THE ENCLOSED GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATION OF TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON SUBSTITUTE FORM W-9 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Manually signed copies of this Letter will be accepted. This Letter and any other required documents should be sent or delivered by each holder or such commercial bank or other nominee to the Exchange Agent at one of the addresses set forth below.

The Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer is:

The Bank of New York

By Registered or Certified Mail:

Corporate Trust Operations Reorganization Unit 101 Barclay Street – 7 East New York, New York 10286

By Facsimile:

(212) 298-1915

By Hand and Overnight Courier:

Corporate Trust Operations Reorganization Unit 101 Barclay Street – 7 East New York, New York 10286

Confirm by Telephone:

(212) 815-5920

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

Offer To Exchange Its New 6.086% Notes Due 2035 Which Have Been Registered Under the Securities Act of 1933 For Any And All Of Its Outstanding 6.086% Notes Due 2035

Pursuant To The Prospectus Dated

, 2005

This Exchange Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2005, unless extended by Republic Services, Inc. (such date and time, as they may be extended, the "expiration date"). Tenders of old notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

, 2005

To Our Clients:

Enclosed for your consideration is a Prospectus, dated , 2005 (the "Prospectus"), and the related letter of transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal"), relating to the offer (the "Exchange Offer") of Republic Services, Inc. (the "Corporation") to exchange its outstanding 6.086% Notes Due 2035 (the "old notes"), into an equal principal amount of 6.086% Notes Due 2035 (the "new notes"), upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in the Prospectus and the Letter of Transmittal.

New notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

Assuming the Corporation has not previously elected to terminate the Exchange Offer, upon satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in "The Exchange Offer — Conditions" section of the Prospectus, the Corporation will exchange any or all of the \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount outstanding of the old notes for new notes.

This material is being forwarded to you as the beneficial owner of the old notes held by us for your account but not registered in your name. A tender of such old notes may only be made by us as the holder of record pursuant to your instructions.

Accordingly, we request instructions as to whether you wish us to tender on your behalf the old notes held by us for your account, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the enclosed Prospectus and Letter of Transmittal.

Your instructions should be forwarded to us as promptly as possible in order to permit us to tender the old notes on your behalf in accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Offer.

Any old notes that are tendered may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date.

The Corporation may, in its sole and absolute discretion, extend the expiration date.

Your attention is directed to the following:

- 1. The Exchange Offer is subject to certain conditions set forth in the section of the Prospectus entitled "The Exchange Offer Conditions."
- 2. Any transfer taxes incident to the transfer of old notes from the holder to the Corporation will be paid by the Corporation, except as otherwise provided in the Instructions in the Letter of Transmittal.
 - 3. The Exchange Offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on

, 2005, unless extended by the Corporation.

4. Your instructions should be forwarded to us in ample time to permit us to submit a tender on your behalf on or prior to the expiration date.

The Exchange Offer is not being made to (nor will tenders of old notes be accepted from or on behalf of) holders of old notes in any jurisdiction in which the making or acceptance of the Exchange Offer would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction.

If you wish to have us tender your old notes, please so instruct us by completing, executing and returning to us the instruction form on the back of this letter. The Letter of Transmittal is furnished to you for information only and may not be used directly by you to tender old notes.

INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER

The undersigned acknowledge(s) receipt of your letter and the enclosed material referred to therein relating to the Exchange Offer made by Republic Services, Inc. with respect to its old notes.

This will instruct you to tender the old notes held by you for the account of the undersigned, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus and the related Letter of Transmittal.

The method of delivery of this document is at the election and risk of the undersigned. If delivery is by mail, registered mail with return receipt requested, properly insured, is recommended. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed to assure delivery.

| o Please tender the old notes held by you for my account as indicated below: |
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| Aggregate Principal Amount of Old Notes |
| 6.086% Notes Due 2035: \$ |
| o Please do not tender any old notes held by you for my account. |
| Dated: , 2005 |
| SIGN HERE |
| |
| Signature(s) |
| Please print name(s) here |
| Address(es) |
| Area Code and Telephone Number |
| Tax Identification or Social Security No(s). |
| None of the old notes held by us for your account will be tendered unless we receive written instructions from you to do so. Unless a specific contrary instruction is given in the space provided, your signature(s) hereon shall constitute an instruction to us to tender all old notes held by us for your account. |

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

Offer To Exchange Its New 6.086% Notes Due 2035 Which Have Been Registered Under the Securities Act of 1933 For Any And All Of Its Outstanding 6.086% Notes Due 2035

Pursuant to the Prospectus dated , 2005

This Exchange Offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on , 2005, unless extended by us (such date and time, as they may be extended, the "expiration date"). Tenders of old notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

, 2005

To: Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees:

Republic Services, Inc. (the "Corporation") is offering, upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated , 2005 (the "Prospectus"), and the enclosed letter of transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal"), to holders of our outstanding 6.086% Notes Due 2035 (the "old notes"), an opportunity to exchange the old notes (the "Exchange Offer") into an equal principal amount of new 6.086% Notes Due 2035, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "new notes").

New notes will be issued in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

Assuming we have not previously elected to terminate the Exchange Offer, upon satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in "The Exchange Offer — Conditions" section of the Prospectus, we will exchange any or all of the \$275,674,000 aggregate principal amount outstanding of the old notes for new notes.

We are requesting that you contact your clients for whom you hold old notes regarding the Exchange Offer. For your information and for forwarding to your clients for whom you hold old notes registered in your name or in the name of your nominee, or who hold old notes registered in their own names, we are enclosing the following documents:

- 1. Prospectus dated , 2005;
- 2. The Letter of Transmittal for your use and for the information of your clients;
- 3. A form of letter which may be sent to your clients for whose account you hold old notes registered in your name or the name of your nominee, with space provided for obtaining such clients' instructions with regard to the Exchange Offer;
 - 4. Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9; and
 - 5. Return envelopes addressed to The Bank of New York, the Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer.

Any old notes that are tendered may be withdrawn at any time prior to the expiration date.

If holders wish to participate in the Exchange Offer and such holders' old notes are held by a custodial entity, such as a bank, broker, dealer, trust company or other nominee through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), the holder may do so through the automated tender offer program of DTC. By participating in the Exchange Offer, tendering holders will agree to be bound by the Letter of Transmittal that we are providing with the Prospectus as though such holder had signed the Letter of Transmittal.

We will not make any payments to brokers, dealers or other persons for soliciting acceptances of the Exchange Offer. We will, however, upon request, reimburse brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and other nominees for reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred by them in forwarding the Prospectus and the related documents to the beneficial owners of old notes held by them as nominee or in a fiduciary capacity. We will pay or cause to be paid all stock transfer taxes applicable to the exchange of old notes in the Exchange Offer, except as set forth in the Letter of Transmittal.

Any requests for additional copies of the enclosed materials should be directed to Global Bondholder Services Corporation, the Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer, at its address and telephone number set forth below. A holder of old notes may also contact such holder's broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, for assistance concerning the Exchange Offer.

The Exchange Agent for the Exchange Offer is:

The Bank of New York

Corporate Trust Operations Reorganization Unit 101 Barclay Street – 7 East New York, New York 10286

Facsimile: (212) 298-1915 Telephone: (212) 815-5920

Very truly yours,

REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC.

Nothing herein or in the enclosed documents shall constitute you or any person as an agent of the Corporation or the Exchange Agent, or authorize you or any other person to use any document or make any statements on behalf of either of them with respect to the Exchange Offer, except for statements expressly made in the Prospectus or the Letter of Transmittal.

Enclosures