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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

3715
(Primary standard industrial
classification code number)

52-1375208
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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(765) 771-5300

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of
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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:

From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement, as determined by the selling stockholder.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 7, 2009

PROSPECTUS

24,762,636 Shares

Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale from time to time of up to 24,762,636 shares of our common stock by the selling stockholder, or its donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interests. The shares of common stock being sold are originally issuable upon the exercise of a warrant held by the selling stockholder, or its donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interests. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of these shares, but we will incur expenses in connection with the offering.

These shares are being registered to permit the sale of these shares from time to time, in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of offering. The shares may be sold through ordinary brokerage transactions, directly to market makers of our shares or through any other means described in the section of this prospectus entitled "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page 7.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "WNC." On December 4, 2009, the last reported sales price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange was \$1.62 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 3.

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

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2009.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We and the selling stockholder have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The common stock is not being offered in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of the common stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

When used in this prospectus, except where the context otherwise requires, the terms “we,” “us,” “our,” “the Company” and “Wabash” refer to Wabash National Corporation.

SUMMARY

The following summary may not contain all the information that may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus, as well as the information to which we refer you and the information incorporated by reference, before making an investment decision.

Wabash National Corporation

Founded in 1985 as a start-up company, Wabash is one of North America's leaders in designing, manufacturing and marketing standard and customized truck trailers and related transportation equipment. We believe our success has been the result of our longstanding relationships with our core customers, our demonstrated ability to attract new customers, our broad and innovative product lines, our technological leadership and our large distribution and service network. Our management team is focused on rightsizing our manufacturing and retail operations to match the current demand environment, implementing our cost savings initiatives, strengthening our capital structure, developing innovative products, improving earnings and selective production introductions that meet the needs of our customers.

We seek to identify and produce proprietary products that offer exceptional value to customers with the potential to generate higher profit margins than those of standardized products. We believe that we have the engineering and manufacturing capability to produce these products efficiently. We introduced our proprietary composite product, DuraPlate®, in 1996. Based on a July 2009 A.C.T. Research Company, LLC ("ACT") research report, composite trailers have achieved widespread industry acceptance with our DuraPlate® dry vans accounting for approximately one out of every three dry van trailers sold in 2008. Since 2002, sales of our DuraPlate® trailers represented approximately 90% of our total new dry van trailer sales. We are also a competitive producer of standardized sheet and post and refrigerated trailer products and we strive to become the low-cost producer of these products within our industry. Through our Transcraft Corporation ("Transcraft") subsidiary we also manufacture steel flatbed and dropdeck trailers. As part of our commitment to expand our customer base, diversify our revenues and extend our market leadership, Transcraft acquired in July 2008 certain operating assets of Benson International LLC, and its affiliates, a manufacturer of aluminum flatbeds, dump trailers and other truck bodies. In addition, in December 2008, the Company announced a multi-year agreement to build and service all of PODS®1 portable storage container requirements as part of our strategy to leverage our DuraPlate® panel technology into other industry segments. We expect to continue a program of product development and selective acquisitions of quality proprietary products that further differentiate us from our competitors and increase shareholder value.

We market our transportation equipment under the Wabash®, DuraPlate®, DuraPlateHD®, FreightPro®, ArcticLite®, RoadRailer®, Transcraft®, Eagle®, Eagle II®, D-Eagle® and Benson™ trademarks directly to customers, through independent dealers and through our Company-owned retail branch network. Historically, we have focused on our longstanding core customers representing many of the largest companies in the trucking industry. Our relationships with our core customers have been central to our growth since inception. Beginning in 2003, we have actively pursued the diversification of our customer base by focusing on what we refer to as the mid-market. These carriers, which represent approximately 1,250 carriers, operate fleets of between 250 to 7,500 trailers, which we estimate in total account for approximately one million trailers.

Our 11 company-owned full service retail branches provide additional opportunities to distribute our products and also offer nationwide services and support capabilities for our customers. In addition, we maintain four used fleet sales centers to focus on selling both large and small fleet trade packages to the wholesale market. Our retail branch network's sale of new and used trailers, aftermarket parts and service through our retail branch network generally provides enhanced margin opportunities. We also utilize a network of approximately 24 independent dealers with approximately 48 locations throughout North America to distribute our van trailers. In addition, we distribute our flatbed and dropdeck trailers through a network of over 80 independent dealers with approximately 110 locations

throughout North America.

We continue to be affected by the global economy, especially the credit markets, as well as the decline in the housing and construction-related markets in the U.S. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and nine month period ended September 30, 2009, we recorded net sales of \$836.2 million and \$252.5 million, respectively and reported a net loss for these periods of \$125.8 million and \$112.6 million, respectively. Our gross profit was \$20.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2008 and declined to a gross loss of \$21.0 million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009. These figures are based on the audited and unaudited financial statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus and have not been adjusted to illustrate the estimated pro forma effects of the Transaction and the Amended Facility described below. You should read our audited and unaudited financial statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus and our unaudited pro forma financial information and the notes thereto, including the pro forma adjustments that reflect the effects of the Transaction and Amended Facility, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The address of our principal executive office is 1000 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette, Indiana 47905 and our telephone number is (765) 771-5300. We maintain a website at www.wabashnational.com. Information on our website is not, however, a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus.

1 PODS® is a registered trademark of PODS, Inc. and Pods Enterprises, Inc.

The Transaction

On July 17, 2009, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with Trailer Investments, LLC (“Trailer Investments”) pursuant to which Trailer Investments agreed to invest \$35 million in the Company. On August 3, 2009, pursuant to the Securities Purchase Agreement, we issued to Trailer Investments 20,000 shares of our Series E redeemable preferred stock (the “Series E Preferred”), 5,000 shares of our Series F redeemable preferred stock (the “Series F Preferred”), and 10,000 shares of our Series G redeemable preferred stock (the “Series G Preferred”, and together with the Series E Preferred and the Series F Preferred, the “Preferred Stock”) and a warrant that is exercisable at \$0.01 per share for 24,762,636 newly issued shares of our common stock representing on August 3, 2009, the date the warrant was delivered, 44.21% of our issued and outstanding common stock after giving effect to the issuance of the shares underlying the warrant, subject to upward adjustment (the “Warrant”) for an aggregate purchase price of \$35,000,000 (the “Transaction”). The dividend rates for the Series E Preferred, Series F Preferred and Series G Preferred are 15% per annum, 16% per annum and 18% per annum, respectively. Initially, the annual dollar amounts of dividends are \$3 million, \$800,000 and \$1.8 million, respectively. The dividend on each series of Preferred Stock is payable quarterly and subject to increase by 0.5% every quarter if the applicable series of Preferred Stock is still outstanding after August 3, 2014. During the first two years following the issuance of the Preferred Stock, we may elect to accrue these dividends. The dividend rates on the Preferred Stock will increase upon the occurrence of events of noncompliance. On July 17, 2009, we also entered into our Third Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, which was effective August 3, 2009 (the “Amended Facility”), by and among us and certain of our subsidiaries identified on the signature page thereto (the “Borrowers”), Bank of America, N.A., as a lender and as agent (“Agent”), and the other lenders parties thereto. The proceeds from the Transaction were used by us to reduce the outstanding balance under our Amended Facility and to pay the costs of the Transaction. As a result of the Transaction, we have a material relationship with the selling stockholder and certain of its affiliates, as described in this prospectus and as described in detail in our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 20, 2009 and August 4, 2009 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

The Offering

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| Common stock offered by the selling stockholder | 24,762,636 shares. |
| Selling stockholder | All of the common stock is being offered by the selling stockholder, Trailer Investments, or its donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interests. See “Selling Stockholder” for more information on the selling stockholder. We are not selling any shares in this offering. |
| Use of proceeds | We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares in this offering. |
| Plan of Distribution | The selling stockholder may offer and sell the common stock from time to time through ordinary brokerage transactions, directly to market makers of our shares or through any other means described in the section entitled “Plan of Distribution” beginning on page 8. |
| Pro Forma Financial Information | Our unaudited pro forma financial information provided in this prospectus reflects the effects of the Transaction |

and the Amended Facility as if they had occurred at the beginning of the periods presented and is derived from our unaudited historical financial statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 and from our audited historical financial statements for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008.

New York Stock Exchange symbol

“WNC”

Risk Factors

See “Risk Factors” and the other information contained in this prospectus or to which we refer you for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information contained in this prospectus and in the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus before you decide to purchase our common stock. In particular, you should carefully consider and evaluate the risks and uncertainties described below as well as those described in “Part I— Item 1A. Risk Factors” of our amended Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and the additional risks and uncertainties set forth in “Part II— Item 1A. Risk Factors” of both our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009, which information is incorporated in this prospectus by reference. Any of the risks and uncertainties set forth therein and below could materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition, which in turn could materially and adversely affect the trading price of our common stock. As a result, you could lose all or part of your investment.

Our results of operations have declined significantly in recent periods, and the impact of the current global economic downturn and its effects on our industry could continue to harm our operations and financial performance.

For the year ended December 31, 2008 and nine month period ended September 30, 2009, we recorded net sales of \$836.2 million and \$252.5 million, respectively, and we recorded a net loss for these periods of \$125.8 million and \$112.6 million, respectively. This compares to net sales of \$1.1 billion and \$605.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 and the nine month period ended September 30, 2008, respectively, net income for the year ended December 31, 2007 of \$16.3 million and net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 of \$13.9 million. These declines in our results of operations reflect the conditions in the markets we serve and the general condition of the global economy. The global economic downturn has caused demand for new trailers to decline and has led to, in some cases, the cyclical timeframe for trailer replacement to be pushed out due to economic pressures. We believe that the overall industry in which we operate has been effected similarly. For example, according to a July 2009 report by ACT, total trailer industry shipments in 2008 were approximately 146,000, which reflected a decline of approximately 33% from the 216,000 trailers it reported for the year ended December 31, 2007. By comparison, we shipped 33,300 new trailers in 2008, which reflected a decline of approximately 28% from the 46,400 new trailers we shipped in the year ended December 31, 2007.

We continue to be affected by the global economy, especially the credit markets, as well as the decline in the housing and construction-related markets in the U.S. The same general economic concerns faced by us are also faced by our customers. We believe that many of our customers are highly leveraged, have limited access to capital, and may be reliant on liquidity from global credit markets and other sources of external financing. If the current conditions impacting the credit markets and general economy are prolonged, we may be faced with unexpected delays in product purchases or the loss of customers, which could further materially impact our financial position, results of operations and cash flow. Further, lack of liquidity by our customers could impact our ability to collect amounts owed to us. While we have taken steps to address these concerns through the implementation of our strategic plan, we are not immune to the pressures being faced by our industry and our results of operations may continue to decline.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock into the public market by the selling stockholder may result in significant downward pressure on the price of our common stock and could affect the ability of our stockholders to realize the current trading price of our common stock.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could cause a reduction in the market price of our common stock. As of October 30, 2009, there were 31,201,125 shares of our common stock outstanding. The selling stockholder has the right to acquire 24,762,636 shares of our common stock, subject to upward adjustment, issuable upon exercise of the Warrant, which represented approximately 44.21% of our issued and outstanding common stock as of August 3, 2009, the date on which the Warrant was delivered. The selling

stockholder may sell these shares pursuant to this prospectus or otherwise; provided that this prospectus does not cover any shares in excess of the 24,762,636 shares registered hereby that may become issuable pursuant to the adjustment mechanisms of the Warrant, other than shares that may be issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions. Investors should be aware that the current or future market price of their shares of our common stock could be negatively impacted by the sale or perceived sale of all or a significant number of the shares being registered hereby.

INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

We incorporate information into this prospectus by reference, which means that we disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, except to the extent superseded by information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents set forth below, the file number for each of which is 001-10883, that have been previously filed with the SEC:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the SEC on April 14, 2009, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10K/A, filed with the SEC on August 14, 2009;
- our Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the SEC on April 22, 2009;
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on May 13, 2009, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009, filed with the SEC on August 5, 2009, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009 filed with the SEC on November 4, 2009; and
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 17, 2009, April 1, 2009, April 3, 2009, April 30, 2009, May 13, 2009, June 1, 2009, July 20, 2009, August 4, 2009, August 5, 2009, August 18, 2009, November 4, 2009 and December 3, 2009 .

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

You may obtain copies of any of these filings by contacting us at the address and phone number indicated below or by contacting the SEC as described below under the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information." Documents incorporated by reference are available from us without charge, excluding all exhibits unless an exhibit has been specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, by requesting them in writing or by telephone at:

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Our internet website is www.wabashnational.com. We make our electronic filings with the SEC, including our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports available on our website free of charge as soon as practicable after we file or furnish them with the SEC. The information contained on our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus, and our website address supplied above is intended to be an inactive textual reference only and not an active hyperlink to our website.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). Forward-looking statements may include the words “may,” “will,” “estimate,” “intend,” “continue,” “believe,” “expect,” “plan” or “anticipate” and similar words. Our “forward-looking statements” include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

- our business plan;
- our expected revenues, income or loss and capital expenditures;
- plans for future operations;
- financing needs, plans and liquidity, including for working capital and capital expenditures;
 - our ability to achieve sustained profitability;
 - reliance on certain customers and corporate relationships;
 - availability and pricing of raw materials;
 - availability of capital;
 - dependence on industry trends;
 - the outcome of any pending litigation;
 - export sales and new markets;
 - engineering and manufacturing capabilities and capacity;
 - acceptance of new technology and products;
 - government regulation; and
 - assumptions relating to the foregoing.

Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in this prospectus. Important risks and factors that could cause our actual results to be materially different from our expectations include the factors that are disclosed in “Part I— Item 1A. Risk Factors” of our amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and the additional risks and uncertainties set forth in “Part II— Item 1A. Risk Factors” of both our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009. You should read these factors and the other cautionary statements made in this prospectus as being applicable to all related forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this prospectus. Each forward-looking statement contained in this prospectus reflects management’s view only as of the date on which that forward-looking statement was made. We are not obligated to update forward-looking statements or publicly release the result of any revisions to them to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus.

SELLING STOCKHOLDER

All of the shares of common stock registered for sale pursuant to this prospectus are shares issuable upon the exercise of the Warrant owned by the selling stockholder, Trailer Investments, or its donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest. The Warrant was issued to Trailer Investments on August 3, 2009 and it was acquired by Trailer Investments, together with shares of Preferred Stock, under a Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of July 17, 2009, between us and Trailer Investments. We are registering the shares of common stock in order to permit the selling stockholder and its donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest, to offer the shares acquired by full or partial exercise of the Warrant for resale from time to time. We have agreed to pay all expenses resulting from our obligation to register the shares issuable upon exercise of the Warrant. This prospectus relates only to sales of shares of our Common Stock upon exercise of the Warrant and does not cover sale of any shares of the Preferred Stock, the Warrant itself or any shares that may become issuable pursuant to the adjustment mechanisms of the Warrant, other than shares that may be issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions. The Warrant may be exercised in full or in part, from time to time and at any time within its 10 year term, by the holder thereof, and the exercise price per share is \$.01. The Warrant may be exercised for cash or pursuant to a cashless exercise feature and the shares issuable upon exercise will be issued in a transaction not involving a public offering under federal and state securities laws.

The Preferred Stock and the Warrant were issued for an aggregate purchase price of \$35,000,000. As a result of the Transaction, we have a material relationship with Trailer Investments and certain of its affiliates. This relationship includes certain consent rights and privileges we granted to Trailer Investments under the agreements we entered into at the closing of the Transaction. This material relationship includes, for so long as Trailer Investments and its affiliates, including investors in the funds controlled by Lincolnshire Management, Inc. (collectively with Trailer Investments, the "Trailer Investors"), beneficially own at least 10% of our outstanding common stock, the right for the Trailer Investors to designate five persons for election to our board of directors. Other elements of this material relationship are more fully described under the "Dividend Policy" and "Description of Our Common Stock" sections of this prospectus and are described in detail in our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 20, 2009 and August 4, 2009, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2009, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

The following table sets forth information with respect to the selling stockholder and the shares of common stock beneficially owned by the selling stockholder, including shares that may be offered under this prospectus. The information is based on information provided by or on behalf of the selling stockholder to us and is as of the date of this prospectus. Because the selling stockholder may offer all or some portion of the common stock, no estimate can be given as to the amount of the common stock that will be held by the selling stockholder upon termination of this offering. For purposes of the table below, however, we have assumed that after termination of this offering none of the shares covered by this prospectus will be held by the selling stockholder.

| Name of Selling Stockholder | Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to Offering | Maximum Number of Shares That May Be Sold Pursuant to this Prospectus | Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned After Offering | Percent of Shares Owned After Offering |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Trailer Investments, LLC (1) | 24,762,636 (1) | 24,762,636 | (2) | (2) |

- (1) Lincolnshire Equity Fund III, L.P. (“LEF III”), a Delaware limited partnership is the sole member of Trailer Investments, Lincolnshire Equity Partners III, L.P. (“LEP III”), a Delaware limited partnership, is the general partner of LEF III, and Lincolnshire Equity III, LLC (“Equity III”), a Delaware limited liability company, is the general partner of LEP III. Thomas J. Maloney, one of our directors who was designated by Trailer Investments holds a majority of the voting power of Equity III. Trailer Investors has also designated the following individuals to serve on our board of directors: Michael J. Lyons, Vineet Pruthi, James G. Binch, and Andrew C. Boynton. All of the shares of common stock beneficially owned by Trailer Investments and offered hereby are not currently outstanding but are issuable at any time upon exercise of the Warrant.
- (2) Because the selling stockholder may, under this prospectus, offer all or some portion of its common stock, no estimate can be given as to the number of shares of our common stock that will be held by the selling stockholder upon termination of any sales. We refer you to the information under the heading “Plan of Distribution.”

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholder, which as used in this prospectus includes donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares of common stock or interests in shares of common stock received after the date of this prospectus from the selling stockholder as a gift, pledge, partnership distribution or other transfer, may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of their shares of common stock registered hereby or interests in shares of common stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These dispositions may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices, which may be higher or lower than the market price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange or any other exchange or market.

The selling stockholder may use any one or more of the following methods when disposing of shares or interests therein:

- on the New York Stock Exchange, in the over-the-counter market or on any other national or international securities exchange on which our shares are listed or traded;
 - ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
 - in underwritten transactions on either a firm commitment or best-efforts basis;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
 - purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
 - an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
 - privately negotiated transactions;
- short sales effected after the date the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part is declared effective by the SEC;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- an agreement between a broker-dealer and the selling stockholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share; and
 - a combination of any such methods of sale.

The selling stockholder may, from time to time, pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the shares of common stock it owns and, if it defaults in the performance of its secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the shares of common stock, from time to time, under this prospectus, or under an amendment or supplement to this prospectus amending the list of selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors-in-interest as selling stockholders under this prospectus. The selling stockholder also may transfer the shares of common stock in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledgees or other successors-in-interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

To the extent required, the shares of our common stock to be sold, the name of the selling stockholder, the respective purchase prices and public offering prices, the names of any agents, dealer or underwriter, any applicable commissions or discounts with respect to a particular offer will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement or, if appropriate, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.

In connection with the sale of our common stock or interests therein, the selling stockholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the common stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholder may also sell shares of our common stock short and deliver these securities to close out its short positions, or loan or pledge the common stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling stockholder may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The aggregate proceeds to the selling stockholder from the sale of the common stock it offers will be the purchase price of the common stock less discounts or commissions, if any. The selling stockholder reserves the right to accept and, together with its agents from time to time, to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of common stock to be made directly or through agents. We will not receive any of the proceeds from this offering.

The selling stockholder also may resell all or a portion of the shares in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act, provided that they meet the criteria and conform to the requirements of that rule.

The selling stockholder and any underwriters, broker-dealers or agents that participate in the sale of the common stock or interests therein may be “underwriters” within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act. Any discounts, commissions, concessions or profit they earn on any resale of the shares may be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. A selling stockholder who is an “underwriter” within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, the common stock may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the common stock may not be sold unless it has been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

To facilitate the offering of common stock, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain, or otherwise affect the price of common stock. This may include over-allotments or short sales of common stock, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more common stock than the selling stockholders sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of common stock by bidding for or purchasing common stock in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if common stock sold by them is repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The

effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the common stock at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

We have advised the selling stockholder that the anti-manipulation rules of Regulation M under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of shares in the market and to the activities of the selling stockholder and their affiliates. In addition, we will make copies of this prospectus (as it may be supplemented or amended from time to time) available to the selling stockholder for the purpose of satisfying the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The selling stockholder may indemnify any broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving the sale of the shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

We have agreed to indemnify the selling stockholder against liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act and state securities laws, relating to the registration of the shares offered by this prospectus.

We have agreed with the selling stockholder to keep the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part effective until the earlier of (1) such time as all of the shares covered by this prospectus have been disposed of pursuant to and in accordance with the registration statement or (2) the date on which the shares may be sold pursuant to Rule 144(b)(1)(i) of the Securities Act.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table shows our capitalization as of September 30, 2009.

You should read this table in conjunction with the “Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information” and “Description of Our Common Stock” set forth in this prospectus and the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and financial statements and the related notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

| | As of September 30, 2009 |
|--|--------------------------|
| (\$ in thousands) | (Unaudited) |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,798 |
| Current liabilities | |
| Current portion of capital lease obligation | 337 |
| Accounts payable | 34,720 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 35,711 |
| Warrant | 67,208 |
| Total current liabilities | 137,976 |
| Long-term debt | 30,069 |
| Capital lease obligation | 4,553 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities and contingencies | 4,115 |
| Preferred Stock, net of discount, 25,000,000 shares authorized, \$0.01 par value, 35,000 shares issued and outstanding | |
| Series E Preferred stock, 20,000 shares authorized, 20,000 shares issued and outstanding | 10,694 |
| Series F preferred stock, 5,000 shares authorized, 5,000 shares issued and outstanding | 2,773 |
| Series G preferred stock, 10,000 shares authorized, 10,000 shares issued and outstanding | 5,937 |
| Stockholders equity: | |
| Common stock 75,000,000 shares authorized, \$0.01 par value, 30,331,970 shares issued and outstanding | 331 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 355,276 |
| Retained deficit | (285,750) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | - |
| Treasury stock at cost, 1,675,600 common shares | (25,477) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 44,380 |
| Total capitalization | \$ 240,497 |

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "WNC." The number of record holders of our common stock at December 4, 2009 was 851. The following table sets forth the high and low stock prices as reported on the New York Stock Exchange for the time periods indicated:

| | 2007 | |
|--|----------|----------|
| | High | Low |
| First quarter | \$ 17.22 | \$ 14.50 |
| Second quarter | \$ 15.81 | \$ 13.97 |
| Third quarter | \$ 14.80 | \$ 11.29 |
| Fourth quarter | \$ 11.60 | \$ 6.78 |
| | 2008 | |
| | High | Low |
| First quarter | \$ 9.50 | \$ 6.96 |
| Second quarter | \$ 10.59 | \$ 7.55 |
| Third quarter | \$ 11.69 | \$ 6.85 |
| Fourth quarter | \$ 9.37 | \$ 3.26 |
| | 2009 | |
| | High | Low |
| First quarter | \$ 5.07 | \$ 0.51 |
| Second quarter | \$ 2.71 | \$ 0.68 |
| Third quarter | \$ 3.25 | \$ 0.50 |
| Fourth quarter (through December 4 , 2009) | \$ 3.05 | \$ 1.36 |

On December 4, 2009, the last reported sales price of our common stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange was \$1.62.

DIVIDEND POLICY

We historically paid quarterly dividends until these dividend payments were suspended by our board of directors on December 28, 2001. We resumed the payment of quarterly dividends beginning in the first quarter of 2005. However, in December 2008 these dividend payments were again suspended due to the weak economic environment and uncertainty as to the timing of a recovery as well as our effort to enhance liquidity.

Under the Amended Facility, we are not permitted to pay cash dividends to our common stockholders until the second anniversary of the effectiveness of the Amended Facility and then only if (i) no default or events of default are then in existence or would be caused by such purchase, redemption or payment, (ii) immediately after such purchase, redemption or payment, the Borrowers have unused availability under the Amended Facility of at least \$40 million, (iii) the amount of all cash dividends paid by us does not exceed \$20 million in any fiscal year and (iv) at least five business days prior to the purchase, redemption or payment, an officer of Wabash has delivered a certificate to the Agent certifying that the conditions precedent in clauses (i)-(iii) have been satisfied. Further, for so long as the Trailer Investors continue to hold a majority of the Preferred Stock, we cannot directly or indirectly declare or make any dividend, distribution, or redemption of any shares of any class of our stock other than dividend payments on the Preferred Stock without the consent of a majority of the Trailer Investors.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following table sets forth unaudited pro forma financial information for the year ended December 31, 2008 and for the nine month period ended September 30, 2009. Such information is based on the audited and unaudited financial statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as adjusted to illustrate the estimated pro forma effects of the Transaction and the Amended Facility.

The unaudited pro forma adjustments are based on available information and certain assumptions that we believe are reasonable. The unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 give effect to the Transaction and the Amended Facility as if they had occurred on January 1, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Because the Transaction and the Amended Facility occurred prior to September 30, 2009, no pro forma balance sheet is provided. Presentation of the unaudited pro forma financial information is prepared in conformity with Article 11 of Regulation S-X.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information was prepared on a basis consistent with that used in preparing our audited consolidated financial statements and includes all adjustments, consisting of normal and recurring items, that we consider necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations for the unaudited periods.

The unaudited pro forma financial information should be read in conjunction with the “Description of Our Common Stock” set forth in this prospectus and the “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the financial statements and the related notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, and both our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2009 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The unaudited pro forma financial information is for informational purposes only and is not intended to represent or be indicative of the results of operations that we would have reported had the Transaction been completed on the dates indicated and should not be taken as representative of our future results of operations after the Transaction.

WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 Year Ended December 31, 2008
 (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | As Reported Year Ended December 31, 2008 | Pro Forma Adjustments | Pro Forma Year Ended December 31, 2008 |
|--|--|--------------------------|--|
| Net Sales | \$ 836,213 | | \$ 836,213 |
| Cost of Sales | 815,289 | | 815,289 |
| Gross Profit | \$ 20,924 | | \$ 20,924 |
| General and Administrative Expenses | 44,094 | | 44,094 |
| Selling Expenses | 14,290 | | 14,290 |
| Impairment of Goodwill | 66,317 | | 66,317 |
| Loss from Operations | \$ (103,777) | | \$ (103,777) |
| Other Income (Expense) | | | |
| Interest expense | (4,657) | (169) (a) | (4,826) |
| Foreign exchange, net | (156) | | (156) |
| Gain on debt extinguishment | 151 | | 151 |
| Other, net | (323) | | (323) |
| Loss Before Income Taxes | \$ (108,762) | | \$ (108,931) |
| Income Tax Expense | 17,064 | | 17,064 |
| Net Loss | \$ (125,826) | | \$ (125,995) |
| Preferred Stock Dividends | - | 6,994 (b) | 6,994 |
| Net Loss Applicable to Common Stockholders | \$ (125,826) | | \$ (132,989) |
| Common Stock Dividends Declared | \$ 0.135 | | \$ 0.135 |
| Basic Net Loss Per Share | \$ (4.20) | | \$ (4.44) |
| Diluted Net Loss Per Share | \$ (4.20) | | \$ (4.44) |
| Comprehensive Loss | | | |
| Net loss | \$ (125,826) | | \$ (125,995) |
| Changes in fair value of derivatives | (1,516) | | (1,516) |
| Net Comprehensive Loss | \$ (127,342) | | \$ (127,511) |

See accompanying notes to these pro forma consolidated financial statements

WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
 Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009
 (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | As Reported Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 | Pro Forma Adjustment | Pro Forma Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 |
|---|--|----------------------------|---|
| Net Sales | \$ 252,467 | | \$ 252,467 |
| Cost of Sales | 273,495 | | 273,495 |
| Gross Profit | (21,028) | | (21,028) |
| General and Administrative Expenses | 24,493 | | 24,493 |
| Selling Expenses | 8,669 | | 8,669 |
| Loss from Operations | (54,190) | | (54,190) |
| Other Income (Expense) | | | |
| Increase in fair value of warrant | (53,983) | | (53,983) |
| Interest expense | (3,459) | 557 (a) | (2,902) |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | (303) | | (303) |
| Other, net | (729) | | (729) |
| Loss Before Income Taxes | (112,664) | | (112,107) |
| Income Tax Expense | (41) | | (41) |
| Net Loss | (112,623) | | (112,066) |
| Preferred Stock Dividends | 1,096 | 4,103 (b) | 5,199 |
| Net Loss Applicable to Common Stockholders | \$ (113,719) | | \$ (117,265) |
| Common Stock Dividends Declared | \$ - | | \$ - |
| Basic Net Loss Per Share | \$ (3.77) | | \$ (3.88) |
| Diulted Net Loss Per Share | \$ (3.77) | | \$ (3.88) |
| Comprehensive Loss | | | |
| Net loss | \$ (112,623) | | \$ (112,066) |
| Reclassification adjustment for interest rate swaps included in net income | 1,398 | | 1,398 |
| Changes in fair value of derivatives (net of tax) | 118 | | 118 |
| Net Comprehensive Loss | \$ (111,107) | | \$ (110,550) |

See accompanying notes to these pro forma consolidated financial statements

Notes to the unaudited pro forma consolidated
statements of operations
(dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The historical financial information for the nine months ending September 30, 2009 and the year ending December 31, 2008 was derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of the Company. The unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2008 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2009 give effect to the Transaction and the Amended Facility as if they had occurred on January 1, 2008 and 2009, respectively.

The unaudited pro forma financial statements reflect (i) the “Transaction”, which comprises the issuance pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement with Trailer Investments, LLC of 20,000 shares of Series E Preferred Stock with an annual dividend rate of 15%, 5,000 shares of Series F Preferred Stock with annual dividend rate of 16% and 10,000 shares of Series G Preferred Stock with an annual dividend rate of 18% and the issuance of a warrant that is exercisable at \$0.01 per share for 24,762,636 newly issued shares of common stock and (ii) the “Amended Facility”, which is our Third Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, effective August 3, 2009.

Note 2. Statement of Operations Pro Forma Adjustments and Assumptions

(a) Reflects adjustments to interest expense resulting from reduced borrowings and increased interest rates under the Amended Facility:

| | Year Ended December 31, 2008 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Interest expense on Amended Facility: | | |
| Amended Facility (1) | \$ 2,909 | \$ 1,654 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs (2) | 552 | 423 |
| Total interest expense on new borrowings | \$ 3,461 | \$ 2,077 |
| Less historical interest expense and related amortization on debt issuance costs on extinguished borrowings: | (3,292) | (2,634) |
| Adjustment to interest expense | \$ 169 | \$ (557) |

(1) Represents pro forma interest expense on the Amended Facility calculated using the average monthly borrowings for both the twelve and nine month periods ending December 31, 2008 and September 30, 2009, respectively. Interest rate assumption was based on the actual LIBOR rates available as of the beginning of each period presented plus applicable spread under the Amended Facility of 4.25%.

(2) Represents amortization of debt issuance costs over the term of the new Amended Facility.

(b) Reflects adjustments for preferred dividends at various rates for the periods presented. Preferred dividends are cumulative, accrete day to day and remain unpaid. Preferred dividends also include accretion of discount attributable to the fair value of the preferred stock and Warrant:

| | Year Ended December 31, 2008 | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009 |
|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Series E Preferred, 20,000 shares, annual dividend rate of 15% | \$ 3,000 | \$ 2,250 |
| Series F Preferred, 5,000 shares, annual dividend rate of 16% | 800 | 600 |
| Series G Preferred, 10,000 shares, annual dividend rate of 18% | 1,800 | 1,350 |
| Amortization and discount accretion | 1,394 | 999 |
| | \$ 6,994 | \$ 5,199 |
| Less: Preferred stock dividends and accretion previously recorded | - | (1,096) |
| Adjustment to preferred stock dividends | \$ 6,994 | \$ 4,103 |

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The name, age, directorships (if applicable) and business experience during at least the last five years for our directors and executive officers is set forth in the tables below.

Directors

| NAME | AGE | OCCUPATION, BUSINESS & DIRECTORSHIPS | DIRECTOR SINCE |
|-----------------------|-----|--|----------------|
| Richard J. Giromini | 56 | Mr. Giromini was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer on January 1, 2007. He had been Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from February 28, 2005 until December 2005 at which time he was appointed President and a Director of the Company. He had been Senior Vice President — Chief Operating Officer since joining the Company on July 15, 2002. Prior to joining Wabash National, Mr. Giromini was with Accuride Corporation from April 1998 to July 2002, where he served in capacities as Senior Vice President — Technology and Continuous Improvement; Senior Vice President and General Manager — Light Vehicle Operations; and President and CEO of AKW LP. Previously, Mr. Giromini was employed by ITT Automotive, Inc. from 1996 to 1998 serving as Director of Manufacturing. Mr. Giromini also serves as a Director of Robbins & Myers, Inc., a leading supplier of engineered equipment and systems for critical applications in global energy, industrial chemical and pharmaceutical markets. | December 2005 |
| James G. Binch | 62 | Mr. Binch was appointed to our Board of Directors effective on August 3, 2009 pursuant to the rights provided to Trailer Investments in the Transaction. Since 2007, Mr. Binch has served as a Managing Director of Lincolnshire Management, Inc., a private equity firm and affiliate of Trailer Investments. From 1991 until 2006, Mr. Binch served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Memry Corporation, a medical device component manufacturer. Mr. Binch also serves as a Director of Exactech Corporation. | July 2009 |
| Andrew C. Boynton | 53 | Mr. Boynton was appointed to our Board of Directors effective on August 3, 2009 pursuant to the rights provided to Trailer Investments in the Transaction. Mr. Boynton is currently the Dean of the Carroll School of Management of Boston College, a position he has held since 2005. Prior to then, Mr. Boynton was a professor of strategy at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland for ten years. Mr. Boynton also serves as a Director of Clough Global Opportunities Fund, Clough Global Equity Fund, and Clough Global Allocation Fund, all of which are registered as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1980 and associated with Clough Capital Partners, L.P., their investment advisor. | July 2009 |
| Dr. Martin C. Jischke | 68 | Dr. Jischke served as President of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, from August 2000 until his retirement in July 2007. Dr. Jischke became Chairman of our Board of Directors at the 2007 Annual Meeting. | January 2002 |

Dr. Jischke also serves as a Director of Vectren Corporation and Duke Realty Corporation.

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|--|---------------|
| James D. Kelly | 57 | Mr. Kelly has served as the President, Engine Business and as a Vice President for Cummins Inc. since May 2005. Between 1976 and 1988, and following 1989, Mr. Kelly has been employed by Cummins in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility including, most recently, the Vice President and General Manager — Mid Range Engine Business between 2001 and 2004, and the Vice President and General Manager — Mid Range and Heavy Duty Engine Business from 2004 through May 2005. | February 2006 |
|-------------------|----|--|---------------|

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|----------------------|----|--|---------------|
| Stephanie K. Kushner | 54 | Ms. Kushner was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Federal Signal Corporation, from March 2002 until December 2008. Prior to joining Federal Signal, she was employed by affiliates of FMC Corporation for 14 years, most recently as Vice President — Treasury and Corporate Development for FMC Technologies in 2001 and Vice President and Treasurer for FMC Corporation from 1999 to 2001. | February 2004 |
| Michael J. Lyons | 50 | Mr. Lyons was appointed to our Board of Directors effective on August 3, 2009 pursuant to the rights provided to Trailer Investments in the Transaction. Since 1998, Mr. Maloney has served as a Senior Managing Director of Lincolnshire Management, Inc., a private equity firm and affiliate of Trailer Investments. Mr. Lyons began his affiliation with Lincolnshire in 1994 when he was Chief Operating Officer at one of its portfolio companies. Mr. Lyons started his career as a CPA with PriceWaterhouse. | July 2009 |
| Larry J. Magee | 55 | Mr. Magee is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of BFS Retail & Commercial Operations, LLC, a position he has held since December 2001. Previously, Mr. Magee served as President of Bridgestone/Firestone Retail Division from 1998 until his 2001 appointment. Mr. Magee held positions of increasing responsibility within the Bridgestone/Firestone family of companies during his 31-year tenure. | January 2005 |
| Thomas J. Maloney | 56 | Mr. Maloney was appointed to our Board of Directors effective on August 3, 2009 pursuant to the rights provided to Trailer Investments in the Transaction. Since 1998, Mr. Maloney has served as the President of Lincolnshire Management, Inc., a private equity firm and affiliate of Trailer Investments. Mr. Maloney served as Managing Director of Lincolnshire beginning in 1993. Mr. Maloney serves on the board of several companies. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Boston College, Fordham University and the Tilton School. | July 2009 |
| Vineet Pruthi | 64 | Mr. Pruthi was appointed to our Board of Directors effective on August 3, 2009 pursuant to the rights provided to Trailer Investments in the Transaction. Since 1999, Mr. Pruthi has served as a Senior Managing Director of Lincolnshire Management, Inc., a private equity firm and affiliate of Trailer Investments. Prior to joining Lincolnshire in 1999, Mr. Pruthi was Chief Financial Officer of Credentials Services International. | July 2009 |
| Scott K. Sorensen | 48 | Mr. Sorensen is the Chief Financial Officer of Sorenson Communications, a provider of communication services and products, a position he has held since August 2007. Previously, Mr. Sorensen was the Chief Financial Officer of Headwaters, Inc. from October 2005 to August 2007. Prior to joining Headwaters, Mr. Sorensen was the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hillenbrand Industries, Inc., a manufacturer and provider of products and services for the health care and funeral services industries, since March 2001. | March 2005 |
| | | | December 2004 |

Ronald L.
Stewart

Prior to his retirement in December 2005, Mr. Stewart served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Material Sciences Corporation, a position he held from March 2004 until his retirement. Previously, Mr. Stewart was President and Chief Executive Officer of Pangborn Corporation from 1999 through 2004. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Pangborn Corporation.

Executive Officers(1)

| NAME | AGE | TITLE, BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND DIRECTORSHIPS |
|--------------------|-----|---|
| Rodney P. Ehrlich | 63 | Mr. Ehrlich has been Senior Vice President — Chief Technology Officer of the Company since January 2004. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Ehrlich was Senior Vice President of Product Development. Mr. Ehrlich has been in charge of the Company's engineering operations since the Company's founding. Prior to Wabash National, Mr. Ehrlich started with Monon Trailer Corporation in 1963 working various positions until becoming Chief Engineer in 1973, Director of Engineering in 1978, and serving until joining the founders of Wabash National in 1985. Mr. Ehrlich has obtained over 50 patents in trailer related design during his 45 year trailer career. Mr. Ehrlich holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University. |
| Bruce N. Ewald | 57 | Mr. Ewald's original appointment was Vice President and General Manager of Wabash National Trailer Centers, Inc. when he joined the Company in March 2005. In October 2005, he was promoted to Senior Vice President — Sales and Marketing. Mr. Ewald has nearly 25 years experience in the transportation industry. Most recently, Mr. Ewald was with PACCAR from 1991 to February 2005 where he served in a number of executive-level positions. Prior to PACCAR, Mr. Ewald spent ten years with Genuine Parts Co. where he served in several positions, including President and General Manager, Napa Auto Parts/Genuine Parts Co. Mr. Ewald holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Minnesota. |
| Timothy J. Monahan | 57 | Mr. Monahan has been Senior Vice President — Human Resources since joining the Company on October 15, 2003. Prior to that, Mr. Monahan was with Textron Fastening Systems from 1999 to October 2003 where he served as Vice President — Human Resources for the Commercial Solutions Group and later Global Vice President — Human Resources. Previously, Mr. Monahan served as Vice President — Human Resources at Beloit Corporation. Mr. Monahan serves on the board of directors of North American Tool Corporation, a global producer of special cutting tools. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Milton College and has attended the Duke University Fuqua School of Management — Executive Management Program. |
| Mark J. Weber | 38 | Effective August 31, 2009, Mr. Weber was promoted to Senior Vice President — Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Weber joined the Company in August 2005 as Director of Internal Audit, was promoted in February 2007 to Director of Finance, and in November 2007 he was promoted to Vice President and Corporate Controller. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Weber was with Great Lakes Chemical Corporation from October 1995 through August 2005 where he served in several positions of increasing responsibility within accounting and finance, including Vice President of Finance. Mr. Weber earned his Master's of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Purdue University's Krannert School of Management. |

(1) Information regarding Richard J. Giromini, President and Chief Executive Officer, is included in the table above.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information as of December 4, 2009 (unless otherwise specified), with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock by each person who is known to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock, each person currently serving as a director, each of our named executive officers (as defined in the Compensation Discussion & Analysis set forth in our Proxy Statement for our 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and incorporated by reference in this prospectus), and all directors and executive officers as a group:

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF BENEFICIAL OWNER | SHARES OF COMMON STOCK BENEFICIALLY OWNED | PERCENT OF CLASS |
|---|--|---------------------|
| Trailer Investments, LLC c/o Lincolnshire Management, Inc. 780 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017 | 24,762,636(2) | 44.2 % |
| Franklin Resources, Inc. One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403 | 3,954,200(3) | 12.7 % |
| Tontine Capital Management, L.L.C. and affiliates 55 Railroad Avenue, 3rd Floor Greenwich, CT 06830 | 2,833,200(4) | 9.1 % |
| Dimensional Fund Advisors LP 1299 Ocean Avenue Santa Monica, CA 90401 | 2,498,902(5) | 8.0 % |
| Barclays Global Investors, N.A. and affiliates 400 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105 | 2,147,631(6) | 6.9 % |
| James G. Binch | 0 | * |
| Andrew C. Boynton | 0 | * |
| Rodney P. Ehrlich | 129,635(7) | * |
| Richard J. Giromini | 516,781(8) | 1.6% |
| Martin C. Jischke | 53,823 | * |
| James D. Kelly | 43,756 | * |
| Stephanie K. Kushner | 47,447 | * |
| Michael J. Lyons | 24,762,636(9) | 44.2 % |
| Larry J. Magee | 51,786 | * |
| Thomas J. Maloney | 24,762,636(2) | 44.2 % |
| Timothy J. Monahan | 111,485(10) | * |
| Vineet Pruthi | 24,762,636(11) | 44.2 % |
| Scott K. Sorensen | 45,686 | * |
| Ronald L. Stewart | 46,872 | * |
| Robert J. Smith | 82,744(12) | * |
| Joseph M. Zachman | 97,314(13) | * |

| | | | |
|--|----------------|------|---|
| All executive officers and directors as a group (16 persons) | 25,642,932(14) | 45.5 | % |
|--|----------------|------|---|

* Less than one percent

(1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of common stock subject to options or warrants currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of December 4, 2009 are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding such options, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except where indicated otherwise, and subject to community property laws where applicable, the persons named in the table above have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock shown as beneficially owned by them.

- (2) Based on information provided jointly by (i) Trailer Investments, (ii) Lincolnshire Equity Fund III, L.P. (“LEF III”), a Delaware limited partnership and the sole member of Trailer Investments, (iii) Lincolnshire Equity Partners III, L.P. (“LEP III”), a Delaware limited partnership principally engaged in the business of serving as the general partners of LEF III, Lincolnshire Equity III, LLC (“Equity III”), a Delaware limited liability company principally engaged in the business of serving as the general partner of LEP III, and Thomas J. Maloney, a member of our board of directors, who holds a majority of the voting power of Equity III. The shares of common stock are issuable upon exercise of the Warrant, which is immediately exercisable at \$.01 per share.
- (3) Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed February 2, 2009 on behalf of Franklin Resources, Inc. (“FRI”). These shares of common stock are beneficially owned by one or more open- or closed-end investment companies or other managed accounts that are investment management clients of investment managers that are direct and indirect subsidiaries, each, an “Investment Management Subsidiary” and, collectively, the “Investment Management Subsidiaries” of FRI, including the Investment Management Subsidiary Franklin Advisory Services, LLC. Investment management contracts grant to the Investment Management Subsidiaries all investment and/or voting power over the securities owned by such investment management clients, unless otherwise noted. Therefore, for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Act, the Investment Management Subsidiaries may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the securities.

Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (the “Principal Shareholders”) each own in excess of 10% of the outstanding common stock of FRI and are the principal stockholders of FRI. FRI and the Principal Shareholders may be deemed to be, for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Act, the beneficial owners of securities held by persons and entities for whom or for which FRI subsidiaries provide investment management services. FRI, the Principal Shareholders and each of the Investment Management Subsidiaries disclaim any pecuniary interest in any of the securities.

FRI, the Principal Shareholders, and each of the Investment Management Subsidiaries believe that they are not a “group” within the meaning of Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act and that they are not otherwise required to attribute to each other the beneficial ownership of the securities held by any of them or by any persons or entities for whom or for which FRI subsidiaries provide investment management services.

- (4) Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed February 13, 2009 by Mr. Jeffrey L. Gendell, individually, and as managing member of Tontine Capital Management, L.L.C. (“TCM”), a Delaware limited liability company, the general partner of Tontine Capital Partners, L.P. (“TCP”), a Delaware limited partnership. Mr. Gendell is also the managing member of Tontine Overseas Associates, L.L.C. (“TOA”), a Delaware limited liability company, the investment manager to Tontine Capital Overseas Master Fund, L.P. (“TCO”), a Cayman Islands partnership.

TOA reported beneficial ownership of, shared power to vote or direct the vote of, and shared power to dispose of or direct the disposition of 651,194 shares of common stock.

TCP reported beneficial ownership of, shared power to vote or direct the vote of, and shared power to dispose of or direct the disposition of 2,182,006 shares of common stock.

TCM reported beneficial ownership of, shared power to vote or direct the vote of, and shared power to dispose of or direct the disposition of 2,182,006 shares of common stock.

Mr. Gendell reported beneficial ownership of, shared power to vote or direct the vote of, and shared power to dispose of or direct the disposition of 2,833,200 shares of common stock.

- (5)

Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed February 9, 2009. Dimensional Fund Advisors LP (formerly, Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc.) (“Dimensional”), an investment advisor registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, furnishes investment advice to four investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and serves as investment manager to certain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts. These investment companies, trusts and accounts are the “Funds.” In its role as investment advisor or manager, Dimensional possess investment and/or voting power over the securities that are owned by the Funds, and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares held by the Funds. However, all securities reported in the Schedule 13/G are owned by the Funds. Dimensional disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities.

- (6) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed February 5, 2009. Addresses are: Barclays Global Investors, NA (“Barclays Investors”) and Barclays Global Fund Advisors (“Barclays Fund Advisors”), 400 Howard Street, San Francisco CA 94105; Barclays Global Investors, Ltd. (“Barclays Investors Ltd.”), Murray House, 1 Royal Mint Court, London, EC3N 4HH; Barclays Global Investors Japan Limited (“Barclays Investors Japan”), Ebisu Prime Square Tower 8th Floor, 1-1-39 Hiroo Shibuya-Ku, Tokyo 150-8402 Japan; Barclays Global Investors Canada Limited (“Barclays Investors Canada”), Brookfield Place, 161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, PO Box 614, Toronto, Canada, Ontario M5J 2S1; Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited (“Barclays Investors Australia”), Level 43, Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street, PO Box N43, Sydney, Australia NSW 1220; Barclays Global Investors (Deutschland) AG (“Barclays Investors Deutschland”), Apianstrasse 6, D-85774, Unterföhring, Germany. As of December 31, 2008, the Schedule 13G indicates: Barclays Investors has sole voting power as to 586,078 shares and sole dispositive power as to 743,810 shares; Barclays Fund Advisors has sole voting power as to 1,037,224 shares and sole dispositive power as to 1,384,356 shares; Barclays Investors Ltd. has sole dispositive power as to 19,465 shares; and, Barclays Investors Japan, Barclays Investors Canada, Barclays Investors Australia, and Barclays Investors Deutschland have sole voting power and sole dispositive power as to 0 shares.
- (7) Includes options held by Mr. Ehrlich to purchase 65,130 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of December 4, 2009, exercisable. Includes 14,000 shares held by a trust of which Mr. Ehrlich’s spouse is the sole trustee and 6,011 shares held by a trust of which Mr. Ehrlich is the sole trustee.
- (8) Includes options held by Mr. Giromini to purchase 226,937 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of December 4, 2009, exercisable.
- (9) Mr. Lyons is a member of Equity III. Equity III is the general partner of LEP III, which is the general partner of LEF III, which is the sole member of Trailer Investments. By virtue of his relationship with Equity III, Mr. Lyons may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power with respect to the 24,762,636 shares beneficially owned by Trailer Investments. Mr. Lyons disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by each of the entities referred to in this footnote except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (10) Includes options held by Mr. Monahan to purchase 51,680 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of December 4, 2009, exercisable.
- (11) Mr. Pruthi is a member of Equity III. Equity III is the general partner of LEF III, which is the general partner of LEP III, which is the sole member of Trailer Investments. By virtue of his relationship with Equity III, Mr. Pruthi may be deemed to have voting and dispositive power with respect to the 24,762,636 shares beneficially owned by Trailer Investments. Mr. Pruthi disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by each of the entities referred to in this footnote except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (12) Includes options held by Mr. Smith to purchase 50,140 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of December 4, 2009, exercisable. Mr. Smith ceased to serve as our Chief Financial Officer on August 31, 2009.
- (13) Includes options held by Mr. Zachman to purchase 35,960 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of December 4, 2009, exercisable. Mr. Zachman ceased to serve as our Chief Operating Officer on December 1, 2009.
- (14) Includes options held by our executive officers to purchase an aggregate of 402,124 shares that are currently, or will be within 60 days of December 4, 2009, exercisable. Also includes the 24,762,636 shares issuable upon exercise of the warrant referenced in footnote 2. Mr. Smith ceased to serve as our Chief Financial Officer on August 31, 2009 and his equity ownership is not included in the total. Mr. Zachman ceased to serve as our Chief Operating Officer on December 1, 2009 and his equity ownership is not included in the total. Mark J. Weber

became our Chief Financial Officer on August 31, 2009, and his equity ownership is included in the total.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMON STOCK

The following description of our common stock and provisions of our certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, as amended, are summaries and are qualified by reference to our certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, that are filed as exhibits to the registration statement that includes this prospectus. The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") may also affect the terms of our common stock.

General

We are authorized to issue up to 75,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. We are also authorized to issue up to 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of December 1, 2009, (i) there were 31,141,066 shares of our common stock outstanding, (ii) 35,000 shares of our Preferred Stock outstanding and (iii) there was the Warrant outstanding that is exercisable at \$0.01 per share for 24,762,636 newly issued shares of our common stock, subject to upward adjustment.

Voting Rights

Holders of our common stock are entitled to attend all annual and special meetings of our stockholders and to vote upon any matter, including, without limitation, the election of directors. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock entitled to vote in any election of directors may elect all of the directors standing for election. However, for so long as the Trailer Investors beneficially own at least 10% of our outstanding common stock, they maintain the right to designate five persons for election to our board of directors. In addition, for so long as the Trailer Investors continue to hold a majority of the Preferred Stock, we cannot take certain actions without the consent of a majority of the Trailer Investors, even if approved by the holders of our common stock. Specifically, without the approval of a majority of the Trailer Investors we cannot:

- directly or indirectly declare or make any dividend, distribution, or redemption of any shares of any class of our stock other than dividend payments on the Preferred Stock;
- directly or indirectly declare or make any payments of management, consulting or other fees to any affiliate, which includes certain of our officers, directors and employees;
- issue any notes or debt securities containing equity or voting features or any capital stock, other equity securities or equity-linked securities;
- make loans or advances to, guarantees for the benefit of, or investments in, any person, subject to exceptions for reasonable advances to employees and specified types of highly liquid investments;
- liquidate, dissolve or effect a recapitalization or reorganization in any form of transaction, unless, in the case of a recapitalization or reorganization, such transaction would result in a change of control and we pay to the holders of the Preferred Stock all amounts then due and owing under the Preferred Stock prior to or contemporaneous with the consummation of such transaction;
- directly or indirectly acquire any interest in an entity or joint venture, except for acquisitions involving aggregate consideration (whether payable in cash or otherwise) not to exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate if, at the time of any such acquisition, we have availability for draw-downs under the Amended Facility in an amount equal to or exceeding \$20,000,000 and the ratio of our aggregate indebtedness as of the most recent month end to the previous

twelve-month EBITDA (as defined in the Amended Facility) after giving effect to such acquisition is less than 6:1;

- reclassify or recapitalize our capital stock , subject to certain exceptions;
- enter into any line of business other than the lines of business in which we are currently engaged and other activities reasonably related thereto;
- enter into, amend, modify or supplement any agreement, commitment or arrangement with any of our affiliates, except for customary employment arrangements and benefit programs on reasonable terms and except as otherwise expressly contemplated by certain documents entered into in connection with the Transaction;
- create, incur, guarantee, assume or suffer to exist, any indebtedness, other than (A) indebtedness pursuant to the Amended Facility, and (B) indebtedness in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, provided that such indebtedness is created, incurred, guaranteed, assumed or suffered to exist solely to satisfy our working capital requirements, the interest rate per annum applicable to such Indebtedness does not exceed 9% and the ratio of our aggregate indebtedness as of the most recent month end to the previous twelve-month EBITDA after giving effect to such creation, incurrence, guaranty, assumption or sufferance does not exceed 3:1;
 - engage in any transaction that results in a change of control unless we pay to the holders of the Preferred Stock all amounts then due and owing under the Preferred Stock (including the premium payable in connection with any redemption relating to a change of control) prior to or contemporaneous with the consummation of such transaction;
- sell, lease or otherwise dispose of more than 2% of our consolidated assets (computed on the basis of book value, determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the U.S. (“GAAP”), or fair market value, determined by the board of directors in its reasonable good faith judgment) in any transaction or series of related transactions, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business;
- become subject to any agreement or instrument which by its terms would (under any circumstances) restrict (A) the right of any subsidiary to make loans or advances or pay dividends to, transfer property to, or repay any indebtedness owed to us or (B) restrict our right or ability to perform the provisions of certain agreements entered into in connection with the Transaction or to conduct its business as conducted as of the Effective Date (as defined in the Amended Facility);
- make any amendment to or rescind any provision of our organization documents, increase the number of authorized shares of common stock or preferred stock or adversely affect or otherwise impair the rights of the Trailer Investors or the holders of the Preferred Stock; or
 - increase the size of the board of directors or create or change any committee of our board of directors.

Liquidation Rights

Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of our common stock are entitled to receive their ratable portion of our assets legally available for distribution after the payment of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the rights of the Preferred Stock. Subject to the rights of our creditors, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Wabash the holders of the Preferred Stock are entitled to be paid before any distribution or payment is made to the holders of our common stock. The liquidation preference for the Preferred Stock is for an amount in cash equal to \$1,000 per share of Preferred Stock plus all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends thereon. Further, as noted above under “Voting Rights”, without the consent of a majority of the Trailer Investors we cannot engage in any transaction that results in a change of control unless we pay to the holders of the Preferred Stock all amounts then due and owing under the Preferred Stock (including the premium payable in connection with any redemption relating to a

change of control) prior to or contemporaneous with the consummation of such transaction.

Other Rights and Restrictions

Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of the Preferred Stock and the shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future. Our certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, as amended, do not restrict the ability of a holder of common stock to transfer his or her shares of common stock.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Organizational Documents. Our certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders at an annual or special meeting of stockholders may only be taken if it is properly brought before the meeting or taken by written action in lieu of a meeting by persons who would be entitled to vote at a meeting and who hold shares having voting power equal to not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote were present and void. Our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, further provide that special meetings of stockholders may only be called by our President, board of directors, or chairperson of the board of directors. In addition, our amended and restated bylaws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder proposals and director nominations to be brought before an annual meeting of stockholders. Stockholders at an annual meeting may only consider proposals or nominations specified in the notice of meeting or brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the board of directors or by a stockholder of record on the record date for the meeting who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has delivered timely written notice in proper form to our secretary of the stockholder's intention to bring such business before the meeting. These provisions could have the effect of delaying until the next stockholders' meeting actions that are favored by the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities.

Certificates of Designation of the Preferred Stock. Pursuant to the terms of our Preferred Stock, which are provided in the certificates of designation filed with the Secretary of State for the State of Delaware for each series, for so long as the Trailer Investors continue to hold a majority of the Preferred Stock we cannot engage in any transaction that results in a change of control unless we pay the Preferred Stock holders all amounts then due and owing under the Preferred Stock (including the premium payable in connection with any redemption relating to a change of control) prior to or contemporaneous with the consummation of such transaction without the consent of a majority of the Trailer Investors. Further, without the consent of a majority of the Trailer Investors we cannot sell, lease or otherwise dispose of more than 2% of our consolidated assets (as computed on the basis of book value determined in accordance with GAAP or on the basis of fair market value determined by the board of directors in its reasonable good faith judgment) in any transaction or series of related transactions, other than sales of inventory in the ordinary course of business.

Stockholders' Rights Plan. We have a Stockholders' Rights Plan (the "Rights Plan") that is designed to deter coercive or unfair takeover tactics in the event of an unsolicited takeover attempt. It is not intended to prevent a takeover on terms that are favorable and fair to all stockholders and will not interfere with a merger approved by our board of directors. Each right entitles stockholders to buy one one-thousandth of a share of Series D Junior Participating Preferred Stock at an exercise price of \$120. The rights will be exercisable only if a person or a group acquires or announces a tender or exchange offer to acquire 20% or more of our common stock or if we enter into other business combination transactions not approved by our board of directors. Trailer Investments is exempted from the application of the Rights Plan to the acquisition of our shares by them. In the event the rights become exercisable, the Rights Plan allows for our stockholders to acquire our stock or the stock of the surviving corporation, whether or not we are the surviving corporation, having a value twice that of the exercise price of the rights. These rights pursuant to the Rights Plan will expire December 28, 2015 or are redeemable for \$0.01 per right by the our board under certain circumstances.

Dividends

Holders of our common stock are entitled to receive proportionately any dividends as may be declared by our board of directors on our common stock, subject to any preferential dividend rights of outstanding preferred stock, including the Preferred Stock, and subject to any applicable contractual restrictions and limitations, including as a result of our current amended and restated credit facility.

Listing

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

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.

LEGAL MATTERS

Hogan & Hartson LLP, Baltimore, Maryland has passed upon certain legal matters in connection with the common stock.

EXPERTS

Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2008, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, as set forth in their reports, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance on Ernst & Young LLP's reports, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports, proxy statements or other information that we file with the SEC at the following location of the SEC:

Public Reference Room
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. The SEC also maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC's web site is www.sec.gov.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

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| Securities and Exchange Commission filing fee | \$ 3,710 |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 65,000 |
| Legal fees and expenses | 45,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 10,000 |
| Total expenses | \$ 123,710 |

All of the above fees and expenses will be paid by us. Other than the Securities and Exchange Commission filing fee, all fees and expenses are estimated.

Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Delaware General Corporation Law. Section 145(a) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the “DGCL”) provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person’s conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person’s conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL states that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145(c) of the DGCL provides that to the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

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Section 145(d) of the DGCL states that any indemnification under subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the present or former director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because the person has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145. Such determination shall be made with respect to a person who is a director or officer at the time of such determination (1) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, even though less than a quorum, (2) by a committee of such directors designated by majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, (3) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (4) by the stockholders.

Section 145(f) of the DGCL states that the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other subsections of Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

Section 145(g) of the DGCL provides that a corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of Section 145.

Section 145(j) of the DGCL states that the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Certificate of Incorporation. Article TENTH of our certificate of incorporation provides that the we will indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law and that directors shall not be liable for monetary damage to us or our stockholders for breach of fiduciary duty, except to the extent not permitted under DGCL.

Bylaws. Our amended and restated bylaws, as amended, provide that any director or officer who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action or proceeding by reason of his or her services to us will be indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

Indemnification Agreements. The board of directors has adopted a form of indemnification agreement for our directors, which provides a contractual right in certain circumstances to indemnification for related expenses including, among other things, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by any of these individuals in any action or proceeding arising as a result of such individual's relationship with us, and the advancement of expenses for the same.

Insurance. We maintain directors and officers liability insurance, which covers our directors and officers against certain claims or liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties.

Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

Since January 1, 2006 we have issued unregistered securities to a limited number of persons as described below:

(1) On August 3, 2009, we issued to Trailer Investments, an entity formed to invest in us by Lincolnshire Equity Fund III, L.P., a private equity fund managed by Lincolnshire Management, Inc., the following securities: (i) 20,000 shares of Series E redeemable preferred stock, (ii) 5,000 shares of Series F redeemable preferred stock, (iii) 10,000 shares of Series G redeemable preferred stock and (iv) a warrant is immediately exercisable at \$0.01 per share for up to 44.21% of the shares of our common stock (subject to adjustment) (the "Warrant"). At the time of issuance, the number of shares subject to the Warrant was 24,762,636 shares of newly issued common stock, subject to upward adjustment. The issuance of the foregoing securities was for an aggregate offering price of \$35,000,000 and the issuance was made in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder in a transaction not involving a public offering.

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(2) On May 14, 2009, each non-employee director of our board of directors, as part of the director compensation to be paid by us for 2009, was granted 32,374 shares of unrestricted common stock for an aggregate grant of 194,244 shares, pursuant to our 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “Omnibus Plan”). The Omnibus Plan limits grants of unrestricted stock awards in an aggregate amount of up to 5% of the number of shares of stock available for issuance under the Plan. In July 2009, we discovered that the May 14, 2009 grant to non-employee directors exceeded this 5% limitation by 118,440 shares, or 19,740 shares per non-employee director, and as such, these shares were void. In response, and in consideration of the 2009 compensation for service on the board of directors, on July 30, 2009 the board of directors approved providing each non-employee director the right to receive, at the election of such non-employee director, either (i) 19,740 shares of our common stock or (ii) a cash amount equivalent to the product of (1) the closing price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on the business day after the respective election is received us and (2) 19,740. Accordingly, since that date up to an aggregate of 118,440 shares have been issued to members of the board of directors in reliance on Section 4(2) under the Securities Act in a transaction not involving a public offering.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a)

- 2.01 Stock Purchase Agreement by and among the Company, Transcraft Corporation and Transcraft Investment Partners, L.P. dated as of March 3, 2006 (12)
- 3.01 Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (1)
- 3.02 Certificate of Designations of Series D Junior Participating Preferred Stock (10)
- 3.03 Certificates of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series E Redeemable Preferred Stock (19)
- 3.04 Certificates of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series F Redeemable Preferred Stock (19)
- 3.05 Certificates of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series G Redeemable Preferred Stock (19)
- 3.06 Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company, as amended (19)
- 4.01 Specimen Stock Certificate (2)
- 4.02 Rights Agreement between the Company and National City Bank as Rights Agent dated December 28, 2005 (11)
- 4.02 Amendment dated July 17, 2009 to the Rights Agreement, dated as of December 28, 2005, between the Company and National City Bank, as Rights Agent (18)
- 5.01 Opinion of Hogan & Hartson LLP (20)
- 10.01# 1992 Stock Option Plan (1)
- 10.02# 2000 Stock Option Plan (3)
- 10.03# Executive Employment Agreement dated June 28, 2002 between the Company and Richard J. Giromini (4)
- 10.04# Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement dated July 15, 2002 between the Company and Richard J. Giromini (4)
- 10.05# Non-qualified Stock Option Agreement between the Company and William P. Greubel (4)
- 10.06 Asset Purchase Agreement dated July 22, 2003 (5)
- 10.07 Amendment No. 1 to the Asset Purchase Agreement dated September 19, 2003 (5)
- 10.08# 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (6)
- 10.09# Form of Associate Stock Option Agreements under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (7)
- 10.10# Form of Associate Restricted Stock Agreements under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (7)
- 10.11# Form of Executive Stock Option Agreements under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (7)
- 10.12# Form of Executive Restricted Stock Agreements under the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan (7)
- 10.13# Restricted Stock Unit Agreement between the Company and William P. Greubel dated March 7, 2005 (8)
- 10.14# Stock Option Agreement between the Company and William P. Greubel dated March 7, 2005 (8)
- 10.15# Corporate Plan for Retirement – Executive Plan (9)

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- 10.16# Change in Control Policy (15)
- 10.17# Executive Severance Policy (15)
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The financial statement schedules have been omitted as they are not applicable or the required information is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Item 17. Undertakings.

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

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(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, Wabash National Corporation has duly caused this Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Lafayette, Indiana on December 7, 2009.

WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Richard J. Giromini
Richard J. Giromini
President and Chief Executive Officer

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

| Signature | Title | Date |
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| /s/ Richard J. Giromini Richard J. Giromini | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer) | December 7, 2009 |
| /s/ Mark J. Weber Mark J. Weber | Senior Vice President— Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) | December 7, 2009 |
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