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Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

COMMSCOPE HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

27-4332098
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1100 CommScope Place, SE

Hickory, NC 28602

(828) 324-2200

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

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

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

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

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective on filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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. (Check one):

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

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Amount to be registered/proposed maximum offering

price per unit/proposed maximum aggregate offering

Title of each class of securities to be registered	price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	(1)	(2)

(1) An unspecified number of securities is being registered as may from time to time be offered at unspecified prices.

- (2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is deferring payment of the entire registration fee.

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PROSPECTUS

CommScope Holding Company, Inc.

Common Stock

The selling stockholders to be named in a prospectus supplement may offer and sell shares of our common stock from time to time in amounts, at prices and on terms that will be determined at the time of the offering.

This prospectus describes the general manner in which the shares of our common stock may be offered and sold by the selling stockholders. The specific manner in which shares of common stock may be offered and sold will be described in a supplement to this prospectus. Information about the selling stockholders, including the relationship between the selling stockholders and us, will also be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Selling stockholders that are affiliates of CommScope Holding Company, Inc. may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and, as a result, may be deemed to be offering securities, indirectly, on our behalf.

The shares of our common stock may be sold at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at a negotiated price. The shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement may be offered by the selling stockholders directly to purchasers or to or through underwriters, brokers or dealers or other agents. The prospectus supplement for each offering will describe in detail the plan of distribution for that offering and will set forth the names of any underwriters, brokers or dealers or agents involved in the offering and any applicable fees, commissions or discount arrangements. You should carefully read this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, together with the documents we incorporate by reference, before you invest in our common stock.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. SEE THE RISK FACTORS ON PAGE 5 OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY SIMILAR SECTION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN AND THEREIN CONCERNING FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market (Nasdaq) under the symbol COMM. On March 3, 2015, the last reported sale price of our common stock on Nasdaq was \$31.56 per share.

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

The date of this prospectus is March 4, 2015.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, using a shelf registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, the selling stockholders to be named in a supplement to this prospectus may, from time to time, sell common stock in one or more offerings. Each time that the selling stockholders sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the headings **Where You Can Find More Information** and **Incorporation by Reference**.

We are responsible for the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and in any related free-writing prospectus we prepare or authorize. Neither we nor the selling stockholders have authorized anyone to give you any other information, and we take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. We and the selling stockholders will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus is accurate as of the date on its respective cover, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO SELL ANY SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.

Unless otherwise noted in this prospectus, the term **CommScope Holdings** means CommScope Holding Company, Inc. When we refer to **CommScope**, **we**, **our**, **us** and the **Company** in this prospectus, we mean CommScope Holdings and its direct and indirect subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, unless otherwise specified.

CERTAIN TRADEMARKS

We own or otherwise have rights to the trademarks, copyrights and service marks, including those mentioned in this prospectus, used in conjunction with the marketing and sale of our products and services. This prospectus includes trademarks, such as **CommScope**, which are protected under applicable intellectual property laws and are our property and/or the property of our subsidiaries. This prospectus also contains trademarks, service marks, copyrights and trade names of other companies, which are the property of their respective owners. We do not intend our use or display of other companies' trademarks, service marks, copyrights or trade names to imply a relationship with, or endorsement or sponsorship of us by, any other companies. Solely for convenience, our trademarks and tradenames referred to in this prospectus may appear without the ® or ™ symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the right of the applicable licensor to these trademarks and tradenames.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Information filed with the SEC by us can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Room of the SEC at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>.

These periodic and current reports and all amendments to those reports are also available free of charge on the investor relations page of our website at <http://ir.commscope.com>. We have included our website address throughout this filing as textual references only. The information on our web site, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as provided below. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. or through the SEC's website, as provided above.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC's rules allow us to incorporate by reference information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, and subsequent information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. Any statement contained in a previously filed document incorporated by reference will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus modifies or replaces that statement.

We incorporate by reference our documents listed below and any future filings made by us with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), between the date of this prospectus and the termination of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof, whether specifically listed below or filed in the future, that are not deemed filed with the SEC or any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement incorporate by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed with the SEC:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 20, 2015.

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The portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A that were deemed filed with the SEC on March 11, 2014.

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 28, 2015 and March 2, 2015.

The description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on October 22, 2013 (File No. 001-36146) and any amendment or report filed with the SEC for the purpose of updating such description.

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All reports and other documents we subsequently file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of this offering, but excluding any information furnished to, rather than filed with, the SEC, will also be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and deemed to be part of this prospectus from the date of the filing of such reports and documents.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or request a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above which have been incorporated by reference (other than exhibits, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in the documents) at no cost to the requester by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

CommScope Holding Company, Inc.

1100 CommScope Place, SE

Hickory, NC 28602

(828) 324-2200

Exhibits to the filings will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

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THE COMPANY

We are a leading global provider of connectivity and essential infrastructure solutions for wireless, business enterprise and residential broadband networks. We help companies around the world design, build and manage their wired and wireless networks by providing critical radio frequency (RF) solutions, intelligent connectivity and cabling platforms, data center and intelligent building infrastructure and broadband access solutions. Demand for our offerings is driven by the rapid growth of data traffic and need for bandwidth from the continued adoption of smartphones, tablets, machine-to-machine communication and the proliferation of data centers, Big Data, cloud-based services and streaming media content. Our solutions are built upon innovative RF technology, service capabilities, technological expertise and intellectual property, including approximately 2,700 patents and patent applications worldwide. We have a team of approximately 13,000 people to serve our customers in over 100 countries through a network of more than 20 world-class manufacturing and distribution facilities strategically located around the globe. Our customers include substantially all of the leading global wireless operators as well as thousands of enterprise customers, including many Fortune 500 enterprises, and leading multi-system operators. We have long-standing, direct relationships with our customers and serve them through a sales force consisting of more than 600 employees and a global network of channel partners. Our offerings for wired and wireless networks enable delivery of high-bandwidth data, video and voice applications. To drive incremental revenue and profit, wireless operators and enterprises around the world are utilizing our solutions to increase bandwidth; manage existing capacity; improve network performance and availability; increase energy efficiency; and simplify technology migration.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, our revenues were \$3.83 billion and our net income was \$236.8 million. The table below summarizes our offerings, global leadership positions and 2014 revenue:

(1) Excludes inter-segment eliminations.

In January 2011, funds affiliated with The Carlyle Group (Carlyle) completed the acquisition of CommScope, Inc., our predecessor. Under the terms of the acquisition, CommScope, Inc. became a wholly-owned subsidiary of CommScope Holdings.

CommScope Holding Company, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware on October 22, 2010. Our principal executive offices are located at 1100 CommScope Place, SE, Hickory, NC 28602 and our telephone number is (828) 324-2200. Our internet address is www.commscope.com. The contents of our website are not part of this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

Investment in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K we file after the date of this prospectus, and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, as well as the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

Risks Relating to the Offering and Our Common Stock

Upon the sale of a sufficient number of shares by an affiliate of Carlyle in an offering, we would no longer be a controlled company, and we may have difficulties complying with Nasdaq rules relating to the composition of our board of directors.

Our common stock is listed on Nasdaq. As a controlled company under Nasdaq rules, we have not been subject to a number of corporate governance rules relating to composition of our board of directors and certain committees. Upon the sale of a sufficient number of shares by an affiliate of Carlyle in an offering, we would no longer be a controlled company and, in accordance with Nasdaq rules, would have to phase into compliance with certain requirements from which we are now exempt, including:

the requirement that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors;

the requirement that we have a nominating and corporate governance committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities; and

the requirement that we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities.

We intend to comply with these Nasdaq rules if we cease to be a controlled company. We may not be able to attract and retain the number of independent directors needed to comply with Nasdaq rules during the phase-in period for compliance.

An offering may result in a substantial amount of previously unregistered shares of our common stock being registered, which may depress the market price of our common stock.

Of the 187,831,389 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014, approximately 53.9% were held by Carlyle. The remainder of our shares of issued and outstanding common stock are freely tradable on Nasdaq without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), unless purchased by our affiliates as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act. The shares of common stock being sold in an offering were not freely tradable on Nasdaq prior to the completion of such offering, and the sale by a selling stockholder of the shares of common stock in an offering will increase the number of shares of our common stock eligible to be traded on Nasdaq, which could depress the market price of our common stock.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, or the possibility of such sales, may adversely affect the price of our common stock.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market after an offering, or the perception that such sales will occur, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock and make it difficult for us to raise funds through securities offerings in the future. As of December 31, 2014, there were 187,831,389 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding, of which all of the 81,933,213 shares sold in registered offerings prior to the date hereof and all shares to be sold in an offering pursuant to this prospectus will be freely transferable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, unless acquired by our affiliates as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

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In addition, all shares of common stock acquired upon exercise of stock options and other equity-based awards granted under our stock incentive plans will also be freely tradable under the Securities Act unless acquired by our affiliates. A maximum of 28.2 million shares of common stock are reserved for issuance under our stock incentive plans, some of which have been issued as of the date of this prospectus supplement. The remaining shares of common stock outstanding will be restricted securities within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act, but will be eligible for resale subject to applicable volume, manner of sale, holding period and other limitations of Rule 144 or pursuant to an exemption from registration under Rule 701 under the Securities Act.

We, our directors, certain of our executive officers and Carlyle may agree to a lock-up in connection with an offering, meaning that, subject to certain exceptions, neither we nor they will sell any shares without the prior consent of the underwriter before a certain period of time after an offering. Following the expiration of this lock-up period, all of these shares of our common stock will be eligible for future sale, subject to the applicable volume, manner of sale, holding period and other limitations of Rule 144. In addition, Carlyle has the right under certain circumstances to require that we register their remaining shares for resale. As of the date of this prospectus, these registration rights apply to the 101,216,970 shares of our outstanding common stock owned by Carlyle. See the section entitled Description of Capital Stock Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement for a description of the shares of common stock that may be sold into the public market in the future.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement include and incorporate forward-looking statements (including within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) which reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance. These forward-looking statements are identified by their use of such terms and phrases as intend, goal, estimate, expect, project, projections, plans, anticipate, show, designed to, foreseeable future, believe, think, scheduled, outlook, guidance and similar expressions. This indicative terms and phrases is not intended to be all-inclusive.

These statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside our control, including, without limitation:

our dependence on customers capital spending on communication systems;

concentration of sales among a limited number of customers or distributors;

changes in technology;

our ability to fully realize anticipated benefits from prior or future acquisitions or equity investments;

industry competition and the ability to retain customers through product innovation, introduction and marketing;

risks associated with our sales through channel partners;

possible production disruptions due to supplier or contract manufacturer bankruptcy, reorganization or restructuring;

the risk our global manufacturing operations suffer production or shipping delays causing difficulty in meeting customer demands;

the risk that internal production capacity and that of contract manufacturers may be insufficient to meet customer demand or quality standards for our products;

our ability to maintain effective information management systems and to successfully implement major systems initiatives;

cyber-security incidents, including data security breaches or computer viruses;

product performance issues and associated warranty claims;

significant international operations and the impact of variability in foreign exchange rates;

our ability to comply with governmental anti-corruption laws and regulations and export and import controls worldwide;

our ability to compete in international markets due to export and import controls to which we may be subject;

the divestiture of one or more product lines;

potential difficulties in realigning global manufacturing capacity and capabilities among our global manufacturing facilities, including delays or challenges related to removing, transporting or reinstalling equipment, that may affect ability to meet customer demands for products;

possible future restructuring actions;

possible future impairment charges for fixed or intangible assets, including goodwill;

increased obligations under employee benefit plans;

cost of protecting or defending our intellectual property and defending against third party intellectual property claims;

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changes in laws or regulations affecting us or the industries we serve;

costs and challenges of compliance with domestic and foreign environmental laws and the effects of climate change;

changes in cost and availability of key raw materials, components and commodities and the potential effect on customer pricing;

risks associated with our dependence on a limited number of key suppliers;

our ability to attract and retain qualified key employees;

allegations of health risks from wireless equipment;

availability and adequacy of insurance;

natural or man-made disasters or other disruptions;

income tax rate variability and ability to recover amounts recorded as value-added tax receivables;

labor unrest;

risks associated with future research and development projects;

compliance with regulations related to conflict minerals may impact our ability to obtain inputs for our products or relationships with our customers;

risks associated with the seasonality of our business;

our substantial indebtedness and ability to maintain compliance with debt covenants;

our ability to incur additional indebtedness;

the ability of our lenders to fund borrowings under their credit commitments;

cash requirements to service our indebtedness;

changes in capital availability or costs, such as changes in interest rates, security ratings and market perceptions of the businesses in which we operate, or the ability to obtain capital on commercially reasonable terms or at all;

global economic conditions and uncertainties and disruption in the capital, credit and commodities markets;

our ability to consummate the proposed acquisition (the Acquisition) of TE Connectivity's Telecom, Enterprise and Wireless businesses (the Business) on a timely basis or at all;

risks associated with antitrust approval of the Acquisition;

our ability to integrate the Business on a timely and cost effective manner;

our reliance on TE Connectivity for transition services for some period of time after closing of the Acquisition;

risks associated with the significant additional indebtedness we expect to incur to finance the Acquisition;

our ability to realize expected growth opportunities and cost savings from the Acquisition;

any statements of belief and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing; and

other factors beyond our control.

In addition, important factors included or incorporated in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, particularly under the heading Risk Factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements made herein and presented elsewhere by management from time to time. We do not undertake an obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect future events or circumstances.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of our common stock by the selling stockholders.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of our capital stock is not complete and may not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our capital stock. This description is summarized from, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, our certificate of incorporation, which has been publicly filed with the SEC. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#) and [Incorporation by Reference](#).

Our authorized capital stock consists of 1,300,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 200,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The rights and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to any series of preferred stock that we may issue in the future.

Common Stock

Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders, including the election of directors, and do not have cumulative voting rights, which means that holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock will be able to elect all of the directors, and holders of less than a majority of such shares will be unable to elect any director. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our Board of Directors out of funds legally available for dividend payments. As a holding company, our ability to pay dividends is subject to our subsidiaries' ability to make distributions to us. Further, the credit agreement governing CommScope, Inc.'s senior secured credit facilities, the indenture governing CommScope Holdings' 6.625% / 7.375% Senior PIK Toggle Notes due 2020, the indenture governing CommScope, Inc.'s 5.000% Senior Notes due 2021 and the indenture governing CommScope, Inc.'s 5.500% Senior Notes due 2024 impose restrictions on our ability to declare dividends on our common stock. The holders of common stock have no preferences or rights of conversion, exchange, pre-emption or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, holders of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in our assets that are remaining after payment or provision for payment of all of our debts and obligations and after liquidation payments to holders of outstanding shares of preferred stock, if any.

Preferred Stock

The preferred stock, if issued, would have priority over the common stock with respect to dividends and other distributions, including the distribution of our assets upon liquidation. Unless required by law or by Nasdaq, our Board of Directors will have the authority without further stockholder authorization to issue from time to time shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the terms, limitations, relative rights and preferences and variations of each series. Although we have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock, the issuance of shares of preferred stock, or the issuance of rights to purchase such shares, could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to the holders of common stock, could adversely affect the rights and powers, including voting rights, of the common stock, and could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of us or an unsolicited acquisition proposal.

Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement

Pursuant to the amended and restated stockholders agreement, our Board of Directors consists of up to eleven members, with Carlyle having the right to designate nine of the board members. Mr. Drendel also has the right to serve as a board member, and shall serve as the non-executive chairman of the Board, for so long as he is employed by us pursuant to his employment agreement. In addition, our senior ranking executive officer has the right to serve as a

board member, who, for so long as he serves as our chief executive officer, will be Mr. Edwards. All parties to the amended and restated stockholders agreement have agreed to vote their shares in favor of such designees. Carlyle is not obligated to designate the entire number of directors to which it is entitled and any such undesignated positions shall remain vacant until such time as Carlyle exercises its right to designate such additional directors. Currently, Carlyle has designated only eight of the nine director positions to which it is entitled under the amended and restated stockholders agreement. The position for the additional Carlyle designee shall remain vacant until such time as Carlyle desires to exercise its right to designate a director to fill this vacancy, or, if it loses its right to designate any directors pursuant to the terms of the amended and restated stockholders agreement, these positions

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will be filled by our stockholders in accordance with our certificate of incorporation and bylaws. See [Description of Capital Stock](#) for more information regarding our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws.

The amended and restated stockholders agreement will terminate upon the written agreement of CommScope Holdings and Carlyle.

Registration Rights Agreement

Pursuant to a registration rights agreement that we entered into on January 14, 2011 in connection with Carlyle's acquisition of our business, Carlyle has the right to cause CommScope Holdings, in certain instances, at its own expense, to file registration statements under the Securities Act covering resales of our common stock held by Carlyle. The registration rights agreement also provides Carlyle and certain other stockholders party to that agreement the right to piggyback on registration statements filed by CommScope Holdings in certain circumstances. The registration rights agreement also requires CommScope Holdings to indemnify certain of its stockholders and their affiliates in connection with any registrations of our securities.

Corporate Opportunities

Delaware law permits corporations to adopt provisions renouncing any interests or expectancy in certain opportunities that are presented to the corporation or its officers, directors or stockholders. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that we, on our behalf and on behalf of our subsidiaries, renounce and waive any interest or expectancy in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, and Carlyle will have no obligation to offer us an opportunity to participate in, business opportunities presented to Carlyle or its affiliates, including its respective officers, representatives, directors, agents, stockholders, members, partners, affiliates or subsidiaries even if the opportunity is one that we might reasonably have pursued, and that neither Carlyle nor its respective officers, representatives, directors, agents, stockholders, members, partners, affiliates or subsidiaries will be liable to us or our stockholders for breach of any duty by reason of the fact that such person pursues, acquires or participates in such corporate opportunity, directs such corporate opportunity to another person or fails to present such corporate opportunity, or information regarding such corporate opportunity, to us or our subsidiaries unless, in the case of any person who is a director or officer of our company, such business opportunity is expressly offered to such director or officer in writing solely in his or her capacity as a director or officer of our company. Stockholders will be deemed to have notice of and consented to this provision of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation.

Limitations on Directors' Liability

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws contain provisions indemnifying our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law because of the director's or officer's positions with us or another entity that the director or officer serves at our request and to advance funds to our directors and officers to enable them to defend against such proceedings. We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and certain of our officers which provide them with contractual rights to indemnification and expense advancement which are, in some cases, broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained under Delaware law.

In addition, as permitted by Delaware law, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that no director will be liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. The inclusion of this provision in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may discourage or deter stockholders or management from bringing a lawsuit against directors for a breach of their fiduciary duties, even

though such an action, if successful, might otherwise have benefited us and our stockholders. The effect of this provision is to restrict our rights and the rights of our stockholders in derivative suits to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except that a director will be personally liable for:

any breach of his or her duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;

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acts or omissions not in good faith which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

the payment of dividends or the redemption or purchase of stock in violation of Delaware law; or

any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

This provision does not affect a director's liability under the federal securities laws.

Provisions of Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Amended and Restated Bylaws and Delaware Law that May Have an Anti-Takeover Effect

Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws

Certain provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws summarized below may be deemed to have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, deter or prevent a tender offer or takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider to be in its best interests, including attempts that might result in a premium being paid over the market price for the shares held by stockholders.

Among other things, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws:

authorize 1,300,000,000 shares of common stock, which, to the extent unissued, will be available for future issuance without additional stockholder approval and, under some circumstances, we could use the additional shares to create voting impediments or to frustrate persons seeking to effect a takeover or otherwise gain control by, for example, issuing those shares in private placements to purchasers who might side with our Board of Directors in opposing a hostile takeover bid;

authorize the issuance of blank check preferred stock that our Board of Directors could, without further stockholder authorization, issue to increase the number of outstanding shares, issue with super voting, special approval, dividend or other rights or preferences and otherwise issue to discourage a takeover attempt;

limit the ability of stockholders to remove directors only for cause if Carlyle and its affiliates collectively cease to own more than 50% of our common stock and require any such removal to be approved by holders of at least three-quarters of the outstanding shares of common stock;

prohibit our stockholders from calling a special meeting of stockholders if Carlyle and its affiliates collectively cease to own more than 50% of our common stock;

prohibit stockholder action by written consent, which requires all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders, if Carlyle and its affiliates collectively cease to own more than 50% of our common stock;

provide that the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to adopt, alter or repeal our bylaws;

established advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our Board of Directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings;

require a stockholder's notice proposing to nominate a person for election as director to include specific information about the nominating stockholder and the proposed nominee

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require a stockholder's notice relating to the conduct of business (other than the nomination of directors) to contain specific information about the business and the proposing stockholder

established a classified Board of Directors, with three classes of directors

grant to the Board of Directors the sole power to set the number of directors and to fill any vacancy on the Board; and

require the approval of holders of at least three-quarters of the outstanding shares of common stock to amend the bylaws and certain provisions of the certificate of incorporation if Carlyle and its affiliates collectively cease to own more than 50% of our common stock.

The foregoing provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws could discourage potential acquisition proposals and could delay or prevent a change in control and could also affect the price that some investors are willing to pay for our common stock. These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of the Board of Directors and in the policies formulated by the Board of Directors and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened change of control. These provisions are designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal and encourage persons seeking to acquire control of our company to first consult with our Board of Directors to negotiate the terms of any proposed business combination or offer. The provisions also are intended to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and, as a consequence, they also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our common stock that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts. Such provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our management.

Delaware Takeover Statute

Subject to certain exceptions, Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) prohibits a Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination (as defined below) with any interested stockholder (as defined below) for a period of three years following the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless: (1) prior to such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder; (2) on consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding those shares owned (x) by persons who are directors and also officers and (y) by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or (3) on or subsequent to such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

In our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we elected not to be governed by Section 203 of the DGCL, as permitted under and pursuant to subsection (b)(3) of Section 203. Section 203 of the DGCL defines business combination to include: (1) any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder; (2) any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of the assets of the corporation involving the interested stockholder; (3) subject to certain exceptions, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by the

corporation of any stock of the corporation to the interested stockholder; (4) any transaction involving the corporation that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the stock of any class or series of the corporation beneficially owned by the interested stockholder; or (5) the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation. In general, Section 203 defines an interested stockholder as any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

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Choice of Forum

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that a state court located within the State of Delaware (or, if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) will be the exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed to us or our stockholders by our directors, officers, employees or agents, (iii) any action asserting a claim against us arising under the DGCL, the amended and restated certificate of incorporation and the amended and restated by laws or (iv) any action asserting a claim against us or any of our directors or officers or other employees that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine. It is possible that a court could rule that this provision is not applicable or is unenforceable. We may consent in writing to alternative forums. Stockholders will be deemed to have notice of and consented to this provision of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on Nasdaq under the symbol COMM.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholders may offer and sell the securities covered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions, including without limitation:

directly to one or more purchasers;

through agents;

to or through underwriters, brokers or dealers; or

through a combination of any of these methods.

In addition, the manner in which the selling stockholders may sell some or all of the securities covered by this prospectus includes any method permitted by law, including, without limitation, through:

a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell as agent, but may position or resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker solicits purchasers; or

privately negotiated transactions.

The selling stockholders may also enter into hedging transactions. For example, the selling stockholders may:

enter into transactions with a broker-dealer or affiliate thereof in connection with which such broker-dealer or affiliate will engage in short sales of the common stock pursuant to this prospectus, in which case such broker-dealer or affiliate may use shares of common stock received from the selling stockholders to close out its short positions;

sell securities short and redeliver such shares to close out the short positions;

enter into option or other types of transactions that require the selling stockholders to deliver common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who will then resell or transfer the common stock under this

prospectus; or

loan or pledge the common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who may sell the loaned shares or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged shares pursuant to this prospectus.

The securities covered by this prospectus may be sold:

on a national securities exchange;

in the over-the-counter market; or

in transactions otherwise than on an exchange or in the over-the-counter market, or in combination.

In addition, the selling stockholders may enter into derivative or hedging transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. In connection with such a transaction, the third parties may sell securities covered by and pursuant to this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be. If so, the third party may use securities borrowed from the selling stockholders or others to settle such sales and may use securities received from the selling stockholders to close out any related short positions. The selling stockholders may also loan or pledge securities covered by this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement to third parties, who may sell the loaned securities or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged securities pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

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A prospectus supplement with respect to each offering of securities will state the terms of the offering of the securities, including:

the name or names of any participating underwriters, brokers, dealers or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them, if any;

the public offering price or purchase price of the securities and the net proceeds to be received by the selling stockholders from the sale;

any delayed delivery arrangements;

any underwriting discounts, commissions or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters , brokers , dealers or agents compensation;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers;

any securities exchange or markets on which the securities may be listed; and

other material terms of the offering.

The offer and sale of the securities described in this prospectus by the selling stockholders, the underwriters or the third parties described above may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions, including privately negotiated transactions, either:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to the prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

In addition to selling its common stock under this prospectus, a selling stockholder may:

transfer its common stock in other ways not involving market maker or established trading markets, including directly by gift, distribution, or other transfer;

sell its common stock under Rule 144 or Rule 145 of the Securities Act rather than under this prospectus, if the transaction meets the requirements of Rule 144 or Rule 145; or

sell its common stock by any other legally available means.

General

Any public offering price and any discounts, commissions, concessions or other items constituting compensation allowed or reallocated or paid to underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms may be changed from time to time. Any selling stockholders, underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms that participate in the distribution of the offered securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act. Any discounts or commissions they receive from the selling stockholders and any profits they receive on the resale of the offered securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. The selling stockholders will identify any underwriters, agents or dealers and describe their commissions, fees or discounts in the applicable prospectus supplement or pricing supplement, as the case may be.

The selling stockholders and other persons participating in the sale or distribution of the securities will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M. This regulation may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the securities by the selling stockholders or any other person. The anti-manipulation rules under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of securities in the market and to the activities of the selling stockholders and any affiliates of the selling stockholders. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution for a period of up to five business days before the distribution. These restrictions may affect the marketability of the securities and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activi